

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
300 Stryker Avenue, Joliet, IL 60436
Protojerej-stavrofor Aleksandar Bugarin, parish priest
Phone 815 741-1023; Cell 913-558-5031 abugarin@kc.rr.com
Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help but You.
Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.
“Do not fear, only believe” Mark 5:36

Sunday, October 25 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost/ The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council *Epistle Gal. 1:11-19; Heb 13:7-16 Gospel Luke 7:11-16; John 17:1-13 Tone 3^d*
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Monday, October 26

Vespers/confession at 6 pm. Religious class in church. Topic: The Acts of holy apostles II

Tuesday, October 27 – St Parasceva / Св мајка Параскева Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Friday, October 30 Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Saturday, October 31 – Holy apostle and evangelist Luke / Св апостол и јеванђелист Лука \Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Sunday, November 1 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost/ St John of Kronstadt / Св Јован Кронштадски
Epistle Gal. 2:16-20 Gospel Luke 8:5-15 Tone 4th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.
Blessing of kolac and koljivo for church slava. Pomen for all departed parishioners and clergy. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

November 8 – St Demetrius / Св великомученик Димитрије
14 – Sts Cosmas & Damian / Св Косма и Дамјан

Pomens (Litany for departed): +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek; +Draga Vuicich, given by M/M Radovan Jovanovich; +Draga Vuicich, given by Craig and Chrissy Vercelote family; +Petar Katic, given by George Enich;

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, George Enich, Steve Malinovich, for all who are afflicted by coronavirus, 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!

Due to increased Coronavirus infections in our area and seasonal flu which will come with cold weather, and out of Christian love and care for the safety and health of our faithful and people around them, our Bishop requires all who come to church for worship to wear a mask. The old instructions including social distancing in the church are still in effect. If any of our faithful do not feel safe and/or are not healthy, please stay home. During the service singers, chanters and clergy are not required to wear a mask. If any of the faithful feel that wearing a mask is causing difficulty with breathing, he/she can take it off during the service and put it back on when leaving the church. Hand sanitizer is available in several areas in our church. Any faithful who feel it is not safe to attend Sunday worship, please attend one of the weekday or Saturday evening services which are attended by much fewer people. You may also call Fr Aleksandar to open the church for you to come and pray, light candles, and receive the Holy Mysteries at any time!

Our church anniversary will be celebrated on November 1st. After the liturgy will be blessing of kolac and koljivo and a pomen for all reposed parishioners and clergy. This will be followed by a curbside luncheon. The menu features Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberries and Dessert. Call or text your orders to Tana Petrich at 815-207-0737. Orders must be in by Thursday, October 29th at 8:00 pm. At-will donations can be made with cash or check when you pick your order.

Fall is coming and the time for many Serbian Slavas. Let us remember our Patron Saint this year during the pandemic in the best way we can. Your kolac (festal bread) and koljivo (cooked and sweetened wheat) can be blessed in church on the day of your slava after the liturgy or on the eve of your slava after the vespers. Or you can ask the priest to do the slava rite in your home if you feel safe and obey all health precautions. If you choose to stay home for your slava day, you can call/email/text Fr Aleks and ask him to light candles for you in church and to remember your living and deceased family members by giving him their names.

After the liturgy when you receive prosphora, blessed bread from the priest, make sure you consume all of it and even the crumbs because it is all part of the blessed bread. After you venerate all ikons and come to receive the prosphora, make sure you cross your right hand over left, and after the priest places the bread in your hands, please consume it all. If you want to save some for your family/friends who could not come or save for another day, make sure you have a small ziplock to put the bread inside. The crumbs and even bigger pieces of bread were found on the church floor on the way out and it should never happen. Please be more careful.

Црква је увек отворена за све који се осећају здраво и безопасно да дођу. Можете ставите маску кад уђете и излазите. Света причест се није никада прекидала за све духовно припремљене вернике. Мало забаците главу и отворите уста тако да вам кашичица не додорује усне. Уколико желите доћи у цркву преко недеље и Богу се помолити и свеће упалити или се причестити, јавите свештенику да вам отвори цркву.

Ове године прослава крсне славе обавиће се у многима кућама у кругу породице због пандемије. Можете донети колач и жито у цркву да се посвете или позовите свештеника кући. У сваком случају јавите свештенику какав вам је план. Уколико нисте у могућности било шта да радите за славу, позовите о. Александра ако желите да упали свеће у цркви за вас и ваше умрле и дајте му имена да помене на литургији. Јавите о Александру ако имате жељу донети свеже цвеће у цркву.