



## SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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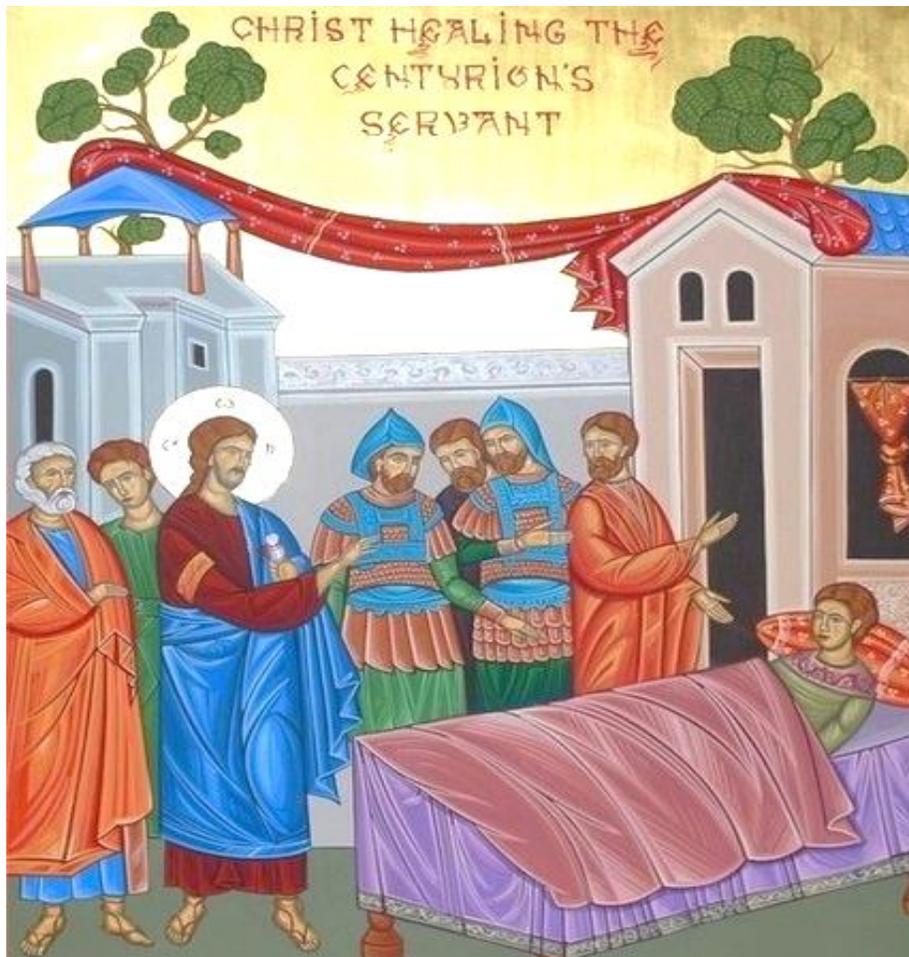
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
Metropolitan JOSEPH

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest  
Bishop ANTHONY

SUNDAY, 5 JULY 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM



**PASTOR:** Father Mark Sahady

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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David Anderson  
Michael Kasap

**TODAY'S HOLY BREAD:** George and Patrice Nimee

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READER:** George Nimee

**TODAY'S PICNIC:** Fr Mark & Antiochian Women

**NEXT WEEK'S HOLY BREAD:** Bob Abraham

**NEXT WEEK'S EPISTLE READER:** David Anderson

- **The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:**

### **THE FOURTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FOUR**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

Verily, the women came at early dawn to Thy tomb, O Christ, but they found not Thy body, precious to them. And as they were perplexed, behold there stood among them those who were in shining clothes who said to them: Why seek ye the living among the dead? He hath risen as He foretold. Why have ye forgotten His words? And when they were assured by their saying, they preached to the Disciples the things seen. But their glad tidings were received with ridicule; for they were still without understanding. But Peter hastened to behold, and glorified Thy wonders in himself.

*Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

- **Hymns of the day, following the Small Entrance:**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. ATHANASIUS THE ATTHONITE IN TONE THREE**

*(\*\*Awed by the beauty\*\*)*

The Angels' ranks were awed by thy life in the flesh, \* how, though corporeal, and clad with earthly clay, \* thou didst set forth with courage to invisible wars and wrestlings \* and didst boldly smite the hordes \* of the demons with mortal wounds. \* Wherefore, Christ rewarded thee \* with abundant gifts in return. \* Entreat Him that our souls find salvation, \* O most renowned Father Athanasius.

