

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Feast-Day Liturgy at 9:00am

Sunday Liturgy at 10:00am

Vespers Service on Saturdays: 5:00pm

Vespers Service on the eve of a Feast-Day: 5:00pm



Schedule of Upcoming Church Services

Saturday, October 21

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, October 22

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Do not undertake to explain the Gospels or the other books of Holy Scripture yourself. The Scriptures were not expressed arbitrarily by the prophets and apostles, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. How mindless then is it to explain them arbitrarily? The Holy Spirit, having expressed the Word of God through the prophets and apostles, explained it through the Holy Fathers. Both the Word of God and its explanation are a gift of the Holy Spirit. The holy Orthodox Church and its true children accept only this patristic interpretation!

+St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

If someone wants to be protected from tricks and remain healthy in the faith, he must confine his faith first to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, and secondly to the Tradition of the Church. But someone may ask, is not the canon of Scripture sufficient for everything, and why should we add thereto the authority of Tradition? This is because not everyone understands the Scriptures in the same way, but one explains them this way and another that way, so that it is possible to get therefrom as many thoughts as there are heads. Therefore it is necessary to be guided by the understanding of the Church ... What is tradition? It is that which has been understood by everyone, everywhere and at all times ... that which you have received, and not that which you have thought up ... So then, our job is not to lead religion where we wish it to go, but to follow it where it leads, and not to give that which is our own to our heirs, but to guard that which has been given to us.

+St. Vincent of Lerina

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October 15, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: 2 Cor 11:31-12:9

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36

Liturgical Message

The Apostles were about to be sent out to preach and many persecutors and plotters awaited them. If the Apostles were fearful and dismayed by persecution, they might want to protect themselves from their persecutors by keeping silent and not teaching. If that happened, the radiant sun of the Gospel would be extinguished. In anticipation of this, the Lord exhorts the Apostles not to give way to defensive measures against their enemies, but instead bravely to endure all things, even insults and murderous plots. This is what He Himself did on the Cross, saying, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do* (Lk.23:34). To prove to the Apostles that this commandment to love ones enemies is possible to keep, He then says, "What you want to be done to you, do the same to others; and be to others that kind of person you want others to be to you." If you want your enemies to be hard, unfeeling, and angry towards you, then be the same yourself to them. But if you want them to be kind and compassionate towards you, and not to remember wrongs, do not think that it is impossible for you yourself to be the same towards them. Do you see this natural law which is written in our hearts? That is why the Lord also said, *In those days I will surely put My laws into their mind, and write them on their hearts* (Jer. 38:33). Then He adds another compelling reason to keep this commandment: if you love those who love you, you are like the sinners and the Gentiles; but if you love those who do evil to you, you are like God, *Who is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil*. Which do you desire—to be like sinners or to be like God? Do you see the divine teaching? First He persuaded you by means of the natural law: what you want to be done to you, do to others. Then He persuades you with the result and the reward—He promises that you will become like God.

+Blessed Theophylact of Ochrid

TODAY

ST. GEORGE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, SCHERERVILLE, IN

FIFTH ANNUAL KETTLE COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

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Save the Date

KOLO Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023

Halls of St. George at 6:00pm

Fifth Fall Bible Studies Session

Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00pm

ZADUSNICE-MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 8:00am

CHETNIK KOLO SLAVA

Sunday, November 5, 2023

SNFL LODGE 171 SLAVA

Sunday, November 12, 2023