

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

For October 2019.

- 05.10. - **PSIHOSAVATO** (Saturday) - Parastos/Requiem @ 11:00 am
- 06.10. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 13.10. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 20.10. - (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am
- 27.10. - **HOLY MOTHER PARASKEVA - ПЕТКА** (Sunday) - **THE CHOIR'S SLAVA** - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am. **After the Liturgy blessing of the zito and kolac.**

ОБАВЕШТЕЊА

- Канцеларија ЦШО отворена уторком, четврком и петком од 9 - 12 часова
- **ХОРСКА СЛАВА** - Св. Петка - прославићемо ове године у недељу, 28. октобра. Домаћица славе Миловановић Рајка са ћеркама Николином и Кристином и унуком Кики Дајаном Миловановић
- **ХРАМОВНА СЛАВА**- Аранђеловдан - прослава у недељу, 25. новембра. Домаћин славе Лончар Ђуро и Љубица са породицом

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THE CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On this day are celebrated God's mercy, His wondrous act and His wisdom: His mercy towards the devout and righteous parents of St John, the aged Zacharias and Elisabeth, who had all their lives begged a child of God; the wonder of the conception of John in Elisabeth's more-than-aged womb; and the wisdom of the dispensation

of man's salvation. For John, God had a specially great plan: that he should be a prophet and the forerunner of Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world. Through His angels, God revealed the birth of Isaac to the childless Sarah, and of Samson to the childless Manoah and his wife, and of John the Baptist to the childless Zacharias and Elisabeth. Through His angels, God revealed the birth of those for whom He had a special plan. How could children be born of aged parents? If someone is curious to find out, let him not ask men, for men do not know, nor does natural law (it being beyond natural law), but let him turn his gaze to the power of almighty God, who made the whole world from nothing and who, for the creation of Adam, the first man, used no parents, either young or old. Instead of being curious, let us thank God that He often reveals to us His power and mercy and wisdom beyond the natural law, by which we would otherwise be fettered and, without these special wonders of God, would fall into despair and forgetfulness of Him.

HOLY MARTYRS SERGIUS & BACCHUS

These holy and wonderful martyrs and heroes of the Christian faith were at first nobles at the court of the Emperor Maximian. The Emperor himself valued them greatly for their courage, wisdom and zeal, but, when he heard that these great nobles of his were Christians, his love for them turned to fury. And once, when there was a great offering of sacrifices to idols, the Emperor summoned Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice together with him, and they openly refused to obey him in this. Beside himself with anger, the Emperor ordered that their robes, rings and marks of eminence be stripped from them and they be dressed in women's clothing. He then put iron yokes on their necks and led them thus through the streets of Rome, to be mocked by each and all. The Emperor then sent them to Asia, to Antiochus the governor, for torture. Antiochus had achieved his distinguished rank with the help of Sergius and Bacchus, who had at one time recommended him to the Emperor. When Antiochus began to urge them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonourable suffering and death, the two saints replied: "Both honour and dishonour, both life and death - all are one to him who seeks the heavenly Kingdom." Antiochus threw Sergius into prison and ordered that Bacchus be tortured first. The servants took turns in beating holy Bacchus until his whole body was broken into fragments. His holy spirit went forth from his broken and blood-stained body and was borne to the Lord by angels. St Bacchus suffered in the town of Varvallis. Then holy Sergius was led out. Iron shoes studded with nails were put on his feet, and he was driven out into the Syrian town of Resapha, and there beheaded with the sword. His soul went to Paradise where, together with his friend Bacchus, he received the wreath of immortal glory from Christ his King and Lord. These two glorious knights suffered for the Christian faith in about 303.