

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 18**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

- **Friday, March 20**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm

- **Saturday, March 21**

Vespers at 5:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 22**

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“The Cross of the Lord is the glory of Christ and the victory of the faithful.” **St. Gregory Palamas**

“Without the Cross, man cannot draw near to God, for the Cross is the gate of the mysteries.” **St. Isaac the Syrian**

“The Cross is the tree of life planted in the earth, whose fruit grants immortality to those who partake of it.” **St. Ephrem the Syrian**

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 15th, 2026

3rd Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle Reading: Heb. 4:14-5,6

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9,1

Liturgical Message

The Third Sunday of Great Lent is dedicated to the **Veneration of the Holy Cross**. At the midpoint of the Fast, the Church brings the Cross before us as a source of strength and encouragement. Just as travelers are refreshed by a resting place during a long journey, the faithful are strengthened by contemplating the Cross of Christ as they continue their Lenten struggle.

In the Gospel, Christ speaks clearly to His disciples and to all who wish to follow Him: *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”* The Cross, therefore, is not only the instrument of Christ's sacrifice but also the path of every Christian life. To deny ourselves means to put aside selfish desires, pride, and sin so that we may live according to God's will. Taking up the cross means accepting the struggles, sacrifices, and responsibilities that come with living faithfully in Christ.

Yet the Cross is not a sign of defeat. Through the Cross, Christ conquered death and opened the way to eternal life. What appears to be suffering becomes victory when it is united with Christ. This is why the Church places the Cross before us during Lent—not to burden us, but to remind us that every sacrifice made for Christ leads to resurrection and glory.

The words of the Lord also challenge us to reflect on what truly matters: *“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?”* In a world that often values success, wealth, and recognition above all else, Christ calls us to a deeper perspective. The soul is of greater worth than all earthly possessions. The Cross teaches us that true life is found not in selfish gain but in sacrificial love. As we continue our Lenten journey, the Cross stands before us as both a call and a promise. It calls us to repentance, humility, and perseverance, but it also promises that beyond the struggle lies the joy of the Resurrection. When we carry our crosses with faith, we discover that Christ Himself walks beside us, transforming our suffering into a path of salvation.

TODAY: Kumovi Sunday

Sponsored by the Church School

Halls of St. George 12:00 pm

All are welcome!

TONIGHT:

**Southern Chicago Deanery
Lenten Service**

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Merrillville, IN

Vespers at 6:00 pm

Homilist: V. Rev. Radovan Jakovljevic

**Bible Study Session
Monday, March 16, 2026
7:00 pm**

FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 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

All are welcome!



**KOLO Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026
6:00 pm**

**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.

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



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Vrbica

Children's Mini Retreat

Lazarus Saturday

April 4, 2026

Educational Retreat 1:00 pm-3:45 pm
Vespers with procession at 4:00 pm



Please register by April 1, 2026
at 219-322-3355