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"By this you shall conquer."

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From the parish priest's desk:



Fr Aleksandar's biography

Fr Aleksandar was born almost 50 years ago in a small village near the Hungarian Country border in north Yugoslavia (former) where his father was a priest. He grew up near the city of Novi Sad where he graduated High School. He served in the National Army of Yugoslavia for one year as it was mandatory for all young men. After the service he enrolled in the Theology College in Belgrade. One year later in 1989 with the recommendation of the late Bishop Sava of Sumadija, who was the administrator of the Diocese of Fr Aleksandar at that time, he came to the U.S. to continue his theological education at St Sava School of Theology at St Sava Monastery in Libertyville, IL. He graduated in 1992 and in May of 1994 he married Gordana (nee) Markovich from Racine, WI. Two months later he was ordained into deaconate by His Eminence the late Metropolitan Christopher and appointed a deacon of St George Church in Kansas City, KS. In November of the same year late Metropolitan ordained him a priest. From January 1, 1995 he became the parish priest of St George replacing the late Proto Milan Bajich. Fr Aleksandar served St George in KC for 24 years. During his tenure a new church was built in Lenexa, KS when he was awarded the highest priestly award of protojerej-stavrofor with the right to wear a pectoral cross. Father helped organize the new and the first Serbian Orthodox parish of St Demetrius in Des Moines, IA. He completed a first Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPA) and was a chaplain at Minorah Hospital for 6 months which gave him tremendous experience for his pastoral duties. During the last four years of his tenure in Lenexa, KS, Fr Aleksandar served as Dean of St Louis Deanery which covers a huge territory of 16 parishes from MO, KS, TN, AL, NE, SD, IA, AR and TX.

Fr Aleksandar and Protanica Gordana were blessed with three beautiful children. The oldest Jelena (23) attends Concordia University in WI, graduate school studying to be a physician's assistant. Stevan (22) stayed in KC where he has a job and the youngest Kristijana (18) lives with them in Joliet and attends Junior College.

The celebration of the Christian Sabbath or Sunday starts at Saturday vespers. After the vespers it is appropriate to have confessions, and I encourage all faithful to make all efforts to confess on Saturday after the vespers. This gives more time to them and to the priest to make a complete confession without rushing. Sunday morning confessions will be for faithful

who live far and/or are unable to come on Saturday. Sunday morning confessions will start at 9:15 am. Please use the booklets for confession which are located on the Warden's table to help all to confess and to follow the service before confession. I ask all parishioners to confess their sins more often and receive the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ more often and not just to follow the old "tradition" of only before Christmas and Easter.

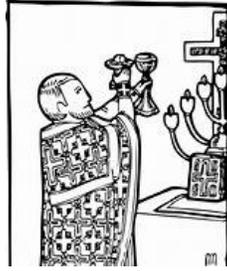
Orthodox children who have been baptized should partake of Communion regularly. Younger children may take Communion without Confession. Confession and preparation should start when they can understand preparation and the meaning of sin usually at the age of 7 or 8. Parents as the child's first teachers 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.

We started church school classes after the liturgy, actually, the teachers and students are leaving the church right after holy communion. Classes before the liturgy did not work out and many children missed them and it was discouraging for the teachers who had taken their time to prepare the lessons and sat in the empty classrooms waiting for a student or two. If You have any question please call either Gayle Shimek or Fr Aleksandar.

Culture classes for church school students and their parents will be on Wednesday's night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm unless a vespers and/or other church activity is scheduled. Classes will consist of basic Serbian Language, Serbian History and Geography and folk songs. If there is time and help, Fr Aleksandar will teach students Orthodox chanting. Parents are welcome to attend the classes with their children as this may also be beneficial for them.

Our church will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Make sure to mark your calendars now and plan to attend the services and all activities of the day. Please invite your family members, friends, and former neighbors who at one point belonged to our St George church.

Fall is coming and it is the time when many Serbian families will celebrate their krsna slava - family Patron Saint. Traditionally, the family will bring a kolac (festal bread) and koljivo (cooked wheat) to church for blessing or the priest will visit their home and do the slava rite there. Kolac, koljivo and a candle are most important for the slava and of course to come to church that day to give thanks to God and the Saint for all the grace and benefits they have received and to remember the reposed family members in prayer. Slava is an open house day, relatives and friends come and wish srecna slava, enjoy good food and friendship. Our ancestors remembered slava through the centuries living in the Balkan areas even under Turkish, Communist and other occupations. Why would we who live in this free and blessed Country not remember this important family event. In the modern way of life, business, many family activities, both spouses having a job, and a great distance from the church and each other, many stopped having open house. This is fine but please remember the day, have a kolac and koljivo and light a candle during the meal with your family and prayerfully spend the time with your family. If your children do not experience slava celebration in their home, they will not continue this centuries old Serbian family holiday.



What is Stewardship?

What Is Financial Stewardship?

By Fr. Paul Kucynda

When reading the New Testament, we are often surprised to discover that Jesus was concerned with man and his relationship with material possessions, and particularly with his money. One sixth of all the words of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels, deal with the relationship of people and their material possessions. One third of all the parables are devoted to the subject. For Jesus, money and possessions and the use or misuse of them was of tremendous importance to the spiritual growth of man.

The Church Fathers of the fourth century and onward were equally concerned with man and his relationship with money. In his writings, St. John Chrysostom chastised those who have wealth and hoard it for themselves while their brothers and sisters are in need. He even went so far as to say that giving to those in need is greater than beautifying the Church building. He, too, saw money and the use or misuse of it as a tremendous challenge for believers.

In our day it is equally necessary for us to address this issue honestly. Every generation of believers must be informed as to the tremendous opportunity for good and evil found in the management of material possessions, and particularly money.

