

## 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

#### Monday, November 24th- St. Steven of Decani

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

#### Saturday, November 29th

Vespers at 5:00 pm

#### Sunday- November 30th

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

### WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

#### St. Cyril of Alexandria:

“Christ does not simply heal bodies but restores the whole person, drawing them into the life that comes from God.”

#### St. Ambrose of Milan:

“In the house of Jairus, Christ shows that death is not death before God, but only sleep, awaiting the call of the Lord.”

#### St. Ephraim the Syrian:

“The woman touched His garment in faith, but Christ touched her soul with healing.

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**November 23rd, 2025**

### *24th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle Reading: Eph. 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56

In today's Gospel, we witness two miracles woven together into a single message of faith, hope, and divine compassion. Jairus, a synagogue ruler, falls at Jesus' feet begging Him to heal his dying daughter. On the way, a woman suffering from a twelve-year illness reaches out in desperate faith and touches the hem of His garment. Immediately, she is healed.

Christ pauses, not to expose her, but to affirm her faith: “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” These two stories show that God forgets no one — whether a respected leader or an unknown suffering woman — for Christ hears every cry of faith, spoken or silent.

As Jesus continues toward Jairus' house, the news arrives that the child has died. But Christ encourages the grieving father with words that echo through every sorrowful heart: **“Do not fear; only believe, and she will be made well.”** Human voices say, *“It is too late,”* but Christ reveals that nothing is beyond His reach — not illness, not despair, not even death. In raising the girl, He shows that His life-giving power is stronger than the finality of the grave. He enters the home quietly, takes her by the hand, and restores her to life — not with spectacle, but with tender authority.

These miracles teach us that faith is not merely an emotion but a movement toward Christ — whether reaching for the hem of His garment or walking with Him through suffering. Many times we feel like the bleeding woman: exhausted, discouraged, and running out of strength. Other times we feel like Jairus: terrified of losing what we love most. But in every circumstance, Christ speaks the same message: *Come to Me. Do not fear. Believe.* He alone can restore what is broken, revive what seems dead, and bring peace to the troubled heart. Our task is to reach toward Him with trust, even when hope seems faint, knowing that He is the Lord of life who responds to every sincere act of faith.



## St. Michael the Archangel and the Other Bodiless Heavenly Powers

People have celebrated the angels of God since ancient times. But that celebration often turned into worship of the angels themselves (4 Kingdoms 23:5). Heretics spoke all kinds of fables about the angels. Some saw the angels as gods; others, even if they did not call them gods, considered them to be the creators of the entire visible world.

The Local Council of Laodicea, held four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council, rejected the worship of angels as gods in its 35th canon and established the proper veneration of angels.

In the time of Pope Sylvester of Rome and Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria (4th century), this feast of the Archangel Michael and the other Heavenly Powers was established in November. Why November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is traditionally considered the month in which the world was created. The ninth month after March was chosen because of the nine orders of angels, who were created first.

St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul—the very apostle who was caught up into the third heaven—described these nine ranks in his book *On the Celestial Hierarchy*. These ranks are as follows: the six-winged Seraphim, the many-eyed Cherubim, and the God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, and Authorities; Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

The commander of the entire angelic host is the Archistrategos (Chief Commander) Michael. When Satan—Lucifer—fell away from God and drew with him a portion of the angels into ruin, Michael rose up and cried out before the angels who had not fallen: “Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!” And all the heavenly hosts of faithful angels thunderously sang: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!” (See about the Archangel Michael: Joshua 5:13–15; Jude 9.)

Among the angels reign perfect harmony, unity, and love, as well as complete obedience of the lower ranks to the higher ranks—and of all of them together to the holy will of God.

Every nation has its guardian angel, and every Christian has his own. We must never forget that whatever we do, whether openly or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. And on the Day of the Last Judgment, the vast multitude of the holy heavenly angels will gather around the throne of Christ, and before all of them will be revealed the deeds, words, and thoughts of every person. May God have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of the holy Archistrategos Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.

## Bible Study

Monday, November 24th, 2025  
7:00 pm

**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

Absolute deadline for registration:  
November 20, 2025

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

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