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Schedule of Services- Распоред Богослужења

- October 6th.** 16th Sunday after Pentecost., **6 Октобар. 16 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 9th.** **Wed.** St. John the Theologian/**9 Октобар.** Среда. Св. Јован Богослов
- October 13th.** 17th Sunday after Pentecost., **13 Октобар. 17 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 20th.** 18th Sunday after Pentecost., **20 Октобар. 18 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 27th.** 19th Sunday after Pentecost., **27 Октобар. 19 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- October 31st.** **Thus.** St. Luke and St. Petar of Cetinje / **31 Октобар. Св. Лука и Петар Цетињски.**
- November 2nd.** Memorial Saturday., **2 Новембар Задушнице**
- November 3rd.** 20th Sunday after Pentecost., **3 Новембар. 20 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 8th.** St. Demetrius., **8 Новембар.** Митровдан.
- November 10th.** 21st Sunday after Pentecost., **10 Новембар. 21 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 16th.** Dedication of St. George Church in Lyida., **16 Новембар Ђурђиц.**
- November 17th.** 22nd Sunday after Pentecost., **17 Новембар. 22 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 21st.** St. Archangel Michael., **21 Новембар Аранђеловдан**
- November 24th.** 23rd Sunday after Pentecost., **24 Новембар. 23 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- November 26th.** St. John Chrysostom., **26 Новембар.** Св. Јован Златоуст
- November 27th.** Beginning of Nativity Fast., **27 Новембар** Почетак Поста
- November 30th.** St. Sebastian (Dabovich) of Jackson., **30 Новембар** Св. Севастијан Дабовић Цаксонски.
- December 1st.** 24th Sunday after Pentecost., **1 Децембар. 24 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.
- December 4th.** Entry into the Temple by the Theotokos., **4 Децембар Ваведење**
- December 8th.** 25th Sunday after Pentecost., **8 Децембар. 25 Недеља после Педесетнице** 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

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

December 15th. 26th Sunday after Pentecost., **15 Децембар.** 26 **Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

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

December 22th. 27th Sunday after Pentecost., **22 Децембар.** 27 **Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

December 29th. 28th Sunday after Pentecost., **29 Децембар.** 28 **Недеља после**
Педесетнице 10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

January 5th. 29th Sunday after Pentecost., **5 Јануар.** 29 **Недеља после Педесетнице**
10 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Божанствена Литургија.

January 7th, Christmas Day. / **7 Јануар.** **Божих - Рождество Христово.**

Schedule of Events- Распоред Догађаја

OCTOBER

05-06 - St. Nicholas Choir Concert Weekend, Omaha, NE (Saturday-Sunday)

19 - EOYC Evening Fundraiser at our hall

27 - Sv. Petka - 95th Kolo Sestara Slava Celebration

NOVEMBER

01-03 - SSS Mita Topalovich Choir Concert, Joliet, IL. Our choir honored guests.
(Friday-Sunday)

09-10 - St. Demetrius Church Slava Weekend, Des Moines, IA.

23 - 49th Annual Bazaar and Food Festival - Sponsored by Sv. Petka Kolo Sestara
(Saturday)

28 - Nativity Fast Begins (Thursday)

30 - St. Sebastian of Jackson (Saturday)

DECEMBER

08 - Annual Church Assembly/Годишња Парохијиска Скупштина.

10 - St. George Choir Annual Assembly (Tuesday)

12 - St. Mardarije of Libertyville (Thursday)

15 - Sv. Petka Kolo Sestara Annual Assembly

19 - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker (Thursday)

22 - S.N.F. Lodge #43 "St. George" Annual Assembly

Dear Brothers and Sisters!
Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

A year has passed by since my appointment to St. George's in Kansas by His Grace Bishop Longin. Glory to God it has been a wonderful year! Our parish, our people here have welcomed my family and me very warmly and with great hospitality! I am so grateful! St George's is truly a unique pearl in the heart of America.

Today, I'd like to share with you what makes me joyful and happy about our parish and its wonderful people.

Since last September, I have discovered the momentum of our parish. There is always something our parish is engaged in or working on. There is more going on here than even in much larger parishes throughout the US.

Liturgically our parish is blessed with a deacon - Fr. Deacon Joseph Henre- a "ministering spirit sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation" (Heb. 1:14) which is a rare and wonderful thing, and a great choir led by Peter Bajich and Brad Hijaz. 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!

After our spiritual needs are taken care of during Divine Services, who takes care of our bodily needs by providing truly delicious authentic Serbian food? Our Kolo, which never seems to rest! I am very impressed and touched by the efforts our Kolo ladies have contributed for the betterment of our parish since my arrival in September of 2018. They have gone above and beyond in their vocation in our parish. Their honest desire and vigor in renovating the parish house was a beautiful sight to behold. My family and I are very grateful for all everyone has done to help us move into this wonderful area and house. The Kolo is the life blood of the parish and without them all of the events throughout the year in our parish would be impossible and our parish would not be what it is today.

If you have not had the pleasure to join the Kolo, please do and remember the old saying: "many hands make light work".

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.

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.

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!

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.

And if I have forgotten to mention you, or if you feel nobody notices your efforts, I want to assure you that someone does. St George does. All the saints do. The angels value you and your efforts and consider you their brothers and sisters. And the Lord of the Universe Himself, the Lord of Lords sees what you do and values you. So even if it feels like you're not valued, know that you are.

With much love for you all,

With Blessings from God

Fr.Radomir Plavsic

Драга Браћо и Сестре!

Христос је међу нама! Јесте и биће!

Навршила се година дана од како сам назначен у светогеоргијевску парохију у Канзасу од Преосвештеног Епископа нашег Лонгина. Слава Богу, то је била изузетно лепа година! Наша парохија, наши људи су прихватили мене и моју породицу са љубављу и топлином! Врло сам вам захвалан! Ова парохија је заиста јединствен бисер у срцу Америке.

Желио бих да поделим са вама оно што ме посебно радује кад је реч о нашој парохији и њеним људима. Од првог дана схватио сам шта је покретач ове парохије: она је увек у неком послу или пројекту. Више се овде догађа него у много већим парохијама широм Америке.

