

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, April 25th

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 26th

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“Thomas’ doubt was not a hindrance to faith, but a path to a more certain knowledge; for by touching the wounds, he believed more firmly than the others.” **St. John Chrysostom**

“The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples; for as he touched and believed, he removed all doubt from our hearts.” **St. Gregory the Great**

“Christ permitted Thomas to doubt, not to leave him in unbelief, but to lead him to a clearer confession of the truth.” **St. Cyril of Alexandria**

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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April 19th, 2026

2nd week of Pascha-Thomas Sunday

Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Liturgical Message

The Second Sunday of Pascha, known as **Thomas Sunday** or Antipascha, celebrates the encounter of the risen Christ with the Apostle Thomas. After the Resurrection, Christ appears to His disciples, but Thomas is absent. When the others tell him, “*We have seen the Lord,*” he struggles to believe and says that he must see and touch Christ’s wounds for himself. A week later, Christ appears again and invites Thomas to do exactly that. Confronted with the risen Lord, Thomas responds with one of the most profound confessions of faith in the Gospel: “*My Lord and my God!*”

This Gospel shows us that doubt is not the end of faith, but can become a path toward deeper belief. Thomas the Apostle is often remembered for his doubt, yet his doubt was honest and searching. Christ does not reject him but meets him in his weakness. In doing so, the Lord reveals His compassion and patience with us all. Many times, we too struggle with uncertainty, questions, or hesitation in our faith. But like Thomas, we are called to bring those struggles to Christ, not hide them.

Christ’s words, “*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed,*” are addressed to all future generations of believers — including us. Our faith is not based on physical sight, but on the living witness of the Church, the Scriptures, and our personal experience of God’s grace. Through faith, we encounter the same risen Christ whom Thomas touched. The Church calls this Sunday “Antipascha,” meaning “in place of Pascha,” because it renews and confirms the joy of the Resurrection.

Thomas Sunday reminds us that true faith leads to confession and transformation. Thomas moved from doubt to unwavering faith, and tradition tells us he went on to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In the same way, we are called not only to believe, but to proclaim Christ as “Lord and God” through our words and our lives. The risen Christ stands among us even now, offering peace and inviting us into a deeper, living faith.

JOIN US FOR
**CHURCH CLEAN-UP
DAY**

**Saturday, April 25th
Starting at 8:00 AM**

More Info :219-322-3355



Volunteers Needed!

Join Us in Making a Difference on Church Clean-Up Day!
We invite you to gather your friends and family to help beautify
our church property. Together, we can make a positive impact!



Please remember to bring your gloves, shovel, rake, and
any other garden or yard tools you may have available.

We warmly invite all parishioners, families, and friends to join us for our
Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 25th, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Come lend a helping hand as we work together to beautify and care for our
church property. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, spend time in
fellowship, and take pride in the place where we gather for worship and
community.

Bring your energy, your friends, and your family—many hands make light
work, and together we can make a meaningful difference!

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

For more information, please contact the church office at **219-322-3355**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

With great joy and gratitude to God, we invite all parishioners, families,
and friends to join us in celebrating the **Slava of our parish** on
**Sunday, May 3rd at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in
Scherverville.**

The celebration will begin with the **Divine Liturgy**, followed by the
 blessing of the Slava bread (Slavski kolač) and koljivo, and a
festive gathering in the church hall.

Our Parish Slava is a special and sacred day in the life of our community
—a time to come together in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship as we
honor our heavenly patron and seek God's continued blessings upon our
parish. All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration!

More details about the schedule will be announced soon.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

CHURCH SLAVA CELEBRATION



**MAY 3, 2026
9:30 AM**

KUMОВI: Dr. Jovan and Milena Alavanja
Join us in celebrating our Church Slava with
family, friends, and neighbors.

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