



## SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

**SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2020**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,**

**NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE AND THE**

**AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**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 SECOND EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE TWO**

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

They who were with Mary came and brought with them ointments; and as they were at a loss how to achieve their desire, they saw that the stone had been rolled, and a divine young man removed all anxiety and trouble from their souls by saying, The Lord Jesus hath risen. Wherefore, they proclaimed to His Disciples, that they should hasten to Galilee and behold Him, risen from the dead; for He is the Lord, the Giver of Life.

*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**

**Verse:** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

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

**Verse:** God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (**Refrain**)

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

- **The Second Antiphon**

**Verse:** The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

**Verse:** This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. (**Refrain**)

**Verse:** Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (**Refrain**)

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

- **The Third Antiphon**

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

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

- *The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” as on ordinary Sundays. After the Little Entrance, chant the following:*

## 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 THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

## 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.

## KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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

## THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-fourth 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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Clergy:** Peace be to thee, who readest.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!  
To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!*

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL (For Ninth Sunday of Luke)**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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**COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY:**

The Theotokos-celebrating her Entrance into the Holy of Holies; the Apostles Philemon, Apphia, Archippos and Onesimos of the Seventy; Clement, bishop of Ochrid and enlightener of Bulgaria; Martyr Cecilia of Rome & those with her; Venerable Kallistos Xanthopoulos of Athos; Martyr Michael, prince of Tver; Venerable Iakovos of Evia

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**TRISAGION FOR THE DEPARTED TODAY FOR**



Kh Diana M Masood, 83, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, who passed away peacefully on November 17, 2020. A dear friend and sister to Saint George Church for many years who had been suffering from Cancer these past five years. She was the wife of our former pastor, Fr Constantine Masood, and worked as a labor & delivery nurse at St. Margaret’s Hospital in Spring Valley, IL. She was a member of St Mark’s Orthodox Church in Kingston, MA. A card was sent from the parish and you may send your own personal card to her daughter Andrea Tougas, 656 West St, Duxbury, MA 02332. **May her memory be eternal!**

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**TODAY’S HOLY BREAD & EPISTLE READER:** Open

**NEXT WEEK’S HOLY BREAD:** Mike & Ruth Baum

**NEXT WEEK’S EPISTLE READER:** Mike Baum

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**Prayer List – For the Health of:** Bill & Mary Miller; Sarah Sanders; Joanne Ulrey; Allyson, Tyler & Rardin Family; John, Ron, Rich & Maloley Family; Frontline Healthcare Workers; Those suffering from Corona Virus & fires in California and Syria.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2021 Calendars are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home**

**We collected 68 pounds of food for the Illinois Valley Food Pantry – Thank you all**

- Today, Saturday, Nov 21 – Matins at 9 am & Divine Liturgy at 10 am for the Feast
- Today, Saturday, Nov 21, 5 pm - Vespers
- Sunday, Nov 22, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,
- Tuesday, November 24, 7 pm - Akathist of Thanksgiving
- Next Saturday, Nov 28, 5 pm - Vespers
- Next Sunday, Nov 29, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, (*in the Advent Fast*)

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**November Birthdays & Anniversaries** - *Notify Father of missing info!*

- Nov. 4 – John Sahady
- Nov. 5 – Michael Harshman
- Nov. 11 – Monique and Jim Harvey Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 13 – Georgia Kapetaneas
- Nov. 14 – Kh Barbara Sahady
- Nov. 15 – Anysia Medawar
- Nov. 20 – John & Freda Kapetaneas 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 21 – Mary Lynn Malooley Spitz
- Nov. 22 – John Kapetaneas
- Nov. 25 – Fr Mark Sahady



