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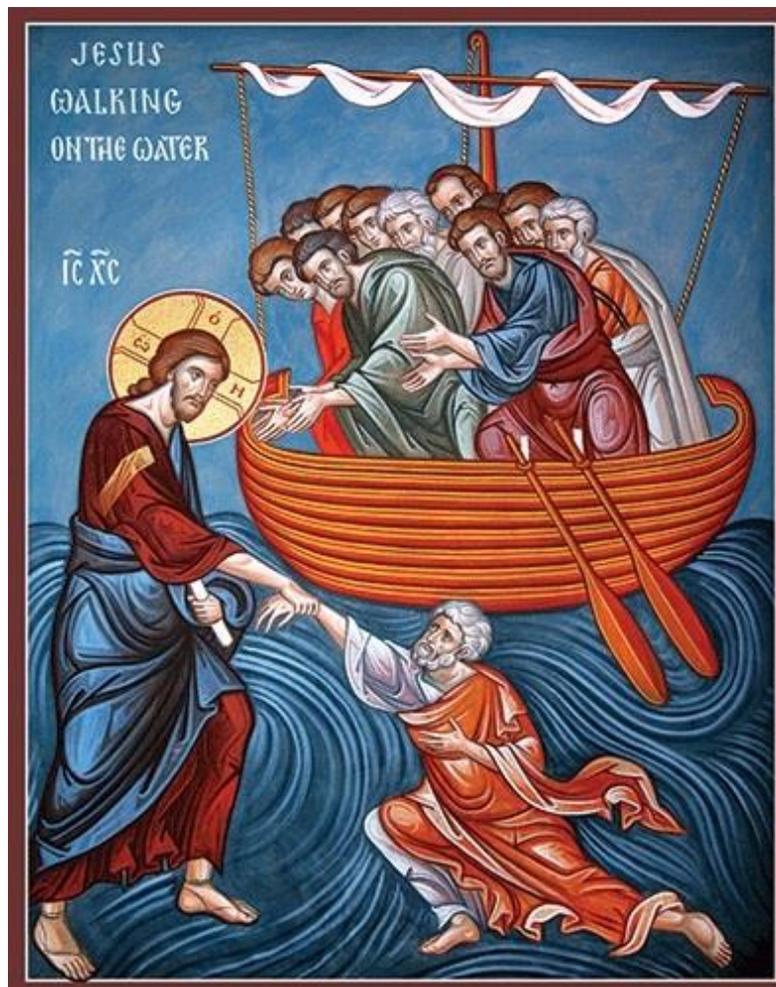
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Bishop ANTHONY

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST 2020

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

THE NINTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FIVE

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

In the fullness of time, O Christ, thou didst appear among Thy beloved ones on the eve of the Sabbath, and didst confirm to them a wonder through a wonder, namely Thy Resurrection from the dead by Thine entrance while the doors were closed. But Thou didst fill the Disciples with joy, granting them the Holy Spirit, and didst bestow on them power to forgive sins. And as for Thomas, Thou didst not permit him to drown in the depths of faithlessness. Wherefore, grant us the knowledge of the truth, and forgiveness of sins, O compassionate 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**

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

- ***During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon above, chant the Apolytikion of the Transfiguration.***

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- **Following the Small Entrance:**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and 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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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:**

Apostle Matthias; translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America.

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TODAY'S HOLY BREAD: The Leonard Family

TODAY'S EPISTLE READER: The Leonard Family

NEXT WEEK'S HOLY BREAD: Michael & Ruth Baum

NEXT WEEK'S EPISTLE READER: Michael Baum

THE EPISTLE (For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: *Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.*

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

THE GOSPEL (For the Ninth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples’ boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly, Thou art the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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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 10th at 6 pm - Paraklysis
- Wednesday, August 12th at 6 pm - Vespers for the Leave-taking of the Feast
- Friday, August 14th at **6:30 – 9 pm** - Vigil for Theotokos’ Dormition

- Saturday, August 15th: Vespers, 6pm
- Next Sunday, August 16th: Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am
- Parish Council Meeting, Sunday, August 23rd



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, Fr Andrew Kishler
- 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 & Newly Baptised Beatrice Leonard



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.
 Spring Valley, IL 61362*

*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 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

