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 30

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31 Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Love sinners, but hate their deeds, and do not disdain sinners for their failings, so that you yourself do not fall into the temptation in which they abide... Do not be angry at anyone and do not hate anyone, neither for their faith, nor for their shameful deeds... Do not foster hatred for the sinner, for we are all guilty... Hate his sins, and pray for him, so that you may be made like unto Christ, who had no dislike for sinners, but prayed for them.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, Homily 57, 90)

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 24, 2023 29th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle Reading: Col. 3:4-11 Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24

Liturgical Message

Then said He unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and called many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were called, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one accord began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. Because the man who sat at table with Him had said, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God, the Lord teaches him at some length what it means to feast with God, and tells this parable. By a certain man the Lord means His Father, the Lover of man. Whenever Scripture alludes to God's power to punish, He is called a panther, a leopard, or a bear [Hos. 13:7-8]. But whenever it alludes to God's love for man, He is presented as a man, as is the case here. Since the parable treats of God's extreme love for man and the divine economy of the Incarnation which He worked in us, making us sharers of the Flesh of His Son, the parable calls God a man and this divine economy a great supper.

It is a *supper* because the Lord came in the last days, as it were at the evening of this age. And this supper is *great* because great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our salvation. [I Tim. 3:16] *And he sent his servant at supper time.* Who is this servant? The Son of God, Who assumed the form a servant and became man, and as a man is said to have been sent forth. Notice how He did not say "a servant," but instead, using the definite article, *the servant of his.*

+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid

Annual KOLO Meeting

Sunday, December 24, 202 2:00pm at Halls of St. George

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!

Roasted Lamb and Pig for Christmas

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Schererville will be roasting Lamb and Pig on Christmas – January 7th 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 7th at: Pecana behind the old hall - 905 E Joliet St., Schererville

Preorder only - deadline to place your order is <u>January 1st at 7:00 pm</u>

Pečenje za Božić

Srpska Pravoslavna Crkva Sv. Georgija iz Šervila će imati na prodaju Jagnjeće i Praseće pečenje na Božić, 70g 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 <u>Prvi Januar do 7 sati uvece</u> Prodaja samo Po Narudžbi

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2024

SATURDAY - Jan. 6 *CHRISTMAS EVE DAY* Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY - Jan. 6 Vespers Service with the Blessing of the Yule Log at 5:00 p.m. **CHRISTMAS EVE -** MATINS at 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – Jan. 7 *- <u>CHRISTMAS</u>* Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY – Jan. 8 - *Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God* - Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. Vespers at 5:00pm (Blessing of the Slava breads)

TUESDAY – Jan. 9 - *St. Stephen, Holy Apostle* and Archdeacon - Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. (Blessing of the Slava breads)

SATURDAY - Jan. 13 *VESPERS WITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE* at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY - Jan. 14 - THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD and St. BASIL THE GREAT Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. (ORTHODOX NEW YEAR)