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- October 4th, 17th Sunday after Pentecost., 4 Октобар. 17 Недеља после Педесетнице 10**
А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 7th. Wed./7 Октобар. Среда**
- October 11th, 18th Sunday after Pentecost., 11 Октобар. 18 Недеља после Педесетнице**
10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October, 14th, Protection of the Mother of God 14 Октобар Покров**
- October 18th, 19th Sunday after Pentecost., 18 Октобар. 19 Недеља после Педесетнице**
10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 21st, St. Pelagia, 21 Октобар Св. Пелагија**
- October 25th, 20th Sunday after Pentecost., 25 Октобар. 20 Недеља после Педесетнице**
10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 31st. Saturday. St. Luke and St. Petar of Cetinje / 31 Октобар. Св. Лука и Петар**
Цетињски.
- November 1st, 21st Sunday after Pentecost., 1 Новембар. 21 Недеља после Педесетнице**
10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 7th, Memorial Saturday., 7 Новембар Задушнице**
- November 8th, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost -St. Demetrius., 8 Новембар. Митровдан. 22**
Недеља после Педесетнице
- November 10th, 21st Sunday after Pentecost., 10 Новембар. 21 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 15th, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost., 17 Новембар. 23 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 16th, Dedication of St. George Church in Lyida., 16 Новембар Ђурђиц.**
- November 21st, St. Archangel Michael., 21 Новембар Аранђеловдан**
- November 22nd, 24rd Sunday after Pentecost., 24 Новембар. 24 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 27th, Beginning of Nativity Fast., 27 Новембар Почетак Поста**
- November 29th, 25rd Sunday after Pentecost., 29 Новембар Недеља после Педесетнице.**
- December 4th, Entry into the Temple by the Theotokos., 4 Децембар Ваведење**
- December 6th, 26th Sunday after Pentecost., 6 Децембар. 26 Недеља после Педесетнице**
10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- December 13th, 27th Sunday after Pentecost., 14 Децембар. 27 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

December 14th, St. Mardarije of Libertyville., **14 Децембар** Св. Мардарије
Либертивилски

December 13th, 27th Sunday after Pentecost., **13 Децембар. 27 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

December 19th, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker., **19 Децембар. Св. Никола.**

December 20th, 28th Sunday after Pentecost., **20 Децембар. 28 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

December 27th, 29th Sunday after Pentecost., **27 Децембар. 29 Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 А.М. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

Christ is in our midst!

May God's blessing abound on you and yours!

I hope so much that you and your families are safe and healthy.

I'm writing to you today, because I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you.

Thank you so much for doing everything you can to help St George survive and thrive during the pandemic!

It's thanks to your efforts that our parish is doing so well during the pandemic.

Our liturgical life continues at St. George so that we can all fulfill our main purpose in life - work on our salvation.

We've added livestreaming to our services for people who are not yet able to come to church in person.

This is by no means an excuse for giving up church if we've lost the habit or

just don't feel like coming! "Eventually I'll come back" is not a healthy approach for our salvation.

This is a **temporary solution** and cannot replace physically being in church.

There is specific Grace that is only found in Church and nowhere else. It's meant to be experienced directly. The internet is a poor substitute for the real thing.

Stay home if you have to. But do not starve your soul. Come to confession and communion during the week, when there are very fewer people in church.

St George has something few parishes have in such abundance

I want to tell you about some beautiful blessings I keep thinking about with gratitude.

These are things that very few parishes have.

1. A Deacon

I know it might not look like a priest does a lot during Liturgy. But prayer is hard work. And I'm daily grateful for Fr Deacon Joseph's help.

Having another clergyman (deacons comprise a complete and distinct order of ordained ministry within the three expressions of ordained priesthood: the diaconate (i.e. deacons), the presbytery (i.e. priests) and the episcopacy (i.e. bishops) helps the service go easily and seamlessly.

All of us also benefit from Fr Joseph's knowledge of theology and extensive teaching experience.

2. A Great Choir

Our choir directors Petar Bajich and Brad Hijaz have been leading, alongside the clergy, the congregation in prayer. The soul is lifted up when hearing the singing of our choir! Best enjoyed in person!

Few in number are the parishes in our diocese that have a deacon *and* such an experienced and vibrant choir.

This is great because we can offer our Lord so much of our own hearts: our Liturgy is elevated by the many roles and voices of a deacon and a choir. Glory to God for everyone's effort! May God bless us and our efforts as we sing praises to Him and worship Him in Church at the services and in every moment of our lives!

3. A wonderful Kolo

Our Kolo started strong this year with many successful events at the beginning of the year and of course was forced to slow down by Corona. But it's not down for the count. Nothing can keep our Kolo down! It is still working hard to make our Bazaar happen under these newer circumstances! Keep it up, ladies of St. George!

If you wish to join or help, please contact Dayna Meyers!

