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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.

Wednesday, October 19 – Apostle Thomas / Apostol Toma

Thursday, October 20 – Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus / Sv Sergije I Vakho / Srdjevdan

Saturday, October 22 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, October 23 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost/ The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Epistle II Cor. 11:31-12:9; Heb. 13:7-16 Gospel Luke 7:11-16; John 17:1-13 tone 2nd
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Upcoming Feast days and events:

October 27 – St Parasceva / Sv Petka/ Bible study in our church from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

30 – Fall Party in our Social Hall sponsored by ASSSC & Culture Club

November 6 – Church anniversary – diner in Social Center.

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelete, Millie Skoryi, Steven Pyevich, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, George Cizmas, Sofija Komadina Peters, Dan Kovacevich, 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; +Betty Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Milorad Ristich, +Arthur Schumann, +Joyce Bauman and +Donna Moses, given by Gayle Shimek and Deacon Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic; +Betty Grubisich, given by Pat Mancke and family, +Betty Grubisich, given by Darlene Ristich and family;

Fall Fest sponsored by ASSC and Culture Club Sunday, October 30 after the services in our Social Center. Chili, games and activities for children – fun for all. Please attend.

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

About once a month, Fr Alex will have a catechism meeting with church school students, parents, and all who are interested, on a Sunday after the liturgy. On that Sunday there will be no church school class. The reason for this is to include our parents and parishioners who also want and/or need to increase their knowledge regarding their Orthodox faith. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 30 after the liturgy. After receiving the prosphora, please remain in the church. This will not be a classical church school class but rather a discussion and dialogue.

The words from our Patriarch Porfirije (paraphrased) When do we fast, make our confession and partake of holy communion? We fast when the Church asks us to fast during the fasting seasons and on certain holy days, we partake of holy communion at Divine Liturgy and confess regularly from our hearts and not mechanically. For historical reasons, we stopped frequent communion, and it must be restored. Regulations on fasting, how much and whether it will be increased or decreased for certain parishioners, when and how many times to confess, before every communion or once per month or so, and the preparation for the communion, first and foremost is between every faithful parishioner and their spiritual father, the priest. The old "tradition" was that you fast one week or five days, go to confession and are ready to commune. This is truly the "old way" and should be replaced. Please think about the words and suggestions of our beloved Patriarch! **Those of you who would like to partake holy communion more frequently, please talk to Fr Alex.**

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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!