

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, May 2nd

Vespers at 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 3rd

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“The women came with spices, but they returned bearing the fragrance of the Resurrection.” **St. John Chrysostom**

“Let us become like the Myrrh-bearers, bringing not spices alone, but hearts full of love and devotion.” **St. Gregory the Theologian**

“The tomb became a bridal chamber, and the sorrow of the women was turned into joy.” **St. Ephrem the Syrian**

“They sought the dead, but found the Living One who grants life to all.”

St. Romanos the Melodist

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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April 26th, 2026

3rd week of Pascha-Myrrhbearing Women

Epistle Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel Reading: Mk. 15:43-47; 16:1-8

Liturgical Message

The Third Sunday of Pascha is dedicated to the holy Myrrh-bearing Women, together with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who showed love and courage at the burial of Christ. While many of the disciples were afraid and scattered after the Crucifixion, these faithful women remained steadfast. Early in the morning, they came to the tomb bringing myrrh to anoint the body of the Lord, not knowing that He had already risen. Their love was not dependent on outcomes — it was faithful even in sorrow, uncertainty, and fear.

As they went, they asked among themselves: “*Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?*” Yet they continued forward despite the obstacle. This is a powerful image of living faith. They did not wait until everything was clear or easy; they moved forward in love. And when they arrived, they found that the stone had already been rolled away. God had done what they could not. This teaches us that when we take even small steps toward Christ with faith, He Himself removes what seems impossible.

At the tomb, the women are the first to hear the proclamation: “*He is risen; He is not here.*” They become the first witnesses of the Resurrection. In a time when their testimony was often overlooked, Christ honors them with the greatest message ever given to humanity. The Gospel shows that in God's Kingdom, what matters is not status or power, but faithfulness, courage, and love.

This Sunday calls us to imitate the Myrrh-bearing Women. We are invited to approach Christ with the same devotion, especially in moments of darkness or uncertainty. Faith is not only believing when everything is clear — it is moving toward God even when we do not yet see the outcome. And when we do, we discover that Christ has already gone before us, preparing the way and filling our lives with the joy of the Resurrection.

IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

With the blessing of our parish priest and in consultation with the members of the executive Church Board, we wish to inform you of a seasonal change to our Sunday Divine Liturgy schedule.

Starting with the **first Sunday after Memorial Day** and lasting until the **first Sunday after Labor Day**, the Divine Liturgy will begin at **9:00 AM** instead of the usual **10:00 AM**.

This change accounts for the summer months, when earlier morning hours are more comfortable and practical for worship. The cooler morning temperatures help our faithful gather in prayer more easily, especially for families with young children and our elderly parishioners. Additionally, starting earlier offers more flexibility for parishioners with travel plans, family gatherings, or other summer responsibilities.



We encourage everyone to use this revised schedule, arriving prepared and on time to fully participate in the Divine Liturgy—the heart of our life in Christ.

We appreciate your understanding and continued dedication to the life of our parish.

Chetnik Uranak

Chetnik Memorial Hall-Schererville
Saturday, May 9, 2026
10:00 am



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 Schererville**.

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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