

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, April 10

Presanctified Divine Liturgy

9:00am

Saturday, April 13

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 14

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

* No Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Friday, April 12

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Abba Agathon said: An angry man, even if he raises the dead, is not pleasing to God." (*Ancient Patericon*, 10.15)

Are you angry? Be angry at your sins, beat your soul, afflict your conscience, but strict in judgement and a terrible punisher of your own sins. This is the benefit of anger, wherefore God placed it in us.

(*St. John Chrysostom, Conversation of Ephesians, 2*)

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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April 7, 2024

Third Sunday of Great Lent-Annunciation

Epistle Reading: Heb. 4:14-5,6; Heb. 2:11-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-9,1; Lk. 1:24-38

Liturgical Message

And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, Whosoever desireth to follow after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever desireth to save his life, shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospels, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? [In this passage of St. Mark, and in the following commentary, the single Greek word, *psyche*, has been translated as either "life" or "soul" as it has both these meanings. Since Peter had rebuked Him for wanting to be crucified, the Lord called the people unto Him, and said in the hearing of all, but directing His words mostly towards Peter, "Do you find fault with Me, Peter, because I take up the cross? I say to you, that neither you, nor anyone else, will be saved unless you die for the sake of goodness and truth." See that Christ does not compel a man to die on a cross against his own will. Instead He said, *Whosoever desireth*. The Lord is saying: "I compel no one. I invite him to something good, not to something bad to which he must be forced. Whoever does not want these things is not worthy of them." We can learn what it means to deny oneself if we understand what it means to deny another. He who denies another is he who, when he sees his brother, or servant, or father, being flogged or even murdered, does not turn towards him and pity him in his suffering, but acts as if he were a stranger to him. In this same manner the Lord wants us to show no pity towards our own bodies, so that even if we are flogged, or worse, let it make no difference to us. Let him take up his cross, that is, accept a most shameful death, for at that time to die on a cross was considered the most shameful of deaths. But since many were crucified for being bandits, the Lord added to the crucifixion something else: that one ought to have virtue. This is what it means *to follow Me*.

...+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid

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TODAY:

Kumovi Sunday
Everyone is welcome!

Monday Night Bible Studies
Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00pm

Serbian Orthodox New Gracanica Midwestern Diocese
Chicago Deanery Lenten Service

Friday, April 26, 2024



Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm

Homilist: V. Rev. Aleksandar Novakovic

Lenten dinner will be served after the service
at Halls of St. George

For orders of

Roasted Lamb & Pig for Easter, please call the church office
at 219-322-3355 or contact Jovica Tica and Momir Keric.

Donations for Easter lillies and flowers are much
appreciated. Thank you.



KOLO MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00pm
Halls of St George

New Gracanica Midwestern Diocese
Southern Chicago Deanery
Lenten Services Schedule 2024

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.

Vrbica
Children's Mini Retreat

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
905 E. Joliet Street
Schererville, IN 46375

Educational Retreat from 1:00pm-3:45pm
Vespers with procession at 4:00pm

LAZARUS SATURDAY
APRIL 27, 2024

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 20
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