

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 26

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

St. John Chrysostom:

“Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and to love our enemies.”

St. Isaac the Syrian:

“He who has found love eats and drinks Christ every day and every hour, for God is love.”

St. Silouan the Athonite:

“Keep your mind in hell and despair not — this means to stay humble and to keep love even toward those who hurt you.”

St. Gregory of Nyssa:

“When we love our enemies, we overcome evil not by destruction but by transformation, turning hatred into peace.”

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: 2 Cor. 11:31-12,9

Gospel Reading: Lk. 6:31-36

In today's Gospel, Christ gives one of His most radical teachings: “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.*” These words are not a suggestion but a commandment that reveals the very heart of the Gospel. To love those who love us is natural, but to love those who offend, betray, or hurt us is divine. In this commandment, Christ calls us to rise above human instinct and reflect the mercy of our Heavenly Father, who “is kind to the unthankful and to the evil.” True Christian love does not depend on the worthiness of others but on the overflowing grace of God within us.

The Lord also teaches that mercy is the mark of true sonship: “*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*” This means that our faith must express itself not in judgment, but in compassion. When we forgive others, we imitate God Himself, who forgives us daily. Mercy does not excuse sin, but it refuses to let hatred and bitterness rule our hearts. It transforms our pain into a channel of grace. The world tells us to return evil for evil, but Christ shows a higher path — to overcome evil with good. This is not weakness; it is the strength of divine love.

Finally, this Gospel reminds us that love and mercy are not ideals for the few, but a calling for all. Every act of kindness, forgiveness, and patience brings us closer to the likeness of Christ. When we show mercy, we open the door of our hearts for God's mercy to enter. As St. Isaac the Syrian says, “Be a lover of all men, even of sinners, for this love is a likeness of divine love.” The commandment to love our enemies is not a burden but a gift — it frees us from the prison of resentment and fills us with the peace of God.

KOLO MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, October 20, 2025
6:00 pm at HOSTG

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 20, 2025
7:00 pm

Youth Group Gathering

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



YOUTH GROUP

*Visitation of the Wonder-Working,
Myrrh-Streaming "Hawaiian" Icon
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 - 9:30 PM

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



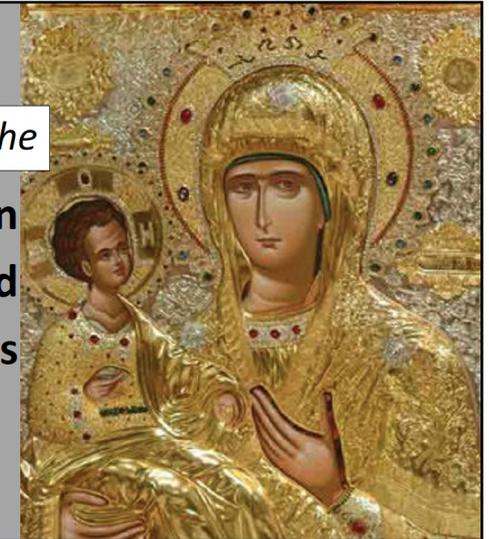
Come and receive the mercy & love of the Theotokos!

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

TODAY

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**

MEMORIAL SATURDAY-ZADUSNICE

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 8:00am