

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



PALM SUNDAY

Troparion — Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Kontakion — Tone 6

Sitting on Your throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

St. Andrew of Crete:

“Let us run with Him who hastens toward His Passion, and imitate those who went out to meet Him—not by spreading garments, but by humbling ourselves.”

St. John Chrysostom:

“He who sits upon the cherubim now sits upon a donkey, teaching us humility.”

St. Ephrem the Syrian:

“The children’s praise revealed the truth, while the proud remained blind.”

St. Gregory Palamas:

“Christ enters Jerusalem to accomplish our salvation, not by earthly power, but by the Cross.”

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

Epistle Reading: Phil. 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Liturgical Message

Palm Sunday is a feast of both joy and solemnity. We celebrate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed by the people with palm branches and cries of “*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*” At first glance, this is a moment of victory — the King is received with honor. Yet the Church reminds us that this triumph is not earthly, but deeply spiritual. Christ enters Jerusalem not as a conquering ruler on a war horse, but humbly, seated on a donkey, revealing that His Kingdom is not of this world.

The crowd welcomes Him with enthusiasm, but their understanding is limited. They expect a political Messiah, one who will deliver them from earthly oppression. Within days, many of these same voices will fall silent or even turn against Him. This reveals how easily human hearts can be swayed — praising God in one moment and forgetting Him in the next. Palm Sunday challenges us to ask: do we follow Christ only when it is easy and joyful, or are we willing to follow Him also to the Cross?

This feast stands at the threshold of Holy Week. The One who is greeted as King willingly goes to His Passion. The palms we hold are signs of victory, but the victory comes through sacrifice, humility, and love. Christ conquers not by force, but by offering Himself. As we enter Holy Week, we are called not just to celebrate, but to walk with Him — from the joy of “Hosanna” to the mystery of the Cross and ultimately to the light of the Resurrection.

HOLY WEEK & BRIGHT WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

HOLY MONDAY-APRIL 6

9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 pm Bridegroom Service

HOLY TUESDAY-APRIL 7-Annunciation

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Bridegroom Service

HOLY WEDNESDAY- APRIL 8

9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 pm Holy Unction Service at St. Elijah SOC in Merrillville

HOLY THURSDAY- APRIL 9

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Vigil; Reading of 12 Passion Gospels

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY- APRIL 10

9:00 am Royal Hours
5:00 pm Vespers Service; Laying of the Shroud
8:00 pm Matins/Burial Service and Processional around Church

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 11

9:00 am Divine Liturgy; 15 Readings from the Old Testament
11:00 pm Resurrection Matins

HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA/EASTER- APRIL 12

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT MONDAY-APRIL 13

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT TUESDAY-THIRD DAY OF PASCHA- APRIL 14

9:00 am Divine Liturgy at St. George SOC in East Chicago

ROASTED LAMB & PORK FOR EASTER

For orders of roasted lamb and pork for Easter, please call the church office at 219-322-3355 or contact Jovica Tica and Momir Keric.

TONIGHT:

**Southern Chicago Deanery
Lenten Service**

**St. Simeon Serbian Orthodox Church in
South Chicago, IL
Vespers at 6:00 pm
Homilist: V. Rev. Marko Matic**

Donations for Easter lilies and flowers are much appreciated. Thank you.