4. Sunday School

Then there is our Parish Church School, which is a treasure for our youth that will help them learn and absorb the gold of Orthodoxy and carry it throughout their

lives. We are continuing with our Sunday School into fall 2020 and into spring 2021. Please contact Paul Bajich to sign up your child!

5. Church Beautifiers

I especially want to mention those who quietly beautify our church and its grounds: cleaning, reading and singing in Church, organizing, putting away candles, bringing flowers, mowing the lawns, and many other necessary and beautiful things. I want you to know that those beautifying their parish receive a special grace from the Lord for taking care of His house.

6. The Board

Then there is the invisible work of the Board. It's not glamorous, but without it the parish would not survive. A big thanks to all those who keep the wheels turning! They have been working to make sure everyone can come to Church in a way that all feel comfortable being in Church.

Thank you for everything you do for your church!

Even if you are not part of any of our parish's small groups, I am thankful for you, your generosity to our church, and your prayers. Please forgive me if I've forgotten to mention someone.

As I said before, not only do you need the Church, but the Church needs you. You can always support your parish through your Time, Talents, and Treasure. You can pick one, or two, or all three, but you have to pick at least one.

There is no being passive about this. One in five churches in the US are facing permanent closure within 18 months due to the shutdowns according research done. And attendance is expected to drop *after* the end of the pandemic.

The shutdown has affected St. George as well.

Is your Faith important to you? Will you care for your church?

Yes, but how?

The answer is really simple: Time, Talent or Treasure.

St George wouldn't be here without your help!

The building up of this parish has taken years and decades, and it's here thanks to you and other kind and thoughtful people like you!

Your Church still needs you to keep building it up until the Second Coming of Christ Jesus.

Will you let St. George's be a sad statistic: empty, lights off, and a 'closed' sign on the church doors? If you think I'm exaggerating all you have to do is see how this happened to other churches in America.

This scenario can happen very easily. But it's very easy for it to be stopped.

It's down to you as an individual, as a family, and as community to ensure your great-grandchildren have a thriving parish to take the sacraments in, make friendships, relax, and take comfort in.

We can't do it without you. Will you answer the call to help you church?

In Christ,
Fr. Radomir

Христос је међу нама!

Нека вас и ваше Господ благослови и чува заувек!

Искрено се надам да сте ви и ваша породица здраво и добро.
Пишем вам јер желим) да се захвалим свима вама.

Хвала вам на вашем труду на одржавњу наше парохије у току пандемије.

**Наш литургички живот иде даље у нашој светогеоргијевеској
парохији тако да сви испунимо наш главни циљ у животу - радити
на нашем спасењу**

Преносимо наше службе уживо преко интернета да би људи који не
могу лично присуствовати могли гледати свету литургију недељом

Ово никако није изговор да се одустане од цркве зато што смо
изгубили навику да одлазимо у цркву или нас мрзи ићи у цркву. “Једном
ћу се вратити” није здрав приступ нашем спасењу.

Ово је само **привремено решење** и не може заменити физичко присуство
у цркви.

Постоји специфична Благодат која се само налази у Цркви и нигде
више. То мора се директно искусити. Интернет је слаба замена за праву
ствар.

Останите код куће ако морате. Али немојте да изгладњавате вашу
душу. Дођите на исповест и причешће у току седмице кад нема много
људи у цркви.

Наша парохија има у изобиљу нешто што мали број парохија има

Желим да поделим са вама предивне ствари на којима сам захвалан.

Ово су ствари које мали број парохија има

1. Ћакон

Знам да можда не изгледа да свештеник много ради у току литургије, али молтива је тешки рад. Захвалан сам за помоћ о.Ћакона Џосефа Хенри.

Имати још једно свештено лице осим свештеника (ћаконство је свој и посебан чин свештенства) је велика ствар. Има три чина: Ћаконство, Свештенство, и Архијерејство (владике). Они сви сарађују да би служба била добро одслужена

2. Одличан Хор

Наши диригенти, Петар Бајић и Бред Хајџаз воде, заједно са свештенством, нашу заједницу у молитви. Душа се уздиже кад чује певање нашег хора. То се најбоље доживљава лично.

Мали је број парохија у нашој епархији које имају ћакона и тако искусан и мелодичан хор. Ово је велика ствар зато што можемо много више од нашег срца упутити Господу: наша литургија је узвишена гласовима ћакона и хора. Слава Богу за свачији труд! Нека Господ Бог благослови нас и наш труд док певамо Му хвале и обожавамо Га у Цркви на службама и у сваком тренутку нашег живота!

3. Дивно Коло Сестара

Наше Коло је почело снажно на почетку године са пуно успешних догађаја али морало је да успори због Короне. Али то га није потпуно омело! Ништа не може да заустави наше Коло! Даље ради у овим новим околностима да би се наш Базар одржао! Само даље, Сестре наше!

Ако нисте имали задовољство да се придружите Колу Сестара молим вас то до учините, јер као што каже стара пословица заједно смо јачи. Контактирајте Дејан Мајерс.

