



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 02 AUGUST 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

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

THE EIGHTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE EIGHT

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

Verily, the fervid tears of Mary were not shed in vain; for behold she hath been worthy to learn from the angels, and to look at Thy face, O Jesus. But since she was a weak woman she was still thinking of earthly things. Therefore, was she put off from touching Thee, O Christ. But she was sent to proclaim to Thy Disciples, and to tell them the glad tidings and of the Ascension to the Heavenly heritage. With her, therefore, make us worthy of Thine appearance, O Lord.

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.

• **The Divine Liturgy Hymns of the day following the Small Entrance:**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON IN TONE FOUR

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head * because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; * for when thou hadst censured the Jews’ madness, thou sawest * Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. * O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

TROPARION TO SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

• **Saints of the Day:**

The holy, glorious and right-victorious Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon; Venerable Photeini the wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus; and Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, wonderworker of Moscow.

TODAY'S HOLY BREAD: Mark Kerasotes
TODAY'S EPISTLE READER: Mark Kerasotes

NEXT WEEK'S HOLY BREAD: The Leonard Family
NEXT WEEK'S EPISTLE READER: The Leonard Family

THE EPISTLE (For the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: *The Lord will give strength to His people.*

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Event Schedule:

- Dormition Fast, August 1st – 14th
- Monday, August 3rd at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Wednesday, August 5th at **6:30 pm** - Vigil for Christ's Transfiguration
- Friday, August 7th at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Saturday, August 8th: Vespers, 6pm
- Next Sunday, August 9th: Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am
- Monday, August 10th at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Wednesday, August 12th at 6 pm - Vespers for the Pre-Feast
- Friday, August 14th at **6:30 pm** - Vigil for Theotokos' Dormition

August Birthdays

Please let Father know if we are missing anyone! Here's a Prayer for Birthdays:

O Eternal Lord, nothing is more sacred in this world than life, and no words more precious than those that celebrate someone's life in Thee. Today, we thank Thee for the good work Thou hast begun in those celebrating their birthday this month and ask for Thy continued loving care to perfect that work in the years to come. We pray that they grow richer in knowledge and insight of every kind, and that they learn by looking to Thee through their experiences to see what really matters, so that by the time their walk on earth ends they appear as a glorious gift to this world and a rich harvest of praise to Thee. Amen.

- Aug. 7 – Leo Kapetaneas
- Aug. 12 – Marsha Neven
- Aug. 14 – Lynette Forsa
- Aug. 16 – Kelsey Klein
- Aug. 20 – Genie Sanders



Prayer List – For the Health of:

Bill Miller; Sarah Sanders; Nicholas, Mary & Newborn Beatrice Leonard

Zoom Meet & Greet:

Hello to all, Please, join me on Zoom for a Meet & Greet to get to know each other this Tuesday at 7 pm. Just click onto this link Tuesday night: .



CHURCH FINANCES

June 2020

Total income: \$7,055.45
Total expenses: \$7,999.27
Net income: -\$943.82

January – June 2020

Total income: \$32,192.20
Total expenses: \$38,969.74
Net income: -\$6,777.54

Many thanks to all of you who support St. George Church even during these difficult times! We still have bills to pay, and rely on your continued support. Donations may be mailed to the church:

*St. George Church
211 E. Minnesota St.
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*You may also give online at
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 OFFERING SCHEDULE

	Holy Bread	Epistle Reader
Sunday, August 16	Michael & Ruth Baum	Michael Baum
Sunday, August 23	Stephanie Kinard & Jay Kalman	Jay Kalman
Sunday, August 30	Mike Kasap	Mike Kasap
Sunday, September 6	Gary Farral	Gary Farral
Sunday, September 13	Andy Dudek	OPEN
Sunday, September 20	David Anderson	David Anderson
Sunday, September 27	George & Mona Kaleel	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.

