



Newsletter July 2017

Christ is in our midst!

St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Parish

Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Website: www.stmichaelshsv.org/

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Sunday, July 2nd – St. John Maximovitch

†8:45am Orthos
†10:00am Liturgy

Wednesday, July 5th – Vespers

†6:00pm

Sunday, July 9th – Following Liturgy we will have the baptism of Charles & Clayton Walker.

Tuesday July 11th – Vespers

†6:00pm
†7:00 pm – Church council meeting at 7:00.

Wednesday, July 12th – Ss Peter & Paul

†8:45am Orthos
†10:00am Liturgy

Friday 14th thru Sunday 16th – St. Mardarije Glorification in Chicago

Wednesday, July 19th – No Vespers!

Sunday, July 23rd – Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis

†8:45am Orthos
†10:00am Liturgy

Monday 24th thru Wednesday 26th – Summer Children's Program 9am – 12pm

Wednesday, July 26th – Vespers

†6:00pm

Sunday, July 30th – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils

†8:45am Orthos
†10:00am Liturgy

Coffee Hour: (* Apostles Fast)

*July 2 nd – Gulas	Aug. 6 th – Huron
*July 9 th – Haddock	Aug. 13 th – Kaiser
July 16 th – Hartley	Aug. 20 th – Kendall
July 23 rd – Harwell/Couch	Aug. 27 th – Malmede
July 30 th – Hogan/Schultz	

Note: If you cannot be at church on your Sunday, please arrange to trade places with someone from the coffee hour list that can.

Birthdays:

1st – Inna Barth
2nd – Debbie Gulas
4th – Vivienne Pastrick
7th – Whitney Somerville
7th – Inna Teasley
10th – Charles Teasley
21st – Nikolai Sievers
24th – Madeline Harwell

Anniversaries:

19th – Rick & Michele Kaiser

Announcements:

Coffee Hour

Please see Coffee Hour mentioned in the St. Michaels News section below. Additionally, we wanted to make everyone aware that **we do have some parishioners that are very allergic to peanuts**, so please keep that in mind when making selections. It might be better to make peanut butter/nuts available in the kitchen, if need be. Thank you!

Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by

appointment – Luke 10:5 “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”



St. Mardarije of Libertyville, Illinois (1889-1935)

Born in village of Kornet, Ljesani County, in Montenegro, on November 2, 1889, to pious parents Petar and Jela Uskokovic, he was baptized in his village church dedicated to St. George and received his baptismal name Ivan. His mother was from the well-known Bozovic family. Both of his parents were well respected in their community holding the office of leadership and particularly his father was a captain of their clan.

Considering his parents' status, young Ivan was sent to further his education, first in Rijeka Crnojevic, Cetinje, and then in Belgrade, Serbia. While in Belgrade, young Ivan advanced his childhood desire to serve God and the Church, and so from there he headed to monastery Studenica where after a short period of novice life he gets tonsured to monasticism having received the name Mardarije. With the decision of the Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church, now young hierodeacon Mardarije is sent to Russia where he spent twelve years (1905-1917) furthering his theological education and growing in wisdom. From there, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church sent him to the United States of America to organize the Serbian Orthodox Church.

On December 1, 1923, now archimandrite Mardarije is appointed as administrator of the Serbian American-Canadian diocese with the see in Chicago and that same year he purchased around ten acres of land in Libertyville, Illinois, where later St. Sava monastery was built. He was elected by the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church as the first bishop for the newly established diocese in America on December 7, 1925, and his consecration took place on Palm Sunday, the Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, on April 25, 1926.

From then on His Grace Bishop Mardarije, the first bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, labored tirelessly in building churches, St. Sava monastery in Libertyville, sowing Christian love, spread peace, preached and witnessed the Gospel of Christ throughout his diocese. In spite of inescapable worldly trends, he lived spontaneity of truth and a provision of grace, just because Life has dawned from the Tomb, and is dawning still. Having labored as bishop for a little over nine years he died peacefully on December 12, 1935, hospitalized in Ann Arbor, Michigan, while writing his last Nativity Encyclical to his beloved flock. His earthly remains were laid to rest at St. Sava monastery in Libertyville. The Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church during its regular session held from May 14-29, 2015 brought forth a decision that his name be added to the Diptych of saints of the Holy Orthodox Church.

