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

Monday, May 5

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 6-St George the Great Martyr

Divine Liturgy at 8:00 am

Saturday, May 10

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 11

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

The incorporeal, incorruptible, and immaterial Word of God entered our world. In one sense, He was not far from it before, for no part of creation had ever been without Him Who, while ever abiding in union with the Father, yet fills all things that are.

But now He entered the world in a new way, stooping to our level in His love and Self-revealing to us.

+St. Athanasius the Great

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May 4, 2025 Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel Reading: Mk. 15:43-47; 16:1-8

Liturgical Message

On the third Sunday after Pascha, the Church honors the Holy Myrrh-bearing Women—those faithful disciples who came to anoint the Body of Christ, only to find the tomb empty. Their love and courage led them to witness the most profound truth: Christ is Risen! At a time when most had fled in fear, these women remained steadfast, acting not out of obligation but out of deep devotion. Their bravery and unwavering love made them the first to receive the joyous message of the Resurrection.

The Myrrhbearers teach us what it means to serve Christ with humility and quiet strength. They did not seek honor or recognition; they came to care for their Lord. Yet in doing so, they became the first evangelists, sent by the angel to proclaim the Resurrection to the Apostles. Their story reminds us that God often reveals His greatest truths to those who serve Him with simple faith, love, and self-sacrifice.

As we reflect on the Myrrh-bearing Women, we are called to imitate their devotion in our own lives. We, too, are invited to carry the fragrance of love and faith into a world that still stands before the tomb, searching for hope. Let us boldly proclaim with our words and actions: "Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!"

Join us today for our Church Slava Celebration

A Special Thank You Note to all of Our Volunteers and Slava Celebration Committee Members

On this most joyful and grace-filled celebration of our Church Slava—the Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George—we offer our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer and committee member who helped make this year's celebration so meaningful and beautiful.

Your dedication, hard work, and spirit of service have been a true reflection of the courage, perseverance, and faith of St. George himself. As we commemorated not only our Slava but also two remarkable milestones—the 45th anniversary of the consecration of our church and the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Halls of St. George—we were reminded that these achievements are the fruits of love, sacrifice, and unity.

Thank you for giving your time, energy, and talents to prepare our parish home for this celebration. Whether you helped clean and decorate, cooked and served, welcomed guests, sang, read, organized, donated, or worked behind the scenes, your contribution was essential. You continued the legacy of those who came before us, those who began humbly but labored faithfully to establish and grow this spiritual home.

Because of your efforts, our parish is stronger, more united, and more vibrant. May God bless you and your families, and may St. George, our heavenly protector, intercede for you and reward you richly.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Proto Radovan and the Members of the Church Board

The Nativity of the Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Monastery in New Carlisle, IN, will host its annual **Djurdjevak Festival – Lily of the Valley Fest** on **Sunday, May 17, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. Since 2016, this event has brought together children and families from the greater Chicago area for a day of prayer, educational workshops, sports, and fellowship in a beautiful monastery setting.

The festival supports the monastery and encourages friendships among our Serbian Orthodox youth. We are grateful to the clergy, volunteers, and especially Abbess Makrina and her sisters for welcoming and teaching our children with love, faith, and Christian service.

