

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

- **Wednesday, March 4**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

- **Friday, March 6**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

- **Saturday, March 7**

Vespers at 5:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 8**

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

"The soul speaks and converses during prayer, but at the descent of the Holy Spirit we must remain in complete silence to hear clearly and intelligibly all the words of eternal life which He will then deign to communicate."

St. Seraphim of Sarov

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 1st, 2026

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Epistle Reading: Heb. 11:24-26; 11:32-40,12:1-2

Gospel Reading: Jn. 1:43-51

Liturgical Message

The First Sunday of Great Lent, known as the **Sunday of Orthodoxy**, commemorates the restoration of the holy icons in the year 843 and the triumph of the true faith over heresy. But beyond its historical meaning, this day proclaims a profound spiritual truth: **the Word truly became flesh**, and therefore He can be depicted, confessed, and worshiped.

In the Gospel of John (1:43–51), we hear Christ call Philip, who then brings Nathanael to Jesus. Nathanael begins with doubt: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Yet when he encounters Christ, his doubt is transformed into confession: "*Rabbi, You are the Son of God!*" This movement—from skepticism to faith—is the journey of every believer. Orthodoxy is not merely correct doctrine; it is the living recognition of Christ as the Son of God.

The restoration of icons affirms the reality of the Incarnation. If God truly took flesh, then matter is sanctified. Wood and paint may depict Him because He truly entered history, took a body, and became visible. As the Fathers taught, the honor given to the icon passes to the prototype. We do not worship wood and paint; we worship Christ, whom the icon reveals.

On this first Sunday of Lent, the Church calls us not only to defend the faith outwardly, but to restore the icon within — the image of God in our own souls. Through fasting, prayer, repentance, and humility, the disfigured image is cleansed and renewed. The true triumph of Orthodoxy is not only historical; it is personal. It is the victory of Christ's truth in the human heart.

TODAY: 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.

TONIGHT

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Service

Sts. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Church
9660 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
6:00 pm

Southern Chicago Deanery Lenten Service

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in East Chicago
Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Homilist: V. Rev. Aleksandar Bugarin

FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2026

Halls of St. George
4:00 pm-8:00 pm

For all other information, please
contact the Halls of St. George



St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
Scherverville, Indiana

*You are warmly
invited to:*

KUMОВИ SUNDAY

SUNDAY
MARCH 15

RSVP by March 10th

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HALLS OF ST. GEORGE
12:00 PM

Please join us as we honor the sacred bond between
Godparents and godchildren in our community.

*A Celebration of Our
Kumovi / Godparents*