

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

Tuesday, May 12th-St Basil

Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am

Sunday, May 17th

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

WISDOM OF THE HOLY FATHERS

The Purpose of Life

Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord; that is to say, they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints. (St. Philaret of Moscow)

The acquisition of holiness is not the exclusive business of monks, as certain people think. People with families are also called to holiness, as are those in all kinds of professions, who live in the world, since the commandment about perfection and holiness is given not only to monks, but to all people.
(Hieromartyr Onuphry Gaguluk)

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May 10th, 2026

5th Week of Pascha

Epistle Reading: Acts 11:19-26; 29-30

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Liturgical Message

Jesus, therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink. For His disciples had gone away to the city to buy food.

By saying that the Lord was weary from the journey, the Evangelist shows us His humility and simplicity, for He rode not even a donkey, but walked on foot, teaching us also to need less, not more. The Evangelist also demonstrates that the Lord did not journey leisurely, but with intensity, from which we, too, may learn to do God's work with zeal and attention. The words, *He sat thus*, indicate that He sat simply, as He was, not on a chair, and without pretension rested His body on the ground and refreshed it by the well. Then the Evangelist gives another reason why He sat by the well: it was high noon, *about the sixth hour*, and the Lord needed rest and refreshment from the oppressive heat. Lest anyone accuse the Lord of a double standard in forbidding His disciples to go near the Gentiles while He Himself went to the Samaritans, the Evangelist says that He sat in that place because He was tired, showing that his thirst justified His conversation with the woman.

In accordance with His human nature, He became thirsty and needed to drink. To the one asking for a drink, the woman speaks with words that show her eagerness to learn. What should He have done? Shun this woman so eager to learn, who thirsted to learn the answer to her perplexity? Of course not! That is not the way of God, the Lover of man. We also see here the Lord's utter simplicity. He is left all alone on the road, while His disciples have gone into the city to buy food. They gave so little attention to the demand of the stomach that at the very time when most people are nearly asleep after dinner, they were out buying food, that is, loaves of bread only, from which we may also learn to limit the variety of what we eat.

Notice the exactitude of the Evangelist. He did not assert, "It was the sixth hour," but instead, *It was about the sixth hour*, so careful was he to preserve the truthfulness of every word of his Gospel.

...+Blessed Theophilact of Ochrid

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Marriage Announcement

Michael Marich of Dyer, IN., and Kayli Ogle of Dyer, IN., will be married at our church on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Marko Stosic of Crown Point, IN., and Marija Todoroska of Crown Point, IN., will be married at our church on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Nikola Tatic of Denver, CO, and Anna Kulwicki of Denver, CO, will be married at our church on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

St. Basil of Ostrog

He was born in the village of Popovo in Herzegovina to simple yet pious parents. From childhood, he was filled with love for the Church of God, and when he grew older, he went to the Monastery of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Trebinje, where he received the monastic tonsure. As a monk, he soon became well known for his austere and rare ascetic life. For he imposed upon himself one struggle after another, each harder than the last.



Later, he was chosen and consecrated as the Bishop of Zahumlje and Skenderija, against his own will. As a hierarch, he first lived in the Monastery of Tvrdoš, and from there, like a good shepherd, strengthened his flock in the Orthodox faith, protecting them from Turkish cruelty and Latin deceit.

When he was greatly oppressed by enemies, and Tvrdoš was destroyed by the Turks, Basil moved to Ostrog Monastery, where he labored firmly in asceticism, guarding his flock through his constant and fervent prayers. He reposed peacefully in the Lord in the 16th century, leaving behind his whole and healing relics, incorrupt and wonderworking to this very day.

The miracles at the tomb of Saint Basil are countless. Both Christians and Muslims come to his relics and find healing from their gravest illnesses and sufferings. A great gathering is held at Ostrog every year on the Feast of Pentecost.

IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting with the **first Sunday after Memorial Day** and lasting until the **first Sunday after Labor Day**, the Divine Liturgy will begin at **9:00 AM** instead of the usual **10:00 AM**.



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SATURDAY, MAY 23RD 2026
HOLY LITURGY BEGINS AT 9:00 AM - PROGRAM STARTS AT 10:30 AM

PROGRAM:

- WELCOMING GREETINGS
- TRADITIONAL TOAST (ZDRAVICA)
- KOSIDBA (MOWING) COMPETITION
- SERBIAN FOLKLORE PERFORMANCES
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
- CHOIRS AND LIVE MUSIC
- BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT
- AUTHENTIC HOMEMADE FOOD AND DRINKS
- LAMB ROAST & GRILLED SPECIALTIES

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