4. Недељна Школа

Затим, ту је наша Црквена Школа. То је право благо за нашу омладину које ће јој помоћи да научи и упије злато православља, које ће носити целог живота.

Настављамо даље са недељном школима у Јесен 2020 и у Пролеће 2021. Контактирајте Павла Бајића да бисте уписали ваше дете.

5. Украситељи Цркве

Посебно желим да споменем оне који тихо улепшавају нашу цркву и имање: чишћењем, читањем и певањем у Цркви, организовањем, чишћењем свећа, доношењем цвећа, кошењем траве, и другим битним и лепим стварима. Желим да знате да они који улепшавају своје парохије добијају посебну благодат од Господа због старања о Његовом дому.

Треба да се спомене невидљиви рад нашег одбора, важан за опстанак наше парохије. Велика хвала свима на њиховом труду!

6. Одбор

Треба да се спомене невидљиви рад нашег одбора, важан за опстанак наше парохије. Велика хвала свима на њиховом труду. Ове године су много радили на томе да сви могу да дођу у Цркву и да се осећају добро и безбедно.

Ако и не учествујете у групама наше парохије, ја сам благодаран за вас, за ваше добротинство према нашој цркви, као и за ваше молитве.

Ако сам заборавио да вас споменем, или вам се чини се да нико не примећује ваша дела, хоћу да вас уверим да неко примећује. Св. Георгије примећује. Сви Свети примећују.

Као што сам пре споменуо, није само да је вама потребна Црква, но **ви сте** Цркви потребни. Увек можете помагати Цркви временом, талентом, и благом. Можете да изаберате један, или два, или сва три, али морати и обавезно је да бар један изберете

Бити пасиван не долази у обзир. Према истраживањима, 1 од 5 цркава у Америци суочавају се трајним затварањем у року 18 месеци због затварања услед пандемије. И очекује се да ће се присуство на службама смањити након завршетка пандемије

Затварање такође је имао утицај на нашу Парохију

Да ли вам је Вера важна? Да ли ћете се старати око Цркве?

Да, али како?

Одговор је веома прост: Време, Талент, Благо.

Наша Св. Георгијевска Парохија у Ленекси ни била овде без ваше помоћи!

Раст ове парохије траје годинама и деценијама и то је захваљујући вама и другим великодушним и милостивим људима као ви.

Ви сте даље потребни Цркви да даље расте скроз до Другог Долазка Исуса Христа.

Да ли ћете пустити да наша светогеоргијеска парохија постане нека тужна статистика: празна, угашених светала, са знаком који пише 'затворено' на вратима цркве?

Ако мислите да претерујем само погледајте како се ова ствар десила другим црквама у Америци.

Овај сценарио се може врло лако десити. Али може и врло лако да се заустави.

То је на вама као поједницу, породици, и заједници да осигурате да ваши прауници имају успешну парохију где могу да уживају у Светим Тајнама, да склапају пријатељства, да се одморе, и да имају утеху.

Да ли бисте дозволили да се Пећка Патријаршија или Студеница затворе заувек после 900 година? Исто вреди и наша парохија у Ленекси.

Не можемо успети без вас. Да ли ћете се одазвати позиву да помогнете вашој Цркви?

У Христу, Свештеник Радомир Плавшић

30 Reasons To Cross Yourself

Outside the church building:

1. Immediately after you wake up
2. When you go to bed
3. Before, during, and after morning and evening prayers
4. Before a meal
5. Make the sign of the Cross over your food before eating
6. After a meal
7. Before driving or traveling
8. Before and after any work or meeting
9. Before studying or taking a test
10. After a test in giving thanks
11. When something unpleasant happens
12. When something good happens
13. When you give thanks to God
14. When you are feeling down, depressed, or losing hope
15. When you have evil or sinful thoughts
16. When you feel a wish to sin and need help to fight the temptation
17. Before and after a medical procedure
18. If you are in an argument or are angry
19. When someone has wished evil on you or you wished evil on them
20. When you have strange, unpleasant, or even good dreams
21. When you remember loved ones (alive or dead)
22. When you hear an ambulance or police sirens
23. When your patience is tested
24. When you want to stop yourself from doing something bad
25. When you need to get the strength to do something good
26. When your plans fall apart or something happens that forces you to change your plans
27. When your Faith or loyalty is put to the test

28. When you don't know what to say in an important situation
29. After reading this long list
30. When in doubt....just cross yourself, it will only make things better :)

30 Пута Кад треба да прекрстиш и позовеш Господа на помоћ

Ван храма:

1. Одмах кад се пробуди ујутру.
2. Пре спавања.
3. Пре, током, и после јутарње и вечерње молитве.
4. Пре јела
5. Направити знак крста над храном
6. После јела
7. Пре вожње и било ког путовања
8. Пре и После рада или састанка
9. Пре учења и полагања испита
10. После испита у знак захвалносити
11. Кад си у невољи
12. Кад ти се нешто добро деси
13. Кад благодариш Богу
14. Кад си тужан, у депресији, или губиш наду.
15. Кад имаш зле или грешне мисли
16. За помоћ у борби против искушења и греха
17. Кад идеш код доктора или болницу на медицинску интервенцију
18. Полсе медицинске интервенције
19. Кад си у свађи или гневите се
20. Кад ти неко зло жели или ти њему

