

## 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

#### Saturday, February 22-Memorial Saturday

- Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am
- Vespers at 5:00 pm

#### Sunday, February 23

- Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

"Do not say, 'I have sinned too much, and therefore I am not confident that I shall be received back.' You are not more merciful than God. Nor does your wickedness overcome the greatness of His compassion. The physician is not more eager to heal than God is to save."

**(St. John Chrysostom: Homily on Repentance and Almsgiving)**

"Seeing him from afar, the father ran and fell upon his neck. This signifies the joy of the Father, who receives with love those who repent. He restores them to their former dignity and clothes them in the robe of salvation, Christ Himself."

**(St. Cyril of Alexandria: Commentary on Luke, Sermon 107)**

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**February 16, 2025**

### ***Sunday of the Prodigal Son***

Epistle Reading: 1Cor. 6:12-20

Gospel Reading: Luke Lk. 15:11-32

### Liturgical Message

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is a powerful message of God's boundless love, mercy, and forgiveness. In the story, the younger son wastes his inheritance on reckless living, only to find himself in misery and longing for his father's home. His return, marked by repentance and humility, is met not with rejection but with overwhelming compassion. This reflects God's readiness to embrace every sinner who turns back to Him with a repentant heart, demonstrating His mercy is more significant than any sin.

The father's reaction in the parable is a profound image of God's unconditional love. Instead of punishing or rejecting his wayward son, he runs to him, clothes him, and celebrates his return. This illustrates how God does not desire the sinner's destruction but rather their repentance and restoration. It also reminds us that salvation is not something earned but a gift of divine grace, freely given to those who seek God with sincerity and humility.

The elder son's response, however, warns against self-righteousness and resentment. While he remained outwardly faithful, his heart harbored pride and bitterness, failing to recognize the depth of his father's love. This teaches us that true righteousness is not merely about outward obedience but cultivating a heart that mirrors God's mercy. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to rejoice in the repentance of others, to be compassionate, and to seek God's grace in our lives, knowing that He is always ready to receive us with open arms.

**TODAY:**

**HUNTERS LUNCHEON**

CHETNIK MEMORIAL HALL

12:30 PM

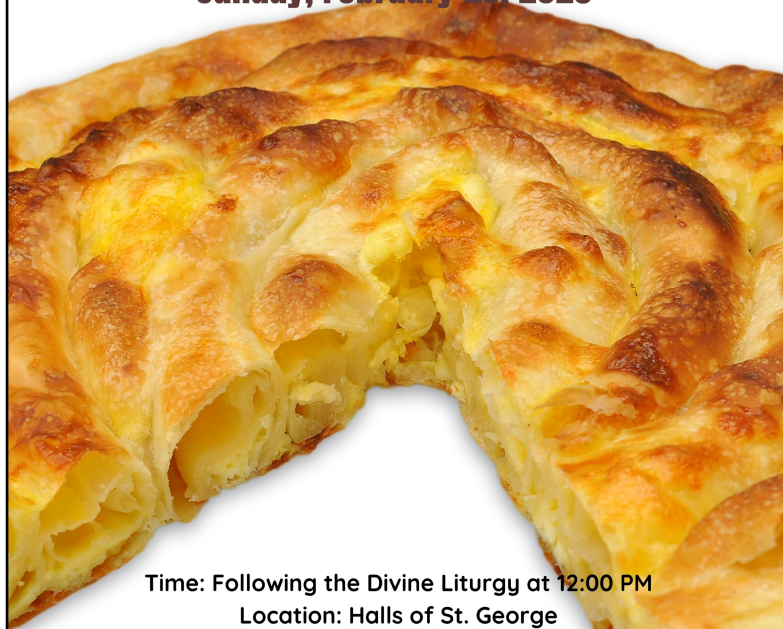
**Memorial Saturday**

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 9:00 am

**Gibanica Day**

Sunday, February 23, 2025



Time: Following the Divine Liturgy at 12:00 PM

Location: Halls of St. George

Join Us for a Delicious Celebration of Serbian Tradition!

Come and experience the rich flavors of traditional Serbian cheese pitas (gibanicas), lovingly prepared by the talented ladies of our parish.

Enjoy an afternoon filled with food, culture, and fellowship!

**Wine and Cheese Tasting Event  
with Live Music**

Friday, February 28, 2025

Please RSVP by February 23 at 219-865-9411



As well as a Rakija tasting!!!

*February 28, 2025 7pm-12am*

Wine and Rakija Vendors: Savich Winery, Bozic Imports, Lav Imports



Live Music by

*LUTAJUCE  
SRCE*

Space will be limited!  
Contact us to reserve  
your spot!

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