



Nativity Services at St George Serbian Orthodox Church, Joliet, Illinois

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

Sunday, January 2 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers / St Ignatius / Serb Father's Day – Očevi

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Soup / Palačinke brunch in upper-level hall.

Thursday, January 6 – The Nativity Eve / Badnje Veče

Confession at 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great 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.

Friday, 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

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

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 9 - Commemoration of the Holy & Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, & James the Brother of the Lord / St Stephen the Protomartyr / Sv Stefan Prvomučnik

Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school and coffee hour

Thursday, January 13 – Leave taking of Nativity / Odanije Bozica

Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Friday, January 14 – Circumcision of our Lord and Savior / St Basil the Great / Julian 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.