

### St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

#### **Sunday, August 25 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Kolo slava celebration**

*Epistle: I Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel Matt. 17:14-23 tone 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Parastos for all deceased kolo members. Blessing of kolach in hall, slava lunch. Please bring your family and friends!*  
Priest/parents meeting

**Tuesday, August 27** Vigil / confession at 6 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 28 – The Dormition of the Theotokos / Velika Gospojina / Успеније Богородице**

Divine Liturgy at 9 am, Choir practice at 7:30 pm

#### **Sunday, September 1 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Epistle I Cor. 9:2-12 Gospel Matt. 18:23-35 tone 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Coffee hour in hall. Priest/parents meeting*

#### **Upcoming feast days/events:**

September 8 – Beginning of church school / Почетак црквене школе

11 – Beheading of St John / fast day / Усекованије Св Јована

15 – ASSC / culture club luncheon / Kolo sestara meeting

**We are praying especially for:** Mary Book, Ceba Severns, Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Judy Lockwood, Stevan Iacsin, Stevan Lunich, 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:** +Delores Malinovich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Michael Kljaich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Michael Kljaich, given by Annette O’Leary; +Michael Kljaich, given by Millie O’Leary; +Michael Kljaich, given by Nadine O’Leary and Josh Potts; +Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, given by M/M Pete Petkovich; +Mildred Stapinski, given by Fr Alex & family; +Joann Orlovich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; +John and +Bertha O’Brien, +Mimi Dejanovich, + Richard Jovanovich and +Joann Orlovich, given by M/M Paul Shimek & family; +Millie Stapinski, given by St George kolo sestara.

Steve Iacsin moved to MI to be with his son during his stroke recuperation. His new address is: Steve Iacsin, 1121 Park St SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**The Executive Board** has made the decision to move forward with both painting and carpeting all of the classrooms in the lower level of the church for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. This project will be taking place over the next six weeks. Please be generous and offer your help and/or your monetary donation toward the project. Please talk to either Dave Laketa or John Dauer.

#### **Part II**

When the time for communion comes, if you are prepared please come out of the pews and loudly read the prayers before communion. Venerate the ikon and cross your arms on your chest and approach the chalice with great contrition of heart. In some Orthodox traditions, the faithful turn toward the congregation after the prayers are read, turn and bow down to the faithful on each side asking their forgiveness and prayers. I think it is a wonderful Orthodox tradition which we should accept. Please tell the priest your baptism name before you receive communion. Please don't cross yourself in front of the chalice, rather kiss the bottom of it after you partake of the communion. Take a piece of blessed bread and with bowed head go back to your place. Ladies should cover their heads during communion and not wear a heavy lipstick which leaves marks on the spoon.

At the end of the Liturgy, please come to venerate ikons in the middle of church and all ikons in front of the altar. Kiss the cross from the priest's hand and receive the blessed bread or prosphora. Please consume it and all crumbs from your hand. If you partook of Holy Communion, please go back to your place and open the liturgy book at the end where the prayers after communion are located. At the end the priest will start with "Glory to Thee o Lord, glory to Thee" 3x and after everyone is loudly reading the prayers. If we have guests or visitors in our church, please be kind and welcome them and invite them to our coffee hour and/or lunch if we are having one and walk with them downstairs or into the hall.

After the Liturgy it is not appropriate to stay in church and visit and loudly talk because the prayers after communion are being read. The place for visiting and conversations is downstairs where the coffee is or in the hall. As you leave the church please turn back facing altar and bow down and cross yourself. There are a special prayers at the entrance in the church and before leaving church. Please remember them from your prayer book. Hope this will help.

**The Dormition fast** was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 14–August 27. The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was “blessed among the women”, and she was chosen to “bear the Savior of our souls”. Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

*Rejoice! O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls! (Memorize it)*

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: “If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons, who never eat.”