

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

Upcoming Church Services

WEDNESDAY- AUGUST 27

Vespers at 5:00 pm

THURSDAY- AUGUST 28-Dormition of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

SATURDAY- AUGUST 30

Vespers at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY- AUGUST 31

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Everyone who loves God shows himself patient and steadfast in times of suffering. Whoever bears them bravely becomes strong and obedient to God, and whoever enters the path of following the will of God conquers his natural weakness. On the other hand, whoever does not recognize his own powerlessness is proud and not inclined to submit himself to the will of the Lord.

Whoever does not submit to it and hopes only in his own power does not receive the power and help of God and, not having been strengthened in spirit, cannot become patient. But whoever does not endure misfortune and afflictions has not faith, and whoever does not have faith, does not love God.

+St. Alexis of Senaki, Concerning Afflictions

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August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: 1 Cor. 9:2-12

Gospel Reading: Matt. 18:23-35

In today's Gospel, Christ tells us the parable of the servant who was forgiven an outstanding debt by his master, yet refused to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him by a fellow servant. This story strikes at the very heart of the Christian life: mercy. God has forgiven us an immeasurable debt through the sacrifice of His Son, yet we often withhold forgiveness from others over minor offenses. The Lord reminds us that to receive His mercy, we must also show mercy. As St. John Chrysostom says, "Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoers."

The parable also warns us about the danger of the hardness of heart. When we refuse to forgive, we close ourselves off to God's mercy, and our souls become enslaved to bitterness and anger. Christ's words are sobering: "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." Forgiveness, then, is not optional—it is essential to our salvation. It is the way we imitate God, who is "compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 103:8).

In our daily lives, opportunities for forgiveness come constantly—in our families, friendships, workplaces, and parishes. To forgive does not mean to ignore justice, but it does mean to release resentment, to pray for those who hurt us, and to trust God with the final judgment. Forgiveness heals both the one who forgives and the one forgiven. When we forgive, we allow God's peace to dwell in us and His grace to transform our relationships. Let us remember that our salvation depends not on how others treat us, but on how we respond—with love, mercy, and a forgiving heart.

 **Celebrating 100 Years of Čika Vlade Sormaz** 

Join us in fellowship at the Halls of St. George on **Sunday, September 7, 2025**, after the Divine Liturgy, as we celebrate **Čika Vlade Sormaz** on the joyful occasion of his 100th birthday (September 3).

Branko and Mirjana Jasnić and family will graciously sponsor a fellowship luncheon.

Everyone is welcome to share in this special celebration!



**THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
AND CHURCH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
FOLLOWED BY THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT SERVICE FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



For more info  219-322-3355

**FELLOWSHIP AT THE OLD HALL
AT 12:00 PM**

The Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery Slava

Sunday, September 21, 2025
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am



HELP US RENEW ST. SAVA MONASTERY BUILDING

SPECIAL OFFERING – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

In celebration of the 94th Anniversary of St. Sava Monastery (Sept. 6), all parishes across North America will come together in the “\$5 for St. Mardarije” campaign.

Please contribute \$5—or any amount you are able—to the special plate that day to support our goal of raising \$6 million for restoration, furnishings, and long-term care.

Together, we can keep St. Sava Monastery a shining example of faith for future generations! Donate online: <https://stsavamonastery.org/donate-now/>.

St. George Circle of Serbian Sisters cordially invites you to attend their KRSNA SLAVA

Sunday, September 28, 2025
Divine Liturgy and Parastos for all departed sisters
at 10:00 am

Slava Luncheon at 12:30pm

Save the Date for Kettle Cook-off

Sunday, October 5, 2025
Sign up your team by calling 219-322-3355