Литургијски, наша парохија је благословена ђаконом – Ђакоп Џозеф Хенри – а ђакони су “духови послати од Бога да служе онима који треба да приме у посед спасење” (Јев. 1: 14)- што је ретка и дивна ствар, као и величанственим хором под управом Петра Бајића и Бреда Хајцаза. Мали је број парохија у нашој епархији које имају ђакона 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 ђакона 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!

Након што се наше духовне потребе задовоље за време божанске службе, ко се стара око наших физичких потреба припремајући нам врло укусну храну? Наше Коло, које никад се не одмара! Од самог мог доласка, у септембру 2018. године, веома сам импресиониран и дирнут напорима наших сестара из Кола који доприносе напретку парохије. Оне су учиниле много више од онога што се од њих очекује. Њихова искрена жеља и енергичност у реновирању парохијског дома показала се на сваком детаљу. Моја породица и ја смо благодарни свима који су нам помогли да се уселимо у овај диван крај и у ову дивну кућу.

Коло Сестара је жива крв парохије и без њих сваки догађај утоку године би био немогућ и наша парохија не би била каква је данас.

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

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.

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!

Ако и не учествујете у групама наше парохије, ја сам благодаран за вас, за ваше добротинство према нашој цркви, 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. Анђели цене вас и ваша дела и труд, и сматрају вас својом браћом и сестрама. Сам Господ Васељена, Господ над Господарима види ваша дела и цени вас. И ако вам се чини да вас нико не цени, знајте да се цењени.

С љубављу свима вама

Са благословом од Господа

Свештеник Радомир Плавшић

Communique of the 22nd Church Assembly

800 Years of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church: Endowed by God, Treasured by the People

The hierarchs, clergy and delegates representing parishes and diocesan bodies from the three Dioceses of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States of America met July 13-16, 2019 at New Gracanica Monastery in Third Lake, Illinois and St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois for the 22nd Church Assembly-Sabor of the Serbian Orthodox Dioceses in the United States. Throughout, the meetings were characterized by Christian fellowship in prayer, which brings the love and unity of mind and heart, which are the gifts of the Holy Spirit to those who assemble in Christ's name to the glory of God the Father.

This Assembly was also blessed to be the central celebration in America of the 800th Anniversary of Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The prayers of St. Sava, the Enlightener and first Archbishop of the Autocephalous Serbian Orthodox Church were invoked, along with those of St. Mardarije of Libertyville, the first Serbian Orthodox Bishop in North America, who founded the St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville, where his incorruptible relics are enshrined. The highlight of the Assembly was certainly the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by our hierarchs at St. Sava Monastery, in the presence of St. Mardarije's holy relics. The delegates and faithful people of God were able to venerate his relics and receive the Heavenly Mystery of the Eucharist in his presence.

His Grace Bishop Maxim of Western America celebrated the Liturgy, in concelebration with Their Graces Bishop Longin of New Gracanica-Midwestern America, host bishop, and Bishop Irinej of Eastern America, together with His Eminence Archbishop Peter of Chicago and Mid-America, representing the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, and His Grace Bishop Sava, retired Bishop of Slavonia. Also present and receiving the Holy Eucharist with the other hierarchs at this Liturgy were His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, recently retired Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia. By the decision of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church, following the Divine Liturgy and the celebration of the Rite of the Patronal Feast in honor of St. Mardarije of Libertyville, Archbishop Demetrios was awarded the Order of St. Sava

in the First Degree in recognition of his service to Orthodoxy and to the Serbian people during his many years of ministry.

Metropolitan Kallistos, one of the foremost spokesmen for Orthodoxy of the past sixty years and prolific author on Orthodox theology, faith and history gave the keynote address on the Assembly's theme: "800 Years of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church: Endowed by God, Treasured by the People". Appropriately his address centered on a central belief of Orthodox Christianity, the Incarnation, the understanding that in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son and Word of God, by Whom all things were made, becomes fully and completely a human being, while remaining fully and completely God. He does this so that, in the words of the Fathers, "God became what man is, so that man may become what God is." And the Church, as the Body of Christ, is also truly both divine and human. It unites heaven and earth above all in the Eucharist, and it exists both in time and history and beyond time and history. It exists to bring us from our temporal existence into the eternity of the Kingdom unbounded by time and space. The 800th Anniversary of the Serbian Orthodox Church's autocephaly should be understood in this context—that God works in history to bring us to salvation in this world so that we may live forever in and with the blessed Trinity in the Kingdom which is now and is coming as well. The Assembly was blessed to hear several presentations by Metropolitan Kallistos over the course of the Assembly, going deeper into the ways God works in His Church with His people for their ultimate salvation, and that of the world.

The Assembly was also honored to have as its guest, the Most Venerable Archimandrite Metodije, Abbot of the Hilandar Monastery, the first Serbian institution of higher education, the foundation of Saints Sava and his father, Saint Simeon, which is the center of Serbian spirituality on Holy Mount Athos.

Gathered in conjunction with this Assembly were a record number of young Serbian Orthodox Christians, brought together by the Standing Committee on Youth Ministry, who had the opportunity to share in the worship and some of the presentations of the Assembly, as well as pursuing their own program aimed at advancing their growth in Christ and their future service to God and His Church. The keynote speaker for the youth was famous Hollywood actor Jonathan Jackson.

