

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, March 2

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 3

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

On Prayer

Whoever wants to approach prayer without a guide, and proudly thinks that he can learn from books, and won't go to an elder, is already halfway into delusion. But the Lord helps the humble, and if there is no experienced guide, and he goes to a confessor, whoever he may be, then the Lord will cover him because of his humility.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, II.1)

If, at the time when the mind is praying it is distracted by any extraneous thought or worry about anything, then this prayer is not called pure.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, Homilies, 16)

If you become proud when you receive what you ask in prayer, then it is obvious that your prayer was not to God, and you did not receive help from Him, but the demons were working with you in order to exalt your heart; For when help is given from God, the soul is not exalted, but is all the more humbled, and she is amazed at the great mercy of God, how merciful He is to sinners.

(St. Barsanuphius the Great, Instructions, 418)

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February 25, 2024

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Epistle Reading: 1 Tim. 3:10-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14

Liturgical Message

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house counted righteous rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

The Lord ceaselessly purges the passion of pride in many ways. This passion, more than any other, disturbs our thoughts, and for this reason the Lord always and everywhere teaches on this subject. Here He is purging the worst form of pride. For there are many offshoots of self-love. Presumption, arrogance, and vainglory all stem from this root. But the most destructive of all these kinds of self-love is pride, for pride is contempt of God. When a man ascribes his accomplishments to himself, and not to God, this is nothing less than denial of God and opposition to Him.

Therefore, like enemy to enemy, the Lord opposes this passion which is opposed to Him, and through this parable He promises to heal it. He directs this parable towards those who trust in themselves and who do not attribute everything to God, and who, as a result, despise others. He shows that when righteousness—which is marvelous in every other respect and sets a man close to God—takes pride as its companion, it casts that man into the lowest depths and makes demonic what was God-like just a short time before.

+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid

TODAY: Fellowship Luncheon

Old Church Hall



TAMBURA NIGHT
Saturday, March 2, 2024

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*food, fun, raffle
& great fellowship
sponsored by our Church
KOLO*

Doors open at 7:30 PM

ENTRANCE FEE \$10
8:00pm-12:00am

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Monday Night Bible Studies

Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00pm

Series: Orthodoxy 101

In this series we will cover the basics of Orthodoxy and the important teachings and beliefs of the Orthodox Church.

Everyone is welcome.

Youth Basketball Practices for SNF Tournament

Sunday, February 25, 2024, from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Clark Middle School



**Annual
Hunter's Lunch**

Sunday, March 10, 2024

1:00pm Chetnik Memorial Hall



For more information, please contact Mirjana Dragojevic
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Memorial Saturday-Zadusnice

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 9:00am