

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

Thursday, November 20th

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Friday, November 21st- St. Archangel Michael

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Saturday, November 22nd

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday- November 23rd

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

•St. Cyril of Alexandria:

“The demons knew Christ but did not love Him; the faithful know Him and adore Him. The knowledge of God without love is torment.”

• St. Theophan the Recluse:

“When the passions rule over the heart, man becomes like the demoniac — driven, restless, and without peace. Only Christ’s presence restores the soul to stillness.”

• St. Gregory Palamas:

“Christ comes not only to drive away evil, but to fill the soul with divine light. He does not merely cleanse — He illumines.”

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

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November 16th, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Eph. 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

In today’s Gospel, we encounter Christ’s power to heal and to free. A man possessed by many demons lived among the tombs, tormented and cut off from society. When Jesus came near, the demons immediately recognized Him and cried out, begging not to be sent into the abyss. With a single command, the Lord drove them out, restoring the man to peace, reason, and dignity. What no chains or human efforts could do, Christ accomplished with His word. This story reminds us that there is no darkness too deep, no bondage too strong, that the mercy of Christ cannot overcome.

The healed man stands as a witness to the power of divine transformation. He was once feared and isolated, but after encountering Christ, he sat at His feet, clothed and in his right mind. The people of the town, however, were afraid and asked Jesus to leave their region. This shows how the human heart can prefer comfort and familiarity over the unsettling truth of God’s presence. Christ does not force Himself upon anyone; He waits to be welcomed. Yet even when rejected, He leaves behind a witness — the man who was healed — to proclaim the good news of God’s mercy.

In our own lives, we may not be possessed by demons, but we often battle inner darkness: fear, anger, addiction, despair. These are the forces that seek to separate us from God and from others. But when we turn to Christ, even in our brokenness, He restores peace to the soul. Like the man of the Gadarenes, we are called to share what the Lord has done for us — to be living testimonies of His love and power. The greatest miracle is not only the casting out of demons but the healing of the human heart that learns to dwell once more in the light of God.

TODAY: SNF Lodge 171 Slava
Sunday, November 16th, 2025
Slava luncheon at
The Halls of St. George at 12:30 pm



Bible Study

Monday, November 17th, 2025
7:00 pm

St. George the Great Martyr-Djurdjic

On this day, the Church celebrates the **translation of the relics of St. George** from Nicomedia to the city of Lydda in Palestine, where he suffered martyrdom during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. The account of this glorious saint's martyrdom is commemorated on **April 23/May 6**.

Before his death, St. George asked his servant to take his body after his martyrdom and bring it to Palestine, the homeland of his mother, where he also owned a large estate that he had given away to the poor. The servant fulfilled his request.

During the reign of Emperor Constantine, a beautiful church dedicated to St. George was built in Lydda by devout Christians. At the



consecration of this church, the saint's **holy relics** were brought there and buried within it. Countless miracles have occurred through the **wonder-working relics of St. George, the great martyr of Christ**.

TROMEDJA FOLKLORE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 22nd, 2025

PADJANE COMMEMORATION

Sunday, December 7th, 2025
Chetnik Memorial Hall at 12:30 pm



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting of the St. George Church School Congregation

Sunday, December 21st, 2005 at 1:00pm

(OLD HALL)

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Overnight Children's Winter Retreat

Grades 1st-8th
December 26-28, 2025

Wonderland Retreat and Conference Center
9241 Camp Lake Rd, Salem, WI

Fee: \$180
per person, which includes: Food,
Lodging, and Activities

Absolute deadline for registration:
November 20, 2025

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