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

Wednesday, March 27
Presanctified Divine Liturgy
9:00am

Friday, March 29
Presanctified Divine Liturgy
5:00pm

Saturday, March 30 Vespers and Confession 5:00pm

Sunday, March 31
2nd Sunday of Great Lent-Divine Liturgy
10:00am

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March 24, 2024 Sunday of Orthodoxy

Epistle Reading: Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2 Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

Liturgical Message

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto Him, Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Philip had said that Christ was from Nazareth. But Nathanael, astute in the law, knew from the Scriptures that the Messiah should come from Bethlehem. This is why he said, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip answered, Come and see, knowing that once he tasted Christ's words, he would never leave Him. Christ commends Nathanael for being a true Israelite, who said nothing either to curry favor or to cause enmity. Nathanael's words stemmed not from disbelief, but from a discerning mind well-versed in the law, which knew that the Christ would come from Bethlehem and not from Nazareth. How then does Nathanael respond to the Lord? Does he become conceited from these words of praise? Not in the least. Persisting in his desire to establish clearly and certainly the identity of this Man, he asks, Whence knowest Thou me? Then the Lord reveals His very divinity by speaking of things which no one could have known except Nathanael and Philip, because they had spoken and acted alone. Although He was not present, Christ knew all that had taken place when Philip spoke with Nathanael. This is why is He says, when thou wast under the fig tree. Before Philip drew near, the Lord spoke these words concerning Nathanael, lest anyone should suspect that Philip had told Him of the fig tree and his conversation with Nathanael. At once Nathanael understood Who the Lord was, and confessed Him to be the Son of God.

+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid

TODAY:

Fellowship and Lenten Luncheon at the Old Hall after the Divine Liturgy

> Monday Night Bible Studies Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00pm



New Gracanica Midwestern Diocese Southern Chicago Deanery Lenten Services Schedule 2024

Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 24th-Pan Orthodox Vespers - Protection of the Virgin Mary OCA Church in Merrrillville

Sunday, March 31st-Vespers - St. Archangel Michael, Lansing, 6 P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Vladimir Lang)

Sunday, April 7th -Vespers - St. Elijah, Merrillville, 6 P.M. (Homilist- Fr. Mile Subotic)

Sunday, April 14th-Vespers - St. George - East Chicago, 6. P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Aleksandar Savic)

Sunday, April 21St -Vespers - Sts. Peter and Paul, South Bend, 6 P.M. (5 ST) (Homilist - Fr. Marko Matic)

Friday, April 26th-Presanctified Liturgy - St. George, Schererville, 6 P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Aleksandar Novakovic)

Sunday, April 28th-Vespers - St. Simeon, South Chicago, 6 P.M. (Homilist - Fr. Srdjan Veselinovich)

Holy Wednesday, May 1st-Holy Unction Service - St. Archangel Michael, Lansing, 6 P.M.