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<b>OFFERING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>Holy Bread &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>Sunday, December 6</b>	Nick & Anysia Medawar 10 Year Memorial for Brad Abraham	Nick Medawar
<b>Sunday, December 13</b>	Leonard & Panizzi Families	Kim Leonard
<b>Sunday, December 20</b>	John & Melanie Thompson	John Thompson
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	Wayne & Genie Sanders	Wayne Sanders
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	Richard & Bette Malooley	Richard Malooley
<b>Fellowship Open House</b>	Fr Mark & Barbara Sahady	

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Church YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy\\_\\_6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA)

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**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

- [2 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)
- [Luke 17:20-25](#)

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

- [2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2](#)
- [Luke 17:26-37](#)

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

- [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#)
- [Luke 18:15-17, 26-30](#)



**FOR THIS WEEK**

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**

- [2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5](#)
- [Luke 18:31-34](#)

**Friday, November 27, 2020**

- [2 Thessalonians 3:6-18](#)
- [Luke 19:12-28](#)

**Saturday, November 28, 2020**

- [Galatians 1:3-10](#)
- [Luke 10:19-21](#)

## CHURCH FINANCES

### October 2020

Total income: \$2,680.56  
Total expenses: \$8,984.37  
Net income: -6,303.81

### January – October 2020

Total income: \$40,832.72  
Total expenses: \$90,732.80  
Net income: -49,900.08

**"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing." (Prov 3:9-10)**

*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)  
"Give and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38)*

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

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**Thank you to the Membership Committee and the Fundraising Committee for all there many hours developing a plan to move us forward as Members of this Parish and out of our immediate Financial Crisis which requires everyone's involvement.**

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**The Baklava Making Class is on our Church YouTube Channel  
The Bakeless Bakesale Drawing for Church Cookbook will be at end of Liturgy**

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**YouTube Bishop Anthony Messages on YouTube**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/c/BpAnthonyMichaels>**

### More Upcoming Events

- Dec 1 - **Giving Tuesday** – World Day of Giving to Charities  
Dec 2 – Wednesday, 7 pm - **Nativity Pilgrimage** – **Saint Nicholas** on YouTube  
Dec 6 Sun - Feast of St Nicholas  
Dec 9 – Wednesday, 7 pm - **Nativity Pilgrimage - Nazareth-Bethlehem** on YouTube  
Dec 12 Sat – 9 am Proshpora Baking Class (*Uploaded later on YouTube*)  
Dec 16 Wednesday, 7 pm - **Nativity Pilgrimage** – **Egypt** on YouTube  
Dec 20 Sun – St Ignatius Sunday – Afternoon Sing Carols to Shut-ins  
Dec 20 - 24, – Holy Week of Christmas  
Dec 20 Vespers w-Canon at 7 pm  
Dec 21 Vespers w-Canon at 7 pm  
Dec 22 Vespers w-Canon at 7 pm  
Dec 23 Vespers w-Canon at 7 pm  
Dec 24, 10 am Royal Hours until Noon  
4 pm Baptismal Vesperal Liturgy (4pm Baptism, 4:30pm Vespers, 5pm Liturgy)  
10 pm Matins  
11:15 pm Liturgy  
Dec 31 - 7 pm Vespers with Artoklasia

**Advent Fast – Nothing from an animal with a backbone (*Except at Thanksgiving*)**

Fasting is a simple way of saying Regulated Consumption. Fasting restores our relationship with God by directing us away from our physical desires and instead focusing on spending time with God. This regulation of our consumption also develops maturity in our personal life to be patient through self-control, to make wise decisions through discipline, and to enjoy food, drink and relationships in a measured responsible manner. Restraint is the path to a good life. However, these only are edifying to our souls if they become a means of prayer to God every time we practice restraint. St. Paul identifies this self-control as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (*Gal. 5:23*). Being hungry is a sign to pray – to be in communion with God. We eat out of necessity. Do we give the same concern to feed our souls? Fasting teaches us that we do not belong to this world. Fasting is a spiritual weapon against temptations of this world. Fasting keeps us awake, helps to be watchful – to keep vigil for the Bridegroom, Christ. If you’ve ever seen a picture of the Three Monkeys, they teach us to Fast from Evil through our eyes, ears, & speech. As Christ says in the desert to the devil, Man lives not by bread alone, but by the Word of God. (*Matthew 4:4*) *Fasting is an important spiritual struggle that carries us into the Kingdom of God. Combined with increased prayer and almsgiving, fasting helps us to say ‘no’ to the bodily desires in order to say ‘yes’ to the spiritual riches of the virtues of Christ.*



