



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, 25 OCTOBER 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE & ST DEMETRIUS TRANSFERRED

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 DOXASTICON OF SAINT DEMETRIUS IN TONE FOUR

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

Let us honor the all-wise teacher, perfected among the Martyrs, who by the spear did inherit the grace of the saving side pierced by a spear, from which the Savior did cause to flow for us the waters of life and incorruption, even Demetrios who finished his course of struggle by blood, sparkling with miracles unto all the inhabited world, the emulator of the Master, the lover of the poor, the pitying leader of the people of Thessalonica, and their champion in many severe hardships. Wherefore, as we celebrate his annual memory, we glorify Christ God who granteth through him healing to all.

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 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 FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN TONE EIGHT

O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and send upon us Thy rich mercies through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMING IN TONE THREE

A great champion hath the whole world found thee to be when in grave perils; for thou dost put to flight the heathen, O victorious one. As thou didst humble Lyaeus' arrogance and gavest boldness to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, do thou entreat Christ God that we be granted Great Mercy.

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 Saint Demetrius)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: *The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.*

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)**

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered

him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsman saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY:

Transfer of Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming; Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople in 740; Venerable-martyr Joasaph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos

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TODAY'S HOLY BREAD: Richard & Bette Malooley

TODAY'S EPISTLE READER: Richard Malooley

NEXT WEEK'S HOLY BREAD: Angelo & Markella Fousekas

NEXT WEEK'S EPISTLE READER: Markella Fousekas

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Prayer List – For the Health of:

Bill Miller; Sarah Sanders; Mona Kaleel; Ted Cannelos

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today, Sunday, October 25th: Fellowship (Coffee) 11:15 am downstairs-outside
- Wednesday, October 28th: [Zoom Study Group 7 pm, Theme: "Bump in the Night"](#)
- Thursday, October 29th: [Zoom Chant Class 7 pm, Focus: Hymns of St George](#)
- Saturday, October 31st: Vespers - 6pm
- Nov 1-8, "Saint George Week" and Bakeless Bakesale Week
 - ♦ Sunday, Nov 1, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,
 - ♦ Monday, Nov 2, 7 pm - Vespers for St George
 - ♦ Tuesday, Nov 3, Serve Coffee and Snacks at the Election Poll,
 - Parishioner Service Projects in honor of Saint 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 (*New Time for the Winter months*)
- ♦ Next Sunday, Nov 8, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy
- ♦ Saturday, Nov 14, Pre-Advent Parish Lunch at Liberty Family Restaurant
- ♦ Sunday, Nov 15, Food Pantry Collection at Church



October Birthdays

Please, let Father know if we are missing anyone!

- 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



OFFERING SCHEDULE	Holy Bread & Memorials	Epistle Reader
Sunday, November 8	Sahady Family 1 Year for Mary Kay Gaspar Laurent	Kh Elizabeth Theodoropoulos
Sunday, November 15	Ron & Dottie Malooley	Ron Malooley
Sunday, November 22	OPEN	OPEN
Sunday, November 29	Mike & Ruth Baum	Mike Baum
Sunday, December 6	Nick & Anysia Medawar 10 Year Memorial for Brad Abraham	Nick Medawar
Sunday, December 13	Leonard & Panizzi Families	Kim Leonard
Sunday, December 20	John & Melanie Thompson	John Thompson

Live-streamed worship at: <https://www.springvalleyorthodox.com/livestreams/>



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, October 26, 2020

- [Philippians 4:10-23](#)
- [Luke 10:22-24](#)

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

- [Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11](#)
- [Luke 11:1-10](#)

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

- [Colossians 1:18-23](#)
- [Luke 11:9-13](#)



FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday, October 29, 2020

- [Colossians 1:24-29](#)
- [Luke 11:14-23](#)

Friday, October 30, 2020

- [Colossians 2:1-7](#)
- [Luke 11:23-26](#)

Saturday, October 31, 2020

- [2 Corinthians 3:12-18](#)
- [Luke 8:16-21](#)

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

**Thank you to everyone for supporting the Rip's Chicken Fundraiser!
 There were 226 Tickets bought! Thank you, Ruth, for Chairing this!**

Donations may be mailed to the church:

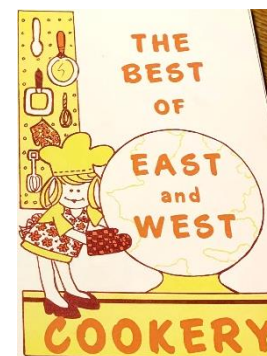
*St. George Church
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*You may also give online at
www.springvalleyorthodox.com
 "Give and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38)*