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

www.springvalleyorthodox.com

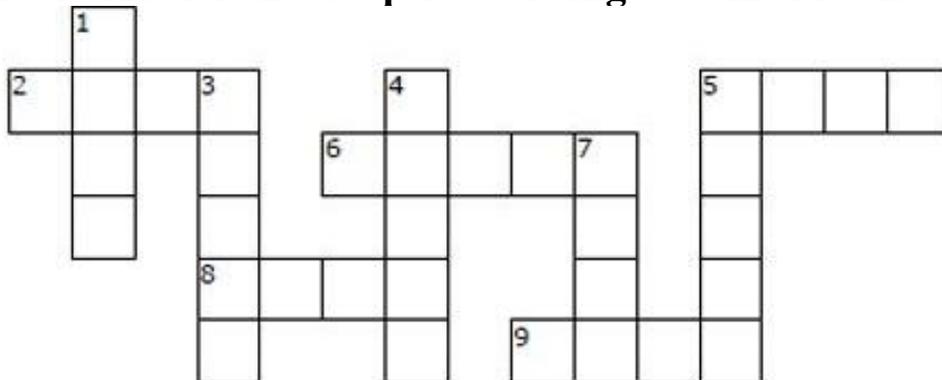
Volunteers for a Church Cleaning Group Needed – contact Fr Mark

People are needed to wipe down the church interior surfaces after Services.

Also, people are needed to sweep the floors and clean the restroom after services

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Crossword Puzzle for the Gospel according to Saint Matthew 14:22-34



ACROSS

- 2. The natural movement of air
- 5. To travel along on your feet
- 6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
- 8. A small vessel for travel on water
- 9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

DOWN

- 1. To go downward in water
- 3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
- 4. A firm belief in God
- 5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
- 7. To rescue someone

FEAR	FAITH	DOUBT	WAVES	WATER
SAVE	WIND	BOAT	WALK	SINK

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 10, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 15:12-19](#)
- [Matthew 21:18-22](#)

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 15:29-38](#)
- [Matthew 21:23-27](#)

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 16:4-12](#)
- [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

Thursday, August 13, 2020

- [2 Corinthians 1:1-7](#)
- [Matthew 21:43-46](#)

Friday, August 14, 2020

- [2 Corinthians 1:12-20](#)
- [Matthew 22:23-33](#)

Saturday, August 15, 2020

- [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
- [Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28](#)

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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.

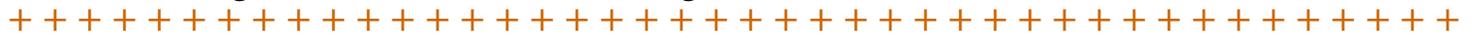
All parishioners with a compromised immune system, are strongly encouraged to stay at home, as recommended by the CDC, State of Illinois, and the Antiochian Archdiocese. Social Distancing, Masks and Sanitizers are used at church. A Log of Attendance is maintained.

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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Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee.

Today we are continuing to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, as well as the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end - fulfilling that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28). Such is also the future state of the righteous: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43).



Archdiocese Response to the horrific explosion in Beirut, Lebanon

By now, the world has seen videos of a mushroom cloud soaring over the Lebanese capital of Beirut, which explosions rocked today, August 4. People fled in terror, homes have been destroyed, and countless lives were ended or ruined. St. George Hospital in Beirut was without power and treating casualties in the darkness.

His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, leader of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America, issued the following message: "It is with a sense of shock and awe that I learned of the tragic explosions in Beirut today. I have been in contact with the Archdiocese of Beirut and am thankful that His Eminence Metropolitan Elias of Beirut is safe. At this moment, all of the clergy of his archdiocese are safe. However, churches in Beirut including St. George Cathedral in downtown and especially St. Nicholas Church in Ashrafiyah suffered severe damage. There was also significant damage to Metropolitan Elias' archdiocesan headquarters as well as St. George Hospital. We will send out an immediate appeal to our parishes requesting funds to aid our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. If you want to give directly, please send your donations to the Archdiocesan Headquarters (P.O. Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238) and put "Beirut" in the memo of the check. In the meantime, please keep all of our Lebanese brothers and sisters – and their families on this continent and overseas – in your prayers as they endure yet another tragedy and hardship in their history."

To Donate online, click on the link below:

<https://antiochian.networkforgood.com/projects/106179-financial-aid-following-beirut-explosion>

During this time of distress, we appeal to the Mother of God as we sing the Paraklesis service, crying out from the depths of our hearts and souls, "Preserve and save, O Theotokos, thy servants from every danger. After God, do all of us for refuge flee unto thee; a firm rampart art thou and our protection." As we continue to pray for those suffering and those who have reposed from COVID-19 in our own archdiocese, please remember the victims of this tragic explosion in Lebanon and all those throughout the world who are suffering and in need of our prayers.