The Assembly was chaired by the Presidents of the Assembly, Bishop Longin, Bishop Maxim and Bishop Irinej. The Assembly thanked Their Graces for their labor in the vineyard of our Lord in the USA, protecting the values of our faith, liturgical life, Orthodox Tradition, hierarchical and canonical order, and joined in the prayer of the Divine Liturgy asking that God may grant them to continue to define the Word of God's Truth in peace, safety, honor, health and length of days. The Assembly extended this same prayer for His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Irinej, for the entire Episcopate of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and for all Orthodox bishops, here and throughout the world. Assembly Actions

The Assembly discussed and decided on a number of issues which fall within its competency:

- A report on the work of the various Standing Committees since the last Assembly was heard;

- Reports on the major decisions of the Central Church Council and from the Central Treasurer since the last Assembly were presented;
- A presentation on the importance of adequate insurance for congregations and diocesan properties, as well as child and youth safety, was made by Michael and Daniel Herzak of Insurance Systems Group, which has developed a group insurance plan tailored to the needs of the Serbian Orthodox Church;
- A report on the St. Sava School of Theology was presented and discussed at length. The report included mention of some improvements to the overall life of the School, such as the establishment of a Trusteeship Council to assist the Dean in administrative and financial matters. Further study on all matters regarding the School, including its accreditation and future, will be done by the Episcopal Council in tandem with the Holy Synod of Bishops;
- A combined version of the current Constitution, General Rules and Regulations and Uniform Rules and Regulations for Parishes and Church School Congregations of the Serbian Orthodox Dioceses in the United States of America was published and distributed to all attendees and received by such on July 16, 2019. The printed new white bound edition is a compilation of all prior documents, inclusive of past amendments and updated decisions rendered by the Holy Assembly of Bishops that have been incorporated into the prior versions of all three documents; and
- Clergy compensation, including pension and health care plans, was discussed. A new monthly minimum remuneration for clergy of \$3,200 per month was enacted. The current church pension plan is under study by the Central Church Council for possible revision and improvement.

Ministry to America

The Assembly expressed serious and deep concern for the spiritual state of American culture and society. While we know we are truly blessed to live and prosper in these United States of America with the freedom and liberty we so enjoy, we are more conscious than ever before of serious challenges to Christian morality. This way of life and conduct is given to us by God to aid us in fulfilling our vocation to become truly human, and in so doing to be joined to the divine. While the Church understands that there exist in a free secular society differences of belief and opinion, the Church has a great responsibility to clearly articulate and defend its traditional Orthodox world view, and to maintain that world view even in the face of pressure to conform to contemporary world views which contradict it, compromise it or even seek to eradicate it.

Marriage, Family and Home Life

The institution of the family, which is the foundation of every healthy society, and with it marriage and the Christian home are increasingly under attack from such new pressures. The importance of family life cannot be overemphasized, for even our Lord Jesus Christ was born into a family in which he was nurtured in his youth and as a young adult by his mother, the Most Holy Virgin Mary, with his foster father, Joseph, in Nazareth.

The demands of modern life quickly weaken such ties and relationships between parents and children, between siblings, and within the entire family. Too often the mundane demands and

tasks of life can prevent us from seeing the sacred spiritual opportunities those demands can present for us.

Economic concerns often take both parents out of the home and into the workplace for more and more hours each day and each week. Children's athletics have become a focal point, taking children out of their homes for more and more hours each week requiring careful attention to balance the demands of sports with a healthy home life. How many of our families find their Sunday mornings dominated by activities other than worship in church and participation in church school? How many mothers and fathers find themselves almost as chauffeurs during the course of the day, ferrying their children from one activity to another?

Essentially, this means that we must work all the harder to maintain our homes as a place of prayer and a school of virtue, "the little church", a sacred place where families pray together and learn from one another, serving one another and learning by example. Parents must work hard at their marriages, be committed to their spouses and create a stable and loving place for the building of the family. And that "little church" of the family members must be nurtured within the larger church community, nourished and strengthened by their relationship with God in the Church's common worship and the Holy Mysteries and with their church family, their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Struggle for the Christian Way of Life

We should make no mistake: more than perhaps ever before in America, a war is being waged for the souls of our people, our families and especially our children and youth. The technological advances we enjoy also bring with them new challenges to maintaining healthy family life as well as human life in general. For all too many people, the misuse of the Internet, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media have created habits inconsistent with our Orthodox Christian way of life and social interaction. Cyberspace is often not holy space. The amount of time we spend on our mobile phones and computers quickly alienates us from real quality time face to face with one another. Human interaction is more and more limited to Facebook and email, as face-to-face dialogue is being replaced with communication by way of text messaging.

Television, music, internet, video games, social media and other forms of information media today not only dominate the time of all too many, but they also often promote violence, selfishness, sexual promiscuity, criminal behavior and pleasure seeking self-indulgence of all kinds. Let us also be aware that the result of excessive time spent in these ways creates hyperactivity, impatience, nervousness, and the need to be constantly entertained and stimulated. Any form of entertainment or information which does not lift up and edify the human person as created in the image of God is harmful and should be avoided.

As such, the grave sin of abortion is in the vast majority of cases committed for reasons of personal convenience. Where proponents of legal abortion once said that it should be "legal, safe and rare," many, even some state legislatures, now advocate the right to abortion at any time up to the moment of birth, even when the child is viable outside the womb, and hold public celebrations in honor of this abomination. Some even suggest that a child who has been born is not safe, but is subject to the whim of the mother, perhaps with advice from a doctor.

The Assembly recognized that the Serbian Orthodox Church's Dioceses and faithful in the United States have the task, duty and calling to speak prophetically to this society in which we live, to fearlessly and faithfully proclaim and defend the Truth as traditionally understood and practiced in Orthodox Christianity, and to lead all who will listen to the true life in Christ.

With regard to the same, the Assembly welcomes the convening of the Second Annual Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in Washington, DC, where, among others, the Orthodox Church has been given a prominent place to express our traditional faith and steadfast values in a contemporary context and freedom to practice the same. Bishop Irinej and the Reverend Dr. Vasilije Vranic, an expert in Canon Law, will be participating in this Ministerial.

On the Situation in Kosovo and Metohija

In this year 2019, when the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Serbian people commemorate 800 years of Autocephaly, the Assembly responded to the most recent developments in Kosovo and Metohija, the cradle of our religious and cultural patrimony, caused by the decision of Kosovo institutions to impose 100% tariffs on all goods coming from central Serbia, while permitting tariff free import for goods from Albania, as well as other restrictive measures of Pristina.

