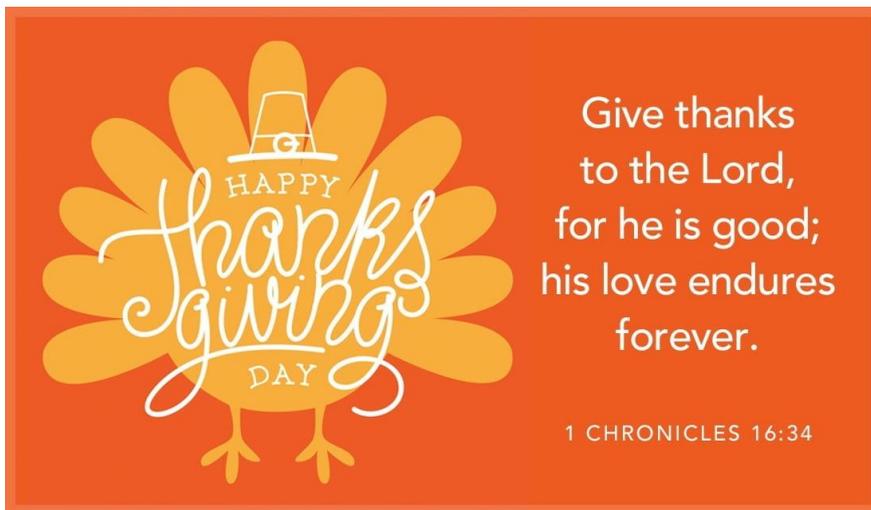


Sunday, November 18, 2018
Sunday Orthros, 9:00 am :: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
25th Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor:

Father Andrew Kishler

Parish council members:

Matthew Rowan, *chairman*
Leo Kapetaneas, *vice chairman*
Anysia Medawar, *treasurer*
Jennifer Harshman, *secretary*

Christina Kapetaneas, *Ladies of St. George*
Genie Sanders, *choir*
Lynette Forsa
Patrice Nimee
David Anderson



Today's coffee hour: Ron and Dottie Malooley
Next week's coffee hour: Kishler and Anderson

Hymns after the Small Entrance:

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 8): O Compassionate One, Thou didst descend from the heights. Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion to St. George (Tone 4): Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings: O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George, intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion for the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4): The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.



THE EPISTLE

For the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

For the Ninth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Nicole Wiltse and St. Bede students at the Hall Township Food Pantry.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, www.stgeorgeorthodox.org.

- **Today:** Children's Sunday school, downstairs immediately after Holy Communion. Children and teens are also welcome to stay for Christmas pageant practice, during the parish council meeting.
- **Today:** November parish council meeting, upstairs during coffee hour.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 20:** Office hours, 9am-noon. *All are welcome to come by the church during these hours to speak with Father, to light a candle, or to take a moment to sit quietly in church.*
- **Wednesday, Nov. 21: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.** Divine Liturgy, 10am. Akathist of Thanksgiving, 6pm. *Father will be available before and after each service for confession, anointing, etc.*
- No office hours Thursday for the observance of Thanksgiving.
- **Saturday, Nov. 24:** Spring Valley Santa Run (*see announcement below*), 10am. **Vespers** at 5pm, followed by the Spring Valley Christmas parade.
- **Next Sunday, Nov. 25:** Matins, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am. Monthly Teen SOYO meeting will be at the Thompsons' home, after Liturgy and coffee hour.

The Hall Township Food Pantry here in Spring Valley needs volunteers to help with their Santa Run fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 24 at 10am. Kids, teens, and adults are welcome; please see Fr. Andrew if you can help so we can give them a headcount.

Our annual BAKE SALE will take place Saturday, Dec. 8, 9am to 12. This is our church's biggest fundraiser for the year and we rely on the full participation of all of our members! We are looking for anyone who can bake Middle Eastern, Greek, or other ethnic pastries, or a donation from each household. Please see Christina or any of the ladies if you have questions.

"The Other Georgia": Mike and Ruth Baum recently made an Orthodox pilgrimage to the Republic of Georgia. They will be presenting a fascinating two-part retreat on the Orthodox Christian culture, cuisine, iconography, music, and spirituality of Georgia in two parts: **Wednesday, Nov. 28, and Wed., Dec. 19, both at 7pm.** This will be open to the public and promoted in our community. Come and bring your friends!