**Advent Prayer:** O Lord Jesus Christ, our God and hope of all on land and of those far away at sea or in the air, Thou hast established these holy days of fasting by Thy law and the prophets, as a way for our humbling unto repentance. At the proper time, Thou didst manifest Thyself in the flesh on this earth, and by Thy fast of forty days and nights, Thou didst sanctify the practice of fasting and command us to follow Thine example. As a merciful and gracious God, enable us to continue in these holy days of this Fast with perfect repentance, with humility instead of hypocrisy, with fervent prayer, with hunger and thirst, with frequent prostrations, and with a contrite heart. Enable us also to complete this time of this Fast without fault and with a pure conscience, keeping our faith intact and achieving victory over sin. Send us an angel of peace to watch over our lives, to protect us from all snares of the enemy, and to assist us in the performance of good deeds. Convert our indifference and apathy for our family, our parish, and our neighbor into care and compassion. Strengthen us by Thy power so that we may accomplish the spiritual works of this Fast. Then, with our passions in control and our souls and bodies properly cleansed, we may partake, without condemnation, of Thy most pure Body and Thy most precious and life-giving Blood. For Thou art the merciful and gracious Lover of Mankind Who came down to earth to save all; and we give glory to Thee and Thine Eternal Father and Thine all-holy gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

# GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was created to unite us all in a day of generosity, to make a difference in the world in a positive loving way. It has since grown into the biggest giving movement in the world. With YOUR HELP we can make our FIRST Giving Tuesday at Saint George Orthodox Church a SUCCESS! Make an impact on Tuesday, December 1 by supporting [Saint George Orthodox Church](#) on #GivingTuesday. **Where does my donation go?**

These monies will go directly to the continuation of our over 102 year old Saint George Orthodox Church including needed repairs, expenses and ongoing projects. Your donation assists in the perpetuation of all church ministries and services including: Sunday School, Antiochian Camp Scholarships for our youth, church upkeep, workshops, Bible Studies, and Community Support.

**When can I make a donation?**

**ANYTIME from now until December 2, 2020 we are accepting donations for our #GivingTuesday campaign!**

**HOW CAN I DONATE TO SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH ON #GIVINGTUESDAY?**

Call Saint George Church anytime (815) 664-4540 or email us at [office@springvalleyorthodox.com](mailto:office@springvalleyorthodox.com) and we will guide you through the options below:

- Click on the GO Fund Me Link (*Coming Soon*)
- OR Go to <https://www.springvalleyorthodox.com> and click on the DONATE button at the bottom of the page, use the “Optional” drop down menu and click on “Ladies of Saint George” to make an electronic donation.
- OR Make your check payable to “Ladies of Saint George” and mail your check to Saint George Church, P.O. Box 122, Spring Valley, IL 61362

**Join us in remembering our beloved Saint George Orthodox Church on this #GivingTuesday!**

Blessings for a safe and Holiday Season!

Father Mark Sahady and The Ladies of Saint George

**#GivingTuesdaycampaign**



Join in subscribing to our **2020 Church Christmas Card**. This is an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at Saint George Church and your donation will help support the church. Please, complete the subscription form so that you may be included as one of the subscribers to the 2020 Church Christmas Card, which will be mailed to our parishioners near and far. A donation will be appreciated **by December 6<sup>th</sup>** to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser. Forms received after December 6<sup>th</sup> will not have names included in the card, however, they will be published in the *Church Bulletin* on December 20<sup>th</sup>.