

## 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 During The First Week of Great Lent 2026

- **Monday, February 23**

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Tuesday, February 24**

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Wednesday, February 25**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Thursday, February 26**

Great Compline and Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew at 5:00 pm

- **Friday, February 27**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm

- **Saturday, February 28-Theodor's**

#### **Saturday**

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Vespers at 5:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 1-Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

## ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**February 22nd, 2026**

***Meatfare Sunday***

***Forgiveness Sunday***

Epistle Reading: Rom. 13,11-14,4

Gospel Reading: Matt. 6, 14-21

#### Liturgical Message

On Forgiveness Sunday, the Church invites us to prepare for Great Lent by reconciling with one another and seeking forgiveness, just as Christ commands in Matthew 6:14-21. Jesus teaches that if we forgive others, our Heavenly Father will also forgive us, but if we withhold forgiveness, we cut ourselves off from God's mercy. This serves as a reminder that forgiveness is not optional but essential for our salvation. True repentance begins with humility as we acknowledge our sins and release the grudges that harden our hearts.

Jesus also warns us not to be like hypocrites who fast for human praise but to fast in secret, seeking only the approval of God. This teaches us that Lent is not about outward appearances but about transforming the heart. When we fast, pray, and give alms, we do so out of love and sincerity, drawing closer to Christ. Forgiveness is part of this process; how can we pray to God if we refuse to love our neighbor? Our spiritual efforts are in vain if they do not lead us to a heart filled with love and peace.

Finally, Christ reminds us to store treasures in heaven, not on earth. This means investing in what is eternal—acts of love, mercy, and faith—rather than being consumed by worldly concerns. When we forgive, we release the burdens of resentment and allow God's grace to fill our hearts. As we enter Lent, let us sincerely strive to forgive each other, seek God's mercy, and focus on what truly matters: growing in holiness and preparing our hearts for the joy of Pascha.

# SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

March 1st, 2026



Divine Liturgy at  
10:00am

Procession with Icons  
after the Divine Liturgy

All children participating in the procession  
should bring their own icons from home.

## LENTEN LUNCHEON

On the first Sunday of Great Lent, March 1, 2026, starting at 12:00 PM at the Halls of St. George, and under the patronage of our choir members of "Bishop Stefan Lastavica," a **Donor Lenten Luncheon** will be held to raise funds for renovating the St. Mardarije Cultural Center in Libertyville.

**TODAY: Gibanica Day**

Sunday, February 22nd  
Halls of St. George at 12:00 pm

# SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS



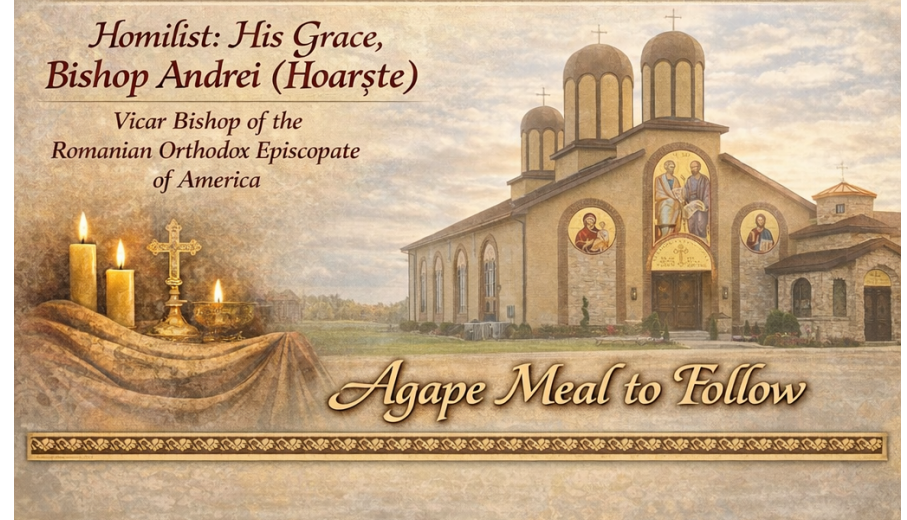
Sunday, March 1, 2026 • 6:00 PM

Sts. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral  
9660 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana

Orthodox Clergy Association of Northwest Indiana (OCANWI)

*Homilist: His Grace,  
Bishop Andrei (Hoarște)*

*Vicar Bishop of the  
Romanian Orthodox Episcopate  
of America*



*Agape Meal to Follow*