

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

Tuesday, November 14-Sts Cosmas and Damian

Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

Thursday, November 16-St. George-“Djurdjic”

Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

Sunday, November 19

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Christians, always rejoice, for evil, death, sin, the devil and hell have been conquered by Christ. But when all of this is conquered, is there anyone in the world who can bring our joy to naught? You are the lord of this eternal rejoicing as long as you do not give in to sin. Joy burns in our hearts from His truth, love, resurrection, and from the Church and His saints. Joy burns in our hearts all because of sufferings for Him, mockings for Him, and death for Him, insofar as these sufferings write our names in heaven.

There is no true joy on earth without the victory over death, but the victory over death does not exist without the Resurrection, and the Resurrection does not exist without Christ. The risen God-Man Christ, the founder of the Church, constantly pours out this joy into the hearts of His followers through the Holy Mysteries and good deeds. Our faith is fulfilled in this eternal joy, insofar as the joy of faith in Christ is the only true joy for human nature.

+St. Justin of Celije

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 12, 2023

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Eph. 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Liturgical Message

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of God most high? I beseech Thee, torment me not.

See how the demon is torn between two wicked passions: impudence and fear. When he says, *What have I to do with Thee?* he shows the impudence of a shameless slave; when he says, *I beseech Thee*, he shows his fear. He was dwelling among the tombs because he wanted to instill in men the false suspicion that the souls of those who have died become demons. The demons ask not to be cast into the abyss, but that they be permitted to remain a while longer upon the earth. The Lord permits them to remain upon the earth so that they might fight and contend with men, and thus render men tested veterans.

If man had no adversaries, there would be no struggles and contests; and if there were no contests, there would be no crowns of victory. There is a more spiritual sense which you should learn as well: the man who has *demons* within him and wears no garment and makes his home outside the *house*, is anyone who does evil and demonic deeds, who has stripped himself of his baptismal robe, and dwells outside the Church. Such a man is not worthy to enter into the Church, but instead he lives in the tombs of dead and rotting deeds, for example, in brothels and in the chambers of publicans and graft. These are indeed tombs of iniquity.

+Blessed Theophylact of Ochrid

Marriage Announcement

Nikola Ratic of St. John, IN., and Gabriela Tolimir of Schererville, IN., will be married at our church on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Adult Bible Study Session

Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00pm



TROMEDJA FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 18, 2023

Annual Church Assembly

Sunday, December 10, 2023

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

PADJANE COMMEMORATION

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

Department of Religious Education of the Serbian Orthodox
New Gracanica Midwestern Diocese invites you to the annual

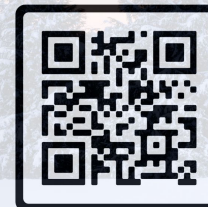


DECEMBER
27-29, 2023

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Absolute deadline for registration:
December 1, 2023

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