21. Кад сањате чудне, непријатне или добре снове.
22. Кад се сетиш рођака или пријатеља који су умрли
23. Кад чујеш сирене хитне помоћи или полиције.
24. Кад се твоје стрпљење испитује
25. Кад желиш да зауставиш себе да не чиниш нешто лоше
26. Кад ти треба снага да урадиш нешто добро
27. Кад ти планови пропадну или се деси нешто непредвиђено
28. Кад се испитује твој вера или верност
29. Кад не знаш шта кажеш у важним ситуацијама
30. Ако се питаш да ли треба да прекрштиш...прекрсти се, може ти само помоћи :)

Гратис: Кад те мучи читање дугачких спискова.

In Church

1. Three times when walking into Church
2. Three times when walking out of Church
3. When driving/walking by an Orthodox Church
4. At the beginning of Liturgy, Vespers, Matins, the Hours, any service.
5. At the end of Liturgy, Vespers, Matins, the Hours, any service
6. At petitions during the litanies.
7. Twice before kissing an icon and once after.
8. After any Amen.
9. Before venerating a cross.
10. Before and after the readings of the Epistles and Gospel
11. When the Bread and Wine are consecrated and the bells are rung.
12. When lighting a candle.
13. Anytime during the service.

14. NOT IN FRONT OF THE CHALICE.

15. When in doubt...just cross yourself it will only make things better :)

У Цркви

1. Три пута кад уђеш у цркву
2. Три пута кад излазиш из цркве
3. Кад ходаш или возиш мимо цркве
4. На почетку Литургије, Вечерња, Јутрења, Часова, или било које Божанствене службе
5. На крају Литургије, Вечерња, Јутрења, Часова, или било које Божанствене службе
6. На Јектенијама
7. Два пута пре него што целиваш икону и једном после.
8. После Амин.
9. Пре него што целиваш крст.
10. Пре и после читања Апостола и Јеванђеља
11. Кад се Хлеб и Вино освећују и звоне звона
12. Кад палиш свећу.
13. Било кад за време службе.
14. **НЕ КРСТИ СЕ ИСПРЕД ПУТИРА.**
15. Ако се питаш да ли треба да прекрштиш...прекрсти се, може ти само помоћи

Holy Communion calls you.

“Look, I entreat you: a royal table is set before you, angels minister at that table, the King Himself is there, and yet, you take no account of it. Are your garments clean? Then fall down and partake! For everyone who does not

partake of the mysteries is standing here in shameless falsity. When you behold the curtain drawn, then imagine the heavens are let down from above, and that the angels are descending! Why stay at liturgy and yet not partake of the table? I am unworthy, you say. Then you are also unworthy of that communion you also have in prayer. Come!"

St. John Chrysostom 407 A.D.

"But let a man **examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For **he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep**" (literally, **"are dead"** 1 Corinthians 11:30). Let us humbly approach the Chalice of communion knowing that we are unworthy, sinful, and in need of God's healing, and ask that He make us worthy to communion.

If you have questions about receiving communion please speak to Fr. Radomir.

Свето Причешће - Универсални Лек (Размишљања једног лекара)

1 У ове немирне дане испуњене паником око COVID-19 вируса (у даљем тексту корона-вирус) и пандемије са дискутабилним бројевима, увукао се у народ велики страх око свега што је неразумљиво и непознато.

Страх се јавља пре свега од вируса, од болести и преношења истих, а у основи леже егзистенцијални страх и исконски страх од смрти. У условима свеопште смутње и пометње на удару се нашло и Свето Причешће као Света неупитна Тајна за хришћане, а тајна, тојест непознаница за оне који то нису или се хришћанима само условно назвати могу. У тексту Епископа бачког др Иринеја „Причешће – извор здравља или извор болести?“ Епископ на свеобухватан начин у потпуности разјашњава новонасталу проблематику из теолошког угла и наводи значајне теолошке и историјско- медицинске чињенице.

Једноставно разјашњење ситуације – свако има право да верује у шта жели

Ситуација је крајње једноставна. За све нас је питање вере: верујем ли у Васкрслог Господа? Ако верујем и себе називам хришћанином, онда следим Христа и Његове заповести. Избор је, дакле, једноставан: или верујем или не! Ово право није само Богом дан избор већ и право

регулисано и Уставом и Законом о Црквама и верским заједницама, у којима су гарантована верска права и слободе.

