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Sunday, December 9 – 28th Sunday after Pentecost / Ven Alypius the Stylite / Св Алимпије

Epistle Col. 1:12-18 Gospel Luke 13:10-17 Tone 3rd

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Lunch sponsored by the ASSC and Annual assembly

Tuesday, December 11

Vespers / confession at 6 pm

Wednesday, December 12 – St Mardarije of Libertyville /Св Мардарије либертивилски

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Culture class at 6:30 pm. Topic: Basic Serbian and fasting in the Orthodox church

There will be no vespers and confession on Saturday. Fr Aleksandar will serve on Saturday in the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in East Moline, IL for the Serbs who live in this area of IA and IL. Confession on Sunday morning December 16 only at 9:30 am.

Sunday, December 16 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost / Prophet Zephaniah / Пророк Софроније

Epistle Col. 3:4-11 Gospel Luke 17:12-19 Tone 4th

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Coffee hour. Palacinke sale.

We are praying especially for: Ceba Severns, Mary Book, Millie Stapinski, Radovan Jovanovich, Delores Malinovich, Art Schumann, Zoran Nikitovich, Richard Jovanovich, Dragan Krcmarevic, Lois Orlovich, 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!

Upcoming holy days / events:

December 19 – St Nicholas the wonderworker / Св Николај чудотворац

December 30 – Badnjak decoration after the service. / Украшавање бадњака после литургије /Serbian Mother's Day

Pomens: +Helen Petkovich, +Joseph and Lena Gioannini, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family
+ Jeffrey Lockwood, given by Pat Mancke; +Michael, +Violet, +Joseph Jr and +Stella Enich, +Alexander and +Danica Grabawoy, given by Michael and Nadine Keer & family; +Nicholas Ostoich, given by Joseph Orlovich Jr family

We are entering busy holiday season and also our Orthodox Nativity fast. Let us observe our fast and prepare to confess and at least once partake the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us find a way to combine our busy life and our faith and continue to be good Orthodox faithful during the months of December/January. We can do this but we need a strong will and obedience.

You are welcome to take one of the Orthodox books from our library home to read during the Nativity fast and return it when you are done reading it. Please see Fr Aleksandar if you need a recommendation for the book.

After the Divine Liturgy and after receiving the prosphora is the time to solemnly leave the House of God. Any type of loud conversation and laughter in church is forbidden especially when people who are reading the prayers after communion are trying to concentrate and pray. We are all happy to see each other and like to visit, and the perfect place for that is after church during coffee hour which is downstairs. Loud conversations in church before the liturgy starts and/or after the liturgy should never happen.

Orthodox wall calendars for 2019 are available in the narthex and every family is welcome to take one home and use it during the year. Many thanks to Tezak Funeral Home for sponsoring it again this year. You are welcome to take one or two extra calendars if you wish to give/send it to your friends or family who reside out of the parish.

The end of the 2018 calendar year is coming soon and let us examine our conscience: did we did everything we could to improve our spiritual life in this year, strive to become more Christ-like, and did we support our parish church, home of St George, truly and wholeheartedly. And how strong has our love, time, talents and treasure towards St George been so far and should we improve it?

Now is the time if you wish to complete all your church donations for the year of 2018.

I encourage you to please attend the liturgy on the feast of St Mardarije on December 12th and receive Holy Communion. This glorious Saint is our first Serbian Orthodox Bishop whose undecayed relics are in the first Serbian Orthodox Monastery of St Sava in Libertyville. O Holy Mardarije, pray to God for us sinners! Fr A.

На крају литургије кад узмете нафору-освећени хлеб и примите благослов од свештеника, мирно изађите из цркве. Гласан разговор пре или после литургије у цркви није пожељан јер верници који су се причестили читају молитве после причести и треба да се сконцентришу на молитве. Уколико желите поразговарати са пријатељима, идите доле, можете попити кафу и тамо поразговарајте.

Зидни православни календари су у цркви и можете узети један бесплатно за вашу породицу.

Припремите се за исповест и за причест овога поста, Погледајте у билтен кад је исповест а причест је увек кад се служи Света Литургија. Молите се Богу, постите и тражите опроштај за Ваше грехе. Пост није само у не једењу неке хране него и у контролисању речи и нашег понашања.

Читајте Свето Писмо свакога дана по неколико стихова. То је Реч Божија и духовна храна за дан. Ако немате Свето Писмо на српском, јавите о Александру да Вам нађе.