

## 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

#### Monday, December 18

Vespers at 5:00pm

#### Tuesday, December 19-St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy at 8:00am

#### Saturday, December 23

Vespers at 5:00pm

#### Sunday, December 24

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

In spite of our sinfulness, in spite of the darkness surrounding our souls, the Grace of the Holy Spirit, conferred by baptism in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, still shines in our hearts with the inextinguishable light of Christ ... and when the sinner turns to the way of repentance the light smooths away every trace of the sins committed, clothing the former sinner in the garments of incorruption, spun of the Grace of the Holy Spirit. It is this acquisition of the Holy Spirit about which I have been speaking.

—**St. Seraphim of Sarov**

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

\*905 E. Joliet Street\*Scherverville, IN 46375\*

Parish Priest: V. Rev. Radovan Jakovljevic

Office: 219/322-3355; Fr Radovan's Cell: 847/219-2969; Home: 219-515-2589

**December 17, 2023**

***28th Sunday after Pentecost***

Epistle Reading: Col: 1:12-18

Gospel Reading: Luke: 17:12-19

#### Liturgical Message

**And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.**

The ten lepers represent all of human nature—it was leprous with wickedness, carrying about with it the ugliness of sin, passing its life outside the heavenly city on account of its uncleanness, and standing *afar off* from God. But this very distance from God is itself a supplication. For when the Lover of mankind, Who wills that all should be saved and receive good things, sees someone who is not sharing in His goodness, then He is most quick to show mercy and to heal those who are so miserably afflicted.

But He also healed the whole leprous nature of man, when, for every mans sake, He took flesh and tasted of death. Although the Jews had been cleansed of the uncleanness of their leprous sin, as far as it was the Lords part to do, they showed themselves ungrateful and did not return from the path of their vain foolishness to give glory to God Who saved them, that is, to believe in Him Who is God and Who endured the extremes of suffering.

For this is the glory of God: His Flesh and His Cross. These Jews, then, did not confess the incarnate and crucified Lord of glory. But the foreign and accursed people of the Gentiles recognized the One Who makes clean, and they glorified Him by believing in Him. They believed that God loves man so much and is so powerful that He accepted the very depth of dishonor for our sake—this is His love of man; and having accepted it, He suffered no harm to His own nature—this is His power.

**+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid**

🌟 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

### +Božica Stojisavljević 1938-2023

We inform relatives and friends that Božica-Boja Stojisavljević, widow of the late Đuro Stojisavljević and mother of the late Dušan Stojisavljević from Schererville, passed away on Tuesday, December 12th, at the age of 85.

She is survived by daughters Danica Novak and Draginja Stojisavljević  
Grandchildren Goran and Srđan Novak  
Great-grandchildren: Lara, Mila, and Dušan Novak

The funeral service will take place on Monday, December 18th, 2023, at our church at 9:30 am  
Memory Eternal!

### General Church Cleaning

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

9:00am-12:00pm

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

## 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!

### Roasted Lamb and Pig for Christmas

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Schererville will be roasting Lamb and Pig on

Christmas – January 7<sup>th</sup>

To place an order call one of the following:

Church office 219-322-3355

Jovan Tica 219-316-9900 Momir Kerić 219-629-5199

Orders can be picked up between 9am and 11am on January 7<sup>th</sup> at:

Pecana behind the old hall - 905 E Joliet St., Schererville

**Preorder only - deadline to place your order is January 1st at 7:00 pm**

### Pečenje za Božić

Srpska Pravoslavna Crkva Sv. Georgija iz Šervila će imati na prodaju Jagnjeće i Praseće pečenje

na Božić, 7og Januara

Pečenje možete naručiti kod:

Crkvene kancelarije 219-322-3355

Jovan Tica 219-316-9900 Momir Kerić 219-629-5199

Narudžbe možete podignuti na Božić od 9:00 do 11:00 sati pre podne u:

Pecani pozadi stare sale – 905 E Joliet St., Schererville

**Zadnji dan za narudžbe je Prvi Januar do 7 sati uvece**

**Prodaja samo Po Narudžbi**

Price per pound: Lamb \$20.00 – Pork \$15.00