If Christian stewardship is nothing less than God's call for us to use wisely all the resources of the earth and of our life, then financial stewardship is just one of the aspects of the entire invitation. Good financial stewardship requires us to make responsible decisions about our relationship to money on a daily basis. This must be done freely and consciously as we seek to do God's work and let His will be done through our lives.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called "friends of the Bridegroom" and "co-workers with the Lord." Because of this, the importance we give to the quality and quantity of our financial gifts, brought regularly to the Church in support of her work, is vital to spiritual growth not only of the Church as a whole, but of each of us.

ST JOHN MAXIMOVITCH ON THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Before the time of Christ, the cross was an instrument of punishment; it evoked fear and aversion. But after Christ's death on the Cross it became the instrument of our salvation. Through the Cross, Christ destroyed the devil; from the Cross He descended into hades and, having liberated those languishing there, led them into the Kingdom of Heaven. The sign of the Cross is terrifying to demons and, as the sign of Christ, it is honored by Christians.

“O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victory unto Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy community.”

The beginning of this prayer is taken from the twenty-seventh Psalm. In the Old Testament the word “people” designated only those who confessed the true faith, people faithful to God. “Inheritance” referred to everything which properly belonged to God, God’s property, which in the New Testament is the Church of Christ. In praying for the salvation of God’s people (the Christians), both from eternal torments and from earthly calamities, we beseech the Lord to bless, to send down grace, His good gifts upon the whole Church as well, and inwardly strengthen her.

The petition for granting “victory to kings” (Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries) (ie: to the bearers of Supreme authority), has its basis in Psalm 143, verse 10, and recalls the victories of King David achieved by God’s power, and likewise the victories granted Emperor Constantine through the Cross of the Lord.

This appearance of the Cross made emperors who had formerly persecuted Christians into defenders of the Church from her external enemies, into “external bishops,” to use the expression of the holy Emperor Constantine. The Church, inwardly strong by God’s grace and protected outwardly, is, for Orthodox Christians, “the city of God.” Heavenly Jerusalem has its beginning. Various calamities have shaken the world, entire peoples have disappeared, cities and states have perished, but the Church, in spite of persecutions and even internal conflicts, stands invincible; for the gates of hell shall not prevail against her (Matt. 16:18).

Today, when world leaders try in vain to establish order on earth, the only dependable instrument of peace is that about which the Church sings:

“The Cross is the guardian of the whole world; the Cross is the beauty of the Church, the Cross is the might of kings; the Cross is the confirmation of the faithful, the Cross is the glory of angels and the wounding of demons.” (Exapostilarion of the Exaltation of the Cross)

When Kids Don’t Like Church

ELISSA BJELETICH, SEPTEMBER 2018

When we talk about children in the church, we usually mean babies and toddlers — the youngest ones who cannot seem to sit still. That’s a big challenge for parents and for the rest of the parish. But what happens when those kids get a little older? We don’t talk a lot about what to do when your ten-year old declares that he just doesn’t see the point of church or when your eleven-year old says she just doesn’t want to go anymore. They’d rather just stay home and pray. God can hear us from here, right? What do you say to that?

I have friends who ask me this question, and they always assume that this isn’t a problem I would have, because I write about the faith so obviously my kids must love church! The truth is that every parent — priests, counselors, podcasters and teachers and everyone else — goes through this with their kids. It’s a very normal issue. Even kids who really like church and are excited about Jesus will sometimes question whether it’s really necessary to go *this week*. Adults go through it too — sometimes we’re tired, or just lazy, and we ask ourselves why we drag ourselves to church every Sunday. It’s a good question, and I want to approach it in a few different ways: I want to look at practical things we can do to make going to church

regularly a little less painful, and then we'll think about the philosophical answers to the questions the kids are asking. Why do we go church? What are we accomplishing by going that we could not accomplish right here in the comfort of our own homes? Finally, I want to think about this in a larger sense — who are we as parents, and how is it that a child is taught to love God and seek after Him?

Practical Ideas

First, the practical angle. There are certain things that can make these arguments less frequent and easier to win:

— *Get a job.* If your child has a job in the church, like serving at the altar, or ringing the bells, or being an usher or greeter, or singing with the choir, they'll be more likely to want to go to church. Also, when they ask you why you have to go to church today, you can say: Father is expecting you behind the altar, or we need to hear your voice. When your children know that they're valued, active members of the parish, they understand that their presence is helpful and would be missed.

— *Find some friends.* When a child has friends in the parish, going to church means seeing their friends, and people generally like to see their friends. Take them to youth group events. Call that family with the nice kids and invite them over to dinner. Invite church kids to birthday parties. And if your church doesn't have much of a youth group to encourage fellowship and friendship, get to work. Put one together. The more your children see that the church is a loving community, the less difficult it should be to get them there.

— *Know what's happening.* If your church doesn't have pew books, and this goes a hundredfold for those of you whose liturgies

happen in languages your children don't understand, go to an Orthodox bookstore online or in person, or go to Amazon or wherever you like, and buy copies of an appropriate liturgy book for your kid. It really helps if they can follow along. Now, different jurisdictions do things differently, so if you're in a Russian church, find a Russian book, or in a Greek parish find a Greek book. I'm all for being Pan-Orthodox, but be aware that different jurisdictions include and omit different things, and translations vary. Talk with your priest, look around, and try to find something that closely follows what you're actually doing in church. You might also consider an age-appropriate book about the liturgy, something that explains what is happening. Understanding helps. The liturgy becomes more meaningful and relevant to our lives when we know what it is that we're doing.