At the moment, the situation in northern Kosovo is seriously threatening to become alarming, especially for the poorest and socially vulnerable population, which has no way to be supplied either with more expensive goods from the south of Kosovo, and no way to travel outside the Province and bring goods, such as food and medicine, even in smaller quantities back to their homes. If this unsustainable situation continues, it will influence gradual displacement of the remaining Serbian population.

Discrimination based on the origin of goods, which reminds us of the darkest times in European history, is one of the most serious violations of human rights. Coupled with action of demonstrative ignition and destruction of Serbian goods from a few months ago, to which Pristina authorities did not react, there has been multifaceted deterioration of interethnic relations and security throughout the territory of Kosovo and Metohija with unforeseeable consequences.

The Assembly unanimously appeals, first and foremost, to the United States of America, and to the International Community, to rectify this existential crisis. This appeal does not constitute any interference in politics, but is above all a reaction of the Church to unprecedented abuses committed against innocent people, especially our faithful people in the north of Kosovo and Metohija, who are deprived of their basic freedoms and rights by restrictive measures. It is incumbent upon us to once again make our self-sacrificing efforts to ease the burden of our beloved Orthodox Christian brothers, sisters and children in Kosovo and Metohija, by offering them our generous support in these times of adversity.

The Assembly respectfully voices its appreciation to the Ambassadors in Pristina of the United States and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe-OSCE, as well as the European Union, for taking to task and condemning the now seventh desecration of the Orthodox Cemetery in Lipljan.

On the Situation in Montenegro

The Government of Montenegro issued on May 16, 2019 a Draft Law on Freedom of Religion and Beliefs and Legal Status of Religious Communities. Predicated on a previous Draft Law of 2015, instead of primarily focusing on the restitution of seized property, it now prescribes a revolutionary nationalisation of temples and all religious structures constructed before 1918, along with their registration as state property. This effectively means that the Government of Montenegro is seizing ownership of the majority of all religious edifices. This is being done despite the fact that the borders of Montenegro at that time do not correspond to its present borders.

Today, secular Montenegro, where churches and religious communities are separated from the state, wants to adopt a law on religious freedom, based on assumed autocephaly, which did not exist as such, even when the Metropolitanate of Montenegro was the State Church in Montenegro. Back then, the legal system of Montenegro distinguished between the property of the Church, the State and the Ruler.

This draft law was adopted by the Government without consulting and cooperating with churches and religious communities, non-religious organizations, non-governmental organizations and experts, and most definitely without consulting the Dioceses of the majority Orthodox Church.

The Assembly calls upon the Government of Montenegro to repeal its adoption, and to work with the Venice Commission, churches, religious communities and other interested parties, through normal cooperation to draft a religious freedom law that is legal and just, and in conformity with European standards.

The Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox Dioceses in the United States of America is truly one in spirit and an indivisible part of our Holy Serbian Orthodox Church, constantly striving to remain steadfast on the Way of St. Sava, as we call to mind the words of the Holy Apostle: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Cor. 12:26). Ever mindful of the same, as we celebrate together the 800 Years of the Autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church: truly, endowed by God, and treasured by the People!

22. **ЦРКВЕНИ САБОР**

СРПСКИХ ПРАВОСЛАВНИХ ЕПАРХИЈА

У СЈЕДИЊЕНИМ АМЕРИЧКИМ ДРЖАВАМА 13. – 16. ЈУЛ 2019

800 година Аутокефалије Српске Православне Цркве: "Од Бога дарована, од народа љубљена"

1. август 2019. године

Свети Деспот Стефан Високи и Преподобна Евгенија (Лазаревић)

ЛИБЕРТИВИЛ

Високопречасним и пречасним презвитерима и ђаконима, преподобном манастићу, члановима и парохијанима црквено-школских општина и мисионарских парохија Српских Православних Епархија у Сједињеним Америчким Државама

Возљубљено свештенство, браћо и сестре у Христу,

Пошто смо примили многобројна питања и недоумице у вези са допуњеним и јединственим издањем *Устава, Опитих правила и Једобразних правила и уредаба за парохије и црквено-школске општине Српских Православних Епархија у Сједињеним Америчким Државама* које је објављено и као такво примљено на 22. Црквеном Сабору, дана 16. јула 2019. године, а затим подељено свим учесницима, налазимо за сходно да широј јавности пружимо разјашњења шта је заправо допуњено у поменутом издању и зашто.

Ново издање, штампано у белим корицама, обједињује сва три горе наведена ранија документа, укључујући амандмане и допуњене верзије истих које су донете како на Црквеним Саборима тако и заседањима Светог Архијерејског Сабора Српске Православне Цркве. Ово је учињено у складу са одлуком Светог Архијерејског Сабора Српске Православне Цркве САС бр. 45/зап. 171 од 7./24. маја 2018. Поступајући по одлукама Српске Православне Цркве, ми јесмо и бићемо заувек, њена верна чеда.

Говорећи о допунама, постоје две основне категорије: 1) промена имена (тј. промена територије на којој Устав важи), и 2) малобројне мање, не-суштинске допуне. Конкретне допуне и разлози њиховог настанка су следећи:

1. *Име Српска Православна Црква у Северној и Јужној Америци* промењено је у *Српске Православне Епархије у Сједињеним Америчким Државама* из следећих разлога:

а) Најпре, име је промењено да би одговарало нашем географском простирању и да без сумње потврди да смо ми интегрални део Српске Православне Цркве-Патријаршије са Седиштем у Београду, будући да смо Епархије Српске Православне Цркве, а никако посебна „Црква“;

б) Свети Мардарије је својевремено успоставио административни центар у Либертивилу, у савезној држави Илиној, те стога подлежемо законима Сједињених Америчких Држава, где правни, порески и осигуравајући ентитети постају све више непријатељски настројени ка верским организацијама. Настављајући да функционишемо под именом које укључује Северну и Јужну Америку, аутоматски преузимамо правну одговорност за све активности у Епархији канадској и Епархији јужно-централноамеричкој. Такође, Епархија канадска и јужно-централноамеричка могу бити правно одговорне за активности Епархија у САД;