У данашње време сведоци смо увођења разних нових интерпретација такозване равноправности, нових права и подела, слобода, ненормалности, а вербално се свакодневно крше основна људска права и верске слободе. Скандалозно је да се у емисијама забавног карактера Црква и вера извргавају руглу. Недопустиво је да се јавно улази у конфликте у црквеним круговима и да се још више збуњује народ. У Цркви постоји јасна јерархија која мора да се поштује. Срамно је да неко себи даје за право да јавно коментарише и критикује црквене великодостојнике. Да подсетимо и да ниједна држава ни у једном тренутку није забранила богослужења, нити причешћивање верника, јер на то нема ни права, али се упркос томе подигла непотребна медијска хајка. Да л` се то враћамо у доба првих векова кад су хришћани гоњени само зато што су хришћани? Када су добровољно страдали за Христа? Чак и тада, када су их убијали и гонили, бацали пред дивље звери, нису им забрањивали Свете Тајне. Напротив, хришћани су их носили са собом. Да л` то данас руља поново виче: „Распни га, распни га!“?

Новонастала ситуација се може посматрати као сензационалистичко-политичка медијска кампања против Светог Причешћа, суштински против саме Цркве. Напад на Причешће је напад на верника, на Цркву, на Христа лично.

С тим у вези је још у марту, на почетку кризе, Синод Српске Православне Цркве издао саопштење у коме се између осталог каже да ће се у Цркви поштовати прописане мере за овај тешки период, али да нико нема права да улази у литургијски простор и било шта мења било у начину богослужења било у начину причешћивања верника, као и да Свето Причешће као најсветије и најважније за вернике не сме да им се ускрати. Уосталом, нико се не причешћује на силу већ добровољно. На тај начин се Синод оградио од будућих манипулација и на време стао у заштиту верника и православне вере и традиције.

Избор хришћанина и шта за њега представља Свето Причешће

Од када је одслужена прва Литургија, причешћивање Светим Телом и Крвљу, којима смо скупо икупљени, представља за хришћане сједињавање са Христом, Богом Живим, на исцељење душе и тела. Свето Причешће је Лек бесмртности, Лек за душу и тело. Сврха служења Литургије је узношење славословља и молитве Богу, силазак Светог Духа на Часне Дарове, тојест хлеб и вино, претварање истих у само Тело и Крв

Господа нашег Исуса Христа и сједињавање са Христом кроз причешћивање. За хришћанина, у Чаши, тојест у Светом Путиру, налази се само Тело и Крв Христова, највећа Светиња, те је самим тим немогуће да се било шта рђаво у њему нађе. Несумњиво је да се у црквеном простору, као и у простору уопште, налазе голим оком невидљиви микроорганизми, и то на предметима и људима, али не и у Светој Чаши. То представља суштину хришћанског веровања.

Свако од нас има пред собом логичан избор: да верује да Живи Бог постоји или не. Ако не постоји, веровао или не, резултат је исти, последица је иста. Али ако постоји, а вера изостаје, пропаст је неминовна. Ако верујеш – спасен си за вечност.

Узето са СПЦ.рс. Хаџи Др. Јелена Јанковић

To the parishioners of the St. George Church Community by Church Board President Paul Bajich:

As we continue to adapt to these unprecedented times, I hope and pray that everyone has enjoyed these summer months to spend time with their families and friends. I know Shauna and I, along with our daughters Anna and Maia have continued to live our lives as best we can and developed a closer connection with each other and our Lord. We have continued to celebrate Divine Liturgy every Sunday singing in the choir, along with other family members, and assisting Father Radomir and our church parish any way we can.

As the Church President, it has been a trying and stressful time. Along with Father Radomir and the Church Board, we have attempted to balance guidance from our state and local governments, guidance from our Diocese, our own religious beliefs, and listening to comments received from parishioners. I believe, we have tried to take all of these factors into consideration when establishing protocols and making decisions that affect our parish.

Limiting the attendance for Holy Pascha (Easter) and our Church Slava, canceling our annual Serbfest and bowling tournament, along with other parish events have been heartbreaking decisions.

By providing a Live Stream for Divine Liturgy, made available by Paul Milosovich, we hope that this provides some type of connection that can be maintained for those parishioners that do not yet feel comfortable in attending these services. We have received numerous positive comments about this option and many compliments related to the singing by our choir, directed by Peter Bajich.

From late March thru early June, we initially only allowed a very limited attendance and provided the Live Streaming of Divine Liturgy. During this time, the number of “viewers” of the Live Stream, during the service, averaged in the 70’s with Easter Sunday nearly 100!!!

Starting June 12, the limitations on attending church services were lifted, while practicing social distancing. Wearing a face mask was optional, which was exercised by roughly 40% of attendees. During this time, attendance in church average approximately 55 individuals, with a high of 75 one Sunday. The number of “viewers” of the Live Stream, during the service, decreased to the mid-30’s.

