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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 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.*

Wednesday, October 12 – Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit / Miholjdan; Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Thursday, October 13 – Inter Orthodox Bible Study at St Nicholas OCA 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Q and A. Topic: Gospel of St. Matthew

Friday, October 14 – Protection of the Theotokos / Pokrov Bogorodice

There will be no services in or church, Fr Aleksandar will attend the slava of New Gracanica Monastery.

Saturday, October 15 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 16 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle I Cor. 9:6-11; Acts 17:16-34 Gospel Luke 6:31-36; Matt. 13:44-54 tone 1st 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 15 – 16 – All Saints Greek Orth church Fall Food Festival
27 – St Parasceva / Sv Petka
30 – Fall Party in our Social Hall sponsored by ASSSC & Culture Club
31 -Apostle and evangelist Luke / Sv Luka

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 Iaccin, Nicholas Malinovich, 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!

Pomens (litany for reposed): +Arthur Schumann, given by Millie Skoryi, +Arthur Schumann, +Milorad Ristich, given by Jack/Dolly Book; +Daisy Bozickovich, given by Danielle Serdar; +Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Joyce Bauman, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich;

Thank you! Mr and Mrs Joseph Orlovich Jr donated \$250 to Fr Ned Scholarship Fund in Memory of +Donna Moses. May her memory be eternal! It is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

Prayer Upon Entering a Church

I will come into Your house in the greatness of Your mercy: and in fear I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify You forever, One Divine Power worshiped in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer upon Leaving a Church

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all people; a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. *Please memorize these prayers.*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!