в) *Име Српска Православна Црква у САД и Канади* престало је да постоји 2007. године када је промењено у *Српска Православна Црква у Северној и Јужној Америци*. Важно је напоменути да је Епархија канадска 1995. године усвојила и почела да примењује сопствени управни документ, *Статут*, који је захтевало канадско законодавство и који

је одобрен од стране Светог Архијерејског Сабора Српске Православне Цркве. Од тада, Епархија канадска учествовала је у нашим Црквеним Саборима само спорадично, а у раду Централног Црквеног Савета – минимално. Од 1995. наомамо, канадско законодавство забранило је Епархији канадској да плаћа епархијски разрез Централној благајни која се налази у САД;

г) Српска Православна Епархија буеносајреска и јужно-централноамеричка законски је регистрована у Аргентини у складу са аргентинским законом и зато ће се у будућности управљати на основу сопственог *Статута*. Дакле, имајући у виду број националних/интернационалних правних система укључених у овај случај, Свети Архијерејски Сабор препознао је наведене чињенице и одобрио промену имена како би исто тачно осликавало тренутно стање наших епархија у САД и како бисмо се усагласили са законом САД и заштитили се у оквиру истога. То је једини разлог промене имена – и ништа више од тога.

2. Ово што следи је аутентична листа мањих, споредних допуна, које су у складу са горе наведеним учињене зарад јасноће и ажурирања докумената.

а) Промена имена *Српска Православна Црква у Северној и Јужној Америци* у Српске Православне Епархије у Сједињеним Америчким Државама у документу учињена је на основу одлуке Светог Архијерејског Сабора донесене у мају 2018. године, како би се територија Устава прилагодила Сједињеним Америчким Државама.

б) Промене јерархијске природе учињене непосредно од стране Светог Архијерејског Сабора:

1. Страна 41: Свети Архијерејски Синод замењен је Великим Црквеним Судом (Апелациониом Судом); и

2. Страна 17: Велики Црквени Суд је прибројан управним органима;

в) Промене јерархијске природе које је извршио Епископски Савет и одобрио Свети Архијерејски Сабор:

1. Страна 49: Црквени Сабор сазива се сваких пет година, уместо сваке три године; и

2. Страна 61: Сваки епископ има право да сазива Епархијску Скупштину сваке године, или сваке друге или треће, уместо на годишњем нивоу;

г) Повесне допуне и измене:

2008. Странице 89-91: Историја Устава је допуњена и измењена како би одразила све оно што се догодило од штампања Устава (смеђа књига) 2008. године;

2009. Странице 105-107: Историја Општих Правила и Уредаба је допуњена и измењена како би одразила све што се догодило од штампања Једнообразних Правила и Уредаба (жута књига); и

III. Странице 167-169: Историја Једнообразних Правила и Уредабаје допуњена и измењена како би одразила све што се догодило од штампања жуте књиге;

д) У Једнообразним Правилима и Уредбама, слова а, б, в, г итд. су замењена бројевима, како би се директно подударала са енглеским текстом (с обзиром на разлике у азбучном реду); и

ђ) Додате су слике у боји грба и заставе Српске Православне Цркве.

У будућности се морају извршити додатна ажурирања. На пример, наш *Устав, Једнообразна Правила и Уредбене* спомињу електронске облике комуникације или одржавање састанака путем телеконференција и слично. Настојаћемо да будемо што је више могуће отворени за приступ сарадње са нашим епархијским саветима, црквено-школским општинама и мисионарским парохијама, с обзиром да стручни Законодавни одбор Централног Црквеног Савета дорађује предложене измене и допуне како би вам се пружила могућност да пошаљете ваш повратни одговор пре његовог усвајања на следећем Црквеном Сабору.

Оно што је јако важно, неvezано за сам *Устав*, је то, да услед географских контура Епископски Савет Епархија Српске Православне Цркве у Северној, Централној и Јужној Америци остаје потпуно неокрњен, као целовито обједињујући, духовни и еклисиолошки фактор у Америци.

Браћо и сестре, надамо се да је горе наведено појаснило учињене промене, због чега су оне извршене, као и њихову неопходност. Ми смо Епархије наше Мајке Цркве, Српске Православне Цркве-Патријаршије, и верни смо и под канонско-хијерархијским ауторитетом Светог Архијерејског Сабора, чији Председник је Православни Архиепископ пећки, Митрополит београдско-карловачки и Патријарх српски.

Ваши молитвеници пред Господом,

ЛОНГИН, Епископ новограчаничко-средњезападноамерички
МАКСИМ, Епископ западноамерички
ИРИНЕЈ, Епископ источноамерички

ПРЕДСЕДАВАЈУЋИ 22. ЦРКВЕНОГ САБОРА

STATEMENT

Regarding the Episcopal Council for North, Central and South America, the St. Sava
Serbian Orthodox School of Theology,
Constitutional Matters and Draft Child Protection Policies and Procedures

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Priests and Deacons, Venerable Monastics, the Members and Parishioners of the Church-School Congregations and Mission Parishes of the Serbian Orthodox

Dioceses in the United States of America
For God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints
(1 Corinthians 14:33)

Beloved Clerics, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has come to our attention that misinformation continues to circulate on the Internet, related to the Church Assembly-Sabor which was held in July 2019. Out of our pastoral love and concern for our faithful Clergy and Laity, ever mindful of the Scriptural adage, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32), we state the following to liberate you of your doubt:

The Episcopal Council for North, Central and South America

- First, as we clearly set forth in the “Statement” that we issued on August 1, 2019 (https://serborth.org/news_190805_1), the Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church for North, Central and South America continues to exist and is comprised of the following Bishops: Longin of New Gracanica-Midwestern American, Mitrophan of Canada, Maxim of Western America, Irinej of Eastern America, and Kirilo of Buenos Aires and South-Central America. Any suggestion that the Bishops of Canada and South America have been excluded from this Episcopal Council is simply false.