## **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.

## **ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## **THE EPISTLE**

**(For St. Athanasius)**

*The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6:2)**

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provocation of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

## **THE GOSPEL**

**(For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew)**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)**

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

*For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website:  
[www.springvalleyorthodox.com](http://www.springvalleyorthodox.com).*

*If you would like to speak with Father Mark, call the church phone.*

### Today:

- Outside Fellowship to Welcome New Pastor

### This week:

- Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>: Vespers, 6pm
- Next Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am

### Next Month:

- Dormition Fast, August 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at **6:30 pm** - Vigil for Christ's Transfiguration
- Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm - Vespers for the Pre-Feast
- Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at **6:30 pm** - Vigil for Theotokos' Dormition
- Sunday, August 23 - "Golf & Dine" at Spring Creek Golf Course

### July Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!*

- July 4 – Bridget Kishler
- July 5 – Gary Farral
- July 6 – Mary Ford
- July 14 – George and Mona Kaleel (anniv.)
- July 15 – Michael Baum
- July 16 – Thane Kaleel
- July 19 – Bill Miller III
- July 20 – Maribeth Malooley Soldati
- July 28 – David and Gretel Kaleel (anniv.)
- July 30 – Dottie Malooley
- July 30 – Nick and Anysia Medawar (anniv.)



## CHURCH FINANCES

### May 2020

Total income: \$2,530.00  
Total expenses: \$6,374.11  
Net income: -\$3,844.11

### January – May 2020

Total income: \$25,136.75  
Total expenses: \$30,970.47  
Net income: -\$5,833.72

*Many thanks to all of you who have continued to support St. George Church even during these difficult times! We still of course have bills to pay, and we rely on your continued support to keep the church functioning even if in a limited capacity.*

*Donations may be mailed to the church:*

*St. George Church  
211 E. Minnesota St.  
Spring Valley, IL 61362*

*You may also give online at  
[www.springvalleyorthodox.com](http://www.springvalleyorthodox.com)*

*“Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” (Malachi 3:10)*

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<b>Holy Bread</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>	Bob Abraham	David Anderson
<b>Sunday, July 19</b>	Richard & Bette Malooley	Richard Malooley
<b>Sunday, July 26</b>	Lynette Forsa	OPEN
<b>Sunday, August 2*</b>	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Sunday, August 9*</b>	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	OPEN	OPEN

*\* Shaded dates are days of fasting for Orthodox Christians - No meat or dairy.*

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 wine and bread. On your Sunday, please also provide a list of names (living and departed) for prayers during the Liturgy.

NO FELLOWSHIP AT THIS TIME – When restarted, it may be as simple or elaborate as you want. While CLEAN UP is primarily the responsibility of those who provide Fellowship, all of us should help by bussing our own tables and cleaning up as we are able.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS



### Monday, July 6, 2020

- [Romans 12:4-5, 15-21](#)
- [Matthew 12:9-13](#)

### Tuesday, July 7, 2020

- [Romans 14:9-18](#)
- [Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30](#)

### Wednesday, July 8, 2020

- [Romans 15:7-16](#)
- [Matthew 12:38-45](#)

### Thursday, July 9, 2020

- [Romans 15:17-29](#)
- [Matthew 12:46-13:3](#)

### Friday, July 10, 2020

- [Romans 16:1-16](#)
- [Matthew 13:4-9](#)

### Saturday, July 11, 2020

- [Romans 8:14-21](#)
- [Matthew 9:9-13](#)

Live-streaming of church services is available on our website:  
[www.springvalleyorthodox.com](http://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. Feel free to let us know if you would prefer not to have your pictures online.*

## **Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Spring Valley, Illinois COVID-19 Re-Opening of Church, 2020 07 02**

The following safety measures have been adopted by the Parish Council for Church attendance. By entering this Church facility or being on Church grounds, you agree to abide by these guidelines. You also agree that complete safety cannot be guaranteed, and you release the Church, its officials, other members, and volunteers from any liability for possible illness contracted by yourself or family members. If you cannot agree to the above statements, you should not attend worship/events in person, but instead join online.

**All parishioners** with a compromised immune system, are strongly encouraged to stay at home, as recommended by the CDC, State of Illinois, and the Antiochian Archdiocese. Social Distancing, Masks and Sanitizers are applied at church. A Log of Attendance will be maintained.

**When partaking of the Eucharist (Holy Communion):** Stand a few feet away from the person in front of you. When you come to the chalice, hold the cloth by one corner under your chin, tilt your head backward, and open your mouth very wide so the Body and Blood can be placed inside your mouth without contact. Do not close your mouth on the spoon and you will not need to wipe your mouth with the cloth.

# GOLF & Dine – 23 Aug Sunday

Contact Mark Kerasotes for more Info.