— *Be consistent.* If you wake up on Sunday mornings and then decide whether the family is going to church or not, you will probably see more resistance than those households who consistently attend church every Sunday. Kids are smart. They know what's negotiable. If you attend church except when you're especially tired or when last night went late or when there's a good soccer game, then your kids know that if they give a good enough reason (or if they cause enough friction) you'll bend and let everyone off the hook. On the other hand, if they know that only category 2+ hurricanes, acts of God, and profound illness will keep you home, they don't argue as much. Oh, they'll still argue sometimes, but the argument will be less frequent and easier to win.

What if they assert their God-given free will to not attend church? What do I say? Try this oldie but goodie: "How you'll manage your

relationship with God and the Church over your lifetime is yours, but while you're living in this household, we all go to church." That's a very reasonable response. I have told my children many times that God entrusted me with the sacred and important job of stewarding them to adulthood, and I take it very seriously, and I'm going to do my best. That means that I have

chosen to raise them in a church-going family. Their relationship with God is theirs, but the way that the family as a whole relates to God is something for which I will answer on judgement day, so I have to guide everyone as best I can until they come of age and (God willing) leave my home to set up their own.



Thank you to everyone that sent a sympathy card, sponsored a brick or made a pomen in memory of Joseph Enich Jr. (2018) and Lynn Enich (2017). Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. The family truly appreciates your kind gestures. +Memory Eternal.

Martha "Marty" Seemann

St George Serbian Orthodox church school congregation, Report from the Executive Church Board Fall 2018

Parish Priest Transition

We officially welcome Fr. Aleksandar, Protinica Gordana, and children Jelena, Stevan, and Kristijana Bugarin to St. George SOC of Joliet! We are so happy to have you with us and look forward to your involvement in the future of our parish.

Scholarship Awardees

Congratulations to our scholarship awardees so far for the 2018 school year! They are college students: Sam and Olivia Grubisich and Nikolas and Aleksandar Zubic. We wish you a blessed and fruitful school year.

Social Center's Upper Level Main Dining Hall Air Conditioner

There was an incident in early August where the air conditioner was not properly cooling the main hall during a paid customer event. We issued a partial refund to the customer because of the inconvenience they experienced. Our HVAC provider has advised us the unit has since been fixed, and we are confirming that the air conditioner is working properly. We will keep you posted.

Water Damage in One of the Church's Classrooms

Unfortunately, one of the classrooms in the church (1st one on the right) sustained water damage. The heat registers in the affected classroom have been removed. The issue will be addressed soon by our HVAC provider. Also, Permaseal will also be performing some repairs to prevent future seepage. We will keep you posted.

Church School Report

This year we are doing something different in church school. Due to the declining enrollment, we are combining classes. They will be as follows: PS&K will remain on their own, taught by Diane Grubisich, 1st thru 5th will be together taught by Nada Zubic, Cheri Ferguson, and myself, and 6th thru 12th will be taught by Kathy Petkovich and Nancy Cora. This year we are concerting on the Saints, church liturgy, and prayers.

Church school will start after Holy Communion and all teachers and students will go up for the blessing and bread after the communicants.

Registration forms are available, please see me. There is also a \$5.00 registration fee per child.

As always, any questions/concerns don't hesitate to contact me or see me in church.

Gayle Shimek

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St George Hall Improvement Committee

The St George Hall Improvement Committee will meet again in October to discuss two proposals for a facility assessment and to make a recommendation to the St George Church Board. These assessments will include a short and long range plan for our facility. The Marketing Subcommittee has designed a new website and is working on completing the content. Our next meeting is tentatively set for October 9th.

John Dauer
Tana Petrich
Co-Chairs



ST. GEORGE KOLO NEWS

August included the celebration of our Kolo Slava, Velika Gospojina. The day began with a Parastos for all departed Kolo sisters. We continued with the blessing of Slavski Kolach and Luncheon at the Social Center. We had many parishioners in attendance that day which we appreciated. We also received many positive comments on the food served that day. Our Kolo is grateful to all who were present and made the day memorable. Thanks to all Kolo sisters who helped in so many ways. In particular, our eldest, Millie Skoryi who led those working the kitchen that day. Our joint efforts make these events possible.



Our recent Lifeline Fundraiser, "Wine & Dine For Lifeline", was our most successful Lifeline fundraiser to date. Together, we raised in excess of \$18,000 for Lifeline!

The afternoon was filled with good fellowship, wonderful appetizers, a delicious buffet with great baked goods and phenomenal raffle prizes. We were entertained with lovely music from The Dreamland Jazz Band that included our very own parishioner, Bill Zakavec. For the wine tasting portion, we were wowed with 18 varieties of wine and the extras were later made available for a nominal donation to Lifeline.

We owe thanks to EVERYONE for making this event so very special. To our church Board, Choir, Cultural Club and all individual donors, your monetary donations helped us achieve this milestone. To those who donated food or raffle prizes, wine, gave your time to plan and work at the event or were in attendance, your efforts are so appreciated. You all made the day extraordinary. Collectively, we made a difference to help others less fortunate.

Next year's event will be in Lansing and it will most likely have a tie-in to Lifeline's celebration of 25 years of making a difference. As soon as we know the date, we'll let you know.

Member News

Vicki Dorsey's son Danilo is now engaged and her daughter, Erin, recently baptized her precious baby girl, Emma. Congrats To All.

Kolo extends condolences to our sisters, Millie, Annette and Nadine O'Leary on the passing of their husband and father. +Mike O'Leary. Memory Eternal.



HRH CROWN PRINCESS KATHERINE

**Greeting Letter – “Wine & Dine For Lifeline Chicago”,
St. George Social Center, Joliet, IL, USA**

16 September 2018

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the “St George” Circle of Serbian Sisters from Joliet, Illinois; “St. Archangel Michael” Circle of Serbian Sisters from Lansing, Illinois; and “Knjeginja Zorka” Circle of Serbian Sisters also from Lansing, Illinois for sponsoring “Wine & Dine For Lifeline Chicago”. Circle of Serbian Sisters and Serbian Orthodox Church are longtime supporters of many efforts of Lifeline Chicago aimed at helping Serbia and all its people.

