



## SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

**SUNDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2020**

**FIRST DAY OF THE HOLY WEEK OF CHRISTMAS  
THE GENEALOGY SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
SAINT IGNATIUS SUNDAY  
ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM**



**PASTOR:** Father Mark Sahady

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*  
Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*  
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Patrice Nimee, *Secretary*

Genie Sanders, *Choir*  
Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*  
Mark Kerasotes  
David Anderson, Michael Kasap

## **BULLETIN PART ONE – WORHSIP**

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

#### **DOXASTICON FOR SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE EIGHT**

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

Verily, the collection of Mosaic teachings maketh plain the divine Nativity of Christ in the flesh to those whom was preached the grace before the Law, having transcended the Law by faith. Wherefore, since the Nativity was the cause of salvation from corruption, they foretold Thy Resurrection to the souls imprisoned in Hades, O Lord, glory to Thee.

*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 Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, ... 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 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 OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH IN TONE FOUR**

By choosing the Apostles’ way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Ignatius. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR**

Make ready, O Bethlehem, for Eden hath been opened for all. Prepare, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. For her womb did appear as a noetic Paradise, in which is planted that holy Vine. If we should eat thereof, we shall live, and not die as Adam of old. Christ shall be born, raising the image that fell at the beginning.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO**

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.

#### **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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

(See Music Below) On this day the Virgin cometh \* to the cave to give birth to \* God the Word ineffably, \* Who was before all the ages. \* Dance for joy, \* O earth, on hearing \* the gladsome tidings; \* with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him \* Who is willing to be gazed on \* as a young Child Who \* before the ages is God.

## KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Byzantine Chant Tone 3

Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

On this day the Vir - gin com - eth to the cave to give  
birth to God the Word in - ef - fa - bly,  
Who was be - fore all thē ag - es. Dance for joy,  
O earth, on hear - ing the glad - some tid - ings;  
with thē An - gels and the shep - herds now glo - ri - fy Him  
Who is will - ing to be gazed on as a young  
Child Who be - fore thē ag - es is God.

- The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:

### THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday before the Nativity)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** *Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.*

*For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us.*

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** *We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.*

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

### **THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday before the Nativity: “The Genealogy”)**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (1:1-25)**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were

fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

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**Prayer List:** Mary Miller & Family; Sarah Sanders; Andrea Schaefer & baby; Patrice & the Nimee & Mattison Families; Frontline Healthcare Workers; Those suffering from the Corona Virus & fires in California and Syria.

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**Please, continue your Prayers and Condolences to Mary Miller and her family upon the Falling Asleep of her husband, Bill Miller, on December 7, 2020.**

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**COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY:**

All those who of old have been well-pleasing to God, from Adam down to Joseph the Betrothed, of the prophets and prophetesses, especially of Daniel the prophet and the three holy youths; Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, bishop of Antioch; of the New-martyr John the tailor of Thasos; and Daniel II, archbishop of Serbia.

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**TODAY'S HOLY BREAD:** John & Melanie Thompson

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READER:** John Thompson

**CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM SERVICE HOLY BREAD:** Wayne & Genie Sanders

**CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM SERVICE EPISTLE READER:** Wayne Sanders

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<b>OFFERING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>Holy Bread</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	Richard & Bette Malooley	Richard Malooley
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	Lynette Forsa	Open
<b>Tuesday, January 5</b>	Open	Open
<b>Wednesday, January 6</b>	Open	Open
<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	Open	Open
<b>Sunday, January 17</b>	Mike & Ruth Baum Fr Patrick Kinder 1 Year Memorial Bill Miller 40 Day Memorial	Mike Baum

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

- [Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19](#)
- [Mark 9:42-10:1](#)



**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

- [Hebrews 1:1-12](#)
- [Luke 2:1-20](#)

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

- [Hebrews 4:1-13](#)
- [Mark 10:2-12](#)

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

- [Galatians 4:4-7](#)
- [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

- [Hebrews 5:11-6:8](#)
- [Mark 10:11-16](#)

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

- [Hebrews 2:11-18](#)
- [Matthew 2:13-23](#)

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**BULLETIN PART TWO – UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

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

Dec 19 Sat, 5 pm Vespers w-Canon

Dec 20 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, **St Ignatius Sunday**  
– Afternoon Sing Carols to Shut-ins



Dec 20 - 24, Holy Week of Christmas

- Dec 20 Sun, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon
- Dec 21 Mon, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon
- Dec 22 Tue, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon
- Dec 23 Wed, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon

**Dec 24 Thu, 9-11 am Royal Hours**

**4 pm Baptismal Vespereal Liturgy**

(4pm Baptism of Schaefer Family, 4:30pm Vespers, **5pm Liturgy**)