The St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology

- Second, among its many functions, this five-member Episcopal Council is also in charge of and continues to supervise the work of the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology (Libertyville-Third Lake). At the recent Church Assembly-Sabor held in July 2019, a report regarding the St. Sava School of Theology was presented and discussed at length (https://serborth.org/news_190728_1). The report included mention of some improvements to the overall life of the School, such as the establishment of a Trusteeship Council to assist the Dean in administrative and financial matters.

Further study on all matters concerning the School, including its compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Illinois, its accreditation and future, will be done by the above-described five-member Episcopal Council in coordination/tandem with the Holy Synod of Bishops in Belgrade. The Holy Synod may send a Commission to evaluate the School. In preparation for the visit of the Commission, the Episcopal Council is consulting educational, legal, financial and other relevant experts to objectively assess the School without any pre-conceived agenda, so that the Episcopal Council can make authoritative recommendations to the Holy Synod.

Constitutional Matters

- Third, with respect to our current and long-standing (not new!) Constitution and related governing documents, we once again ask you, our dear spiritual children, to carefully read our Statement issued on August 1 (https://serborth.org/news_190805_1), which explains the arrondation (limitation in territorial scope) of the existing Constitution to only the territory of the USA (decided by the Holy Assembly of Bishops at its meeting in May 2018) and how this territorial arrondation of the Constitution resulted in the changing of our constitutional title, which now

reflects the de facto reality of the actual territorial jurisdiction of this document, the United States of America.

We again want to remind everyone that the holy canons of our Church leave certain decisions to the Bishops alone. One of those decisions is changes to the territory of a diocese. Only a diocesan bishop can propose a territorial change to his diocese and only the Holy Assembly of Bishops can allow and approve any changes. We remind everyone of the recent territorial changes which occurred in 2009, when final administrative unity was achieved. Diocesan boundaries were changed (e.g. the Metropolitanate of Chicago and Libertyville was created and then abolished), and all of these changes were done by the Bishops and these changes then automatically became part of our Constitution. Those territorial changes were not done by a vote at the Church Assembly—Sabor, but were proposed by the affected Bishops and were then approved by decisions of the Holy Assembly of Bishops. That is exactly what has taken place regarding our Constitution and related governing documents.

Draft Child Protection Policies and Procedures

- Fourth, at the recent Church Assembly—Sabor in July 2019, there was an educational safety presentation for Clergy and Laity on the current liability issues facing all religious organizations in the USA, including our three USA Dioceses. The focus of the presentation was on child protection policies and procedures that are being developed and implemented by many religious organizations and denominations, as a direct response to new State and Federal legislation, regulations and caselaw concerning child sexual molestation and abuse claims. The Episcopal Council has been working with insurance and legal experts in enhancing our current Diocesan policies and procedures.

These enhanced policies and procedures are still in draft form and have not yet been promulgated/adopted by the Episcopal Council. During the educational safety presentation at the Sabor, mention was made that many US States, the once-sacred “Priest-Penitent Privilege” has been abolished. In plain language what that means is that, in these States, all clergy (Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, etc) are now required to immediately report any knowledge of sexual molestation of a minor, including but not limited to knowledge gained during the course of the confession. We are told that many more US States are also considering abolishing the Priest-Penitent Privilege and we expect that judicial rulings will also further eroded the Priest-Penitent privilege in child abuse situations.

The Episcopal Council is greatly troubled by the abolition/erosion of the Priest-Penitent Privilege – however, the Episcopal Council has no choice but to come to terms with this tragic change and we must develop a coherent and canonically correct Orthodox Christian response. We have invited and look forward to receiving concrete proposals from our own Serbian Orthodox clergy and laity (as well as from our sister Orthodox Christian jurisdictions and other Christian denominations which have the Holy Mystery of Confession), on how we as Serbian Orthodox Hierarchs should respond and deal with this tragic development and change to US law.

Internet “Postings” and “E-Petitions”

- Last, the unsigned and anonymous internet “postings” and “e-petitions” attacking the Episcopal Council, the Central Council and their working committees, particularly the Legal Risk and

Compliance Committee, are wholly unfounded and should be ignored.

Knowing that the Church “is in the world, but it is not of this world”, we seek the expertise of many subject-matter experts in dealing with central/national, diocesan and local parish issues on a regular basis. The experts we consult are not limited to legal experts, but we also regularly work with financial, educational, insurance and other experts. Unsubstantiated, and unattributed attacks on the members of any of our expert committees is unfair and unethical, because these committees work at our request to help us protect our Dioceses, parishes, monasteries and other institutions in the USA.

With respect to the Legal Risk and Compliance Committee, we regularly ask our lawyers (who volunteer all of their time!) to identify and help develop canonically permissible responses to the risks imposed by the multiple legal systems that our Church confronts in the United States. The sole purpose of this committee is to advise the Episcopal Council and the Central Council with regard to strategies and actions that will protect the Bishops, Clergy, Laity, and assets of the Dioceses of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States. Rather than being attacked, we must all thank our lawyers for the countless volunteer hours they spend protecting our Church! As the Church of Christ, we are in the House of God, but the building of the House of God, which is the Church, is still in progress and continuing.

Therefore, we call on you, the faithful children of Saint Sava to:

- REFRAIN from falling victim to these deceptive and ill-intended internet “postings” and “e-petitions”, and from becoming signatories; and
- AVOID circulating or, God-forbid, signing your own name where you do not know the name of the author of an article (or a posting, or a document), or where you do not have personal knowledge of the “facts”, which are put forth, nor the intended end use of the petition, of your signature and of your contact information.

We further remind you that “petitioning” of any kind within the Holy Community of God is in direct contradiction to canons, laws, teachings and church-hierarchical structure of our Serbian Orthodox Church. Moreover, a petition is a mirror of the ethos and, in essence is a mainstay, of Protestantism and totally non-Orthodox in character. We again invite our Clergy and Laity to communicate any and all concerns, suggestions or comment on any of the issues described above directly to us, your Diocesan Bishops. As the community of the people of God in history moving on a path towards the Heavenly Kingdom, we continue to embrace that open dialogue with all.