My Foundation in Belgrade as well as all Lifeline organizations are relying in its activities on the people with big heart. Today, like many times before, it is necessary that all those hearts are beating in the same rhythm and to become one big heart with a mutual message: “We will never forget the land of our ancestors; we will never stop loving the land of our grandfathers; we will never stop helping Serbia and Republika Srpska”.

Members of the Circle of Serbian Sisters are walking today following the paths whose foundations were set more than a century ago by Stanka Subotić, Nadežda Petrović, Delfa Ivanić, Jaša Prodanović, Branislav Nušić, Mabel Grouitch and other founders of this wonderful organization and every step you make is to the benefit of Serbian people. Very often it is not an easy path to walk, but its final reward – smiles of Serbian children, Serbian mothers, Serbian doctors – is something that makes it all worthwhile.

All activities of my Foundation and all Lifeline organizations are aimed at helping hospitals, orphanages, elderly homes and all others who need that help. We have always had and I know that we will always have your support for all our efforts.

Thank you, Circle of Serbian Sisters! Thank you, all you beautiful Serbian people from Illinois. Thank you in the name of all those in Serbia and in Republika Srpska who benefit from your good deeds.

May God bless you all.
May God bless Serbia and Republika Srpska

HRH Crown Princess Katherine

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Sunday June 24, 2018

+Michael and +Violet Enich given by George and Mag Enich
+Joseph and +Helen Plecas given by George and Mag Enich
+Iso Ciganovich given by George and Mag Enich
+Walter and +Sarah Barrows given by George and Mag Enich
+Peter and +Leona Petkovich given by George and Mag Enich

Sunday July 1, 2018

+Betty Grubisich given by Ely Grubisich
+Amanda Marie Stanton given by Kirk and Jackie Stapinski

Sunday July 8, 2018

+Irv Schroder and Charles Murray given by Ely Grubisich
+Zorka Miller and Anise Prodanovic given Vivian Tadin

Sunday July 22, 2018

+Pantelija and Kata Orlovich given by the Joseph Orlovich Jr. Family
+Michael O'Leary given by the Joseph Orlovich Jr. Family

Sunday July 29, 2018

+Joseph Enich Jr. given by Rev. Ned Lunich Family
+Kimball Mancke, +Michael O'Leary and +Joe Enich Jr. given by the Pat Mancke Family
+Kimball Mancke given by Judy and Scott Lockwood
+Kimball Mancke, +Michael O'Leary, +Joseph Enich Jr., +Lynn Enich and +Connie Kovacevich given by Bob Orlovich
+Michael O'Leary given by Annette O'Leary
+Michael O'Leary given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts
+Barbara Kozak given by Kirk and Jackie Stapinski
+Barbara Kozak given by Millie Stapinski
+John Marcetich given by Cecelia Marcetich
+Violet Enich, +Michael Enich, +Joseph Enich Sr., +Stella Enich, +Danica Grabavoy
+Al Grabavoy, +Iso Ciganovich, +Julia Enich, Sam Plecas and +Mary Lou Suitca

given by Nadine and Michael Keer and Family

Sunday August 5, 2018

+Joseph Enich Jr. given by the Joseph Orlovich Jr. Family
+Joseph Enich Jr. given by George and Mag Enich
+Joseph Enich Jr. given by Roddie and Darlene Jovanovich
+Michael O'Leary given by Annette O'Leary
+Michael O'Leary given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts
+Michael O'Leary given by Reenie Trizna
+Michael O'Leary given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
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Sunday August 12, 2018

+Ann Orlovich given by Pat Mancke and Family
+Michael O'Leary given by Annette O'Leary
+Michael O'Leary given by Nadine O'Leary and Josh Potts
+Michael O'Leary given by Reenie Trizna
+Michael O'Leary given by Tom, Sandy and Michelle Burcenski
+Anne Orlovich given by Bob Orlovich
+Anne Orlovich given by Judy Lockwood
+Michael Kljaich given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+Michael O'Leary given by Susan Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+Michael Kljaich given by Michelle Burcenski
+Michael Kljaich given by Tom and Sandy Burcenski
+Mildred Frysch, +Draga (Helen) Vuicich given by Fr. Alex Bugarin
+Joann Orlovich given by Judy Lockwood

Sunday August 19, 2018

+Michael Kljaich, One year parastos was held on Saturday August 18, 2018 given by Susan Kljaich and Family
+Orville (Ozzie) Belfield given by Jean and Chuck Panella, Janet Belfield,

Dennis Belter, Andrea, Jovana, Tijana
and Jameson Popovich
+Lynn and Joe Enich Jr. given by Anka
Laketa and Family
+Betty, Dusan, Mike, Ann and Mike
Grubisich given by Ely Grubisich
+Michael Kljaich given by Susan Kljaich
and Frances Juarez
+Michael O'Leary given by Annette
O'Leary
+Michael O'Leary given by Nadine
O'Leary and Josh Potts
+Michael O'Leary given by Anna Laketa
+Michael O'Leary given by Tom, Sandy
and Michelle Burcenski
+Michael O'Leary given by Jack and
Ann Book
+Michael O'Leary given by Phil and
Millie Rowe
+Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich and
+Peter and +Leona Petkovich given by Peter
and Kathy Petkovich
+Michael Kljaich given by Phil and Millie
Rowe
+Michael O'Leary given by Susan
Kljaich and Frances Juarez
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Burcenski
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Sandy Burcenski
+Michael Kljaich given by Millie O'Leary
+Michael Kljaich given by Nadine
O'Leary and Josh Potts

