

## 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, June 9-Pentecost Monday**

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

#### **Tuesday, June 10-Pentecost Tuesday**

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

#### **Sunday, June 15**

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“Just as the light of the sun illuminates the earth, the water, and everything in the air, so too those who have received the Holy Spirit are enlightened and transformed into new people.”

+**St. Athanasius the Great**

“The Holy Spirit is the light of the mind, the radiance of the soul, the giver of wisdom, the enlightener of those who believe, the holiness of holies.”

+**St. Gregory the Theologian**

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**June 8, 2025**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-52; 8:12

### Liturgical Message

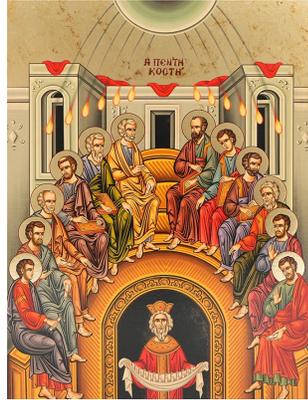
Pentecost is the great feast that comes fifty days after Pascha, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles (Acts 2:1–4). On this day, the Church was revealed to the world as the Body of Christ, filled with divine power. The fearful disciples became bold preachers. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter promised by Christ, came to dwell in them and in all who are baptized and chrismated in His name.

The miracle of Pentecost reminds us that our strength does not live the Christian life, but by the grace of the Holy Spirit. He enlightens our minds, strengthens our will, and sets our hearts on fire with love for God and neighbor. The Holy Spirit gives each of us spiritual gifts—not for our glory, but for building up the Church and serving others in humility.

Today, we stand with the apostles, calling out: “Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, come and dwell in us.” Pentecost is not only a historical event—it is a present reality. Each of us is called to live as temples of the Holy Spirit, bearing His light in a world darkened by sin. Let us open our hearts to His presence, be renewed in faith, and live as true sons and daughters of God, led by the Spirit into all truth.

## Pentecost

Pentecost, also called **Trinity Sunday** in the Orthodox Church, is the great Feast that celebrates the **descent of the Holy Spirit** upon the Apostles, as described in the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1–4). Fifty days after Pascha and ten days after Christ's Ascension, the Apostles were gathered in prayer in the upper room when a sound like a mighty wind filled the house. Tongues of fire appeared over each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in many languages. This miraculous event marks the **birth of the Church** and the beginning of its mission in the world.



The Feast of Pentecost reveals to us the fullness of the Holy Trinity—**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. God the Father sends the Holy Spirit through His Son, Jesus Christ, to dwell in the hearts of the faithful. In this way, we are not only forgiven through the Cross and raised through the Resurrection—the Holy Spirit also empowers us to live as children of God. Through the Holy Spirit, we receive the gifts of grace, wisdom, love, and truth, and we are united to Christ and one another in His Body, the Church.

The coming of the Holy Spirit is not just an event in the past—it is a living reality for every believer. Through **Baptism and Chrismation**, each Orthodox Christian receives the same Holy Spirit that descended on Pentecost. We are called to live by the Spirit daily—repenting of sin, seeking holiness, praying sincerely, and showing love. The Spirit strengthens us in times of weakness, comforts us in sorrow, and gives us boldness to confess Christ in a world that often turns away from Him.

On this holy Feast, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit with humility and joy. Let us cry out with the Church, “**O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth... come and dwell in us!**” May the Spirit guide our thoughts, renew our lives, and fill us with the fire of God’s love. And as we glorify the one God in Trinity, may we become faithful witnesses of His truth, from this day and unto all eternity.

### TODAY: Fellowship

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

Old Hall at 12:00 pm



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

### KOLO MONTHLY MEETING

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

Halls of St. George at 6:00 pm

### 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. Many hands make light work!

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