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Sunday, September 9 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Synaxis of the Serbian Saints

Epistle *II Cor 4:6-15; Heb 13:7-16* Gospel *Matt. 22:2-14; 5:14-19* Tone 6th
Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Coffee Hour and Kolo sestara meeting

Monday, September 10 – Vespers at 6 pm, confession to follow

Tuesday, September 11 – The Beheading of St John / Usekovanije Sv Jovana / fast day / postan dan

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Friday, September 14 – Ecclesiastical New Year / Crkvena Nova Godina

Sunday, September 16 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle *II Cor. 4:6-15* Gospel *Matthew 22:35-46* Tone 7th

Divine Liturgy at 10 am; Invocation of the Holy Spirit for the beginning of church school, church school classes.

We are praying especially for: Siba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Nicholas Malinovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, 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!

Wine & Dine For Lifeline -- On September 16th, the Joliet and Lansing Kolos are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit Lifeline. All funds generated go toward helping the orphans, those with special needs and the elderly in Serbia. Come for an enjoyable afternoon filled with delicious food, entertainment, wine tasting, great raffles and activities for the children.

Pomens/litany

+Michael O'Leary, given by Anka Laketa

+Michael O'Leary, given by Jack and Ann Book

+Nikola Susich, given by the Joseph Orlovich Jr family

Request for 90th Anniversary Commemorative Book sponsors: We are offering \$20.00 sponsorships for the 90th Anniversary Commemorative book whereas your name would be listed on a sponsorship page. If you are interested, please make checks payable to St. George Serbian Orthodox Church or pay with cash. You can submit your payment to Fr. Ned or to the wardens. The 90th Anniversary Committee greatly appreciates your support of our commemorative book.

Sunday, September 16th will be the beginning of Church School for 2018/19. After the Divine Liturgy, there will be a service of the Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the teachers and students and the classes will start after the Liturgy today. On the following Sundays, the teachers and students will be leaving the church right after communion. Parents, please stay in church today while your children are in the classroom to have a meeting with Fr Aleksandar.

This year we will try to have the church school classes after the Liturgy, and hope parents will understand the importance of the religious education of their children and not schedule activities on Sunday directly after Liturgy. While the children are in class, the parents can enjoy the coffee hour and in no time the children will be out. Having classes before the Liturgy did not work out well. Keeping the children from attending Liturgy on Sundays in order to have classes during the Liturgy is against the recommendation of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education. Children should be in church and participate in worship with their families. Another reason for not having classes during Liturgy is that the teachers would have to miss Liturgy and many of them also sing in the choir.

Orthodox children who have been baptized should partake of Communion regularly. Younger children may take Communion without Confession. Confession and preparation should start when they can understand preparation and the meaning of sin usually at the age of 7 or 8. Parents as the child's first teachers of the faith, should explain to their children the importance of proper preparation and the true meaning of Confession and Holy Communion and monitor their spiritual as well as their physical development.

Junior choir will start on Sunday, September 16 from 9:40 am to 10 am. For more info please talk to Kathy Petkovich.

St Cassiana / Kasijana the choir slava will be celebrated on Sunday, September 30.

American Serbian Social Club will have a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, September 23 after the Liturgy

The Monastic community of the Nativity of the Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Monastery will be celebrating their slava on Friday, September 21. The Hierarchal liturgy will be at 10 am, slava rite and dinner to follow.

Monastery address: 32787 Early Rd; New Carlisle, IN 46552 574-654-7994

Occasionally we see dates in religious books, bulletin or calendars like June 4 / 17 or September 1 / 14 and we may get confused about why we have two dates. The first number is the church calendar date and the second is the date according to our old Julian calendar, which is always 13 days behind. The celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ is December 25 / January 7. This means the church calendar states the Nativity of Christ is December 25, which is true but for us who follow the Julian calendar December 25 is actually January 7, again because we are 13 days behind.

Note: Please call the parish priest in case of sickness and hospitalization.