September 7, 2019

IN LIBERTYVILLE

Your intercessors before Christ,

LONGIN, Bishop of New Gracianica-Midwestern America

MAXIM, Bishop of Western America

IRINEJ, Bishop of Eastern America

„Шта, рећи ћеш ти, зар нема и хришћана који се лоше владају и незнабожаца, који проводе живот у врлини? Да постоје хришћани који живе лоше, то и ја знам; а да ли постоје

незнабошци који живе врлински, то стварно још увек не знам... Али да се не бисмо некеме показали као љубитељи спорења, сложићемо се да међу незнабошцима постоје људи који живе добро... Погледај, међутим, како их Христос лишава сваког оправдања. Он говори да је ?Светлост дошла у свет?. Да ли су Га тражили, говори Он, да ли су се трудили, бринули да Га нађу? Светлост је сама њима дошла; међутим, ни тада нису похитали к њој. Ако и међу хришћанима неки живе порочно, у вези са тим ћемо приметити да Христос не говори о онима који су постали хришћани од рођења и примили веру од предака (иако су се често они порочним животом уклонили од правог учења); чини ми се да се овде не говори о њима, већ о људима који су из јудејства или незнабоштва морали да се обрате правој вери. (Христос) показује да нико, налазећи се у заблуди, неће пожелети да се обрати вери, ако пре тога самоме себи не одреди добар живот, и нико неће остати у неверју ако пре тога не одлучи да заувек остане зао. Немој ми говорити да је неко целомудрен и неверујући; није врлина само у томе. Која је корист, имати те особине, а бити роб сујетне масе и стидећи се својих пријатеља, остати у заблуди? То није врлинско живљење. Роб сујете није бољи од блудника; чак чини и много веће грехе од блудника. Међутим, покажи ми неког међу незнабошцима ко би био слободан од свих страсти и без иједног порока: нећеш моћи да ми покажеш.“

Свети Јован Златоуст, Беседе на Јеванђеље од Јована, 28.2-3

The more a man is found worthy to receive God's gifts, the more he ought to consider himself a debtor to God, who has raised him from the earth and bestowed on dust the privilege of imitating to some degree its Creator and God. For to endure injustice with joy, patiently to do good to one's enemies, to lay down one's own life for one's neighbor, and so on, are gifts from God, bestowed on those who are resolved to receive them from Him through their solicitude in cultivating and protecting what has been entrusted to them, as Adam was commanded to do. *St. Peter of Damascus*

**From the Church Board President
To the parishioners of the St. George Church Community:**

I would like to thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President. It truly has been a continual learning experience. I have attempted to uphold the position to the extremely high standards that were set by the previous Presidents.

Starting with our New Year's Celebration to our Sveti Sava Program, Folk Festival, Pascha, Church Slava, Serbfest, Bowling Tournament, EOYC, Ethnic Festival and Choir Concert, just to name a few, it has been an exciting time in our parish. We have had another busy and eventful year that will continue the remainder of 2019!!! **Don't forget our upcoming Bazaar, November 23rd!!!**

It has also been a busy year in maintaining our properties. With last year focusing on the parish home improvements, this year we have focused on the church and cultural center. We have been able to complete several projects and have several others in progress. Additionally, to enhance our property and provide a safer place for our children to play, a new basketball court was added. It is a great sight to see our children spend time together in enjoyment on a safe place instead of the church parking lot.

We have continued to pay down the mortgage of our property, with plans to pay it off in the coming months! Thanks to everyone for their hard work, dedication and donations. Imagine, how much we have been blessed to have the ability to enjoy our facilities and have a beautiful church to pray together every Sunday! Glory to God!

It has been just over a year that we welcomed Father Radomir, Popadija Alena and their family to our parish. As Father Radomir continues to learn the *Kansas City way*, we look forward to many years of religious guidance and assistance in becoming better Orthodox Christians.

As I have mentioned previously, I believe that the Church should be a place where we can all attend and look to one another for support, guidance and friendship. With that being said, I would again challenge all of us to be more encouraging and positive towards one another. We have enough problems, stress and various other issues in our daily lives that we can use our Church to offset these issues with heart-warming activities that are available in our Church community.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Bajich
Church President

“Ask not what the Church can do for you,
But what You can do for Your Church”

Kolo Sisters Report

The St. George Circle of Sisters (Kolo) has been busy!

This summer, the Kolo financially supported 20 St. George campers by sending them to EOYC (Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp). Campers who had at least 75% church school attendance received a full scholarship to EOYC. Those with at least 50% church school attendance received a 50% scholarship for camp fees.

The ladies club has also been very supportive of the children's folklore program in the last year with financial support for a choreographer/teacher to teach the children traditional folklore dances as well as providing funds for ethnic costumes.

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Kolo Slava, celebrating Sveta Petka, Sunday, October 27th

Bazaar, Saturday, November 23rd

The ladies club has already begun preparations for the bazaar with the making of strudels and povitica breads. Please begin making kolachi (cookies) and torte (cakes) for the Bazaar. Please contact Seja Bajich-Bach, Kolo President, to volunteer for the Bazaar. All are welcome!

Finally, please consider volunteering to host coffee hour after liturgy. There are still several dates available and are in need of a host.

Seja's email address: svpetkac@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our St. George Church and Ladies Club.

St. George Choir News

It is hard to believe that it is already almost fall and 2019 will soon be coming to a close. The choir has had another busy year with several annual events that we sponsor at our church or on behalf of our parish.

The annual Ethnic Enrichment Festival was held in August at Swope Park in Kansas City, MO. The choir again sponsored the Serbia booth and sold food and dessert items. The choir also promoted our upcoming bazaar with passing out flyers. On Saturday at the festival, our choir sang Oce Nas, the Star Spangled Banner and Boze Pravde along with our kids doing kolo dances.

This is a great event that allows the choir to show the greater Kansas City Metro our great heritage! I would like to thank those outside of the choir membership that helped in our booth or baked items for us to sell. If you have never been to the Ethnic Festival, please consider going next year as it is a great event to experience the other cultures represented as well.