Sunday August 26, 2018

+Michael Kljaich given by Susan Kljaich
and Frances Juarez
+Michael O'Leary given by Annette
O'Leary
+Michael O'Leary given by Nadine
O'Leary and Josh Potts
+Michael O'Leary given by Anka Laketa
+Michael O'Leary given by Jack and
Ann Book

MOLITVA

Molitva je razgovor sa Bogom i ona cini sadrzaj zivota svih andjela na nebu i svih Svetitelja. Ona je srce svih vrlina, najpre vere. Bez molitve je nemoguće razumeti tajne pravoslavne vere, sveta u kome zivimo, ljudi sa kojima opstimo, bez molitve, pre svega, nema ni prave ljubavi prema Bogu, niti bogopoznanja. Sve tajne vere otkrivaju se samo molitvenom umu i cistom srcu. Sveti apostol Pavle porucuje nam: "Molite se neprestano". Sav zivot Crkve je neprekidna molitva, i neprekidno sluzenje Bogu. Pored zajednickih bogosluzenja i molitava u kojima ucestvuju svi hriscani, postoje molitve koje se odnose na svakodnevni porodici zivot i molitve koje se

+JoAnn Orlovich given by the Joseph
Orlovich Jr. Family
+Michael Kljaich given by Phil and Millie
Rowe
+Michael O'Leary given by Susan
Kljaich and Frances Juarez
+Michael Kljaich given by Michelle
Burcenski
+Michael Kljaich given by Tom and
Sandy Burcenski
+Stojka Markovic and +Jelica Bugarin
given by Radasin Markovic from WI

Sunday September 2, 2018

+Michael Kljaich given by Michelle
Burcenski
+Michael O'Leary given by Anka Laketa
+Michael O'Leary given by Jack and
Ann Book
+Michael Kljaich given by Tom and
Sandy Burcenski
+Sava Ancin, +Dragoslav, +Milorad and
+Ruzica Dmitrov given by Steva and
Draginja Lukin
+Nikola Susich from PA given by Anka
Laketa and Family

Sunday September 9, 2018

+Michael O'Leary given by Anka Laketa
+Nikola Susich given by the Joseph
Orlovich Jr. Family
+Michael O'Leary given by Jack and
Ann Book

Sunday September 16, 2018

+Michael O'Leary given by Anka Laketa
+Michael O'Leary given by Jack and
Ann Book

upraznjavaju u tisini samoce. Molitve se mogu podeliti i na molitve hvale i slavljenja, molitve blagodarnosti i molitve moljenja. Hriscaninov dan pocinje i završava se sa molitvom, tako on samog sebe i sav zivot svoj prinosi Bogu. Molitva prethodi svakom poslu, ali i jelu, molitva pomaze stisavanju uzburkanosti duse, ali iznad svega, molitva je put priblizavanju i razumevanju Boga, rastu ljubavi prema Bogu i ljudima. Ne treba cekati da se ucimo molitvi samo onda kad nam je Bog potreban, hriscanski ideal je moliti se neprestano, bez napora, - kao sto disemo. Iskustvo mnogih velikih pravoslavnih molitvenika pomaze nam da se, polako, isprva ponavljajuci njihove molitve, ucimo toplom i iskrenom razgovoru s Bogom. Ipak, ne treba zaboraviti savete Svetih Otaca o molitvi. Sveti Jovan Lestvicnik kaze: "Desava se da me, kada stojim na molitvi, susrece delo dobrocinstva, koje ne dozvoljava odlaganje. U takvom slucaju treba dati prednost delu ljubavi. Jer je ljubav iznad molitve."

МОЛИТВА ГОСПОДЊА на српском и на црквено.словенском

Оче наш, који си на небесима, да се свети име Твоје, да дође царство Твоје, да буде воља Твоја и на земљи као на небу.

Хлеб наш насушни дај нам данас и опрости нам дугове наше као што и ми опраштамо дужницима својим. И не уведи нас у искушење, но избави нас од зла. Амин.

Отче наш, иже јеси на небесјех, да свјатитсја имја Твоје, да приидет царствије Твоје, да будет воља Твоја, јако на небеси и на земљи. Хљеб наш насушчниј дажд нам днес и остави нам долги нашја, јакоже и ми остављајем должником нашим.

И не воведи нас во искушеније, но избави нас от лукаваго. Амин

МОЛИТВА ПРЕСВЕТОЈ БОГОРОДИЦИ

Богородице Дјево, радуј се благодатна Маријо,

Господ је с Тобом. Благословена си Ти међу женама и благословен је плод утробе Твоје, јер си родила Спаситеља душа наших

СИМВОЛ ВЕРЕ

Верујем у једнога Бога Оца, свдржитеља, творца неба и земље и свега видљивог и невидљивог. И у једнога Господа Исуса Христа, Сина Божијег, јединородног, од Оца рођеног пре свих векова, светлост од светлости, Бога истинитог од Бога истинитог, рођеног, нествореног, једносушног Оцу, кроз кога је све постало.

Који је ради нас људи и ради нашега спасења сишао с небеса и оваплотио се од Духа Светога и Марије Дјеве и постао човек.

И који је распет за нас у време Понтија Пилата и страдао и био погребен.

И који је васкрсао у трећи дан, по Писму.

И који се вазнео на небеса и седи с десне стране Оца.

И који ће опет доћи са славом да суди живима и мртвима и Његовом царству неће бити краја.

И у Духа Светога, Господа Животворног, који од Оца исходи и који се са Оцем и Сином заједно поштује и заједно слави. Који је говорио кроз пророке.

И у једну свету, саборну и апостолску Цркву.

Исповедам једно крштење за опроштење грехова.

Чекам васкрсење мртвих.

И живот будућег века. Амин.

Ове молитве сваки православни хришћанин треба да зна напамет и да их свакодневно користи.

