

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, April 2**
Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am
- ***Friday, April 4**
Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am
Akathist Service to the Holy Theotokos at 5:00 pm
- **Saturday, April 5**
Vespers at 5:00 pm
- **Sunday, April 6**
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

*Special Announcement

Please note that the Presanctified Liturgy on April 4th will be served at 9:00 am instead of the usual time because of the unique service to the Mother of God, which will be served at 5:00 pm.



ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle Reading: Heb.6:13-20; Eph.5:8-19

Gospel Reading: Mk. 9:17-31; Mat. 4:25-5:12

Liturgical Message

On this fourth Sunday of Great Lent, the Church commemorates St. John Climacus, the great ascetic and author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. His writings remind us that our journey to Christ involves struggle, patience, and faith. Like a ladder reaching toward heaven, our spiritual life is a step-by-step ascent, requiring repentance, humility, and constant effort. St. John teaches us that no progress is possible without prayer, fasting, and trust in God's mercy. His example encourages us to persevere as we continue our Lenten journey, even when the path seems complicated.

Today's Gospel reading (Mark 9:17-31) tells of a father who brings his son, tormented by an unclean spirit, to Christ. Seeing the father's desperation, the disciples could not heal him, but Jesus declares, *"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."* The father cries, *"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"* This is the prayer of every Christian struggling with doubt, weakness, and fear. Christ responds by casting out the demon and reminding His disciples that such miracles come only through prayer and fasting. This lesson teaches us that true faith requires action—through fasting, prayer, and reliance on God, we overcome the forces that seek to separate us from Him.

As we move closer to Holy Pascha, we must ask ourselves: Are we climbing toward Christ, or do sin and distraction weigh us down? St. John Climacus reminds us that salvation is not achieved instantly but through a lifetime of striving. Let us take courage, knowing that every prayer, every sacrifice, and every act of love brings us one step closer to Christ. May we continue our Lenten struggle with renewed faith, calling upon the Lord in our weakness: *"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"*



Ocean Perch
Fried Shrimp
Prebranac
Homemade
Bread
Coleslaw
Apple Pita



Lenten
Fellowship
Luncheon

Sunday, March 30th,
12:00 PM
Halls of St. George



TONIGHT: Lenten Vespers
St. Archangel Michael SOC
Lansing, IL, 6 P.M.

Homilist – V. Rev. Marko Matic

Easter Roasted Lamb & Pig

To place an order, please call one of the
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Jovica Tica 219-316-9900
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BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 31, 2025, at 7:00 pm

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

LENTEN VESPERS HOSTED BY OUR CHURCH

Friday, April 11, 2025, at 6 P.M.

Homilist – Fr Milorad Jancic

**PRESANCTIFIED
LITURGY**

*Southern Deanery
Lenten Service*



Homilist:
Rev. Milorad Jancic

11 APRIL
FRIDAY
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