

The Nativity Services in St George Serbian Orthodox Church, Joliet, IL

Mir Božiji Hristos se rodi! Peace of God Christ is Born!

Thursday, January 2 – St Ignatius of Antioch / St John of Kronstadt

Confession at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Sunday, January 5 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers / Serb Father's Day – Očevi

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Parastos for +Fr Ned Lunich and luncheon in the hall. Church School and decorating of Badnjak.

Monday, January 6 – The Nativity Eve – Badnji Dan

Royal Hours at 9 am

Nativity Compline and Matins at 6 pm. Blessing of Badnjak (Yule Log) and refreshments in the upper-level hall after the church services.

Tuesday, January 7 – The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – Božić

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

From the Feast of the Nativity until the Eve of Theophany, January 18 is fast free

Wednesday, January 8 – Synaxis of the Theotokos / Sabor Presvete Bogorodice

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Thursday, January 9 – St Stephen the Protomartyr / Sv Stefan Prvomučenic

Divine Liturgy at 9 am.

Saturday, January 11

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 12 – Sunday after Nativity / Nedelja po Bozicu

Divine Liturgy at 10 am Church school and coffee hour

Monday, January 13 – Leave-taking of Nativity / Odanije Bozica

Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, January 14 – St Basil the Great / Circumcision of our Lord / Old calendar New Year

Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great at 9 am

The traditional Serbian Orthodox greeting for the Nativity season is Christ is Born and the reply is Indeed He is Born or Truly He is Born. In Serbian it is Hristos se rodi and the reply is Voistinu se rodi The Christmas greeting is used from the day of the Nativity of Christ until the Apodosis or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.