Starting July 12, due to the increase in the percentage of positive tests to total tests in the state of Kansas and the Governor of Kansas’s Executive Order (20-52), which was adopted by Johnson County, the Church Board decided to require face masks to be worn by all parishioners attending Divine Liturgy, along with temperatures being taken (using an infrared thermometer on the forehead) to ensure that if anyone from a household is over the CDC Guideline of 100.4 degrees, they will be asked to leave and watch the Divine Liturgy online. Since this new protocol has been implemented, we have averaged approximately 50 parishioners each Sunday. **On a very positive note, the number of parishioners attending Divine Liturgy the last three weeks, starting September 13th, were 54, 60, and 63, respectively.**

As I previously mentioned, one of our oldest parishioners, if not the oldest, John Monchil, has shared with me many times this story: when he was a young boy, one of many siblings, his father would pay 5 cents each for them to take a bus, from their home to attend church. Other times they would have to walk several miles to attend. And then he would say, with a twinkle in his eye, that it was truly considered a privilege to attend church. He went on to say that people have stopped believing that attending church service, in our Lord’s house, is a privilege and thinking it is more of an obligation. I agree with him that we sometimes forget this and need to be reminded.

Being the Church President during these times, has me continuously thinking what more can I or we do to make people feel more comfortable to

attend church or to believe that by attending church will allow you to become closer to each other and more importantly to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I just truly miss seeing and talking with everyone...to see the children talking, playing games and building relationships is priceless.

In July, members of the Kolo, led by President Dayna Meyers, started preparing for their annual Bazaar by meeting to make strudel and povatica. They were able to make a large quantity of both! A special thanks goes to all of those individuals that assisted. The Kolo is still in discussion on the plans for their annual Bazaar. Information will be forthcoming.

On a very sad note, our former long-time Church President, +Helen Feden, passed away on September 7th, 2020, and will reunite with her late husband, +Frank Feden in the Kingdom of Heaven. As everyone who had any contact with her would agree, she was an incredible lady and will truly be missed by her family, friends and our parish. As a strong individual, she led a very inspiring life as a wife, mother, grandmother and just recently a great-grand mother. Additionally, she was very inspiring as a senior executive in her work profession and church related organizations. One sign of a great person is their ability to make everyone they have relationships with feel special, and Helen had this natural ability. I could continue to write about all of her accomplishments and special memories I have, but I believe we all have quite a few of the same ones, she was that special. As the memories continue and the tears fill my eyes, I can hear the words she always would say, which I say for her now "bless her heart". Also, thanks for the "white bread". May her memory be eternal.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and I hope to see you in church soon!

Paul Bajich
Church President"

Kolo Sisters Report

I hope this finds everyone well. As we all know what an unbelievable year this has been, but I have to say how sad it has been to see the once busy kitchen filled with women now dark every Sunday. Everyone is dearly missed and hopefully one day soon we will all be able to be together again.

Of course there has not been very much going on this year, but we did have a pot filler installed and Bob Cubric did an amazing job rebuilding the sheet pan cabinet. We are still looking into some better storage ideas for that corner as well. The Kolo Board has been working on the Bazaar for this year. Even though it will not be the traditional bazaar we are trying our best to make it successful. We will be having a pre order/drive up bazaar.

People will be able to preorder from a limited menu as well as on the day of the bazaar come and order food. So far we have made strudels and povitica. We will also be making Sarma, Chorba and Moussaka that will also be available. All the food will be sold frozen. We are still working on prices and serving sizes. We are hopeful that this bazaar will help keep things halfway normal. We hope that those that always buy our bakery goods still will and will not have to go without their strudels or povitica this holiday season. Hopefully, we will see many of you on November 21st as well.

I look forward to being together soon, and pray everyone stays healthy and safe,

Dayna Meyers, 2020 Sveta Petka Kolo Sestara President

**St. George Church
Church School Superintendent Report
Sept-2020**

Church School Superintendent Report:

I hope and pray that everyone had an enjoyable and memorable summer!!!

After discussing with Father Radomir and our teachers, we have obtained approval from our Church Board to start our Church School year, Sunday, October 4th.

After Divine Liturgy that Sunday, we will have the service of the **Invocation of the Holy Spirit** for the students and teachers. For those of you that will participate in person, we will remain in the church after this service and Father Radomir will share with us an opening lesson. Please feel comfortable to attend in person, it's always much easier to learn in person. For those of you that will not be able to attend in person, we will also **Live Stream** this to allow you to join. <https://youtu.be/jaCTg9ClEQ>

As we work through this initial phase, all of our classes will be held inside the church. Based on the number of in-person students we will adapt as to how the classes will be separated, if at all.

I would like to thank our teachers for volunteering to teach our children and their ability to adapt, in regards to providing various resources for educating our children (Leah Lemley, Stephanie Mattivi, Shauna Bajich, Miro Cubric).

Note: Due to Johnson County extending the mandate requiring face masks, the Church Board has also extended this requirement for attendance in church, so during this initial phase, face masks will be required. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Paul Bajich

SSS Saint George Choir News....

As I am sitting here writing this, my first thought is that myself and the rest of the Choir should be in Aliquippa, PA for their choir concert. It is sad as to the depth of changes we have had to make due to the pandemic. I feel fortunate however that in our Church the Choir has been able to sing responses, and I hope that those at home live streaming the service (thanks Paul Milosovich!) are singing along, in addition to the faithful participating downstairs.

