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“When the Cross of Christ is lifted into the air by the Priest during the services of the Church, especially on the day of the Elevation of the Cross, the demons are wounded, tremble, and flee. All present in the Church are strengthened by the sign of the Cross and are more fit to overcome the demons which attack them.” +St. Nikodemos

Sunday, October 2 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Exaltation /Nedelja po Krstovdanu

Epistle Gal. 2:16-20; II Cor. 6:1-10 Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1; Matt. 25:14-30 tone 7th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

Friday, October 7 – Holy Equal to the apostles Thecla / Sv Tekla

Saturday, October 8 -Memorial Saturday / Miholjske zedušnice Divine Liturgy and general parastos for all deceased at 9 am, Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 9 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Apostle and evangelist John the Theologian

Epistle II Cor. 6:16-7:1; I John 4:12-19 Gospel Luke 5:1-11; John 19:25-27,21:24-25 tone 8th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Bogorodice
15 – 16 – All Saints Greek Orth church Fall Food Festival
30 – Fall Party in our Social Hall sponsored by ASSSC & Culture Club
Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization.

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Millie Skoryi, Steven Pyevich, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, George Cizmas, Maggie Enich, 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!

Pomens (litany for reposed): +Arthur Schumann, given by Millie Skoryi, +Arthur Schumann, +Milorad Ristich, given by Jack/Dolly Book; +Arthur Schumann, given by Mike/Nancy Cora; +Arthur Schumann, given by Jonathan/Laura Cora; +Daisy Bozickovich, given by Danielle Serdar; +Donna Moses, +Vaso and +Betty Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Donna Moses, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family;

Saturday, October 8 is Memorial Saturday or zadušnice on the Serbian Orthodox Calendar. That day there will be Divine Liturgy at 9 am and a general parastos in the church for all reposed Orthodox Christians. Please use a special form which is available on the warden's table to write the names of your Orthodox deceased beloved ones and leave it on the middle table by the koljivo on Saturday, October 8. It is tradition to visit the graves of your reposed family and friends that day.

Inter Orthodox Bible study. Let us come together as Orthodox Christians to learn about our scripture, in a Bible Study covering the Gospel of St Matthew. Hosted on a rotating bases, at each Orthodox church in Joliet to be held twice a month on Thursday evening from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Hosted parishes, **St Nicholas OCA** on October 13 and November 17. **St George Serbian** on October 27 and December 1. **All Saints Greek** on November 10 and December 15

Orthodox children who have been baptized should partake of Communion regularly. Younger children may take Communion without Confession. Confession and preparation should start when they can understand preparation and the meaning of sin usually at the age of 7 or 8. Parents as the child's first teachers of the faith, should explain to their children the importance of proper preparation and the true meaning of Confession and Holy Communion and monitor their spiritual as well as their physical development.

The presence of children in worship is a gift from our Lord and a reminder that our Church is growing. Any noise that children may make during the Divine Liturgy is pleasing to God's ears. In fact, one American Orthodox theologian, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, referred to the activity of children during Liturgy as "holy noise." Please greet our children and young families with smiles and encouragement. Remember that the way we welcome children in the Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome and at home in our parish. At the same time parents have a sacred duty to teach their children about the House of God, proper prayerful behavior and the way we Orthodox should act and not just in the House of God but outside as well. The attitude of one in church should be reflected in one's attitude outside of the church, in the social hall, the school, in the work place, and in the home.

We will get more out of the services if we pray rather than merely attend them. Allow the hymns to enter your heart, and make their words your own. Remember that the services are not a time for private prayers but for sharing in the common worship of the Church.

Традиционални православни поздрав је „Христос је међу нама“ а одговор „Јесте и биће“ на црквенословенском је „Христос посредје нас“ а одговор „ Јест и будет“. Српски поздрав је „Помаже Бог“ а одговор „ Бог ти помого“.

У случају болести и одласка у болницу, обавестите свештеника да може посетити болесника.

У суботу 8 октобра су задушнице. Литургија и парастос је у 9 ам. Напишите имена ваших упокојених и оставите на столу поред кољива да се помену на парастосу.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!B