

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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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, Nov. 1 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost/ St John of Kronstadt / Св Јован Кронштадски / church anniversary *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. Pick up lunch in Social center, preorders only. Your church anniversary donation is greatly appreciated!

Thursday, November 5 – St James apostle and First Bishop of Jerusalem /Св апостол Јаков

Friday, November 6 Vespers / confession at 6 pm. Topic: The Acts of holy apostles III

Saturday, November 7 – Memorial Saturday / Митровске задушнице Divine Liturgy at 9 am and general parastos for all Orthodox. Please bring the names of your reposed to be commemorated. You can bring koljivo if you wish. Донесите имена ваших упокојених да се помену и ако желите донесите кољиво Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, November 8 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/ Great martyr Demetrius /Св Димитрије великомученик *Epistle Heb. 12:6-13,25-27; Gal. 6:11-18; II Tim. 2:1-10 Gospel Matt. 8:23-27; Luke 16:19-31; John 15:17-16:2 Tone 5th* 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

November 14 –Sts Cosmas & Damian / Св Косма и Дамјан

16 –Dedication of St George temple /Ђурђиц

21 – Holy Arch Michael / Arandjelovdan /Св Арх Михајло . Аранђеловдан

Pomens (Litany for departed): +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek;

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 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!

Forms are now available at the warden's stand for members interested in serving on the 2021 Church-School Board.

Our church anniversary will be celebrated on November 1st. After the liturgy will be a 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.

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. Ставите маску на лице кад уђете у цркву, ако желите скините је у цркви за време молитве и опет ставите кад 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.

Coronavirus Prayer

O Lord our God enter not into judgement with Thy servants, and protect us from the pestilence coming onto us. Spare us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, who in repentance, with a warm faith and contrition of the heart, are falling down before Thee, our merciful and beneficent God, and trusting in Thy mercy. Thine is mercy and salvation, our God. Glory to Thee, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!