

## 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

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

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### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

#### The Purpose of Life

Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord, that is to say they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (**I Tim. 1:15**). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints. (**St. Philaret of Moscow**)

The acquisition of holiness is not the exclusive business of monks, as certain people think. People with families are also called to holiness, as are those in all kinds of professions, who live in the world, since the commandment about perfection and holiness is given not only to monks, but to all people.

(**Hieromartyr Onuphry Gaguluk**)

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**June 2, 2024**

**5th Sunday after Pascha**

Epistle Reading: Acts **11:19-26, 29-30**

Gospel Reading: John **4:5-42**

#### Liturgical Message

**Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink. For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy food.**

By saying that the Lord was weary from the journey, the Evangelist shows us His humility and simplicity, for He rode not even a donkey on His journey, but walked on foot, teaching us also to need less, not more. The Evangelist also demonstrates that the Lord did not journey leisurely, but with intensity, from which we too may learn to do God's work with zeal and attention. The words, *He sat thus*, indicate that He sat simply, as He was, not on a chair, and without pretension rested His body on the ground and refreshed it by the well. Then the Evangelist gives another reason why He sat by the well: it was high noon, *about the sixth hour*, and the Lord needed rest and refreshment from the oppressive heat. Lest anyone accuse the Lord of a double standard in forbidding His disciples to go near the Gentiles while He Himself went to the Samaritans, the Evangelist says that He sat in that place because He was tired, showing that his thirst justified His conversation with the woman. In accordance with His human nature, He became thirsty and needed to drink. To the One asking for drink, the woman speaks with words which show her eagerness to learn. What should He have done? Shun this woman so eager to learn, who thirsted to learn the answer to her perplexity? Of course not! That is not the way of God, the Lover of man. We also see here the utter simplicity of the Lord. He is left all alone on the road, while His disciples have gone into the city to buy food. They gave so little attention to the demand of the stomach that at the very time when most people are nearly asleep after dinner they were out buying food, that is, loaves of bread only, from which we may also learn to limit the variety of what we eat. Notice the exactitude of the Evangelist. He did not assert, "It was the sixth hour," but instead, *It was about the sixth hour*, so careful was he to preserve the truthfulness of every word of his Gospel.

... **+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid**

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Monthly KOLO Meeting

Monday, June 10, 2024  
at 6:0pm  
Halls of St. George

## Memorial Saturday-Zadusnice

Saturday, June 22, 2024  
Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 8:00am



## Celebration of St. Mardarije of Libertyville Saturday, July 13, 2024

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am  
Program and Picnic at the Pavilion at 12:00pm

## DRAZINDAN

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**



Divine Liturgy and Parastos  
at 10:00am

Banquet and Program at  
1:00pm

Youth soccer tournament Honoring Saint Mardarije of Libertyville and all-America!

When: September 21, 2024

From 02:00pm-08:00pm

Where:

Serbian Brothers Help

19697 W Grand Ave,

Lake Villa, IL 60046

Application deadline for soccer teams:

August 14, 2024

**YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

With the blessing of His Grace Longin  
The Serbian Orthodox Bishop  
of New Gracanica Midwestern America  
Honoring Saint Mardarije  
of Libertyville and All-America  
The Diocesan Youth Department Organizes

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JULY 31, 2024

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