

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 16

Vespers at 4:00pm

Sunday, December 17

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

No matter what bitterness has befallen you, no matter what unpleasantness has happened to you, say, "I shall endure this for Jesus Christ!" and it will be easier for you. For the name of Jesus Christ is powerful. Through it all unpleasantness is calmed, and demons disappear. Your disappointments will also be calmed and your pusillanimity will be quited.

+St. Anthony of Optina

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 10, 2023

27th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Eph. 6:10-17

Gospel Reading: Luke: 13:10-17

Liturgical Message

How can I deal with my sinful condition?

So often we ask ourselves and one another a very tormenting question: How can I deal with my sinful condition? What can I do? I cannot avoid committing sins, Christ alone is sinless. I cannot, for lack of determination, or courage, or ability truly repent when I do commit a sin, or in general, of my sinful condition. What is left to me? I am tormented, I fight like one drowning, and I see no solution. And there is a word which was spoken once by a Russian staretz, one of the last elders of Optina. He said to a visitor of his: No one can live without sin, few know how to repent in such a way that their sins are washed as white as fleece. But there is one thing which we all can do: when we can neither avoid sin, nor repent truly, we can then bear the burden of sin, bear it patiently, bear it with pain, bear it without doing anything to avoid the pain and the agony of it, bear it as one would bear a cross, — not Christ's cross, not the cross of true discipleship, but the cross of the thief who was crucified next to Him. Didn't the thief say to his companion who was blaspheming the Lord: We are enduring because we have committed crimes; He endures sinlessly... And it is to him, because he had accepted the punishment, the pain, the agony, the consequences indeed of evil he had committed, of being the man he was, that Christ said, 'Thou shalt be with Me today in Paradise...'

This is something which all of us can do: to endure the consequences, to endure the enslavement which is our patiently, humbly, with a broken heart; not with indifference, not with a sense that as we are abandoned to it by God, then, why not sin? But taking it as a healing perception of what sin is, of what it does to us, of the horror of it. And if we patiently endure, a day will come when our inner rejection of sin will bear fruit, and when freedom will be given us.

Excerpts from Sermons of +Metropolitan Anthony Sorouzh

TODAY: Annual Church Assembly

1:00pm at HOSTG

✨ Exciting News! Introducing Online Giving! ✨

Dear Parishioners,

We're thrilled to introduce our new ONLINE GIVING system through the secure Breeze church software platform! This convenient feature allows you to support our community effortlessly.

👉 Visit: <https://stgeorgesoc.breezechms.com/give/online>

Choose your designated fund for contribution, whether it's membership dues, children's ministries, college students fund, the new playground fund, or decide on regular weekly, monthly, or yearly giving—all at your convenience!

Secure Payment Options: Credit card or ACH (eCheck)

Feel free to contact the church office for more information. Let's continue building our community together!

Warm regards,
St. George Church Executive Board

Adult Bible Study Session

Monday, December 11, 2023

7:00pm

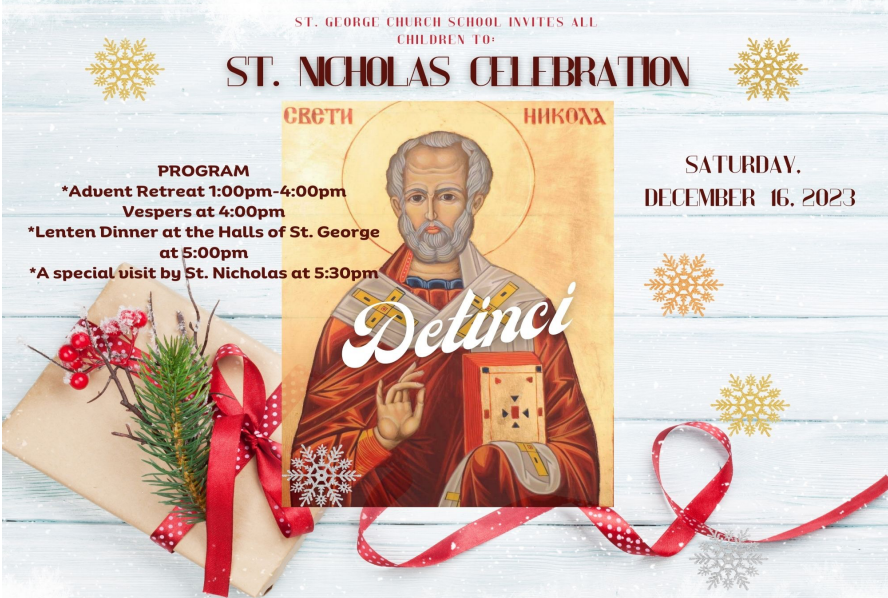
*Last session for the Fall semester

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!



ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL INVITES ALL CHILDREN TO:

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

СРЕТН ННКОХА

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**

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The poster features a central illustration of St. Nicholas in a red and gold robe, holding a book and a staff. The background is a light blue and white striped pattern with gold snowflakes. A red ribbon with white polka dots is draped across the bottom. A small gift box with a red ribbon and a sprig of holly is visible on the left side.

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.