

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

Sunday, December 3

Vespers at 5:00pm

Monday, December 4-The Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos

Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

Saturday, December 9

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 10

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Draw nigh to the righteous, and through them you will draw nigh to God. Communicate with those who possess humility, and you will learn morals from them.

A man who follows one who loves God becomes rich in the mysteries of God; but he who follows an unrighteous and proud man gets far away from God, and will be hated by his friends.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, Sermon 57,8)

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 3, 2023

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Eph. 5:8-19

Gospel Reading: Luke: 12:16-21

Liturgical Message

And He spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully, and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to gather my crops? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I gather all my fruits and my goods...

The Lord had said that the life of a man is not lengthened by an abundance of possessions, and now He offers this parable in confirmation of this truth. See how He describes for us the insatiable thoughts of the foolish rich man. God did His part and showed His mercy; for all the ground of the rich man brought forth plentifully, not just one of his fields. But the rich man himself bore so little fruit from the mercy shown him that even before he had gathered the crops, he imagined them already locked up for himself. See also the pleasures of the rich man: *What shall I do?* Does not the pauper say the same thing as well, "What shall I do? I have nothing to eat or to put on." Think, if you will, about the words of the rich man. *What shall I do, because I have no room where to gather my crops?* At the very least, he could take a good rest. If both the pauper says, "What shall I do because I have not?" and the rich man says, "What shall I do because I have not?" then what do we gain by gathering more and more? We do not gain any rest, and it is clear from all the cares that come from our further efforts that we are piling up for ourselves only a great multitude of sins. Yet the foolish man says, *I will pull down my barns, and build greater.* And if your land yields even more bountifully in the future, will you pull these down and build again? But what need is there to pull down and build? You have available to you as storehouses the stomachs of the poor which can hold much, and are indestructible and imperishable.

+Blessed Theophylact of Ochrid

TODAY: PADJANE COMMEMORATION

Sunday, December 3, 2023
1:00pm
Chetnik Memorial Hall

Annual Church Assembly

Sunday, December 10, 2023

We kindly remind all parishioners to pay their membership dues before the annual assembly.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL INVITES ALL CHILDREN TO:

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

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PROGRAM

- *Advent Retreat 1:00pm-4:00pm
Vespers at 4:00pm
- *Lenten Dinner at the Halls of St. George at 5:00pm
- *A special visit by St. Nicholas at 5:30pm

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 2023

Catering at Halls of St George

For your Slava food menu and other catering options, please contact the Halls of St. George at 219-865-9411

Contribute to Enrich Our Church with Christmas Flowers

We kindly ask for your support in purchasing poinsettias and other floral decorations to adorn our Church during Christmas. Your donations will help enhance the beauty of our sacred space. Thank you for your generosity!

Church Cleaning for Christmas Preparation

Join us on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm as we gear up for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ! We're inviting all parishioners to participate in a comprehensive cleaning of our church premises.

As a token of our gratitude for their invaluable help, we will provide volunteers with Lenten refreshments.

For further details, please reach out to our church office at 219-322-3355. Let's prepare our church together for this special occasion!



Disposal of Old Church Calendars, Paper Icons, and Sacred Items

Dear parishioners, we kindly request you to bring any old church calendars, paper icons, worn-out sacred items, and remnants of slava candles to the tutor's desk inside the church before January 6th.

These items will be gathered and respectfully burned in the fire pit before the Christmas Eve badnjak burning ceremony. Please refrain from bringing wooden, metal, or plastic objects. Thank you.