The choir held our annual choir concert weekend September 7-8 with honored guest choir Serbian Men's Choir "Kosovo". This was the first time we were able to host this choir in our parish and for those able to attend it was great to listen to them at the concert and their beautiful responses Sunday in church.

Also participating was the St. Nicholas Choir from Omaha and our local Jr. Choir. Special thanks to all who came during this weekend and helped welcome our out of town guests. Concert weekends are a great opportunity for us to show Kansas City hospitality and our beautiful property. The choir also has been traveling and will continue to travel in the fall this year.

In May we participated in the Serbian Singing Federation's Choral Festival held this year in Milwaukee and in October (5-6) we will travel to Omaha for their annual concert weekend. In November (1-3) our choir will travel to Joliet and be the honored guest choir in that parish. Soon our choir will start to practice Christmas music for the upcoming Nativity holidays which is hard to believe but another reason to be thankful with every passing year. The choir appreciates the support we receive from our parish at our events and it is our hope that you enjoy our choral responses each Sunday in church!

Thank you!

Brad Hijaz, choir president

St. George Church Church School Superintendent Report 2019-2020

Our 2019-2020 church school year, which started September 15, 2019, is off to a great start. After Divine Liturgy and a prayer service for the upcoming school year, the students were surprised with a visit from **Kona Ice!** We are very fortunate to have an experienced group of teachers returning to assist in the teaching of our Orthodox faith to our children.

In addition to learning about our Orthodox faith, regular attendance is important for those children who attend the Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp each summer. Our Kolo Sestara has generously underwritten 100% of the camp fee for those students who have a 75% or greater attendance for the church school year and 50% of the camp fee for those students whose attendance falls between 50% - 75% during the church school year. This generous gift from our Kolo is a REWARD to those students with good attendance. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that every child in our parish be an active participant in our church school

program so that they may be properly educated in our Orthodox faith and its teachings. Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

We have 55 students registered, with a weekly average of approximately 30 students in class. Our school is comprised of the following classes/instructors:

- Pre K & Kindergarten: Leah Lemley (12 Students)
- 1st – 4th Grade: Stephanie Mattivi (12 Students)
- 5th - 7th Grade: Carol Bobick (14 Students)
- 8th & 9th Grade: Shauna Bajich (9 Students)
- 10th – 12th Grade: Miro Cubric (8 Students)

On Saturday, October 12th, we will be enjoying a day/night Zabava hosted by Lisa & Andy Gribble. Our Annual Christmas Performance will be held on Badnja Vece, with the children performing traditional carols in both English and Serbian. Additionally, our annual St. Sava Celebration & Program will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 2020.

It goes without saying, that it is imperative as parents we make certain that our children attend church school class on a regular basis, so that they may be properly educated in our Orthodox faith. This is a very important part of the foundation of their religious instruction, supplementing that which should be taught in the home. We are fortunate to have a strong church school program to assist in this area.

Thanks to everyone for allowing us another great start to this 2019/2020 church school year!

Paul Bajich
Church School Superintendent

Hello EOYC Parents and Campers,

We hope that your school year has started off well!

The EOYC Executive Board will host a Fall social event called, "Taste of EOYC." **This event is for both parents and campers.** We also hope that you share the information with others in your church communities who may be considering EOYC in the future.

The schedule for the event is below. *Briefly, we would like both the parents and campers to experience some of the activities that fill our days/nights at camp.*

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Lenexa, KS will be hosting the event. We also will have lots of EOYC counselors attending/running the activities.

Please [RSVP](#) for this event. A \$10 donation for those 12 and above is requested for dinner. \$5 for children under 12. There will also be a cash bar.

An event flier is attached with additional information.

Schedule for Saturday, 10/19 5-11pm

5:00pm Vespers (Church)

5:25-5:35pm Distribute Name tags with "color" teams (Little Hall)

5:35-6:15pm Evening Events field/basketball court (rain backup--Big Hall/little hall)

6:30-7:15pm Dinner (Big Hall)

7:15-7:45pm Crafts (Small Hall)

7:45-8:00pm Heads or Tails game (Big Hall) \$10 entry for a \$200 camp scholarship
 8:00-8:45pm Ethnic Dance (Big Hall)
 8:45pm-10:00 Dance Party (big hall) **and** Smores/Campfire on the patio
 10:00-10:45pm Rap with Fr. Chris (Talk session) for high school students only. (Basement of Hall).

We hope that many of our campers outside the Kansas City-area will be able to attend the event. There are several hotels located near the church. Out of town guests are welcome to attend liturgy on Sunday at St. George or any of the other Orthodox churches in KC. Such as Holy Trinity, St. Dionysios or Annunciation.

Additional EOYC Information:

Sunday, September 22 1:30-2:30pm EOYC General Board Meeting (Open to interested parents, grandparents, counselors, and other EOYC adult supporters will be held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Kansas City, Missouri. The EOYC Executive Board is elected at this meeting

E.OYC 2020, Sunday, July 26 until Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Tall Oaks. The EOYC Executive Board is very pleased to announce that the new camp director will be Alec Chambers in 2020. Alec has served as the Assistant Camp Director since 2015. We look forward to his leadership!

Thank you again for supporting EOYC and our Orthodox Youth. We look forward to another great year of EOYC activities.

Yours in Christ,

Jelena Ozegovic

Camp Director (2014-2019)

Memorial and Special Donations

In Memory of Protinica Mary Bajich		In Memory of Linda Budimlija	
Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$50.00	Ms. Donna Lemley	\$25.00
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In Memory of Clara Ryder			
Mr & Mrs. Joel Miller	\$100.00	In Memory of Velma Budimlija	
		Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cora	\$100.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Ron Eisenhower	\$50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cora	\$100.00
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Mr. & Mrs. John Gratton	\$100.00	In Memory of John Petrovich	
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Mr. & Mrs. Ron Pleacher	\$25.00		
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		Dr. Radmila Samardzija	\$50.00

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Mr. & Mrs. Milorad Samardzija	\$100.00	Ms. Linda Dodig-Lewis	\$30.00
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