

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 25**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

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

- **Friday, March 27**

Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos at 5:00 pm

- **Saturday, March 28**

Vespers at 5:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 29**

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

“Let your prayer be simple, for both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.”

St. John Climacus

“Do not be troubled if you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously.” **St. Isaac the Syrian**

ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 22nd, 2026

4th Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle Reading: Heb. 12:1-10

Gospel Reading: Mk. 9:17-31; Matt. 20:1-16

Liturgical Message

The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent is dedicated to St. John Climacus, a great spiritual teacher who shows us the path of ascent toward God. On this day, the Church presents the Gospel of a father who brings his possessed son to Christ, crying out: “*Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!*” These words capture the struggle of every Christian heart — a mixture of faith and doubt, hope and weakness. The father’s honesty becomes his strength, for he turns to Christ not with pride, but with humility and need.

Christ heals the child and then teaches His disciples that such struggles are overcome only “by prayer and fasting.” This connects directly to the meaning of Great Lent. Our spiritual battles — whether against sin, fear, or despair — cannot be won by human effort alone. Prayer unites us to God, and fasting disciplines our body and soul, making us receptive to His grace. Without these, faith remains weak; with them, it becomes living and powerful.

St. John Climacus, in his spiritual masterpiece *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, describes the Christian life as a gradual climb toward God. Each step requires effort, repentance, and perseverance. The Gospel reminds us that this ascent is not easy, and at times we may feel like the father — struggling, uncertain, even overwhelmed. Yet Christ meets us in that struggle. He does not demand perfect faith; He asks for sincere faith, even if it is small and imperfect.

As we continue our Lenten journey, this Sunday calls us to perseverance. When we feel spiritually weak, we should not despair, but cry out like the father: “*Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!*” This prayer opens the door for God’s grace to act within us. Step by step, through prayer, fasting, and humility, we climb toward Christ, who Himself strengthens us and leads us to the fullness of life.



Today's Fellowship at the Old Hall

TONIGHT:

Southern Chicago Deanery
 Lenten Service

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Joliet, IL
 Vespers at 6:00 pm
 Homilist: V. Rev. Aleksandar Savic

Bible Study Session
Monday, March 23, 2026
7:00 pm

FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 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 23, 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