

# DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

First Lenten Vesper Service

Cheesefare Sunday - Недеља праштања

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**6:00PM**

Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church

9191 Mississippi Street, Merrillville, IN 46410

## Great Lenten Vesper Service

With His Eminence Metropolitan Longin, visiting clergy, and guests.

Responses by Saint Sava Karageorge Choir. Lenten dinner to follow



**Guest Speaker:**

V. Rev. Dr. Aleksandar  
Novakovic

## GREAT LENT



### THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA



LET US BEGIN THE FAST WITH  
JOY! LET US PREPARE OURSELVES  
FOR SPIRITUAL EFFORTS! LET  
US PURIFY OUR SOULS AND  
CLEANSE OUR FLESH! LET US  
ABSTAIN FROM EVERY PASSION AS  
WE ABSTAIN FROM FOOD! LET US  
REJOICE IN VIRTUES OF THE SPIRIT  
AND FULFIL THEM IN LOVE! THAT WE MAY  
ALL SEE THE HOLY PASSION OF CHRIST OUR  
GOD! AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HOLY  
PASCHA!