



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY 2021

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (“ZACCHÆUS”)
ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM**



PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
Mark Kerasotes, *Vice-Chair*
Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*
Michael Kasap, *Secretary*
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Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*
Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*
David Anderson, *Sunday School*
Wayne Sanders, *Facilities*
Markella Fousekas

BULLETIN PART ONE – WORHSIP

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

THE FIRST EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE ONE

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

As the disciples were hastening to the mountain, the Lord came to them that He might raise them from things earthly; and they worshipped Him and learned of the power given to Him in every place. They were sent forth to every land under heaven to preach the Resurrection from the dead and the restoration to the Heavens. He that cannot lie promised also that He would be with them forever, even Christ God, the Savior of 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, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” After the Little Entrance, chant the apolytikia in the following order.

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 FOR SAINTS CYRUS AND JOHN IN TONE FIVE

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Thirty-second 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 First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: *God magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.*

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke - "Zacchaeus")

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Prayer List: Sarah Sanders; Andrea Schaefer & baby; John Ulrey, Lisa Haller & Family; Frontline Healthcare Workers; Corona Virus Sufferers.

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COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY

The Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John; Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters Theodota, Theoktiste and Eudoxia of Egypt; New-martyr Elias in the Peloponnesus; Nikita of the Kiev Caves, bishop of Novgorod.

OFFERING SCHEDULE	Holy Bread	Epistle Reader
Sunday, January 31	Kapetaneas Family Joanne Ulrey 40 Day Memorial Fr Alexander Cutler 9th Day Memorial	
Sunday, February 7	Dee Khoury Paul Khoury Memorial	
Sunday, February 14	Mike & Ruth Baum	Mike Baum
Sunday, February 21		
Sunday, February 28		
Sunday, March 7	Antiochian Women	
Sunday, March 14	Mary Miller	
Sunday, March 21	Mike Kasap	

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - *Notify Father of missing info!*

Jan. 23 – Sally Favia	Feb. 5 – Wayne and Genie Sanders (anniversary)
Jan. 24 – Christopher Leonard	Feb. 6 – Patrice Nimee
Jan. 31 – Wayne Sanders	Feb. 7 – Mary Majerus
Feb. 1 – Kyle Thompson, Cathy Cox	Feb. 8 – David Anderson
Feb. 3 – Bob Abraham, Elias Kapetaneas	

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UPCOMING SERVICES

YouTube Events: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA
Zoom Events at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

Jan 30 Sat, 5 pm Vespers – [On YouTube](#)
Jan 31 Sun, 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy – [On YouTube](#)
Feb 1 Mon, 7 pm **Vigil** (7pm Vespers & 8pm Matins) for the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Temple – [On YouTube](#)
Feb 3 Wed, 7 pm Bible Study – [Gospel of Mark, On Zoom](#)
Feb 4 Thu, 7 pm Chant Class – [Tone 2, On Zoom](#)
Feb 5 Fri, 7 pm Vespers for St Julian of Homs - [On Zoom from Home Prayer Corner](#)
Feb 6 Sat, 5 pm Vespers – [On YouTube](#)
Feb 7 Sun, 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy – [On YouTube](#)

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BULLETIN PART TWO – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FINANCES

December 2020

Total income: \$33,061.15
Total expenses: \$5,908.50
Net income: \$27,152.65

January – December 2020

Total income: \$76,902.12
Total expenses: \$100,893.92
Net income: -23,991.80

*Thank you to all our parishioners, friends, donors and benefactors this past year.
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)*

2021 Parish Council Members, Terms & Positions

Council Member	Elected 3 Year Term	Year Started	Year Leaves (After 3 Years)
Mark Kerasotes	Elected	2019	2022
Michael Kasap	Elected	2020	2023
George Nimee	Elected	2021	2024

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Ronald Malooley	Appointed	2020	2023
Markella Fousekas	Appointed	2021	2024

Council Member	Organization
Genie Sanders	Choir
Dee Khoury	Antiochian Women
David Anderson	Sunday School
Wayne Sanders	Facilities

Council Office Position (1 Year Term)

Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary
Melanie Malooley	Mark Kerasotes	Ron Malooley	Mike Kasap

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<p>February 23 Angelos Restaurant Fundraiser Tickets Now Available - See Mark Kerasotes</p>	
<p>Fundraiser for Saint George Orthodox Church Tuesday, February 23, 4 – 8 pm At Angelos Restaurant https://angelos-restaurant-pizza.business.site/ COST \$10</p>	<p>Gyro & Fries – or – 2 Pizza Slices w-1 topping & Side Salad CURBSIDE PICKUP Call 815-664-2622 to Order and schedule Pickup Time at 400 E Dakota St; Spring Valley, IL 61362</p>

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**Five Purple Altar Boy Robes have been ordered for Lent at \$225 each.
If anyone is interested in Donating any of them, please contact Fr Mark.**

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**Orthodox Great Lent begins March 15
Orthodox Palm Sunday is April 25
Pascha is May 2**

Hope. (*From The Orthodox Faith by Fr Thomas Hopko*)

The virtue of hope goes together with the power of faith. The patriarch Abraham “in hope believed against hope that he should be the father of many nations” (Rom 4.18). And hope, like faith, is in that which is not seen. *For in this hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience* (Rom 8.24–25). Hope is the assurance of the good outcome of our lives lived by faith in God. Hope is the power of certain conviction that the life built on faith will produce its fruits. Hope is the confidence that, despite all darkness and sin, the light of the loving forgiveness of God is upon us to do with us and for us what we ourselves cannot do. *Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield. Yea our hearts are glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let Thy steadfast love, O Lord be upon us, even as we hope in Thee* (Ps 33.20–22). The opposite of hope is despondency and despair. According to the spiritual tradition of the Church, the state of despondency and despair is the most grievous and horrible condition that a person can be in. It is the worst and most harmful of the sinful states possible for the soul. The loss of hope is the worst possible state because without hope, nothing else is possible; certainly not faith. If a person is faithless, he can be chastised and convinced. If a person is proud, he can be humbled; impure, he can be cleansed; weak, he can be strengthened; wicked, he can be made righteous. But if a person is despondent and despairing, the very condition of his sickness is such that his heart and soul are dead and unresponsive to the grace of God and the support of his brothers. . . . *the force of despondence . . . overwhelms him and oppresses his soul; and this is a taste of hell because it produces a thousand temptations: confusion, irritation, protesting and bewailing one’s lot, wrong thoughts, wandering from place to place, and so on* (Saint Isaac of Syria, 6th c., *Directions on Spiritual Training*). *The demon of despondency, which is called the “noon-day demon” (Ps 91.6) is more grievous than all others. . . . It arouses in him vexation against the place and mode of life itself and his work, adding that there is no more love among the brethren, and no one to comfort him. . . . Then it provokes in him a longing for other places . . .* (Evagrius of Pontus, 4th c., *To Anatolius: On Eight Thoughts*). The only remedy for despair is humility and patience, the steadfast holding to the life of faith, even without conviction or feeling. It is the simplification of life by going through each day, one day at a time, with the continual observances, however external, of scriptural reading, liturgical worship, fasting, prayer, and work. In the advice of Saint Seraphim (19th c.), it is to visit with spiritual friends, with those who are hopeful, merciful, joyful and strong. It is to stand fast to the end while passing through aridity and darkness, until the light of blessed hope and comfort are found. But when one “fights and conquers despondency and despair, this struggle is followed by a peaceful state and the soul becomes filled with ineffable joy” (Evagrius, *To Anatolius: On Eight Thoughts*). It is a virtue to be always “rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation” knowing and believing that the final victory is God’s (Rom 12.12).