**Spring Creek Golf Course –  
located in Spring Valley, IL**



2:00 pm 18 Hole Start  
 4:00 pm 9 Hole Start  
 6:30 pm Dinner  
 18 Holes & Dinner: \$100  
 9 Holes & Dinner: \$80  
 Dinner Only: \$60

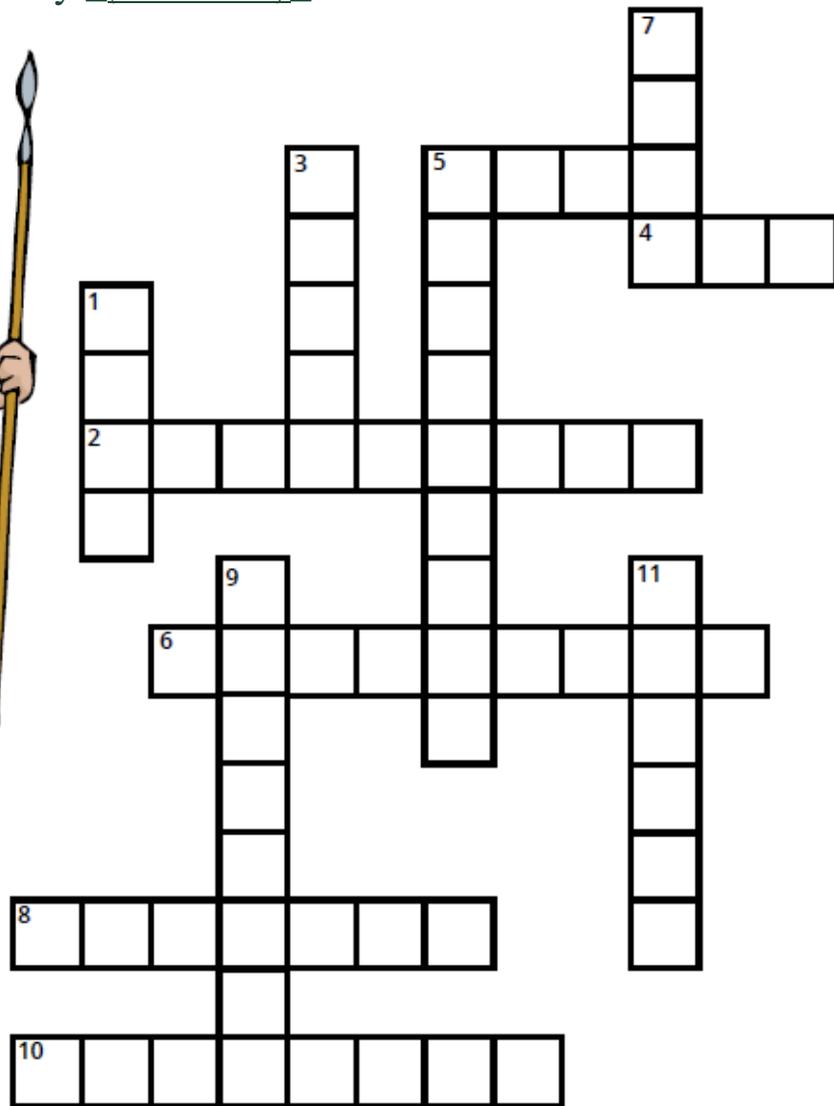
Conveniently located adjacent to Interstate 80, Exit 70, let Spring Creek be your central meeting location from the Chicago, Joliet, Rockford, Peoria, Bloomington and Quad City areas.

A traditional-style course in both aesthetics and playability. The course relies on natural land contours to challenge players with mature, rolling, tree-lined fairways, heavily wooded areas and water hazards on 8 holes. Strategically placed bunkers, generous, well-conditioned championship greens are features that all golfers appreciate.

**Become a Sponsor - Bring your friends - Enjoy the golf, great dinner, fellowship**

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**Crossword – Matthew 8:5-13. See Gospel above, find missing words, write in puzzle.**  
 Jesus was on his way to (5 Down). He was approached by a (6 Across). The man wanted Jesus to heal his (8 Across). Jesus said, “I’ll come and (1 Down) him. The centurion tells Jesus to just (4 Across) the word and his servant will be healed. He continues to say he know this to be true because he is a man under (2 Across), with (10 Across) under him. The centurion continues, if I say to one go, he (7 Down), and to another (5 Across) and he comes. Jesus was so impressed, he told the people following him, ”I haven’t found (3 Down) like this.

Jesus said to the centurion, “Go and it will be done just as you have (9 Down). And his servant was healed that very (11 Down).



Dearest Parishioners,

The holy Apostle Paul writes, “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers.” (Ephesians 4:11) Paul also makes it explicit that the role of pastor, just like every other gift, is for the building up of the community. We are all given spiritual gifts simply by virtue of our identities as children of God. Each of us have gifts because we are loved by the giver of all good gifts. The gift of pastor is for equipping the church (you) for service to each other and our neighbor as we grow together toward Christ, who is the great and perfect pastor/shepherd. My wife, Khouriyeh Barbara, and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and encouraging you to use your gifts for the upbuilding of Christ’s Church, as together we minister to our neighbor in and with His Love.

Fr Mark Sahady