

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, December 2

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 3

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 if 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, mocking 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.

+St. Justin of Celije

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 26, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Eph. 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Liturgical Message

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

This lawyer was not only arrogant and proud but also deceitful, as is shown by what follows. He comes to put the Lord to the test, and he imagined that he would trip the Lord by the answer which He gave. But the Lord leads him to the very law of which the lawyer boasted such great knowledge. See how precisely the law commands us to love God. Man is more perfect than all other created things, being in some respect like all created things, but in addition having something exceptional. For example, there is a part of man that is like stone, for he has hair and nails which are unfeeling, like a stone. And he is also in part like a plant, in that he grows and is nourished and engenders his own kind, just as plants do. He is in part like the irrational animals, in that he has emotions, and becomes angry, and desires. But unlike all other animals, he is also in part like God, in that he has a mind.

Therefore the law teaches that man must give each and every part of himself entirely to God, and must expend all the forces of his life in loving God. When the law says, *with all thy heart*, it speaks of that force of human life that is purely physical and organic, a force likewise present in plant life. When the law says, *with all thy soul*, it speaks of that force of human life which feels, a force likewise present in animals. When the law says, *with all thy mind*, it speaks of that power which is unique to man, the intellect. *With all thy strength* means that we must use all these powers to pull [our stubborn selves to God]. We must harness even the organic, plant-like force of our soul to the love of Christ. How? With strength, and not faintheartedly. We must also subject, with strength, the power of all our senses to the love of Christ.

+Blessed Theophylact of Ochrid

TODAY: Fellowship Luncheon

After the Divine Liturgy at the Old Hall
12:00pm

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

Advent Retreat and Detinci Celebration

Saturday, December 16, 2023

More information will be available soon.

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

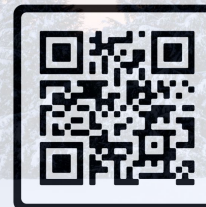


**DECEMBER
27-29, 2023**

**WONDERLAND RETREAT AND
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9241 CAMP LAKE RD, SALEM, WI**



Grades: 1st-8th



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**Absolute deadline for registration:
December 1, 2023**

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