10 pm Matins, **11:15 pm Liturgy**

Dec 25 Fri, Noon Vespers

Dec 26 Sat, 5 pm Vespers

Dec 27 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Dec 31 Thu, 7 pm Vespers with Artoklasia

**2021** Jan 2 Sat, 5 pm Vespers

Jan 3 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Jan 5 Tue, 9-11 am Royal Hours

**5 pm Vespereal Liturgy & Blessing Water**

Jan 6 Wed, 9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

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**December Birthdays** - *Notify Father of missing info!*

Dec. 4 – Kh Katherine Buss

Dec. 10 – Ann (Bachio) Townsend, Cathy Cox

Dec. 11 – Janna Greanias

Dec. 12 – Mark Wiltse, Jay Kalman

Dec. 16 – Keeley Thompson, Nolan Kaleel

- Dec. 18 – James Harvey
- Dec. 21 – Angelena Panizzi
- Dec. 23 – Stephanie Kinard
- Dec. 24 – Kim Leonard
- Dec. 26 – Grant Leonard
- Dec. 27 – Gabe Leonard
- Dec. 30 – Monique Harvey



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### BULLETIN PART THREE – ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2021 Calendars** are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home  
 Thanks to everyone who donated during the **Giving Tuesday Campaign** and helped  
 produce it. The donations have surpassed our \$10K goal with a total of \$11,565.

The **Men's Group** led by George Nimee has also raised \$1K for the Church.

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### CHURCH FINANCES

#### November 2020

Total income: \$3,258.25  
 Total expenses: \$4,322.62  
 Net income: -1,064.37

#### January – November 2020

Total income: \$44,090.97  
 Total expenses: \$95,055.42  
 Net income: -50,964.45

*Donations may be mailed to the church or you may also give online at our website.*

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### Council Members & Terms

Council Member	Elected 3 Year Term	Year Started	Year Leaves (After 3 Years)
Patrice Nimee	Elected	2018	2021
Mark Kerasotes	Elected	2019	2022
Michael Kasap	Elected	2020	2023
Council Member	Appointed 3 Year Term	Year Started	Year Leaves (After 3 Years)
David Anderson	Appointed	2018	2021
Melanie Thompson	Appointed	2019	2022
Ronald Malooley	Appointed	2020	2023
Council Member	Organization		
Genie Sanders	Choir		
Dee Khoury	Antiochian Women		
David Anderson	Sunday School		
Wayne Sanders	Building/Maintenance		
Council Office Position (1 Year Term)			
Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary
Melanie Thompson	Wayne Sanders	Ronald Malooley	Patrice Nimee

**\* Two positions on the Council will open this year as every year. Please, consider running for election to the Council and speak with a member of the Nominating Committee: Mike Kasap, Mark Kerasotes, Ron Malooley, Melanie Thompson, Fr.**

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## **BULLETIN PART FOUR – SPIRITUAL GROWTH**



**Q: What is "The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch"?**

A: The "philanthropic arm" of the Archdiocese is an organization of men and women who maintain on an annual basis proper spiritual credentials and financial commitment. The Order is under the authority of the Metropolitan Primate, Archdiocese Board of Trustees, and Governing Council.

**Q: Why was it created?**

A: To establish an organization of Antiochian laity who would function at the highest level of ministry for Christ and the Church. It is a spiritual movement manifested through financial giving.

**Q: Why is St. Ignatius the patron saint?**

A: St. Ignatius was one of the first Bishops of the See of Antioch, the spiritual source of our Archdiocese. He was a witness for Christ by his life and deeds and serves as a model for all members of The Order.

**Q: Who can be a member?**

A: All who share a common love for Christ and his Church and are willing to work so that the Antiochian Archdiocese can continue its ministry. Each member must receive the blessing of his parish priest and be sponsored by a member of The Order. A spiritual commitment is a pre-requisite for membership in The Order.

**Q: Why do members of the Order wear a cross and red ribbon?**

A: It serves as a witness to Christ and a reminder of Him who accepted the Cross for our salvation. We are on display before the world as examples of the Christian Faith. It is an awesome responsibility to bear. The crimson of the ribbon recalls the blood which the Martyr Ignatius shed for Christ. The Cross and ribbon remind us that sacrificial giving is our obligation as Antiochian Orthodox Christians.

**Q: Where does the money go?**

A: **Within the Archdiocese:** Departments such as Missions & Evangelism, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry, and Christian Education. **Other intra-Archdiocese contributions:** Camping Scholarships, College Conference scholarships, Married Seminarian Assistance, the Antiochian Village, Teen SOYO Special Olympics, Theological and Religious Education, and Clergy Retirement. **Contributions outside our Archdiocese:** Project Mexico, International Orthodox Christian Charities, The Treehouse Family Ministry, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and other worthy needs throughout the world.

**Q: Why should I join?**

A: Through this ministry of giving, many receive help, resulting Thanksgiving to God.