

## 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- October 19

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

#### St. John Chrysostom:

“When obedience is present, the power of God is made manifest. For Peter did not reason within himself, but trusted the word of the Lord, and by this faith the miracle was accomplished.”

#### St. Theophylact of Ohrid:

“Christ commanded them to launch out into the deep, teaching us that divine wisdom is found not in shallow thoughts, but in the deep mysteries of faith.”

#### St. Gregory the Great:

“The more a soul humbles itself when it beholds divine greatness, the more it is raised up by grace.”

#### St. Isaac the Syrian:

“Humility is the garment of divinity. Whoever puts it on becomes like the One who descended from heaven and became lowly for our sake.”

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

### SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

\*905 E. Joliet Street\*Schererville, IN 46375\*

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**October 12, 2025**

### *18th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle Reading: 2 Cor. 9:6-11

Gospel Reading: Lk. 5:1-11

In today's Gospel, Christ calls His first disciples by performing a miracle that speaks directly to their hearts. After a long night of empty labor, the fishermen had caught nothing. Yet when Jesus says, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch,” Peter obeys, even though it seems unreasonable. This act of simple trust leads to an overwhelming catch of fish. Here, the Lord teaches us that when we act in faith and obedience, even when we do not fully understand, God's grace fills what is empty. He enters our ordinary struggles and transforms them into moments of divine abundance.

The miracle also reveals the power of humility. When Peter sees the great catch, he falls to his knees and says, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” His humility becomes the doorway to his calling. Only when we recognize our weakness can God work His strength in us. The proud heart remains closed, but the humble heart is open to grace. Christ's response to Peter—“Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men”—shows that God accepts the sinner who repents, but instead transforms him into an instrument of salvation for others.

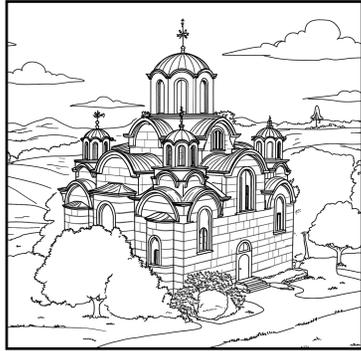
Finally, the disciples “left everything and followed Him.” This moment marks the beginning of their true discipleship. To follow Christ means to trust Him more than our fears, to love Him more than our possessions, and to find our purpose not in what we have, but in whom we serve. The same call comes to us today: to leave behind the empty nets of self-reliance and to follow the One who fills our lives with meaning and grace. The deep waters of faith are never easy, but they are where Christ is waiting for us.

## KOLO MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, October 13, 2025  
6:00 pm at HOSTG

## NEW GRACANICA MONASTERY CHURCH SLAVA

*Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos*



**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
at 10:00 am

\*There will be no Divine Liturgy  
at our church

## Wedding Announcement

Dejan Nesovic of Chicago, IL., and  
Ivana Stojkovic of Chicago, IL., will be married at  
our church on Sunday, November 2, 2025

## Bible Study

Monday, October 13, 2025  
7:00 pm

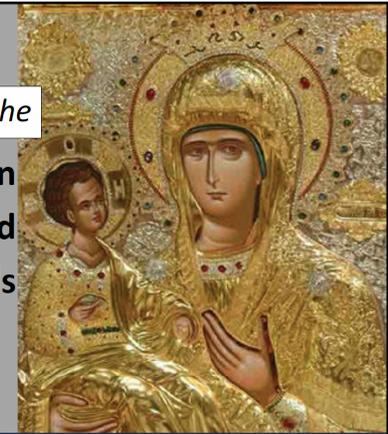
## Youth Group Gathering

Wednesday, October 22, 2025  
7:00 pm at Halls of St. George



*Special Presentation of the*

## Miracle Working Icon Mother of God of the Three Hands



Join us for Divine Hierarchical Liturgy, followed by Presentation of the  
Miracle Working Icon of the Mother of God, handcrafted and consecrated at  
Hilandar Monastery at Holy Mount Athos in Greece.

This precious icon will be presented by Abbott Metodije of the Hilandar  
Monastery during this special visit for permanent placement at St. Sava  
Serbian Orthodox Church in memory of Mita Ivanovic on behalf of Milena  
Ivanovic and Family.

His Eminence Metropolitan Longin will be with us along with visiting Clergy.

**Sunday,  
October 19, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Divine Hierarchical Liturgy with  
banquet & program immediately following at  
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church  
9191 Mississippi Street, Merrillville, IN 46410

*For more information call 219-736-9191*

**Donations to Hilandar Monastery will be  
accepted during the banquet & program**

## Visitation of the Wonder-Working, Myrrh-Streaming "Hawaiian" Iveron Icon of the Mother of God

*With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Metodij of America & Canada,  
the clergy along with the parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox  
Cathedral invite you to come and venerate the Holy Icon of our Mother of God.*

Sts. Peter & Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral  
9660 Broadway Crown Point, IN 46307

**Saturday, October 25**  
Vespers - 6:00 PM  
Agape Meal to follow  
Live Music - 9:00 PM



**Sunday, October 26**  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
- 10:00 AM

Call the church office to reserve a table (219)662-9114



*Come and receive the mercy & love of the Theotokos!*