

## 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

#### •Friday- September 26

Vespers at 5:00 pm

#### •Saturday, September 27-Elevation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Vespers at 5:00 pm

#### •Sunday- September 28

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

#### St. John Chrysostom

“Love is the fulfilling of the law; for he who loves God will not neglect what God commands, and he who loves his neighbor will fulfill all his duties toward him.”

#### St. Augustine of Hippo

“Love, and do what you will. If you keep silent, keep silent out of love; if you speak, speak out of love; if you correct, correct out of love; if you spare, spare out of love. Let the root of love be within; from this root can nothing spring but what is good.”

#### St. Cyril of Alexandria

“The two commandments are not opposed, but are bound together. For he who truly loves God will also love his neighbor, and he who loves his neighbor in truth shows that his love is of God.”

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

### SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**September 21, 2025**

### *15th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle Reading: Gal. 6:11-18; 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Phil. 2:5-11

Gospel Reading: Jn. 3:13-17; Matt. 22:35-46; Lk. 10:38-42; 11:27-28

In today's Gospel, a lawyer asks Jesus: “*Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?*” Christ answers with the words that stand at the heart of our faith: “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” In these two commandments, the Lord reveals that love is the very foundation of all the Law and the Prophets. Without love, religious observance becomes empty; but with love, every commandment is fulfilled.

Christ then asks the Pharisees about the Messiah: “*What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?*” They answer, “The Son of David,” but Jesus shows them that the Messiah is not only David's descendant but also David's Lord. This teaches us that Christ is both fully man and fully God—the Son of David according to the flesh, and the eternal Son of God according to His divinity. The Pharisees could not answer, because they did not recognize who was standing before them.

This Gospel invites us to unite faith and love. To believe in Christ rightly is to confess Him as the Son of God, and to love Him rightly is to give Him our whole heart. At the same time, our love for God must overflow into love for our neighbor, for we cannot claim to love God while ignoring those made in His image. The Christian life is not divided between faith and love—they belong together. When we love God fully and love our neighbor sincerely, we live as true disciples and enter into the fullness of His Kingdom.

## The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos

The Holy Virgin Mary was born to her parents, Joachim and Anna, who were elderly at the time. Her father was from the line of David, and her mother from the line of Aaron. Thus, through her father she came from a royal lineage, and through her mother from a priestly lineage—already prefiguring Him who would be born of her, as both King and High Priest.



Her parents were advanced in years and had no children. Because of this, they were ashamed before people and sorrowful before God. In their contrition, they prayed to God with tears that He might bless their old age by granting them a child, just as He had once blessed Abraham and Sarah by granting them a son, Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God brought them joy far beyond their expectations and their most beautiful dreams. For He granted them not only a daughter but the Mother of God; not only temporal joy but eternal joy.

God gave them only one daughter, who would later give birth to only one grandson—but what a daughter, and what a grandson! Mary, full of grace, blessed among women, the temple of the Holy Spirit, the altar of the Living God, the table of the heavenly bread, the ark of God's holiness, the tree bearing the sweetest fruit, the glory of the human race, the praise of womankind, the fountain of virginity and purity—this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna.

She was born in Nazareth and, at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, from which she later returned to Nazareth. It was there that she soon heard the glad tidings of the Archangel Gabriel, announcing the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most pure and virginal body.

# KETTLE COOK-OFF

 Sunday, October 5, 2025

 ST. GEORGE OLD HALL  
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Sign up your  
team by  
September  
28

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Join us for a delightful day of  
fun, food, and festivities!

**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