

## 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

- **Wednesday, March 26**  
Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am
- **Saturday, March 29**  
Vespers at 5:00 pm
- **Sunday, March 30**  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

\*Special Note: No Presanctified Liturgy on Friday, 3/28

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

**St. John Chrysostom** – *“The Cross is the key to Paradise, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the righteous, and the hope of sinners.”*

**St. Basil the Great** – *“By the sign of the Cross, demons flee, sickness is driven away, and the power of the enemy is destroyed.”*

**St. Ephraim the Syrian** – *“The Cross is the resurrection of the dead, the hope of Christians, the staff of the lame, the comfort of the poor, the destruction of the proud.”*

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem** – *“Let us not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ, but rather glory in it; for the message of the Cross is a victory over the enemy.”*

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**March 23, 2025**

### Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

Epistle Reading: Heb. 4:14-5,6

Gospel Reading: Mk. 8:34-38; 9,1

#### Liturgical Message

The **Third Sunday of Great Lent** is dedicated to the **Veneration of the Holy Cross**, reminding us that the path to Christ's Resurrection goes through the Cross. At this midpoint of the Fast, the Church places the Cross before us as a source of strength and encouragement. Just as a traveler finds rest under the shade of a tree, we find spiritual renewal in the Cross, remembering Christ's sacrifice and the call to take up our cross daily.

Christ tells us, **“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”** (Mark 8:34). The Cross symbolizes not just suffering but victory over sin and death. Through fasting, prayer, and repentance, we carry our own crosses, dying to selfishness and growing in love for God and others. The Holy Cross teaches us that true joy comes through self-sacrifice and trust in God's will.

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Cross reminds us of the promise of the Resurrection. The struggles we endure now are preparing us for the joy of Pascha. Let us embrace the Fast with faith, drawing strength from the Cross, knowing that Christ has already conquered sin and death through it. **“Through the Cross, joy has come into all the world!”**

**TODAY:**

**Kumovi Sunda Luncheon and Fellowship**

**TONIGHT**

**Lenten Vespers - St. Elijah SOC  
Merrillville, 6 P.M.**

**Homilist – Fr Vladimir Lange**



**LENTEN VESPERS HOSTED BY OUR CHURCH  
Friday, April 11, 2025, at 6 P.M.**

**Homilist – Fr Milorad Jancic**

**Easter Roasted Lamb & Pig**

To place an order, please call one of the  
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Church office: 219-322-3355

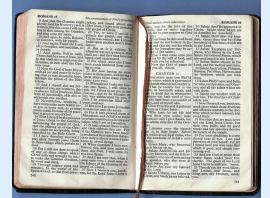
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**BIBLE STUDY**

Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm



**Friday Fish Fry  
March 28, 2025**

Halls of St. George  
4:00 pm-8:00 pm

For all other information, please  
contact the Halls of St. George.



**Vrbica Lenten Retreat for Children  
Saturday, April 12, 2025**

Educational Workshop –  
1:00-4:00 pm

Vespers and Procession  
around the Church at 4:00 pm

