

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

Sunday, July 20

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

St. John Chrysostom:

“The demoniacs could not come to Christ, so He went to them. Such is His love—He crosses the sea to save two men whom everyone else had abandoned.”

(Homily on Matthew)

St. Gregory of Nyssa:

“The people feared the loss of their swine more than they rejoiced in the salvation of souls. Thus, sin blinds the heart and causes man to value the material over the spiritual.”

(On the Soul of Man)

St. Theophan the Recluse:

“Often, when we feel the power of Christ entering our life, we become disturbed—because His presence demands change. And we have grown comfortable living among our tombs.”

(Thoughts for Each Day of the Year)

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 13, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Rom. 10:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matt. 8:28-9,1

Liturgical Message

On the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, the Church presents us with a dramatic encounter between Christ and two men possessed by demons in the country of the Gadarenes. These men lived in tombs, isolated and tormented, feared by all. Yet when Jesus comes near, the demons immediately recognize His authority and cry out: *“What have we to do with You, Jesus, Son of God?”*

This Gospel reminds us that **Christ has absolute power over the forces of evil**. Where He is present, darkness flees. The demons begged Him to send them into a herd of swine, and when He did, the swine ran off a cliff into the sea. This shows us that demonic forces, though real, are **entirely subject to the will of God**. No evil is stronger than Christ.

But perhaps the most surprising part of the story is the reaction of the townspeople. After Christ heals the possessed men and restores them to sanity, the people come—not to thank Him—but to beg Him to leave. They preferred the comfort of their routines and their herds of swine over the presence of the Living God. This challenges us today: **Do we truly want Christ in our lives, even when He disturbs our comfort or challenges our priorities?** Do we welcome His healing, even if it means giving something up?

Let us not be like the people of Gadara, who saw a miracle and turned away. Let us instead be like the two men, once lost in darkness, now restored by the light of Christ. May we allow the Lord to enter even the darkest places of our hearts, to cast out everything unclean, and to restore us to peace, sanity, and communion with Him.

St. Mardarije of Libertyville Celebration

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Procession 6:00am

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am

Banquet and Fellowship after the Liturgy

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church Slava Celebration

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Note: Our church will be closed on this date

All our parishioners are invited to attend the church slava at
St. Elijah's parish in Merrillville.



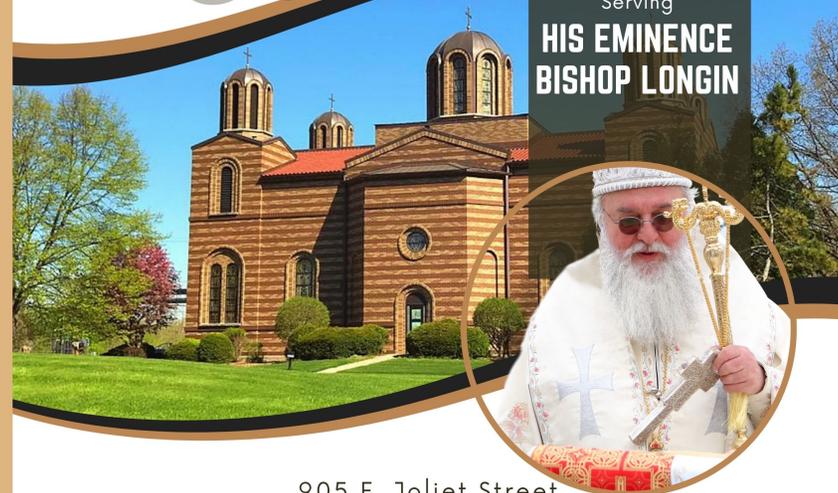
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Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 10:00am
Banquet at 1:00pm
(Chetnik Memorial Hall)

CHURCH SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN
July 28-29, 2025



For more information and to register, please get in touch with the
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