

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 Upcoming Church Services

SUNDAY- February 8th
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“Humility is the foundation of all virtue. If you remove it, all good works are destroyed.” **St. John Chrysostom**

“Humble yourself, and you will see within yourself the glory of God.”

St. Isaac the Syrian

“Where humility dwells, there the grace of God makes its home.”

St. Ephrem the Syrian

“Nothing so estranges us from God as pride, and nothing so quickly draws us near to Him as humility.”

St. Basil the Great

“The closer a man draws to God, the more he sees himself as a sinner.”

St. Dorotheos of Gaza

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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February 1st, 2026

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle Reading: 2 Tim. 3:10-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14

Liturgical Message

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee introduces us to the preparation for Great Lent and sets before us the foundation of the spiritual life: **humility**. Through the parable of the two men who went up to the temple to pray, the Lord shows us that it is not outward piety that justifies us before God, but a heart that stands in truth before Him.

The Pharisee prayed by listing his virtues and exalting himself above others, while the Publican, aware of his sin, stood at a distance and cried out with tears, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Christ reveals the paradox of the Kingdom of God: it was the humble Publican who went down justified, for *“everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

This Sunday calls us to examine our own prayer, fasting, and works of faith. It teaches us that true repentance begins with the rejection of pride and the acquisition of a humble heart. Only the one who acknowledges himself as a sinner before God opens the door to His mercy and grace.

ST SAVA BALL
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*First Annual Fundraiser at the
Halls of St. George*

Expect an Evening Rich with
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Tickets Pre-Sale: \$125
Your ticket includes a gourmet
dinner and two complimentary
drinks

A portion of the proceeds will support
the St. Mardarije Spiritual and Cultural
Center in Libertyville, IL.

February 14, 2026

Dress Code: Formal Black Tie

More details to follow

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SAVE THE DATE



HUNTERS LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 15, 2026
Četnik Memorial Hall at 1:00 pm



Gibanica Day
Sunday, February 22, 2026

Time: Following the Divine Liturgy at 12:00 PM
Location: Halls of St. George

Join Us for a Delightful Celebration of Serbian Tradition!

Come and savor authentic Serbian cheese pitas (gibanicas),
lovingly crafted by the talented women of our parish.

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**FAST-FREE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN
AND THE PHARISEE**

After the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the Church enters **Fast-fare (Trapava Sedmica) Week**, during which **there is no fasting on Wednesday or Friday**. This week is not a rejection of spiritual discipline, but a powerful spiritual lesson.

The Gospel story teaches us that **pride nullifies even the greatest effort**, while **humility and repentance** open the heart to God's mercy. For this reason, the Church reminds us that fasting, prayer, and every spiritual struggle are meaningless without true humility before God.

Fast-fare Week is the first step on the journey toward Great Lent — a time to examine not only **what we eat**, but **how we pray, how we look at others, and how we stand before God**.

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:14)