

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

Thursday, July 11

Vespers at 5:00pm

Friday, July 12-Sts. Peter and Paul

Divine Liturgy at 9:00am

Saturday, July 13

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 14

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

"We see the water of a river flowing uninterruptedly and passing away, and all that floats on its surface, rubbish or beams of trees, all pass by. Christian! So does our life. . .

I was an infant, and that time has gone. I was an adolescent, and that too has passed. I was a young man, and that too is far behind me. The strong and mature man that I was is no more.

My hair turns white, I succumb to age, but that too passes; I approach the end and will go the way of all flesh. I was born in order to die. I die that I may live.

Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!"

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 7, 2024

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Rom. 2:10-16; Rom. 13:11-14,4

Gospel Reading: Matt. 4:18-23; Luke 1:1-25; 57-68; 76, 80

Liturgical Message

18-19. As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen; and He saith unto them. These two had been disciples of John, and while John was still living they had approached Christ. But when they saw John arrested, they returned again to their fishing, and so Christ comes, fishing for them, and says:

19-20. Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him. Behold obedient men, who followed Him immediately. From this it is clear that this is the second time that He called them. For they had been taught by Christ on a previous occasion [see Jn. 1:35-42], then left Him, and when they saw Him again followed Him readily.

21. And going on from thence, He saw two other brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father. It is the greatest of virtues to care for one's father in his old age, and for the father to be supported by the just labors of his sons. **Mending their nets.** They were poor and as they were unable to buy new nets, they were stitching together their old ones.

22. And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him. It appears that Zebedee did not believe and it is for this reason that they left him. Do you see when it becomes necessary to leave one's father? When the father becomes an impediment to virtue and reverence for God. When James and John saw the first two follow Christ, they rightly followed Christ as well, imitating their good example.

+Blessed Theophylact of Ochrid

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, Saint Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that Saint Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.



Saint Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Saint John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her. Soon Saint Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and Saint Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79). After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

Upcoming Events

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



Marriage Announcements

Anastasija Andjelic of Lowell, IN and Christian Steffek of Lowell, IN will be married at our church on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Sports Events sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Department

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

YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT
(Ages 10+)
(Including Our Youth from the Serbian Orthodox
Parishes in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana)

WHEN:
September 21, 2024
(FROM 02:00PM UNTIL 08:00PM)

WHERE:
SERBIAN BROTHERS HELP
19697 W Grand Ave,
Lake Villa, IL 60046

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
FOR SOCCER TEAMS:**
JULY 31, 2024

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YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS
(Ages 10+)
• 3x3 Games,
• Knockout,
• 3 Point Contest

INCLUDING...
VOLLEYBALL
TRACK COMPETITION

WHERE:
New Gracanica Monastery
35240 W Grant Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046

REGISTRATION
WHEN: September 14, 2024 (Time TBA)
DEADLINE: July 31, 2024

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