

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, September 29– 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Exaltation

Epistle Gal. 2:16-20; II Cor. 4:6-15; II Cor. 6:1-10 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1; Matt. 22:35-46; Luke 7:36-50 tone 6th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. St Cassiane, choir slava celebration. Blessing of kolač and refreshments in hall. Please join us! Church School

Wednesday, October 2 Choir practice at 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 5 Divine Liturgy and general parastos at 9 am; Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 6– 16th Sunday after Pentecost /The Conception of St John the Baptist

Epistle Gal. 4:22-31 Gospel Luke 5:1-11; Luke 1:5-25 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School. Scholarship Lunch.

Upcoming feast days/events:

October 14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Bogorodice
20 – Fall Party for our youth, parents and parishioners in upper hall. Please mark your calendar.

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, George Cizmas, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

George Cizmas had been moved to the Heartis Village of Orland Park. 7420 159 St, Orland Park, IL 60462

Pomens: +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Tom Burcenski; +Ray Meader, given by M/M Bill Harper; +Mildred Stapinski, given by M/M Mike Cora; +Helen Sebastian, given by Daniele Serdar; +Helen Sebastian, given by M/M Radovan Jovanovich.

Scholarship luncheon will be next Sunday, October 6 after the services in upper level of social center. Help is needed for set up and clean up. Please bring desserts. If you want to help and for more info, please talk to Vicki Dorsey.

Saturday, October 5 is Memorial Saturday or Miholske zadusnice. Divine liturgy and general parastos will be in the morning at 9 am. If Fr Alex does not have a list of your Orthodox deceased, please come to the liturgy and leave the list on the table by the ikon. For parastos we need koljivo. If any parishioner/s want to make koljivo, please let Fr Alex know. After the services we will have a coffee hour and you may bring any type of food, pogaca or cookies.

Holy (Theophany) water that you have in your home should be used throughout the year with faith and prayer when ill, tempted and other various infirmities. **Prayer before Partaking Holy Water**

O Lord, my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be for the remission of my sins, for the enlightenment of my mind, for the strengthening of my soul and body, for the health of my soul and body, for conquering of my passions and infirmities, according to Thy mercy that hath no limit, through the prayers of Thy Most Pure Mother and all Thy saints. Amen.

If you don't have Holy Water in your home, please bring a bottle to church and ask the priest to give you some for your home use.

CULTURE CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS, Mark your calendars, more details to come:

Sunday October 20: Fall Party for Kids and all parishioners: Menu will include chili and fixings for chili dogs and nachos, various sides, palacinke. Pumpkin painting for students, Kolo music for dancing, marshmallows and s'mores at dusk, Basket Raffle, more details to come!

Serbian Cooking Class Sunday, November 17th: Talented cooks from our parish will demonstrate 3 items from start to finish. Tentative choice of items: a Serbian cheese, a Serbian bread, and a Serbian dessert. There will be small charge to cover the costs, and a pre-registration sheet will be available soon.

Donations Appreciated: We are asking for and appreciate any/all donations of raffle items for our 10/20 fall event: Any items for kids young and old, food, wine, kitchen items, personal care/pamper items, fall themed, sports fan items, any of the above would be greatly appreciated to create baskets that will be auctioned "Chinese Raffle" style at our 10/20 Fall Party. Donations can be brought to Nancy Cora or high school classroom, ideally by the Sunday prior (10/13). Thanks very much!

Every Wednesday and Friday is to be observed with fasting unless some important Feast takes precedence over the fast. The Fast on Wednesday is in memory of the betrayal of the Lord, and the Fast on Friday in remembrance of His Passion and Death upon the Cross.

The traditional Orthodox greeting is "Christ is in our midst" and the reply is "He is and ever shall be." In Church Slavonic it is "Hristos posredye nas" and the reply is "Yest i budet." Orthodox Ukrainians and Carpatho-Russians greet each other with "Glory to Jesus Christ" and the reply is "Glory forever." You have heard this probably either in the OCA or other Orthodox churches.

The Serbian greeting is "Pomazhe Bog" and the reply is "Bog ti pomogo." In English it is "God is helping" and the reply is "May God help you."