Live-streaming of church services is available on our website:

www.springvalleyorthodox.com

Follow “[St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley](#)” on Facebook (under the left-side tab named “Notes”) for Daily Bible Readings and Lives of the Saints, or go directly to the link <https://www.goarch.org/chapel>.

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.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, August 3, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6](#)
- [Matthew 18:1-11](#)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 12:12-26](#)
- [Matthew 18:18-22, 19:1-2, 13-15](#)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5](#)
- [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Thursday, August 6, 2020

- [2 Peter 1:10-19](#)
- [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Friday, August 7, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 14:26-40](#)
- [Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20](#)

Saturday, August 8, 2020

- [Romans 14:6-9](#)
- [Matthew 15:32-39](#)

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

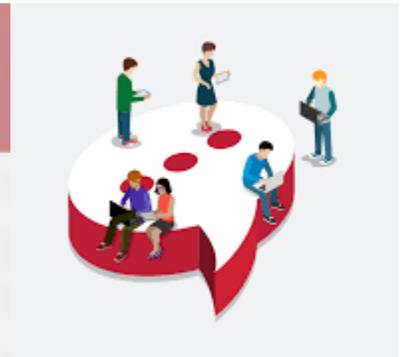
The following safety measures have been adopted by the Parish Council for Church attendance. By entering this Church facility or being on Church grounds, you agree to abide by these guidelines. You also agree that complete safety cannot be guaranteed, and you release the Church, its officials, other 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 used at church. A Log of Attendance is 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 dropped 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.

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Parishioners of Saint George Spring Valley Orthodox Church



Getting to know you, Getting to know all about you.



Let's Meet on ZOOM
Tuesday, August 4th
Timing is 7 – 8 pm

Drop In / Link In
“Press on” or “Type in” this
Internet Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72878765237?pwd=WmdQSE85K0NIR09wVVUyUEhlR1lQQT09>

This week we will celebrate the Paraklesis on Monday & Friday at 6 pm in preparation for the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

A Paraklesis is a service of intercession to a saint for the consolation and health of the living and has as its main component a supplicatory canon to the saint. The Paraklesis to the Mother of God is celebrated during the Dormition Fast as a way of preparing for the feast of her Dormition. Bring all your worries and fears, and place them in the hands of God, and know that He will take care of them in the way that is best for you. Just as we can ask our friends and family to pray for us, we can also ask the saints and the Theotokos to pray for us in our daily struggle towards the kingdom.

The Paraklesis is a service where you can bring down the walls you put around you, where you can bring all your stresses, wishes, hopes, failures and anguishes for you and for whomever you want to pray and offer a supplication to God through an intercession. No person is closer to Him than His mother, the Virgin Theotokos. She looks after us as our spiritual mother. Throughout the service, there are descriptions of the holy life of the Theotokos and the help she has given to the people who have loved her throughout the ages. She will protect you by praying and talking to Christ on our behalf. The Theotokos loves us and prays for us as if she were our own mother.

The Theotokos knows what its like to suffer because she endured one of the most emotionally painful experiences known to humanity—witnessing the death of her Son. She understands and shares our grief with us. The walk towards the kingdom of heaven does not have to be a lonely one. We can walk together as Christ's Church. We can come together to pray, to support, and to love one another and help make this life more like the life in the kingdom of heaven through our efforts to pray for each other and strengthen each other. We are a community of Orthodox Christians, and we stand together as we fight each of our good fights. Just like a child clings to its mother, crying for help, we have our Holy Mother that will comfort us in our times of need. Each time you pray a Paraklesis service, let God and the Theotokos speak to you through the service, and become closer to them. (OCF)

On Wednesday, we will celebrate a "Vigil" of Vespers and Matins, starting at 6:30 pm, for the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor as described in the Gospels of [Matthew 17:1–8](#), [Mark 9:2–8](#), [Luke 9:28–36](#).

In these accounts, Jesus with Peter, James, and John, go to a mountain to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by the voice of God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus. The transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. The transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.