

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

DATE	SERVICE	TIME
Monday, March 18	Great Canon to St. Andrew of Crete	5:00pm
Tuesday, March 19	Great Canon to St. Andrew of Crete	5:00pm
Wednesday, March 20	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	9:00am
Wednesday, March 20	Great Canon to St. Andrew of Crete	5:00pm
Thursday, March 21	Great Canon to St. Andrew of Crete	5:00pm
Friday, March 22	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
Saturday, March 23	Divine Liturgy-Theodor's Saturday	9:00am
Saturday, March 23	Vespers and Confession	5:00pm
Sunday, March 24	1 st Sunday of Great Lent-Divine Liturgy	10:00am

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 17, 2024

Forgiveness Sunday

Epistle Reading: Rom. 13:11-14,4

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:14-21

Liturgical Message

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. "Disfigurement of the face" is an artificial discoloration of the face, painting it pale, so that one does not appear as he really is, but feigns mournfulness. **But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father Who is in secret: and thy Father Who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.** Men of old would anoint themselves with oil after bathing as a mark of their joy and well-being. So you also, O reader, should appear joyful when you fast. The oil used to anoint we also understand to mean almsgiving. Our Head is Christ, Which we should anoint with deeds of mercy; and our face, that is our senses, we should wash with tears of repentance. **Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and corruption doth destroy, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor corruption doth destroy, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** Having first cast out the sickness of vainglory by what He said before, now He speaks about non-possessiveness. For men possess more than they need because of vainglory. He shows how unprofitable earthly treasure is: "moth and corruption consume food and clothing, and thieves steal gold and silver. Then, anticipating the objection that not all treasure is stolen, the Lord says, "Even if nothing is lost in this manner, are you not wretched for being nailed down by your worries over wealth?" This is why He says, *Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid

Chicago Deaner Lenten Services

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 6:00pm

St. Sava Church in Merriville

Homilist: V. Rev. Radovan Jakovljevic

Monday Night Bible Studies

Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7:00pm

SUNDAY
OF ORTHODOXY

MARCH 24, 2024



**DIVINE LITURGY AT
10:00AM**

**PROCESSION WITH ICONS
AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY**

All children participating in the procession should bring their own icons from home.

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

ON FASTING

Fasting was ordained in Paradise. The first injunction was delivered to Adam, 'Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat.' 'You shall not eat' is a law of fasting and abstinence." The general argument is rather against excess than in support of ceremonial abstinence. In Paradise there was no wine, no butchery of beasts, no eating of flesh. Wine came in after the flood. Noah became drunk because wine was new to him. So fasting is older than drunkenness. Esau was defiled, and made his brother's slave, for the sake of a single meal. It was fasting and prayer which gave Samuel to Hannah. Fasting brought forth Samson. Fasting begets prophets, strengthens strong men. Fasting makes lawgivers wise, is the soul's safeguard, the body's trusty comrade, the armor of the champion, the training of the athlete.

St. Basil, in his homilies on the Holy Spirit

The undefiled beauty of fasting is the pure mother of character. It causes philosophy to gush forth, and offers a crown. It negotiates Paradise for us And grants a paternal family for those who fast. Of this Adam was deprived, and he attracted death When he dishonored the worth of feasting. For at the time when it was treated scornfully, The God of all, the Creator and the Master was at once displeased. To those who honor it He grants eternal life.

Kontakia of Romanos.

Youth Basketball Practices for SNF Tournament

Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Clark Middle School

MONTHLY KOLO MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:00pm (Halls of St. George)