Pokrov Presvete Bogorodice October 1 / 14

Kao sto nekada sv. Jovan Bogoslov vide na nebu veliko znamenje, "**zenu obucenu u sunce**" (Otkr. 12, 1) koja je bila prasluka Pokroviteljke nase Presvete Bogorodice, tako i sv. Andrej Jurodivi u Vlahernskoj crkvi, slicnoj nebu, za vreme svenocnog bdenija, na danasnji dan 1. oktobra 911. godine, ugleda Nevestu Nenevestnu, odevenu u suncanu porfiru. Naroda je bila puna crkva. U pozadini crkve stajao je sv. Andrej Jurodivi sa svojim ucenikom Epifanijem. U cetvrti sat noci pojavi se Presveta Bogorodica iznad naroda sa rasprostrtim omoforom na rukama, kao da tom odecom pokriva narod. Bese obucena u zlatokrasnu porfiru i sva blistase u neiskazanom sjaju, okruzena apostolima, svetiteljima, mucenicima i devicama. Preklonivsi kolena, Ona se dugo molila, zalivajuci suzama svoje bogoliko i precisto lice. Sveti Andrej videci to javljenje pokaza rukom Epifaniju blazenom, i upita ga: "*Vidis li, cedo, Gospodju i Caricu sveta, kako se moli za sav svet?*" Odgovori Epifanije: "*Vidim, sveti oce, i uzasavam se!*"

Ovo je, braco i sestre, kratka istorija danasnjeg praznika koji mi na ovom svetom mestu molitveno proslavljamo. Ovaj dogadjaj je vremenom postao samo srce shvatanja Djeve Marije kao Majke, Kojoj je pod Krstom usinovljeno citavo covecanstvo, Koja kao Majka prima u svoje srce sve nase zalosti, sva nasa stradanja, sav bol naseg zemaljskog bitisanja.

Vekovima su verni ljudi osecali i duhovnim vidom gledali taj svetli Bogorodicin Pokrov nad svetom, radovali mu se i u njemu nalazili pomoc i utehu. I mi danas praznujemo blagodareci Pokroviteljki nasoj za takvo veliko milosrdje Njeno, javljeno rodu hriscanskom, i usrdno je moleci da i sada i svagda milostivo zakriljuje nas koji istemo Njeno pokroviteljstvo. To cinimo, jer bez Njenog pokrova i zastupnistva nemoguce je ziveti nama koji stalno gresima razgnevljujemo Boga. Greseci mnogo, mi padamo u mnoge kazne, po reci psalmopevca: "**Mnoge muke ima gresnik**" (Ps. 31, 10) i zasigurno bismo propali zbog bezakonja nasih da nas ne zakriljuje Premilostiva Vladicica zauzumanjem pred Prestolom Sina Svoga.

Mi gresni smo, po rasudjivanju sv. Jovana Zlatousta, zbog svoje necovecnosti - zverovi: ugadjamo stomaku kao medvedi, utovljujemo telo kao mazge, zlopatljivi smo kao kamile, otimamo kao vuci, ljutimo se kao zmije, ujedamo kao skorpije, lukavi smo kao lisice, otrov zlobe nosimo u sebi kao aspida. Takve zverove kakvi smo mi sustizu razni lovci: sustize nas pravedni gnev Bozji, kaznjavajuci nas za rdjava dela nasa, po reci Svetog Pisma: "Bog je Gospod osvete" (Ps. 93, 1). Postizu nas i bezakonja nasa, te svaki od nas moze reci: "Sustigose me bezakonja moja, i ne mogoh gledati" (Ps. 39, 13). Sustize nas i nevidljivi vrag: "Posta mi kao medved u zasedi, kao lav u potaji" (Plac Jerem. 3, 10). Sustize nas i vidljivi vrag. On govori: "**Teracu, stignucu, ubicu macem svojim, ruka ce moja gospodariti**" (2. Moj. 15, 9).

Ali, ne bojmo se, braco i sestre, mi imamo molitvenu zastupnicu koja nas pokriva - imamo Presvetu Djevu Mariju. U Nju se mi uzdamo, k Njoj pribegavajmo; pod Pokrovom Njenim smo sigurni, samo s umiljenjem zavapimo k njoj: pokrij nas Pokrovom Tvojim, Pokroviteljko nasa, Presveta Djevo: "**U zlo doba zakrili nas**" (Ps. 26, 5). Njen pokrov se i danas prostire nad citavim rodnom ljudskim, nad citavim svetom, i nad nama gresnima. I danas sija Njen spasonosni Pokrov kojim nas Ona zakriljuje, iako nase oci nisu dostojne da vide taj Pokrov, iako nase oci ne vide taj Pokrov. Majka Bozja i danas posreduje izmedju neba i zemlje. Ona je posrednica sveta koji prinosi svoje molitve k Prestolu Slave Bozje. Ona je ljubav i milosrdje nase, milost i sazaljenje nase, prastanje i zastupljenje nase pred Bogom. Ona ne sudi, nego je milostiva svima. Ona nije pravda i sud pravde, vec materinsko zauzimanje. I na Strasnom sudu Sina Svoga Ona ce moliti Pravednoga Sudiju za oprostaj.

Greh i jad sveta ranjavaju srce One koja voli citav svet, a Ona na zlobu i greh odgovara ljubavlju i suzama.

"**A i tebi samoj probosce mac dusu da se otkriju pomisli mnogih**" (Lk. 2, 35). Ovo su reci koje je pravedni starac Simeon uputio Djevi Mariji u dan kada je Ona donela Dete Hrista u hram da bi ga posvetila Bogu i te su se reci urezale duboko i zauvek u duse hriscana. Majka Isusova - Ona Koja je, stojeci pod Krstom Sina Svoga, iskusila sav strasan bol ljudskog stradanja i zalosti - postala je svojevrsni Bozji dar svim ljudima, dar materinske ljubavi, materinskog sazajjenja, materinskog sastradanja.

