

## 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 Services During The First Week of Great Lent 2025

- **Monday, March 3**

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Tuesday, March 4**

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Wednesday, March 5**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Thursday, March 6**

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Friday, March 7**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm

- **Saturday, March 8-Theodor's Saturday**

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Vespers at 5:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 9-Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**March 2, 2025**

### **Forgiveness Sunday**

Epistle Reading: Rom. 13,11-14,4

Gospel Reading: Matt. 6, 14-21

#### Liturgical Message

On Forgiveness Sunday, the Church invites us to prepare for Great Lent by reconciling with one another and seeking forgiveness, just as Christ commands in Matthew 6:14-21. Jesus teaches that if we forgive others, our Heavenly Father will also forgive us, but if we withhold forgiveness, we cut ourselves off from God's mercy. This serves as a reminder that forgiveness is not optional but essential for our salvation. True repentance begins with humility as we acknowledge our sins and release the grudges that harden our hearts.

Jesus also warns us not to be like hypocrites who fast for human praise but to fast in secret, seeking only the approval of God. This teaches us that Lent is not about outward appearances but about transforming the heart. When we fast, pray, and give alms, we do so out of love and sincerity, drawing closer to Christ. Forgiveness is part of this process; how can we pray to God if we refuse to love our neighbor? Our spiritual efforts are in vain if they do not lead us to a heart filled with love and peace.

Finally, Christ reminds us to store treasures in heaven, not on earth. This means investing in what is eternal—acts of love, mercy, and faith—rather than being consumed by worldly concerns. When we forgive, we release the burdens of resentment and allow God's grace to fill our hearts. As we enter Lent, let us sincerely strive to forgive each other, seek God's mercy, and focus on what truly matters: growing in holiness and preparing our hearts for the joy of Pascha.

TODAY:

**Fellowship at HOSTG**

Sponsored by  
Djordje and Jelena Ozegovic  
& Milan and Ali Markos



**DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!**

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**6:00PM**

Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church  
9191 Mississippi Street  
Merrillville, IN 46410


**Great Lenten Vesper Service**

With His Eminence Metropolitan Longin, visiting clergy, and guests.  
Responses by Saint Sava Karageorge Choir. Lenten dinner to follow.



**Guest Speaker:**  
**V. Rev. Dr. Mile Subotic**

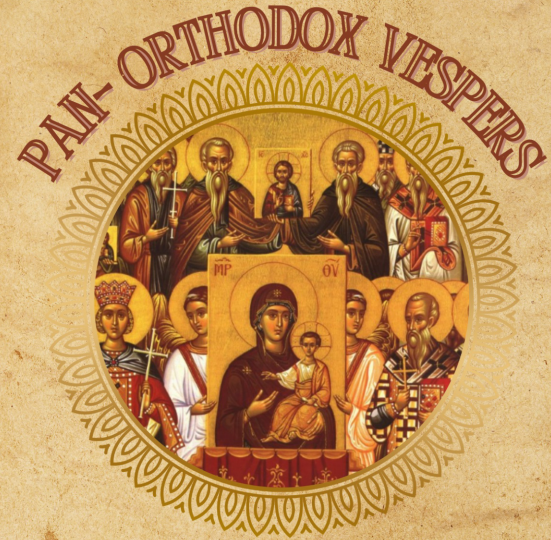
**GREAT LENT**  
THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA



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GOD! AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HOLY  
PASCHA!

**BIBLE STUDY SPRING  
SESSION BEGINS**

Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm



THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES, THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS,  
THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX, THIS IS  
THE FAITH WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE!  
- SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

**PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS**

*Triumph of Orthodoxy*

**SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

STS. PETER & PAUL MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
9660 BROADWAY CROWN POINT, IN 46307

AGAPE MEAL TO FOLLOW

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY AND PROCESSION OF ICONS**

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