From the Holy Hierarch Mardarije, we see how the grace of God reaches the heart of our cities, bringing to the confusion of the world the breeze of the Spirit and the serenity of the Age to come.

St. Michael's News

Coffee Hour: St. Michael's wants to thank everyone who provides the Coffee Hour refreshments after Divine Liturgy! It is especially appreciated because sometimes, that's the only time we're able to see one another and visit. However, this is just a reminder that when it's your turn to do coffee hour, it is not necessary to put out a complete dinner for everyone. Even a modest offering of bagels, fruit, coffee, etc. is adequate. While we do have various potluck meals on special occasions (Pascha, Slava, etc.) we do not expect that each parishioner should go to elaborate and expensive lengths every single Sunday. That said, if someone feels inspired to do something special for Coffee Hour, they are certainly welcome to do that; i.e.; for a birthday, anniversary, etc.

Glorification of St. Mardarije: The Glorification of St. Mardarije will take place during a special celebration from July 14th through 16th in the Chicago area. Our Serbian Patriarch Irinej will be participating as well as many bishops and clergy from around the country and abroad. Please look at the website: stsavamonastery.org where you'll find lots of information. A number of St. Michael's parishioners will be attending and everyone is encouraged to come for what is quite likely a once-in-a-lifetime event, the glorification of an Orthodox saint! Bishop Longin has asked all the churches to make a financial contribution to help cover the costs. There is a donation box in the hall and flyer with some information. Please consider making a contribution if you haven't already.

Children's Summer Program: The Children's Summer Program will be held Monday, July 24th through Wednesday, July 26th. Mat. Ann Schultz, Anya Sievers and Serena Harwell are our organizers. We'll begin with a special field trip to Cathedral Caverns on Monday. Then on Tuesday, we'll be learning about some of the great saints who lived in caves. On Wednesday, our theme will be about the Holy Fire miracle that happens each year in Jerusalem where the candles are lit, not by matches, but by God's miracle. Please sign up your kids and plan to come—let Mat. Ann know so she can get a better idea of how many children will be involved.

Thank Yous: We would like to thank Justin Novak for creating pre-cut wooden icon shrines to be assembled by our older children at Orthodox Church Camp on Tuesday, July 25, and then hung on trees on the new Church property. Justin will cut 15 wood squares for an icon craft as well.

June 2017 Retreat at Monte Sano



Prayer List:

Living: **Church Members & Orthodox Friends** Please pray for God's help with building the future church and hall on our new property on Madison Blvd.; Loren Capsapoulos, Dolores Gelemny, Jim Cesari, Lisa Craft, Ivan Fontane, Angela Gafton, Olga Gulas, Leslie Hargrave, Harris family, Phil Harwell & family, Kathe Hoyer, Mat. Julie Joa, Weston Letson, Allen Morgan, Sean Perry & family, Tim Waskerwitz, Kurt Weber. **Friends of Members:** Pamfilis Family, Cheryl Brown, Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Mahasin Tadros, Martin Gureasko, Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne, Kara, Glen, Todd McCaffery, Steve McCreary.

Reposed: Angela Gafton's Father; Ron Waskerwitz, Christopher Pamfilis, Alexa & Hayden Hannig, Nicolae Caracalean, Valentina, Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Boris and Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie.

Committees/Chairpersons:

Choir Director – Sandy Ellis
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann
Sisterhood President – Iryna Haddock
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann
Sunday School Teacher—Serena Harwell
Library & Bookstore – Matushka Ann
Building Maintenance – Bob Zarzaur & Rick Kaiser
Welcoming Committee Coordinator – Charles Malmede
Capital Campaign – Hal Pastrick and Joe Bergantz
Website – Charles Malmede
Newsletter Bulletin – Rick Kaiser
Candle/ Supplies – Rick Kaiser

Church Council – 2016 to 2017

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator
Bob Zarzaur – President
Michele Platt – Vice President
Joe Bergantz – Treasurer
Pavel (Elliot) Sievers – Secretary

Members at large – Kathy Couch, Rick Kaiser, Charles Malmede, Hal Pastrick

Please note: the Church telephone number is: **256-881-2449**

Office hours at the church are as follows.*

Tues: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wed: 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Thurs: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Please note: while Fr. Gregory will normally be at the church during these times, pastoral needs are given priority (i.e.; when someone is ill, etc.). If you need to see him, please call ahead.*