I am also grateful that we were able to sing at the funeral service for our dear Helen Feden who along with her late husband, Frank, were always such great Choir supporters and traveled often with the Choir. Her memory will be eternal. She was a wonderful example of not only serving our church, but living her life as an Orthodox Christian.

We are fortunate her daughters, Lisa Gribble and Lynne Braun, and her eldest granddaughter, Jordan Beeves, are Choir members. Lisa is also an officer of the Greater Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Committee and has served for a number of years. This year's Ethnic Festival was virtual and I would like to thank Marija and Simo Bajich and Nikola Cubric for their participation in representing Serbia and our Choir. Zivela Serbia!

I would like to thank Paul Bajich for finding a way to keep our oldest member John Monchil, who recently celebrated his 95th birthday (Ziveo Johnny!), and Choir Treasurer Bev Sobotka, listening to the Divine Liturgy on his phone. These two elders are great examples of being lifelong members and glorifying our Lord through song and preserving our Serbian culture through concert music. I further thank Paul for his leadership as our Church President and all that has entailed; Mama and Tata would be proud!

I would like to recognize and commend Simo and Milan Bajich in receiving SSF Scholarships. The Serbian Singing Federation is our Choir's

national parent organization. Way to go Milan and Simo! A reminder for those Choir members who are seniors, to keep this in mind to apply for next year.

The last week-end in September the SSF is holding its yearly convention which will be held at St. Basil of Ostrog Church in Illinois. Our own Brad Hijaz is the President of this esteemed organization, and we are so proud of him and his leadership. Brandi Bencun will be accompanying him to represent our Choir.

Brad has also been using his musical talents during many of the Saturday night Vespers, and along with Popadija Alena and Athanasia Worley singing the responses for the week day services. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated stewards.

Although we haven't been able to hold choir practices, I am grateful that we have been able to sing in church for Divine Liturgy. I thank our Choir Director, Pete Bajich, for his talents in providing the guidance for our prayerful worship in singing the responses. I also would like to thank the Pete and Paul Bajich families and Brad Hijaz for their early and continued participation in singing on Sundays, and all those members who have joined back into the ranks since. There is no greater joy in one's heart than to sing praises to our Lord, especially in our beautiful Church and amongst our dear Church family and community.

Mirjana Cubric, SSS St. George Choir President

In Loving Memory of		In Loving Memory of	
Kyle Pleacher		Louise Richardson	
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Casey	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Craig Cox	\$150.00
Ms. Rose Ernst	\$20.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hires	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kennon	\$30.00	Security Title	\$50.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Donald Yovetich	\$200.00
In Loving Memory of			
John van Houten		In Loving Memory of	
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Haines, Sr.	\$10.00	Proto & Protinica Bajich	
		Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$50.00
In Loving Memory of			
Rosalie Harrison		In Loving Memory of	

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Pleacher	\$20.00	Bill and Aletha Horton	
		Mr. & Mrs. Ron Pleacher	\$40.00
In Loving Memory of			
Sam & Helen Stepanovich		In Loving Memory of	
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Haines, Sr.	\$40.00	John Petrovich	
		Mr. & Mrs. Earl Haines, Sr.	\$40.00
In Loving Memory of			
Mary Mae (Marija) Stepanovich Planick		In Loving Memory of	
Anthony (Tony) Planick, Sr.		Mary Supica	
Milorad (Milo) N. Marinovich		Ms. Milica Milakovich	\$500.00
William (Bill) Kenneth & Ida Lora Haines			
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Haines, Sr.	\$1550.00	In Loving Memory of the Deceased	
		Members of the Radojevich/Vukas Families	
In Loving Memory of		Ms. Nancy Gratton	\$100.00
MaryAnn Glenn			
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bajich	\$100.00	In Loving Memory of	
Ms. Seja Bajich-Bock	\$50.00	Nick Djajich	
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cubric	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Joey Budimlija	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Miller	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Cheyney	\$500.00
Lt.Col. & Mrs. Philip Mundweil	\$25.00	Mrs. Connie Djajich	\$1000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Joel Miller	\$25.00
Dr. Radmila Samardzija & Mr. Quinton Shaw	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. David Neises	\$50.00
Zakovich Family	\$200.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pierce	\$25.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Randy Stone	\$100.00
In Loving Memory of		Mr. & Mrs. Eric Telgenhoff & Family	\$40.00
Billy Guinnee		Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Venema	\$50.00
Lemley Family	\$50.00		

