

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

Wednesday, December 3rd

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Thursday, December 4th- The Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Saturday, December 6th

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday- December 7th

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

- “If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.” **St. John Chrysostom**
- “Perfect love does not divide people into worthy and unworthy. It loves all equally.” **St. Maximus the Confessor**
- “Make your heart a compassionate home for all creation.” **St. Isaac the Syrian**

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 30th, 2025

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reading: Eph. 4:1-6

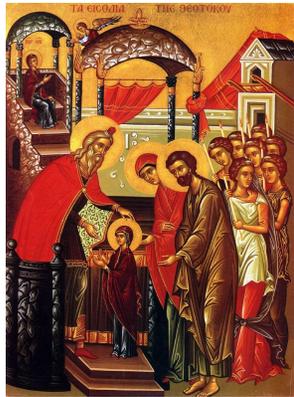
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

The Gospel for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost (Luke 10:25–37, the Parable of the Good Samaritan) shows us what true love looks like in God's eyes. A lawyer asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” hoping to limit his responsibility. But Christ does not give him a definition—He gives him a story. And in that story, our Lord shows that love is not measured by words, feelings, or religious identity, but by compassion that acts. The priest and Levite see the wounded man yet pass by untouched. Only the Samaritan—an outsider—opens his heart and moves toward the suffering one.

This parable teaches us that love is not selective. We do not get to choose who is worthy of our mercy. St. Maximus the Confessor says, “*Perfect love does not split people into good and bad... It loves all equally.*” True Christian love reaches across divisions, prejudices, and fears. It sees the image of God in every person. Every day, God places “the wounded man” along our path—someone in need of kindness, patience, forgiveness, or help. The question is not whether such people exist, but whether we are willing to stop.

Christ Himself is the true Good Samaritan. He saw humanity wounded by sin, unable to rise, and He came down from heaven, bound our wounds, carried us, and paid the full price for our healing. When we show mercy to others, we are participating in His own work. St. John Chrysostom reminds us, “*If you show mercy to your neighbor, you are making yourself like God.*” Therefore, let us pray for the eyes to see, the heart to feel, and the courage to love as Christ loves: without limits and without excuses. Go and do likewise.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple



The feast of the **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**, celebrated on November 21, tells how the Virgin Mary was brought as a young child to the Temple in Jerusalem. Although not recorded directly in Scripture, the feast carries deep spiritual meaning. According to tradition, Mary was offered to God by her parents, Joachim and Anna, to grow up in holiness among the virgins dedicated to the Lord.

The Church teaches that the High Priest **Zacharias** received Mary solemnly and led her into the Holy of Holies, where angels mystically nourished her. In this, the Church sees Mary becoming the “Holy of Holies” herself—the living temple who would one day bear Christ.

Psalm 45, read extensively at the services, is understood as a prophecy of Mary’s consecration and her unique calling.

The central theme of the feast is that Mary enters the Temple to become the **living temple of God**, fulfilling the ancient prophecies that “the dwelling of God is with man.” The hymns of the feast proclaim this mystery: the Troparion calls her the “Divine Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation,” and the Kontakion praises her as the “most pure Temple of the Savior.” Old Testament readings from Exodus, Kings, and Ezekiel all speak of the glory of the Lord filling His dwelling, which the Church applies to Mary and to all who hear God’s word and keep it.

Thus, the feast shows that with Mary’s entrance, the era of the physical temple begins to pass away. She reveals the new reality: that **God now dwells in His people**. In her, we see the “preview of the goodwill of God,” and in Christ, we become the temple of the living God, as Scripture declares: “I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”



PADJANE COMMEMORATION

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

MEMORY ETERNAL

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*Wake Service on Sunday, November 30th, at 5:00 pm at Lincoln Ridge

Funeral Home. Visitation begins at 4:00 pm.

*Funeral service on Monday, December 1st, at 10:00 am, at St. George

Serbian Orthodox Church in Schererville.

DETINCI AND ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 20th, 2025

Program

Advent Retreat
(Sunday School Classrooms)
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Vespers
4:00 PM

Dinner and Visit by St. Nicholas
5:00 PM
(Halls of St. George)



Annual Church Assembly

Sunday, December 21st, 2025, at 1:00 pm
(OLD HALL)

We kindly remind all parishioners to pay their membership dues before the annual assembly.