

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

Tuesday, June 3- Sts Constantine and Helen

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Saturday, June 7-Memorial Saturday-Zadusnice

Divine Liturgy at 8:00 am

Sunday, June 8-Pentecost

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Monday, June 9-Pentecost Monday

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Tuesday, June 10-Pentecost Tuesday

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to Paradise, our ascension to the Kingdom of Heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory.”

+St. Basil the Great

(On the Holy Spirit, Chapter 15)

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Pascha

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:16-18; 28-36

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

Liturgical Message

Today, on the **Seventh Sunday after Pascha**, we honor the **318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council** held in Nicea in the year 325. These God-bearing men defended the truth of the Orthodox faith at a time when the Church was being threatened by false teaching. A priest named Arius had begun teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God, but a created being. The Fathers, led by the Holy Spirit, stood firmly and declared in the Nicene Creed that Christ is "**true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father.**" They preserved the truth for us, and their faithfulness continues to protect and guide the Church today.

In today's Gospel (John 17:1-13), we hear Christ's final prayer before His Passion—a profound and holy moment where He lifts His voice to the Father not only for His disciples, but for all who would believe in Him. He prays, "**Holy Father, keep them through Your name... that they may be one as We are one.**" The unity that Christ desires is not superficial or based on opinions; it is unity rooted in truth and love. This is the unity the Holy Fathers defended—a unity that flows from knowing and worshiping Christ as He truly is: the eternal Son of God, the Light and Life of the world.

As we prepare for Pentecost, this Sunday reminds us that unity in Christ comes through faithfulness to the truth. We are called to **know Christ deeply**, to **confess Him boldly**, and to **stand with the Church in love and obedience**. The Holy Spirit, whom we await at Pentecost, comes not into confusion, but into hearts that are ready to receive Him in the fullness of truth. Let us live the faith we have received—not as an empty tradition, but as the living confession of those who believe, worship, and glorify the undivided Trinity.

Saints Constantine and Helen – Equals to the Apostles

Saint Constantine the Great and his mother, Saint Helen, are celebrated together as “**Equals to the Apostles**” because of their



immense contribution to the Christian faith.

Saint Constantine was the first Roman Emperor to accept Christianity. With the **sign of the Cross**, he was victorious in battle and declared religious freedom for Christians in the **Edict of Milan** in 313 A.D. He halted the persecution of the Church, restored places of worship to the faithful, and constructed magnificent churches, including the original **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** in Jerusalem.

Saint Helen, his mother, is remembered for her deep faith and humility. She went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and discovered the **True Cross** of Christ. She built churches on the sacred sites of our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection, helping future generations encounter the living Christ.

Their lives remind us that faith can shape not only hearts but entire nations. When we seek Christ above all, we, too, can become instruments of peace, hope, and truth in the world.

Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Old Hall at 12:00pm



All proceeds will benefit our children playing at the SNF Tournament in Milwaukee.

St. George Church-Schererville



Summer Church Clean-Up & Work Day!



Join us for a day of fellowship, fresh air, and service!



Date: Saturday, June 21



Time: 8:00am-3:00pm



Location: Church Grounds

We’re calling all parishioners—young and old—to help us beautify and care for our church property. Tasks will include weeding, trimming, planting, cleaning, organizing, minor repairs, and other similar tasks. Come ready to work and make a difference!

Please bring gloves, garden tools, rakes, brooms, and any supplies you think might be helpful. Water and light refreshments will be provided.



Let’s come together as a church family to take care of the place God has given us.

Many hands make light work!

Questions? Contact the church office at 219-322-3355