



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2020

HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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



PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
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- **The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:**

THE DOXASTICON OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

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

When the rank of the holy Fathers flocked from the ends of the inhabited world, they believed in one Substance and one Nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, delivering plainly to the Church the mystery of discoursing in theology. Wherefore, in that we laud them in faith, we beatify them, saying: What a divine army, ye God-inspired soldiers of the camp of the Lord, ye most brilliant luminaries in the noetic firmament, ye impregnable towers of the mystical Zion, ye scented flowers of paradise, the golden lights of the Word, the boast of Nicaea, and delight of the whole universe, intercede ceaselessly for our souls.

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:**

During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come ... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...”

- **Following the Small Entrance:**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF 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.

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 Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:**

THE EPISTLE (For the Holy Fathers)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: *Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: *The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to the setting. Gather to Him, O you His venerable ones, who made a covenant with Him by sacrifices.*

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for

what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY:

The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Apostle Philip the deacon of the Seventy; Venerable Theophanes the branded; Nektarios, Arsakios, Sisinius and Philotheos Kokkinos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Venerable Jonah of Cyprus.

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TODAY’S HOLY BREAD: Medawar & Sanders Families

TODAY’S EPISTLE READER: OPEN

NEXT WEEK’S HOLY BREAD: Malooley & Desai Families

NEXT WEEK’S EPISTLE READER: OPEN

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Prayer List – For the Health of:

Bill Miller; Sarah Sanders; Bette Malooley, Mona Kaleel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today, Sunday, October 11th: Seminarian Collection (1 of 3 Annual Trays)
- Today, Sunday, October 11th: Fellowship (Coffee) 11:15 am downstairs-outside
- Wednesday, October 14th: [Zoom Study Group 7 pm, Theme: Family Planning](#)
- Thursday, October 15th: [Zoom Chant Class 7 pm, Focus: Tone 2](#)
- Saturday, October 17th: Vespers, 6pm
- Next Sunday, October 18th: Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am,



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October Birthdays

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

- Oct. 8 – Michael and Ruth Baum (anniversary)
- Oct. 15 – Jessica Potthoff
- Oct. 16 – Jennifer Harlay
- Oct. 20 – John Ball
- Oct. 24 – Richard and Bette Malooley (anniversary)
- Oct. 28 – Cary Miller



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OFFERING SCHEDULE	Holy Bread & Memorials	Epistle Reader
Sunday, October 25	Richard & Bette Malooley	OPEN
Sunday, November 1	Angelo & Markella Fousekas	OPEN
Sunday, November 8	OPEN	OPEN

Sunday, November 15	Ron & Dottie Malooley	OPEN
Sunday, November 22	OPEN	OPEN
Sunday, November 29	Mike & Ruth Baum	OPEN

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

www.springvalleyorthodox.com



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, October 12, 2020

- [Philippians 1:1-7](#)
- [Luke 7:36-50](#)



Thursday, October 15, 2020

- [Philippians 1:20-27](#)
- [Luke 9:7-11](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

- [Philippians 1:8-14](#)
- [Luke 8:1-3](#)

Friday, October 16, 2020

- [Philippians 1:27-2:4](#)
- [Luke 9:12-18](#)

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

- [Philippians 1:12-20](#)
- [Luke 8:22-25](#)

Saturday, October 17, 2020

- [1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3](#)
- [Luke 6:1-10](#)



CHURCH FINANCES

September 2020

Total income: \$2,202.76
 Total expenses: \$6,304.58
 Net income: -4,101.82

January – September 2020

Total income: \$38,152.16
 Total expenses: \$81,748.43
 Net income: -43,596.27

Many thanks to all of you who support Saint George Church! If you are willing to help in a Fund Raising Committee, please, contact Fr Mark, asap. We need you!

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
“Give and it will be given to you” (Luke 6:38)

The LORD spake unto Moses, saying,...Every one...from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD. (KJV, Exodus 30:11, 14)



October 21/22 Rip’s Chicken Fundraiser – Tickets Now Available – See Ruth Baum

Fundraiser for Saint George Church
 October 21 and 22, 4 – 8:30 pm
 At RIP’S TAVERN,
www.ripschicken.com
 311 N Main Ave, Ladd, IL 61329
 COST \$10

¼ Light or Dark Chicken with Fries
 -or- Chicken Strips with Fries
 CURBSIDE PICKUP
 Call 815-894-3051 to Order
 and schedule Pickup Time at the
 Carry-out Entrance in the Back.

For all our Zoom meetings use this Internet Link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

or Meeting ID: 582 204 9765

Sunday, Fellowship (Coffee Hour) downstairs-outside.



