

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

May His Holiness Patriarch Irinej memory be eternal! Vjecnaja Pamjat!

Sunday, Nov. 22, 24th Sunday after Pentecost / St Nectarios of Eagina / Св Нектарије егински *Epistle Eph. 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56* Tone 7th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Tuesday, November 24 – St Stephen of Dechani / Св Стефан дечански

Thursday, November 26 - St John Chrysostom / Thanksgiving – Св Јован Златоусти – Дан Захвалности
Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Thanksgiving moleban after.

Saturday, November 28 – Beginning of Nativity Fast / Почетак Божињег поста Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Sunday, November 29 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost / Apostle Matthew the evangelist/ Св ап и јев Матеј
Epistle Eph. 4:1-6; I Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel Luke 10:25-37; Matt. 9:9-13 Tone 8th 3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

December 4 – Entrance of the Theotokos into temple / Vavedenije / Ваведеније

9 – St Alypius the Stylite / Св Алимпије столпник

Pomens (Litany for departed): +Patriarch Irinej; +Paul Shimek, given by Gayle Shimek; +Milovan Kisich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Draga Vuicich, given by Anka Laketa and family; +Milovan Kisich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Milovan Kisich and +Judy Lockwood, given by Bob Orlovich; +Betty Grubisich and +Milovan Kisich, given by Ely Grubisich; +Mile, +Joseph Sr, +Hazel, +Michael Sr and +Nicholas Kljaich, +George, +Anna and +Delores Malinovich, +Judy Lockwood, + Paul Shimek, +Milovan Kisich, +Demetra Ascaridis, +Maria Flatt, +Georgia Kanive and +Petar Katic, given by Sue Kljaich and Francis Juarez;

We are praying especially for: Mary Book, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Stevan Iacsin, Christopher, Richard Kovacevich, Stevan Lunich, Milorad Ristich, George Enich, Michael, Ćedomir Bojović, 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!

The Annual Assembly of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church School Congregation originally scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 12:30 pm has been temporarily postponed. As soon as these latest Phase 2 restrictions are lessened and we are able to revert back to Phase 3 or even Phase 4, we plan on reconvening as soon as possible. Because of this fluctuating situation, the Board has also made the decision to suspend providing a 30-day mailed notice for the Annual Assembly and rather provide a two-week window of notification of the meeting through email, Facebook and announcements at church services.

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 all the time. 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!

Reminder: The end of the year is coming up. Please make sure you are up to date with your financial obligations to St George Church. Since March and because of Coronavirus we are unable to rent our Social Center although utility and other bills still have to be paid. Please consider, if you are able to, an extra donation toward the church this year. Orthodox Christian stewardship is a way of life that acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. How much you are involved in Church life and donate - returning to God what He has blessed you with will be the sign of how spiritual and strong an Orthodox Christian you are.

During the celebration of certain feast days during the year, you can bring cut flowers to make our church even more beautiful. If you choose to bring flowers, please contact me a day or two before. Vases are available in the church.

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!