

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, October 23 – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church School and coffee hour.

**Wednesday, October 26** Vigil/confession at 6 pm

**Thursday, October 27 – Holy mother Parasceva / St Petka** Divine Liturgy at 9 am,  
Bible study in our church from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Saturday, October 29** Vigil/confession at 5 pm

**Sunday, October 30 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle Gal 1:11-19 Gospel Luke 7:11-16 tone 3<sup>rd</sup>*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Fr Alex will have a class with students and parents after liturgy. Fall Party in our hall.

**Upcoming Feast days and events:**

November 5 – Memorial Saturday / Mitrovske zadusnice  
6 – Church anniversary – dinner in Social Center.  
8 – St Demetrius the myrrh-gusher / Sv Dimitrije

**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, 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; +Jovo and +Stoja Prica, +George and +Mary Jovanovich, given by Roddie/Darlene Jovanovich; +Betty Grubisich, +Mary and +George Stampar, given by Jack/Chris Book; +Eva and +Daniel Jovanovich, given by Suzanne Condon and family; +Betty Grubisich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Arthur Schumann, +Nicholas Ostoich, +Paul Shimek, +Betty Grubisich and +Donna Moses, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +Draga Vuicich, given by Darlene Ristich;

**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.

**The ASSC and Cultural Club** will be sponsoring Bears game luncheons in the upper-level bar for the following noon games immediately following the church services: November 13th, 20th, 27th, and December 4th and 18th.

Food will be provided by the ASSC and Cultural Club. Friends and family are welcome and donations for the church are appreciated. For questions or more information, please reach out to Zakk Kocoj

**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 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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**У недељу 6 новембра** после литургије у нашој сали ће бити традиционални ручак. Планирајте да останете и вашим присуством и прилогом помогнете цркву.

**У недељу 30 октобра** после литургије у сали ће бити ручак и забавне игре за децу. Дођите и доведите вашу децу да се упознају и друже са осталом децом из цркве.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!**