He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6b)

November 1 – 8 is our "Bake-less Bakesale"

Middle-eastern holiday goodies are a delicious tradition. Due to COVID we can't bake this year. But you can still help support St George Church by **buying "virtual cookies"** online or by mail. Donate what you would have spent on ingredients or baked goods last year, or whatever amount gives you the sweet taste of helping our 102-year-old church finish out the year! As a **SPECIAL OFFER:** every \$20 donation during that week will earn an entry in a drawing for our famous *Best of East and West* Cookbook – a perfect holiday gift! Five cookbooks will be given out! Whether you donate or not, **we'd like to pray for you.** Email names for prayer by Noon on 7 Nov to office@springvalleyorthodox.com and we will pray for you at services from 2-3 pm that day. Join us in prayer where you are!



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: "Bump in the Night"

Wednesday, October 28th

Timing is 7 – 8 pm





Chant Class Focus: Hymns of St George Thursday, October 29th

Timing is 7 – 8 pm



Parish Pre-Advent Lunch Saturday, November 14th, Noon at Liberty Family Restaurant RSVP to Ruth Baum



Bishop Anthony has a YouTube Channel.



Messages by His Grace are posted at

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



Teen Catechism / Bible Study

"Ten Commandments" with Fr. Noah Bushelli

Sundays from Now – November 22

5:30-7pm (via Zoom)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!



Collection of Canned & Boxed Food



**for Illinois Valley Food Pantry
Now thru Sunday, November 15th**



Be an angel & bring them to Church!

Helping Our Neighbors in Need! Food For Hungry People



November 3rd every year, the church of Saint George in Lod (Lydda) fills with hundreds of worshippers who arrive for the Feast of St. George/Khidr, the day commemorating the translation of his relics to the church at the heart of Lod, Palestine.



The 23rd of April commemorates his death in 303 AD. Lydda, was the birthplace of his mother & he was buried on November 3rd in the crypt of a magnificent church built on the instructions of St Helena in the early 300's. A Parade begins this week-long Festival. In the spirit of Holy George, we must be bold about living our Christian Faith – bold not comfortable, determined not placid. We must take out our tucked-away faith and witness it to the broken world, live it, nurture it in and through the Divine Services and other ministries of this parish. Our Orthodox faith is not a mere ornament in our lives. It must be actively lived and witnessed every day. It must be reflected in what we do with our time, talents and treasure daily. “Jesus said, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” (*Luke 9:23*) To take the challenge of the boldness of the Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer George to heart and to live it, makes our faith a living and bold reality, a seen entity, a heard proclamation, and a signpost to all who search for a fulfilled human heart: This is the Way to God, This is the way to inner peace, This is the path to the light of hope in a world of growing darkness and fear! O Holy Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer George, we praise you and ask for your prayers before the face of God, for this parish, and every person in it!

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Death and Resurrection

The Resurrection above all assumes an attitude towards death and a concept of death that is most profoundly different from the usual religious representations. The world's belief in the immortality of the soul excludes faith in the resurrection, because the resurrection includes in itself not only the soul, but also the body. The first task of the risen Christ was to allow them to sense the reality of His body. He takes food and eats in front of them. He commands the doubting Thomas to touch His body. And when the Apostles came to believe, it is precisely the Resurrection, its reality, its “bodiliness” that becomes the chief content, power and joy of their preaching, and the main sacrament of the Church becomes the Communion of the Body and Blood of the risen Christ. Since in human experience evil, disease, suffering and the passions arise from the body, the goal and meaning of religion and the religious life become naturally the liberation of the soul from this bodily “prison,” a liberation precisely in death which allows it to attain its fullness. But this concept of death is not Christian. Christianity proclaims, confirms and teaches, that this separation of the soul from the body, which we call death, is evil. It is not part of God's creation, but opposed to God and violating His design, His desire for the world, for mankind and for life. It is that which Christ came to destroy. God created man with a body and soul, i.e. at once both spiritual and material, and it is precisely this union of spirit, soul and body that is called man. The Resurrection is the recreation of the world in its original beauty and totality. The world has been given to man as his life, and for this reason, God will not annihilate it but will transfigure it into “a new heaven and a new earth,” into man's spiritual body, into the temple of God's presence and God's glory in creation.