Njoj i danas mac probada dusu. Majka Bozja place nad svetom. Kakva je to tajna? Sam svet place nad samim sobom Njenim suzama. Stradanje i jad sveta jesu Njena tuga, suze sveta su i Njene suze. Svet nije ostavljen u svome jadu, covek nije usamljen u svojoj tuzi. Ranjavano biva i razdirano materinsko srce Njeno i zajedno sa nama place i Majka Bozja. I uvek treba da budemo svesni toga cije srce ranjavamo svojim gresima, cije suze umivaju nase padove. Ona je - nasa Majka! Ona je - nase srce! O, kad bi ljudske oci videle svetlost Majke Bozje u svetu ljudi bi znali kakvo se tajanstveno preobrazenje odigrava u svetu. Kad bi ljudi samo videli Njene suze, prenula bi se i raskrivila njihova okamenjena srca. Jer nema srca koje bi bilo toliko okamenjeno da se ne bi raskrivilo od Njene ljubavi i Njenog milosrdja. Na zlobu Ona odgovara ljubavlju, na greh - suzama, na hulu - oprastanjem, na mrznju - blagoslovom.

Svi dani zivota naseg jadni su, kao sto nekada rece patrijarh Jakov: "**Malo je dana zivota moga i zli su bili**" (1. Moj. 47, 9). Narocito su jadni oni nasi dani u koje vidimo zlo, i oni u koje sami cinimo mnogo zla, sabiruci sebi gnev na dan gneva (Rim. 26, 5)

Zato se potrudimo, braco i sestre, i ispravimo zivot svoj, izbacimo iz naseg zivota lose navike, gresna dela, mrznju, zlobu, tvrdicluk, gnev i druge strasti koje nas udaljuju od Boga i koje rastuzuju nasu zastupnicu Presvetu Bogorodicu. Dodajmo i mi sa svoje strane koju suzu pokajanja, koje delo milosrdja, raspalimo oganj Bozje ljubavi u srcima svojim i prenesimo ga u nase medjusobne odnose. Svi ste culi za onu narodnu poslovicu: "*Zlo dobra doneti ne moze*", pa pokusajmo da je ispunimo u nasim medjusobnim odnosima. Ne moze se na nesreci drugoga graditi svoja sreca kao sto se ne moze ni kuca podici bez cvrstoga temelja.

Neka nas Presveta Bogorodica zakrili Svojim Pokrovom i dade nam snage da unesemo svete jevandjelske vrline u svoj zivot, da bismo na taj nacin ispunili volju Bozju u ovome svetu i proslavljali Boga trojedinog Oca i Sina i Svetoga Duha vavek.

AMIN

У недељу 4 новембра 2018 црква Св Георгија у Џолијету ће Богу хвала прославити 90 година постојања. Планирајте да будете у цркви те недеље и погледајте на црквени Фејсбук и у недељни билтен за више информација или поразговарајте са свештеником за резервишете себи и породици место на банкету после литургије 4 новембра.



*St. George the Great Martyr
Serbian Orthodox Church School Congregation
requests the honor of your presence at its*

***90th Anniversary Celebration
(1928 – 2018)
Sunday, November 4, 2018***

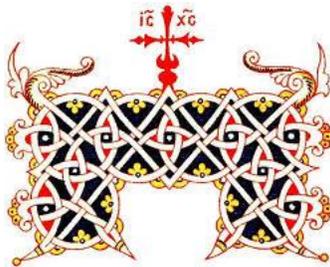
*10 a.m. - Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
305 S. Midland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60436*

*His Grace Bishop Longin,
V. Rev. Stavrophor Nedeljko Lunich, Hierarchical Dean, V. Rev. Stavrophor Aleksandar
Bugarin
and various visiting clergy officiating*

*Followed by Anniversary Banquet
St. George Social Center
310 Stryker Avenue, Joliet, IL 60436*

*12:30 p.m. - Social Hour Hors d'oeuvres included (lower level)
1 p.m. - Banquet (upper level)
Cash Bar Available*

***R.S.V.P. deadline Sunday, September 16, 2018
Advance reservations required/Limited seating capacity***



**St Demetrius, October 26/November 8
Life of the Saint**

Saint Demetrios suffered in Thessalonica during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families of the province of Macedonia and was

widely admired not only because of his noble ancestry and grace of bearing, but also for virtue, wisdom and goodness of heart surpassing that of his elders.

The military expertise of Saint Demetrios led Galerius, as Caesar of the Eastern Empire, to appoint him commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. But for all this, Demetrios remained ever aware of the underlying realities of life. Since faith in Christ had touched his heart, all the glory of this world meant nothing to him, and there was nothing he preferred to teaching and preaching the word of God.

Despite the persecution directed against Christians by the Emperor, Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. His words convinced them because they saw in the righteousness, peace and brotherly love that marked his life an illustration of the truth of which he spoke. The Emperor Maximian had just won a series of brilliant victories over the Scythians and was on his way back to Rome when he halted at Thessalonica to receive the acclamations of the populace and to offer sacrifices in thanksgiving to the idols. A number of pagans, envious of the success of the Saint, took advantage of the Emperor's presence in the city to denounce Demetrios as a Christian. Maximian's astonishment gave way to violent indignation when he was told that Demetrios' was making use of his official position to spread the faith. Demetrios was summoned and confined in a cell, located in the basement of nearby baths.

Maximian arranged for games and gladiatorial combats to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaios, a Vandal by origin. Such was this man's strength and skill in single combat that no one could withstand him. There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him

that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the baths where Demetrios was imprisoned and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy, and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaios. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the barbarian.