Join us physically or virtually on Zoom, 11:15 am

Study Group Topic: Family Planning

Wednesday, October 14th

Timing is 7 – 8 pm



Chant Class Focus: Tone Two

Thursday, October 15th

Timing is 7 – 8 pm



Bishop Anthony has a YouTube Channel.



Messages by His Grace are posted at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BpAnthonyMichaels>

ZOOM Patristic Book Study for

Young Adults On Social Justice

Mondays at 7 pm on October 12, & 19

with Fr Paul Fuller. To Join the Study, Email Fr at:

frpaul.fuller@gmail.com

Teen Catechism / Bible Study

"Ten Commandments" with Fr. Noah Bushelli

Sundays from Now - November 22

5:30-7pm (via Zoom)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

October 24, 2020 – Soul Saturday Retreat – 10 am Memorial at Cemetery, Mortality Muse at Church & Orchard Trip



May their Memory be Eternal!

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We will celebrate our Patron Saint George for the whole week of November 1-8
George was born to a Christian family during the late 3rd century. His father was from Cappadocia and served as an officer of the army. His mother was from Lydda (Lod), Palestine. She returned to her native city as a widow along with her young son after the martyrdom of George's father, where she provided him with a respectable education and raised him in piety. The youth followed his father's example in joining the army soon after his coming of age. He proved to be a charismatic soldier and consequently rose quickly through the military ranks of the time. By his late twenties he had gained the titles of Tribune and later Count. By that time George had been stationed in Nicomedia as a member of the personal guard attached to Roman Emperor Diocletian (reign 284–305). In AD 303, Diocletian issued an edict authorizing the systematic persecution of Christians across the Empire. Galerius, was supposedly responsible for this decision and would continue the persecution during his own reign (305–311). George was ordered to take part in the persecution, but instead confessed to being a Christian himself and criticized the imperial decision. An enraged Diocletian proceeded in ordering the torture of this traitor and his execution. Then, after innumerable forms of torture, George was executed by decapitation in front of Nicomedia's defensive wall on April 23, 303. The witness of his suffering convinced Empress Alexandra and Athanasius, a pagan priest, to also become Christians, and so they also joined George in martyrdom as consequence. George's body was returned to Lydda (Lod) for burial on Nov 3 in a Church where martyr George is entombed still today.



The Schedule of Events during November 1st – 8th, “Saint George Week”

- ❖ Sunday, Nov 1, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy
- ❖ Monday, Nov 2, 7 pm – Vespers for St George
- ❖ Tuesday, Nov 3 – Service Projects for the Community honoring St George
- ❖ Wednesday, Nov 4, 7 pm – Litya & Presentation about St George Icons
- ❖ Thursday, Nov 5, 10 am – Matins for St George
- ❖ Friday, Nov 6, 7 pm – Akathist to St George
- ❖ Saturday, Nov 7,
 - 9 am – Doxology for St George
 - 10 am – Baklava Class
 - 2 pm – Paraklesis to St George
 - 5 pm – Vespers
- ❖ Sunday, Nov 8, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy



God Is With Us!

On the Sunday of October that falls either on the 11th or immediately after, we make commemoration of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which met in the year 787 in the city of Nicea to answer the accusation of idolatry. The accusers, who were called iconoclasts (“icon-smashers”), made the argument that, because God is invisible, you cannot depict Him. So, to point to an icon and say, “God is present,” and especially to venerate it, is idolatry. The Fathers of the Council instead declared that, because God became man, He became visible in Jesus Christ. And because He is visible, then we not only may depict Him, but must depict Him. Not to depict Him is to deny the Incarnation. Not to depict His saints is to deny that Christ is in them, as well. All veneration given to an icon of Christ or to the saints is given to the one depicted and thus to God. When you kiss an icon of Christ, you are kissing Christ. We cannot deny the place that material, physical reality has for us and be Christians. What we do with our bodies and with the material world is directly dependent on what we believe about Who Jesus Christ is. Because the one, true God took on matter for Himself by giving Himself a human body, then all creation becomes the vehicle for the presence of God and we honor and offer it back to God as our sacrifice. This truth about God’s presence in matter is not only about icons or the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which is His body and blood. He is also present in our possessions. Our very presence, as baptized and anointed members of the royal priesthood, brings the blessing and presence of God to our possessions. God is present in our money. Knowing that God is present in what we have and also that our task is to offer up the material world to God in response for His blessings, then we have to get serious about offering our money. What we’re giving is a sacrificial offering of ourselves to God. The Biblical minimum guideline for giving of ourselves to God is the tithe (10%) to the temple. Grow in God by giving to God.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)