Sv. Petka Circle of Serbian Sisters	\$100.00	In Loving Memory of	
		Nicholas Docman, Jr.	
In Loving Memory of		Mrs. Janice Docman	\$1275.00
Gerald Henre		- purchase of AED equipment	
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald (Deke) Henre	\$100.00		
Peggy Borojevich		Norma Venema	
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Haines, Sr.	\$50.00	Ms. Donna Lemley	\$50.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lemley	\$25.00
In Loving Memory of		Mr. & Mrs. Joel Miller	\$25.00
Pete and Mildred Pleacher		Mr. & Mrs. Ron Pleacher; Mr. Richard Pleacher	\$100.00
Kyle Pleacher		and Family; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mattivi and	
Ms. Donna Lemley	\$50.00	Family	
In Loving Memory of		In Loving Memory of	
Helen Feden		Helen Feden	
Ms. Rose Andrisevic	\$40.00	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Milosovich	\$100.00
Ms. Lori Atkinson	\$20.00	Mr. Paul Milosovich	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bajich	\$100.00	Mr. John G. Monchil	\$50.00
Ms. Seja Bajich-Bock	\$100.00	Ms. Kelly Moutray	\$50.00
Ms. Maggie Barnett	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mufich	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barrett	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Pete Novosel	\$20.00
Ms. Kathleen Braun	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Don Olsen	\$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Braun, Jr.	\$50.00	Mr. & Dr. Todor Ozegetic	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Casey	\$150.00	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Pemberton	\$50.00
Ms. Angela Corkill	\$30.00	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Pleacher	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cubric and Family	\$200.00	Mr. & Mrs. Sreten Prodanovic & Family	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tomica Cvetkovic	\$100.00	Ms. RoseMary Prodonovich	\$500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dmeter Dragovich, Jr.	\$100.00	Ms. Tracey Radinovic	\$100.00
Mr. Bill Evanoff	\$25.00	Mr. Walter Reynolds & Family	\$25.00

Ms. Rose Gerkovich	\$50.00	Ms. Dianne Xenos Ryan and	\$50.00
Dr. & Dr. Dan Gurba	\$200.00	Ms. Ellene Xenos Wray	
Ms. Helen Gurba	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haase	\$25.00	Mr. Quinton Shaw & Dr. Radmila Samardzija	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Haines, Sr. and Family	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Seaton	\$50.00
Ms. Marie Henre	\$20.00	Ms. Helen Skradski	\$50.00
Mr. Brad Hijaz	\$50.00	Ms. Rose Smiljanich	\$300.00
Ms. Connie Hijaz	\$100.00	Ms. Beverly Sobotka	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Ishmael	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Supica	\$200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Olen E. Jackson	\$20.00	Sv. Petka Circle of Serbian Sisters	\$500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lazar Jovanovic	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Tomasic	\$20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kennon	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Nikola Vancas	\$25.00
Ms. Bertha Kovac	\$15.00	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Venema	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kovac	\$100.00	Windhill Estates Homeowners Association	\$100.00
Ms. Teresa Kovac	\$25.00	Ms. Paris Zakovich	\$50.00
Ms. Joanne Lally	\$25.00	Mr. Rade Zakovich	\$50.00
Ms. Patricia Lawson	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Zeck	\$100.00
Ms. Donna Lemley	\$50.00	Mr. Ed Zurga, Jr.	\$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lemley & Famley	\$50.00	Ms. Henrietta Zurga	\$25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Melcher	\$25.00	Ms. Paula Zurga	\$50.00
Ms. Melinda Minks	\$50.00	Anonymous	\$500.00
Ms. Melanie Miller	\$75.00		
Mr. & Mrs. John Milosovich	\$100.00		
For the Health and Salvation of		For the Health and Salvation of	
Myles Philip Mundweil		Luka John, Neven Clyde, Myles Philip	
Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$50.00
For the Health and Salvation of		In Honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of	

Helen Gurba		Steve and Caroline Coso	
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cubric	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cubric	\$70.00
For the Health and Salvation of		In Honor of the 95th Birthday of	
Anthony (Tony) Planick, Jr.		John G. Monchil	
Earl Edmond Haines, Sr.		Ms. Seja Bajich-Bock	\$100.00
Jenan Aboul Hosn		Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cubric	\$95.00
Sofie (Soka)Toth			
Amelia (Millie) Sickafoose		For the Health of	
Ethel Betty Segura		Radmila Samardzija	
Mrs. Patricia Haines, Sr.	\$400.00	Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$50.00

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
St. George Serbian Orthodox Church – Lenexa, Kansas

OCTOBER

27 – Sv. Petka (Tuesday)

NOVEMBER

21 – St. Archangel Michael & all the Bodiless Powers (Saturday)

21 – 50th Annual Bazaar and Food Festival - Sponsored by Sv. Petka Kolo Sestara (Saturday)

28 – Nativity Fast Begins (Saturday)

30 – St. Sebastian of Jackson (Monday)

DECEMBER

04 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Friday)

06 – Annual Church Assembly

08 – St. George Choir Annual Assembly (Tuesday)

12 – St. Mardarije of Libertyville and All America (Saturday)

13 – Sv. Petka Kolo Sestara Annual Assembly

19 – St. Nicholas the Wonderworker (Saturday)

20 – S.N.F. Lodge #43 “St. George” Annual Assembly

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