

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, January 2

Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Discourse On the Nativity of Christ

What to say and what shalt I proclaim? To speak more concerning the Virgin Birth-Giver? To deliberate more on the miraculously new birth? It is possible only to be astonished, in contemplating the miraculous birth, since it overturns the ordinary laws and order of nature and of things. About the wondrous works (of God) one might say in brief, that they are more wondrous than the works of nature, since in nature nothing begets itself by its own will, though there be the freedom thereof: wondrous therefore are all the works of the Lord, Who hath caused them to be.

O, immaculate and inexplicable mystery! That One, Who before the very creation of the world was the Only-Begotten, Without-Compare, Simple, Incorporeal, is incarnated and descends (into the world), clothed in a perishable body, so that He be visible to all. For if He were not visible, then by what manner would He teach us to keep His precepts and how would He lead us to the invisible reality? It was for this therefore that He became openly visible, to lead forth those of the visible world to the invisible.

On this wondrous day of the Nativity the Word was neither afraid nor ashamed to issue forth from the virginal womb, nor did He consider it unworthy of Himself to assume flesh from His creation—so that the creation, made the attire of the Creator, should be esteemed worthy of glory, and so that mercy should be made known when revealed, from whence God through His goodness hath descended. Just as it would be impossible for an earthen vessel to appear before it be clay in the hands of the potter, so likewise would it be impossible for the perishable vessel (of human nature) to be renewed otherwise, to make it the attire of the Creator, Who is garbed in it.

†St. Gregory Bishop of Neo-Caesarea

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 31, 2023

30th Sunday after Pentecost-Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Epistle Reading: Heb. 11: 9-10; 17-23:32-40

Gospel Reading: Matt. 1:1-25

Liturgical Message

On this day, the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ in the Holy Orthodox Church, we have been enjoined by our holy and God-bearing Fathers to make commemoration of all them that from the beginning of time have been well-pleasing unto God, from Adam even unto Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as Luke the Evangelist hath recounted historically; and likewise for the Prophets and Prophetesses, especially of Daniel the Prophet and the three holy youths.

It is also known as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. We remember the aforementioned names, those in the Old Testament who were related to Christ by blood, and those who spoke of His Birth as a man. In the Divine Liturgy, we shall read of Jesus Christ's lineage from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. In this way, the Church shows us that Christ truly became a man, taking on human nature. He was not a ghost, an apparition, a myth, a distant imagined god, or the abstract god of philosophers; such a god does not have a family tree. Our God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

He has flesh and blood, human ancestors—many of whom sinned greatly, but like David, also repented greatly. Yet, all of these righteous ones in every age had been well-pleasing to God because they loved Him. By taking on human nature, the Son of God became like us in all ways, in flesh and blood, in mind and soul, and in heart and will. He differed from us in only one way: He could not sin. Since we know that Christ's human nature remained sinless, He is also fully divine, and He shows us the way in which we can avoid sin, and so improve and transform our human nature.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us.

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 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



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 - *CHRISTMAS*

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***)