

Schedule of Lenten services in St George Serbian Orthodox church, Joliet, IL

Sunday, February 22 – Forgiveness Sunday

Divine Liturgy and Forgiveness vespers to follow. *“Forgive me, a sinner.” The response is, “God forgives.”*
Vespers of Forgiveness in St Sava church in Merrillville, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Novakovic

Monday, February 23 – Beginning of Great Fast / Clean Week / Почетак Часног Поста
Vespers and Canon of St Andrew of Crete at 6 pm. Religious discussion after.

Wednesday, February 25

Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, February 28 – Theodore Saturday / Теодорова Субота

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

The best time for confession is on Saturday after vespers. All faithful, and especially if a person wants to commune, should attend the evening service and the Holy Liturgy. Confession on Sunday Morning is only if you have family needs, job, distance, health or other important reason. Confessions on a Sunday and/or Holy Day Morning will start at least 30 minutes prior to the Liturgy. Please do not come to confession 5 minutes before the Liturgy begins! If the eve before you prepare to commune does not work for you and you cannot make it early enough before the Liturgy, you can always make an appointment with your priest for your confession at another time.

Sunday, March 1 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / Недеља Православља

Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am.

Sunday of Orthodoxy vespers in Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Redwood Dr at 6 pm.

Wednesday, March 4

Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm at St Nicholas church in Joliet

When the Presanctified Liturgy is served in the evening, those who will partake of Holy Communion should fast from 12 pm (noon) until receiving communion. For those who can physically endure an all-day total fast, please do so.

Friday, March 6

Presanctified Liturgy in St George church in East Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Bugarin

Saturday, March 7

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 8 – Sunday of St Gregory Palamas / Недеља Св Григорија Паламе

Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am

Lenten vespers in Arch Michael church in Lansing, IL at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Vladimir Lange

Wednesday, March 11

Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, March 14

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 15 – Veneration of Holy Cross / Крстопоклона Недеља

Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am.

Lenten vespers in St Elijah church in Merrillville, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr. Radovan Jakovljevic

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten hours at 5 pm; confession at 5:40 pm; Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm, religious discussion after.

Saturday, March 21
Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, March 22 – Sunday of St John the Climacus / Недеља Св Јована Лествичника
Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am.

Lenten vespers in our church at 6 pm. Dinner in the hall. Homilist Fr Aleksandar Savic

Wednesday, March 25
Lenten hours at 8 am; Confession at 8:40 am; Presanctified Liturgy at 9 am in our church
Great Canon/Life of St Mary of Egypt at 6pm

Friday, March 27
Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos at 6 pm

Saturday, March 28
Fr Aleksandar will serve the Divine Liturgy in East Moline. There will be no vigil/confession in our church. Please come to confession tomorrow at 9:15 am.

Sunday, March 29 – Sunday of St Mary of Egypt / Недеља Св Марије египћанке
Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 10 am.
Lenten vespers in Ss Peter and Paul church in South Bend, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Milorad Jancic

Wednesday, April 1
Lenten hours at 5 pm, confession at 5:40 pm; Presanctified Liturgy at 6 pm in our church. Religious discussion after

Friday, April 3
Presanctified Liturgy at St George in Schererville, IN at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Mile Subotic

Saturday, April 4 – Lazarus Saturday / Лазарова субота – Врбица / Beginning of Holy Week
Divine Liturgy at 9 am
Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, April 5 – Entrance of our Lord in Jerusalem / Palm Sunday / Цветна Недеља
Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Procession around the church with palm branches.
Lenten vespers in St Simeon church in South Chicago at 6 pm. Homilist Fr Marko Matic

Holy Week is observed by strict fast and attending all the services in which we relive the capture, passion, death and burial of our Savior. Orthodox Christians partake of Holy Communion at least once during the week, especially on Holy Thursday. Receiving Holy Communion on Pascha is the culmination of the Holy Week services and the resurrection of our Lord and our resurrection in Him.