

## 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

#### **Saturday, May 24- Sts Cyril and Methodius**

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Vespers at 5:00pm

#### **Sunday, May 25**

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“Christ came not only to teach, but also to draw people gently to faith. He begins not with accusations, but with kindness. By asking for water, He opens the way for teaching, gradually raising the woman’s mind to higher things.”

#### **St. John Chrysostom**

“The Savior, by revealing her sins without harshness, awakens her conscience and brings her to repentance. He shows that He knows her fully, yet does not reject her. In this, we see the model of divine mercy.”

#### **St. Cyril of Alexandria**

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**May 19, 2025**

### **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

Epistle Reading: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

#### **Liturgical Message**

On the fifth Sunday after Pascha, the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5–42). In this powerful encounter at Jacob’s Well, Christ speaks with a woman burdened by a life of sin and isolation. Though others avoided her, Christ meets her with love and truth.

He gently uncovers the thirst in her soul—a thirst that no earthly thing can satisfy—and reveals Himself as the Living Water, the only source of eternal life.

This Gospel teaches us that Christ seeks each of us personally, no matter our past. He comes not to condemn, but to heal and transform.

The Samaritan Woman, once ashamed and alone, becomes a bold witness and messenger of Christ. Her life is changed when she listens to His word and receives Him into her heart.

We are reminded today that our souls, too, thirst—for peace, for love, for meaning. Christ alone can quench that thirst. Let us come to Him with open hearts, as the Samaritan Woman did, and allow His Living Water to renew us. And like her, let us joyfully share His truth with others, becoming witnesses to the mercy and salvation we have found in Him.

## The Life of Saints Cyril and Methodius

*Teachers of the Slavs and Equal-to-the-Apostles*

Saints Cyril and Methodius were two holy brothers from Thessalonica in the 9th century who brought the light of Christ to the Slavic peoples. Born into a devout Christian family, Methodius first became a monk, while Cyril, the younger brother, was a brilliant scholar and teacher in Constantinople.

Together, they were chosen by the Emperor and Patriarch to go as missionaries to Great Moravia (modern-day Central Europe), where the people were eager to learn about the Christian faith but spoke the Slavic language.

Realizing that people needed to hear and understand the Gospel in their own language, the brothers created a new alphabet—the Glagolitic script—which later developed into the Cyrillic alphabet still used by many Slavic nations today. They translated the Bible, the Divine Liturgy, and many other church texts into Slavonic, making the Word of God accessible to all.

Their mission was not without struggle. Some Western clergy opposed their use of the Slavic language in worship, but Saints Cyril and Methodius defended the truth that all people should be able to praise God in their native tongue. Cyril fell asleep in the Lord in Rome in the year 869, and Methodius continued the mission until his repose in 885.

The Orthodox Church honors Saints Cyril and Methodius as “Equal-to-the-Apostles” for their tireless work in spreading the Gospel and building the Church among the Slavic nations.

Through their faith, wisdom, and love for God’s people, they planted seeds that would grow into centuries of Orthodox Christian life throughout Eastern Europe.



## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT



Davor Gusak of Chicago, IL, and Stacey Kratky of Chicago, IL, will be married at our church on Saturday, May 31, 2025

## 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 more. 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 church office at 219-322-3355