Rather than yield to the sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. He had heard Nestor calling upon the God of Demetrios and, supposing the Saint had used some kind of witchcraft, Maximian ordered his soldiers to go and thrust Demetrios through with their lances, without trial, in the depths of his prison cell. There were some Christians, including Demetrios' servant Lupus, present at his martyrdom, and when the soldiers had gone, they reverently buried the Saint's body.

It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myrrh with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Time and again, during sixteen hundred years, Saint Demetrios has given proof of his benevolent care for the city of Thessalonica and its inhabitants. He has defended them from the attacks of barbarians, he has preserved them from plague and famine, healed the sick and comforted the afflicted.



GREETINGS FROM S. S. S. MITA TOPALOVICH CHOIR FALL 2018



SCHOOL'S IN SESSION

Best wishes to all of our students, both in Junior and Senior choir, for a successful school year! For those away at college or experiencing exciting work opportunities, we miss you already and can't wait to see you again soon!

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new choir members: Fr. Aleksandar Bugarin, Kristijana Bugarin, Holly Goljic, and Zora Goljic! We are so happy to have you singing with us!

SERBIAN SINGING FEDERATION (SSF) ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual SSF Convention is being hosted by the Serbian Singing Society (SSS) Stevan Hristich Choir of sunny Phoenix, Arizona from September 21 – September 23. During the convention, the SSF Executive Board as well as delegates from SSF member choirs from the USA and Canada meet to discuss key issues and challenges affecting the organization both internationally and locally. Mitas are sending two delegates to the convention this year, Bonnie Dauer and Alexandra Starcevich. We thank them both for their time and efforts as Joliet's 2018 convention delegates. *You can learn more about the SSF via their website: www.serbiansingingfederation.org or via Facebook by searching "Serbian Singing Federation of America (USA & Canada)".*



UPCOMING EVENTS

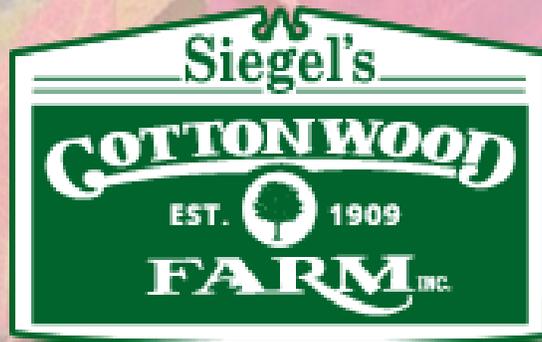
- **Sunday, September 30th:** Mitas will be celebrating our first Choir Slava: St. Kasijana, The Hymnographer. We will be holding a luncheon that day. Please join us—everyone is welcome!
- **Memorial Day Weekend 2019 (May 24th - 26th):** The SSS Stevan Sijacki Choir of Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be hosting the SSF Festival! Stay tuned ...

Have we mentioned that you are always welcome to join us?
We'd love to have you sing with us!



*Thank you as always for your support.
Have a great autumn and a fun school year!*

Cultural Club Trip to



Sunday, October 14, 2018

Potluck Luncheon Following Liturgy in Church Classrooms and then Depart for the Farm

Things to Do at the Farm:

Hayrack Rides (Sept/Oct)
20+ Acres of Corn Mazes (Sept/Oct)
26' 4 person Rock Climbing Wall
Spooky Spiral
Gem Mining
Ghost Town Railroad
Pumpkin Mine Kiddie Train
Dwarf 16' Double Slide
Pony Rides
Zip Lines
Tire Mountain
4 Play Areas
Tee-Ball Challenge
Jumping Pillows
Farm Animal Petting Zoo
Jack & the Giant Show
Horseshoe Pits
Corn Hole Toss
John Deere Grain Train
Corn Crib Box
Scrape Yard Shootout
Bingo...

Admission

Weekends \$14.95 per person 3 and older.
Everyone 2 and under enter **FREE!** **Cultural Club will pay entrance fee for our children.**
General Admission includes all attractions except Pony Rides, Gem Mining, Sniper Paintball, & Climbing Wall. Those 4 items are available for a small additional fee.

Address:

Siegel's Cottonwood Farm, Inc.
17250 Weber Road
Lockport, Illinois 60441
Phone: (815) 741-2693

90th Anniversary Celebration

November 4, 2018

HELP US: Celebrate our Forefathers!

HELP US: Inspire our Future!

HELP US: Commemorate Who We Are!

HOW??? ATTEND!!!

- 1) Return your RSVP by September 30th. We need to know our numbers. Walk-ins CANNOT be accepted! All meals will be preordered. Price of \$40 too high?? See Father Bugarin to make accommodations.
- 2) Come to church on **OCTOBER 28th** for a Congregation Group Photo
Let's update the picture hanging in the Social Center

HOW ELSE CAN I HELP??

DONATE!!! Become a sponsor!

Your fellow parishioners have already sponsored:

*Music *Favors *Centerpieces *Champaign Toast

Partial Sponsorships have been made and need assistance:

*Church Beautification (Cleaning Costs)

*Landscaping (Commemorative Garden)

*Catering (Food & Service Costs)

Contact Bonnie Dauer or Michelle Efatoski:

*To obtain an invitation or

*To inquire about Sponsorship Opportunities

2018 Ornament Sale

The ornaments are in and ready to sell!
Get your St. George's 90th Anniversary Commemorative Ornament
Depicting the old Scott Street Church
\$20 each only 100 available



Send your check made payable to: St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
to: Bonnie Dauer PO Box 22 Wayne, IL 60184

Name: _____

Quantity: _____ x \$20 = _____
Order Total

To be delivered in Church. Postal arrangements can be arranged for an additional fee.
Contact Bonnie Dauer at BDauer@me.com if interested.