

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

TUESDAY - Jan. 13 VESPERS

WITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - Jan. 14 - THE CIRCUMCISION
OF THE LORD and St. BASIL, THE GREAT

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. (ORTHODOX NEW YEAR)

SUNDAY – Jan. 18 - HOLY CROSS DAY

Div. Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of homes begins.

MONDAY – Jan. 19 - HOLY THEOPHANY

Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Water at 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY – Jan. 19 - Vesper Service on the

eve of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST at 5:00 p.m.

(Blessing of the Slava breads)

TUESDAY- Jan. 20 - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Div. Liturgy & Blessing of the Slava Breads at 8:00 a.m.

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 11, 2026

Sunday after the Nativity

Epistle Reading: Gal. 1:11-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13–23

Liturgical Message

On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the twenty-sixth of this month, we commemorate Saints Joseph, the Betrothed of the Virgin; David, the Prophet and King; and James, the Brother of God. When no Sunday falls within this period, we celebrate this commemoration on the 26th.

Saint Joseph (whose name means "one who increases") was the son of Jacob. The son-in-law - and hence, as it were, the son - of Eli (who was also called Eliakim or Joachim), who was the father of Mary the Virgin (Matt. 1:16; Luke 3:23). He was of the tribe of Judah, of the family of David, an inhabitant of Nazareth, a carpenter by Trade, and advanced in age when, by God's goodwill, he was betrothed to the Virgin, that he might minister to the great mystery of God's dispensation in the flesh by protecting her, providing for her, and being known as her husband so that she, being a virgin, would not suffer reproach when she was found to be with child. Joseph had been married before his betrothal to our Lady; they are called Jesus' "brethren and sisters" (Matt. 13:55-56) and are Joseph's children from his first marriage. From Scripture, we know that Saint Joseph lived at least until the Twelfth year after the birth of Christ (Luke 2:41-52); according to the tradition of the Fathers, he reposed before the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

The child of God and ancestor of God, David, the great Prophet after Moses, sprang from the tribe of Judah. He was the son of Jesse and was born in Bethlehem (hence called the City of David) in the year 1085 before Christ. While still a youth, at God's command, he was secretly anointed by the Prophet Samuel to be the second King of the Israelites, even as Saul, who had already been deprived of divine grace, was still living. In the thirtieth year of his life, when Saul had been slain in battle, David was raised to the dignity of King, first by his tribe and then by all the Israelite people, and he reigned for forty years. Having lived seventy years, he reposed in 1015 before Christ, having proclaimed beforehand that his son Solomon was to be the successor to the throne.

The Orthodox Church celebrates the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ and the feast of St. Basil the Great on January 14 (January 1, Old Calendar)

The Circumcision of Our Lord

This feast commemorates the event recorded in the Gospel of Luke (2:21), in which, according to Jewish law, the infant Jesus was circumcised on the **eighth day** after His birth. This act signifies Christ's complete identification with humanity, as He submitted to the law He came to fulfill (Matthew 5:17). It is also the day He received His name, **Jesus**, meaning "Savior." The Circumcision of Christ reminds us of His humility and obedience to the law, and foreshadows His greater sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.


St. Basil the Great

St. Basil the Great, one of the greatest theologians and Church Fathers, is honored on this day. Living in the 4th century, St. Basil was a bishop, monastic founder, and defender of Orthodox theology against heresies such as Arianism. He is known for his works on the **Holy Trinity**, his Divine Liturgy (still celebrated during Great Lent and today), and his care for the poor through charitable institutions like the **Basileiad**. His example of faith, wisdom, and generosity continues to inspire Christians.

Liturgical Significance

The day is marked by the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, rather than the more commonly celebrated Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The feast hymns emphasize Christ's obedience to the law and His role as the fulfillment of God's promises, as well as St. Basil's holiness and theological contributions.

JOIN US AT
St. Sava
Celebration



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

KUMOVI:
JOVAN KOLAR & KRISTINA DODIG

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
Schererville, IN

SAVE THE DATE



HUNTERS LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 15, 2026
Cetnik 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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