

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, November 7

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Saturday, November 8-St. Luke Demetrius

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Sunday- November 9

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

St. Cyril of Alexandria:

“The Word of God is sown in every heart, but only the heart purified by faith and freed from worldly passions bears fruit.”

St. Theophan the Recluse:

“The Lord sows abundantly, but man must till his soul. Without repentance and prayer, even the best seed lies dormant.”

St. Gregory the Great:

“If we do not protect the seed of God’s Word by good works, the birds of pride and vanity will quickly devour it.”

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

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November 2, 2025

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Gal. 2:16-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15

In today’s Gospel, Christ speaks to us about the mystery of how God’s Word works in our hearts. The Parable of the Sower shows us that the Word of God is living and powerful, but its fruitfulness depends on the condition of the heart that receives it. The same seed is scattered to all, but not all soil bears fruit. The difference lies not in the seed, but in the soil — not in God’s Word, but in our hearts.

The Lord describes four kinds of soil: the path, the rocky ground, the thorns, and the good soil. The path represents those whose hearts are hardened — the Word of God reaches their ears but not their souls. The rocky ground represents those who receive the Word with joy but have no depth; when trials come, they fall away. The thorns represent the worries, riches, and pleasures of life that choke out the Word. But the good soil represents the humble and faithful heart that hears the Word, keeps it, and bears fruit with patience.

This parable reminds us that our spiritual growth requires both divine grace and human effort. God is always sowing His Word — through the Scriptures, through prayer, through the Church — but we must prepare our hearts to receive it. We prepare by repentance, humility, and perseverance in faith. The goal is not simply to hear God’s Word, but to let it transform our lives. When our hearts become good soil, even one seed of the Gospel can produce an abundant harvest of love, mercy, and holiness.

Bible Study

Monday, November 3, 2025
7:00 pm

CHETNIK KOLO SLAVA

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Divine Liturgy and Parastos at 10:00 am
Slava luncheon at the Chetnik Memorial Hall at
12:30 pm



SNF Lodge 171 Slava

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Slava luncheon at the Halls of St. George at
12:30 pm

TROMEDJA FOLKLORE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Doors open at 5:00 pm

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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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Winter Youth Retreat at New Gracanica Monastery December 26-30, 2025 • Grades 9-12

The Department of Youth Ministry of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gracanica-Midwestern America joyfully announces the 2025 Winter Youth Retreat, taking place December 26-30, 2025, at the New Gracanica Monastery in Third Lake, Illinois.

For more info and registration, please visit: <https://newgracanica.org/news/save-the-date-2025-winter-youth-retreat-at-new-gracanica-monastery/>