

Holy Week and Easter Services

April 28	Great Wednesday	May 1	Great & Holy Saturday
8:30 AM	Holy Confession	8:30 AM	Holy Confession
9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy & Communion
7:00 PM	Holy Unction Service-host & visiting clergy will serve		
April 29	Great & Holy Thursday	May 2	RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - EASTER
8:30 AM	Holy Confession	5:00 AM	Easter Matins
9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy & Communion	8:30 AM	Divine Easter Liturgy in English
7:00 PM	Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels	10:30 AM	Divine Easter Liturgy in Serbian Slavonic
April 30	Great & Holy Friday	May 3	Easter Monday
9:00 AM	Royal Hours	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM	Vespers, Carrying out of the Holy Shroud	May 4	Easter Tuesday
7:30 PM	Matins - Procession around the church & Confession	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Special Assembly to be Called To Discuss and Vote on the Proposed Sale of American Serb Memorial Hall

As directed by a 40-27 vote from our congregation on December 27, 2020, authorizing the exploration of best options for Serb Hall, and with approval from Bishop Longin, the church board has done so. Since then, the board has investigated numerous options and has secured a formal purchase offer of \$1.725 million. The buyer is planning to spend more than \$1 million in exterior and interior renovations. The offer to purchase is being reviewed by a highly regarded real estate attorney from the SBR Law Group. Upon approval of the Offer to Purchase, a special assembly will be called to vote on the sale in the month of May.

The buyer is a successful, established event planner called Stand Eat Drink (SED). They specialize in weddings, banquets, corporate and personal events. They are experienced and successful and will bring new life and vitality to Serb Hall.

<https://www.standeatdrink.com>

You will be receiving a formal invitation to the meeting, which restates the applicable Special Assembly By-laws and eligibility requirements for casting votes. The intent is to ensure you have been given sufficient time and information to help your decision-making process in the days ahead.

You will also soon receive a mailing with detailed financial information on the following three options we face:

Not selling the hall: As of April, the Hall is now costing the church between \$15,000 - \$20,000 per month in utilities, property taxes, insurance payments, and other items. The church does not have the money to pay these additional monthly bills. We are already experiencing a heavy financial drain on limited church resources.

Selling the hall: This would enable us to pay off our entire church mortgage, the 4 Serb Hall loans and still have nearly \$700,000 remaining to create an endowment for our church.

Leasing the hall: During the several months the hall has been listed, there were no formal lease proposals submitted. In order to make the space suitable for a possible tenant, the roof would need to be replaced along with other basic renovations. Again, the church does not have sufficient capital for such a financial commitment.

We urge you to consider all aspects of our current situation. The proposal being made by the board offers many positives for our parish and our people and would allow the hall – which has served us so well for most of its existence – to once again help us for the next 50 years by providing financial stability and avert the real possibility of financial disaster.

Sincerely, Your Church Board and Clergy