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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

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Philippians 2:5-11 (Epistle)

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY The Dormition ("Falling Asleep") of our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy with blessing of flowers - **LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

11:40 am Fellowship

Saturday, August 21

4:50 pm Ninth Hours

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Litya

Sunday, August 22 9TH Sunday after Pentecost; Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions:

Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno, and others who suffered under Maximian (†4TH c.); Hieromartyr Athanasius, Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia, Ven. Anthusa—Nun, and her servants, Martyrs Charesimus and Neophytus (†3RD c.); Virgin Martyr Eulalia of Barcelona and the Martyr Felix (ca. †303).

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday, August 8TH, 2021 - Donation / Assessments \$2,527.50

Roof donation \$ 110.00

Total \$2,637.50

THE BLESSING OF FLOWERS From ancient times we have been taught by Holy Tradition that when Mary, the Mother God, fell asleep the whole company of the Apostles - except Thomas - was miraculously brought together in Jerusalem. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could kiss her farewell. As the tomb was opened, the body of the Most Pure Virgin was missing, and the cave was filled with flowers and the sweet fragrance of Paradise. Therefore as part of our celebration of Dormition we bless flowers and fragrant herbs – and the faithful traditionally keep them in their homes. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and the extraordinary grace bestowed on the pilgrims at the blessed tomb of the Mother of God. During times of family strife or illness, it is a pious custom to place the flower petals in the house censer, together with the incense, and cense the whole house with it.

Hang the flowers to dry, then place them in front of your icons in your icon corner. If you choose some edible flowers, include them in your feast day meals. Don't throw out blessed flowers! Make sure if you are disposing of them, that you either burn or bury them! This goes for any blessed object.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next months coffee hour rotation.

Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

A NOTE ON PARISH FINANCES Please be reminded that our income is still below budget. Mail in your donations on a regular basis. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please let Fr. Mykola know. Otherwise, we encourage you to do your part in our parish financial stewardship.

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Thomas BECKWITH on August 19TH

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

RAISE THE ROOF St. Nicholas church's roof is in need of extensive unplanned repairs, cost of which is yet to be determined. Please consider making a donation to our "Raise the Roof" box located in church vestibule, next to the box for general donation. May God Bless you for your responsible Stewardship!

ROOF SPONSORS TO DATE \$ 50.00 Alex & Katerina OUCHAKOV,
\$ 60.00 ANONYMOUS

SAVE THE DATE ♦ On Saturday, September 11TH we will commemorate the tragedy of the 20TH anniversary of the victims of 9/11. St. George, All Saints and St. Nicholas parishes will unify in serving one joint Memorial / Panihida together at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church 300 Stryker Ave, Joliet, IL at 10:30 am. At 9:00am St. George church will celebrae their Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

♦ Sunday of September 19TH we will celebrate the **114TH Anniversary of our Parish and our Annual Picnic.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Sevasti BERGSTROM	Tom KOMPARE	Joseph ORLOVICH	Jovan HAUG	Jose FELIX
Katherina BRADLEY	Timothy KLEINERT	Josephine ORLOVICH	Elena PAVLOVA	JESSICA TORRES
Galyna SHAFRANEC	June BRADLEY	Lubov SIROTUK	Alice PISTILLI	

Today Epistle (Philippians 2:5-11)

Brethren... Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Апостол Дня (Филиппийцам 2:5-11)

Братия... Ибо в вас должны быть те же чувствования, какие и во Христе Иисусе: Он, будучи образом Божиим, не почитал хищением быть равным Богу; но уничижил Себя Самого, приняв образ раба, сделавшись подобным человекам и по виду став как человек; смирил Себя, быв послушным даже до смерти, и смерти крестной. Посему и Бог превознес Его и дал Ему имя выше всякого имени, дабы пред именем Иисуса преклонилось всякое колено небесных, земных и преисподних, и всякий язык исповедал, что Господь Иисус Христос в славу Бога Отца.

Today Gospel (Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Евангелие Дня (Луки 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

В продолжение пути их пришел Он в одно селение; здесь женщина, именем Марфа, приняла Его в дом свой; у нее была сестра, именем Мария, которая села у ног Иисуса и слушала слово Его. Марфа же заботилась о большом угощении и, подойдя, сказала: "Господи! или Тебе нужды нет, что сестра моя одну меня оставила служить? скажи ей, чтобы помогла мне." Иисус же сказал ей в ответ: "Марфа! Марфа! ты заботишься и суетишься о многом, а одно только нужно; Мария же избрала благу часть, которая не отнимется у нее." Когда же Он говорил это, одна женщина, возвысив голос из народа, сказала Ему: "блаженно чрево, носившее Тебя, и сосцы, Тебя питавшие! А Он сказал: "блаженны слышащие слово Божие и соблюдающие его."