

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, September 10**

Vespers at 5:00pm

- **Thursday, September 11-The Beheading of the Head of St.**

John the Baptist

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

- **Saturday, September 13**

Vespers at 5:00pm

- **Sunday- September 14**

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

St. John Chrysostom

“It is not enough to be in the vineyard; we must also yield fruit. For what is the use of being in the vineyard if we bring forth thorns instead of grapes?”

(Homily on Matthew 68.2)

St. Cyril of Alexandria

“The Son, cast out and slain, is the very One who by His death gives life to the world.”

(Commentary on Luke, Sermon 140)

St. Gregory the Great

“The vineyard is the whole Church; the tenants are all of us who labor in it. Each of us must beware lest, while receiving the grace of God, we fail to render Him fruit in good works.”

(Homilies on the Gospels, 37)

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

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September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Heb. 13:7-16

Gospel Reading: Matt. 21:33-42; Matt. 5:14-19

In today's Gospel, Christ tells the parable of the landowner who planted a vineyard and entrusted it to tenants. When the time came to collect the fruit, the servants he sent were beaten and killed, and finally even his own son was cast out and murdered. This parable reveals God's patient love for His people, but also the danger of rejecting His call. The vineyard is the world—and also our own hearts—entrusted to us by God, who desires that we bear fruit in faith, hope, and love.

The Lord is showing us that it is possible to live in God's vineyard yet not live for Him. The tenants were given every blessing, yet their hearts were hardened by greed, pride, and self-interest. This is a warning to us as Christians: being in the Church is not enough if our lives do not bear the fruit of repentance and love. As St. John Chrysostom teaches: *“It is not enough to be in the vineyard; we must also yield fruit. For what is the use of being in the vineyard if we bring forth thorns instead of grapes?”*

Finally, Christ Himself is the Son whom the Father sends—the One rejected and crucified, yet who becomes the Cornerstone of salvation. St. Cyril of Alexandria writes: *“The Son, cast out and slain, is the very One who by His death gives life to the world.”* The world may reject Him, but to those who believe, He is life itself. On this Sunday, we are reminded that we are not just caretakers of God's vineyard, but also called to be co-workers with Christ, offering our lives back to God as a living sacrifice. If we remain faithful, the vineyard of our soul will bear fruit for eternal life, and we will rejoice in the Kingdom where Christ is all in all.



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

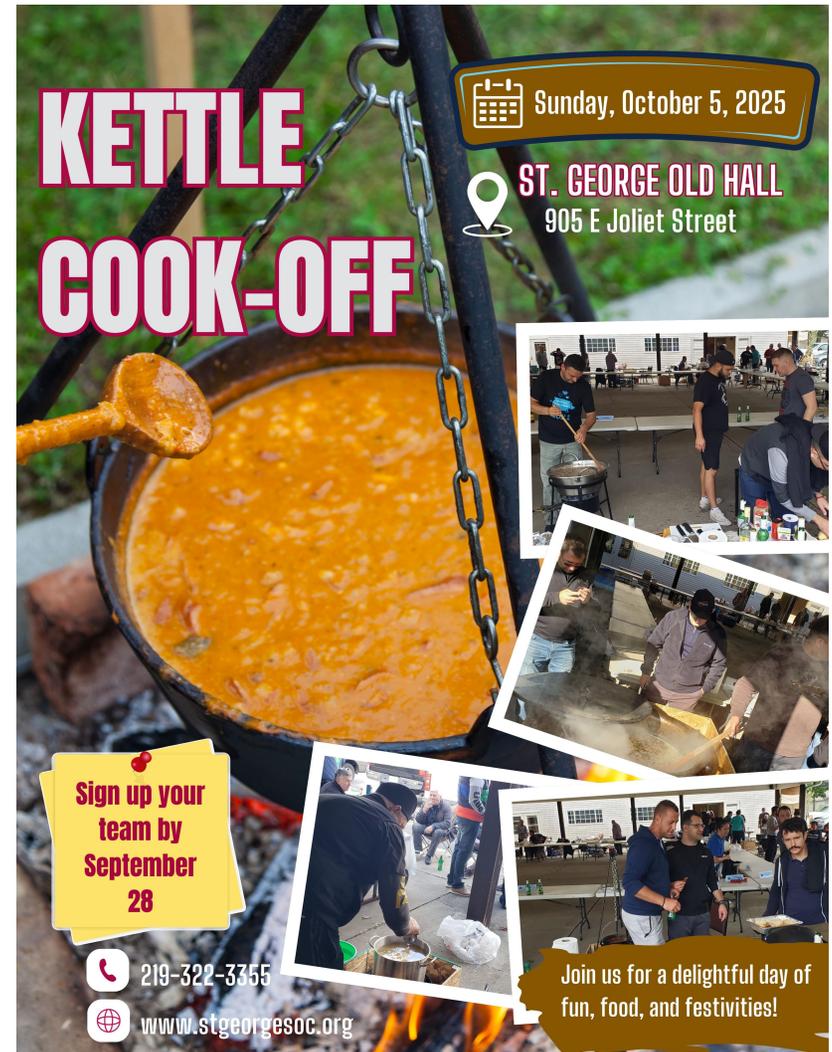
The Nativity of the Mother of God Monastery Slava

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

**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



**KETTLE
COOK-OFF**

 Sunday, October 5, 2025

 **ST. GEORGE OLD HALL**
905 E Joliet Street






**Sign up your
team by
September
28**

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

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.