

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

Saturday, November 14-Sts Cosmas and Damian

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Sunday- November 16

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

- **St. John Chrysostom:**
“The rich man was not condemned because he was rich, but because he showed no mercy. Wealth is not evil when it is shared, but when it is hoarded.”
- **St. Basil the Great:**
“The bread you hold back belongs to the hungry; the clothes you store away belong to the naked; the money you bury in the ground belongs to the poor.”
- **St. Gregory the Great:**
“Lazarus, though poor on earth, was rich toward God. The rich man, though full in the world, was empty before God.”
- **St. Ephraim the Syrian:**
“Blessed is the man who makes his wealth a servant of mercy, for such a one will find mercy at the judgment.”

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November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Gal. 11-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

In today's Gospel, Christ tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus—a story that reveals the great reversal between earthly life and eternity. The rich man lived in comfort and luxury, ignoring the poor man who lay suffering at his gate. Lazarus, though covered in sores and hunger, endured his suffering with patience and faith. When both men died, their conditions were reversed: Lazarus was carried into the comfort of Abraham's bosom, while the rich man found himself in torment. This powerful image teaches us that how we live now—how we treat others and where we place our hope—determines our eternal destiny.

The sin of the rich man was not his wealth itself, but his blindness and indifference. He walked past a man in need every day and never saw him as a brother. True wealth is not measured by possessions but by mercy. Every person at our gate—those who suffer, who are lonely, or in need—is an opportunity for us to show love to Christ Himself. As the Lord said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:40) Compassion transforms earthly riches into heavenly treasure.

Finally, Christ ends the parable with a warning: even the miracle of someone rising from the dead will not convince those whose hearts are hardened. We have already been given the Scriptures, the Church, and the witness of the Saints. What we need is not more signs, but repentance and love. The rich man's cry from the place of torment reminds us that eternity is real and irreversible. Let us therefore open our eyes and hearts now—while there is still time—to live lives of generosity, compassion, and faithfulness, so that we too may rest in the mercy of God.



TODAY: 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

KOLO Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2025

6:00 pm

Bible Study

Monday, November 10, 2025

7:00 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/>