

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

SUNDAY- September 7

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

1. St. John Chrysostom

"Riches are not forbidden, but the slavery to riches is. The problem is not that a man has wealth, but that wealth has him."

2. St. Basil the Great

"The bread you keep belongs to the hungry, the coat in your closet belongs to the naked, the gold you have hidden belongs to the poor."

3. St. Clement of Alexandria

"It is not wealth itself, but the use of wealth that is judged by God. If one uses it rightly, it becomes a servant of righteousness; if wrongly, it becomes a master that enslaves."

4. St. John Climacus (The Ladder of Divine Ascent)

"The beginning of detachment is the renunciation of material possessions, for he who is truly poor is rich in God."

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

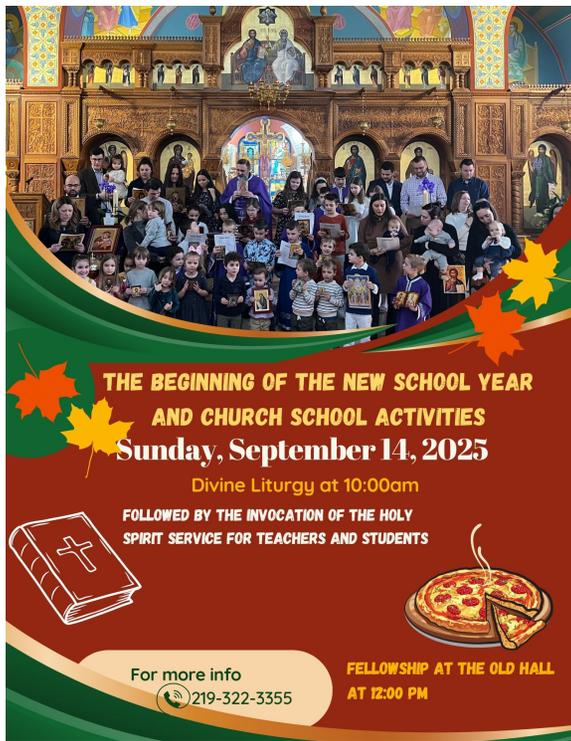
Epistle Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matt. 19:16-26

In today's Gospel, we hear of a young man who comes to Christ asking, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (Matthew 19:16). His desire is noble—he wants life with God. The Lord first points him to the commandments, reminding us that faith is not just about belief, but also about obedience to God's way of life. Keeping the commandments protects us from sin and leads us toward holiness. Yet, Christ shows that eternal life is not only about avoiding evil, but about striving for perfection in love.

When the young man says that he has kept the commandments, Christ challenges him: "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matthew 19:21). These words remind us that true discipleship requires sacrifice. It is not enough to keep the "minimum" of the law; Christ calls us to give our hearts fully to Him. For this young man, his riches held him back. For us, it may be comfort, pride, fear, or worldly attachments. Whatever keeps us from following Christ completely must be surrendered.

The disciples, amazed, ask: "Who then can be saved?" Jesus answers with hope: "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:25–26). Here Christ reminds us that salvation is not achieved by human effort alone, but through God's grace. We must do our part—keep His commandments, struggle against sin, and grow in love—but we must also trust that God Himself will accomplish in us what we cannot do on our own. When we place Him above all else, He gives us the strength to follow Him into the Kingdom of Heaven.



The Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery Slava

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

**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



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/>.

Fall Session of the Bible Studies

We are pleased to announce the beginning of our **Fall Bible Study Session.**

Join us on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm** as we come together to grow in faith, understanding, and fellowship through the study of God’s Word.

Save the Date for Kettle Cook-off

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