Holy Land pilgrimage: We have an opportunity to participate in an Orthodox-led trip to the Holy Land, May 6-18, 2019. Information is available downstairs; please see Mike and Ruth Baum for additional information or if you have any questions.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	Holy Bread/Coffee Hour	Epistle Reader
TODAY	Ron/Dottie Malooley	Keeley Thompson
Sunday, Nov. 25	Kishler/Anderson	David Anderson
Sunday, Dec. 2	<i>Morning prayers only</i>	
Sunday, Dec. 9	Gary Farral and the Bachio family (Carol's 40 day memorial)	Gary Farral
Sunday, Dec. 16	Kim/Jeannie Leonard	Kim Leonard
Sunday, Dec. 23	Wayne/Genie Sanders	Nick Medawar
Sunday, Dec. 30	Kishler open house	

Regarding HOLY BREAD, you are welcome to bake your own, or use the bread provided by the church (a donation of \$10-\$20 is appreciated to cover the cost of the bread). On your Sunday, please also provide to Father Andrew a list of names (living and departed) for prayers during the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR may be as simple or elaborate as you want. While CLEAN UP is primarily the responsibility of those who provide coffee hour, all of us should help by bussing our own tables and cleaning up as we are able.

** SHADED DATES indicate fasting. No meat should be served on these dates.*



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!

Nov. 5 – Michael Harshman

Nov. 9 – Olly Rowan

Nov. 13 – Georgia Kapataneas

Nov. 15 – Anysia Medawar

Nov. 21 – Mary Lynn Malooley Spitz

Nov. 27 – Carol Bachio

Church Finances

October 2018

Operating income: \$3,392.00

Operating expenses: \$5,655.12

Cash flow: -\$2,263.12

January 1 to October 31, 2018

Operating income: \$55,367.33

Operating expenses: \$61,720.34

Cash Flow: -\$6,353.01

100th Anniversary Account

Total deposits: \$11,000.00

Total expenditures: \$8,068.00

While our attendance has been quite high even through the summer months, our giving is not where it needs to be.

Please, let us not neglect our duty to support the ministries of our church!

“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

:: Bishop Anthony on Lazarus and the Rich Man, Part 2 ::

Adapted from his sermon on November 4

Deuteronomy 6:5 says: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” And Jesus adds to this the words of Leviticus 19:18: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Those are the two greatest commandments, but the rich man forgot about them.

I want to get back to this: Sometimes good things are given, God will keep giving us good things even if we don’t share them. But there will come a time when it’s too late to share them. And my hope for you and for me is that time never comes.

Let us never think we are secure in this life! How many of us have ever seen a U-Haul following a hearse? You can’t take it with you. Some people have great wealth from God. And you really can’t control it when you’re gone. My uncle used to say: “Give them flowers while they are still alive!” Determine where our charity will go for the people who need it at the time they need it, and will become full of the love of Christ. There will be no poor people around us, because Lazarus is taken care of. Unless Lazarus is taken care of, we will never receive the care we need. We will never have enough in our own lives. Some people become confident in what they own. And then all of a sudden, something happens. They are in the hospital or sick, and all the money in the world cannot buy a new medication. Maybe God gives people those things over and over.

All of us are given great things. We live in this country, where this struggle can hardly be called struggle! Even our hardest days are great days. Even a day we say, “it’s been such a hard day for me, no one talked to me.” You think you’re overwhelmed, but it’s a great day compared to people living all over the world. It would be Thanksgiving Day for them. Our down day would be their up day.

I have to say: God keeps giving us one good day after another. Let me say it clearly: One good day after another. Even when we don’t do good, even when we complain, even when we are not committed to anyone else, even when we become so self-absorbed and selfish that we don’t know anything is going on except our own needs. Even then, He keeps giving us good day after good day. So that one day we will wake up and do good with our good days, to make good days for everyone.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER 18-24

Sunday, Nov. 18 – Martyr Plato of Ancyra
Mark 16:9-20 / Ephesians 4:1-7 / Luke 12:16-21

Monday, Nov. 19 – Holy Prophet Obadiah
1 Timothy 1:1-7 / Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday, Nov. 20 – Ven. Gregory of Decapolis
1 Timothy 1:8-14 / Luke 17:26-37

Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos
Exodus 40 / 1 Kings 7, 8 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4
Luke 1:39-56 / Hebrews 9:1-7 / Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Thursday, Nov. 22 – Philemon and Onesimus, Apostles of the 70
1 Timothy 3:1-13 / Luke 18:31-34

Friday, Nov. 23 – Great Prince Alexander Nevsky
1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16 / Luke 19:12-28

Saturday, Nov. 24 – Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome
Galatians 3:8-12 / Luke 10:19-21

Videos of sermons and Feast Day services are available on our website, www.springvalleyorthodox.com

Follow “St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley” on Facebook for daily Bible readings and lives of the saints.

Please be aware that photographs and videos from our church appear on our website and Facebook page. Please feel free to let us know if you would prefer not to have your pictures online.

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