



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America  
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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest  
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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

## 2 May 2021, Pascha



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

**PASTOR:** Father Mark Sahady

**ECCLESIAARCH:** Michael Baum    **SACRISTAN:** David Anderson

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*  
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Michael Kasap, *Secretary*  
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David Anderson, *Sunday School*  
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Markella Fousekas

**BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH FINANCES**

**March 2021 Income-Expense**

Total Mar Income: \$11,575.00  
Total Mar Expenses: \$4,316.07  
Total Jan-Mar Income: \$24,504.10  
Total Jan-Mar Expenses: \$13,354.43

**March 2021 Income Breakout**

Seminary Collection: \$261  
Memorial Income: \$1,100  
Stewardship Offerings: \$10,214

*Thank you to all our parishioners, friends, donors and benefactors for your support.*

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**Thank you** - 49 pounds of food were collected and delivered to Hall Township Food Pantry.  
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Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice.  
Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work. WAW

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 9 – Nicole Wiltse  
May 10 – Jennifer Harshman  
May 10 – Alan & Jennifer Harshman anniv.  
May 11 – John & Carole Ball anniversary  
May 14 – Mirjana Sljivar  
May 15 – Matthew Harvey

May 21 – Ron Malooley  
May 22 – Bev Malooley  
May 22 – Gretel Kaleel  
May 23 – Ryker Thompson  
May 27 – Ruth Baum

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**Turn in your FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (FFHP) donations NOW!**  
**Turn in your collection boxes or check to “St George” earmarked for FFHP!**  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**YouTube Events:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy\\_6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy_6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA)

- May 1, 10 pm Nocturnes, 10:20 pm The Light, Rush Procession & Matins, 11:30 pm Divine Liturgy
- May 2, Pascha, Half-Past Midnight Bless Paschal Eggs, Baskets & Celebration  
2 pm Agape Vespers, 3 pm Egg Hunt & Picnic
- May 9, Sunday, Mothers Day, NO SERVICES.
- May 16, Sunday, Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, [Also on Youtube](#)  
Ladies Meeting 11:30 am, Schaefer Baptism 5 pm
- May 18, Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 25, Tue, Mid-Feast Vespers, 7 pm. [Also on Youtube](#)
- May 31, Mon, Memorial Day, Cemetery Memorial, 10 am & then Parish Picnic.

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Thank you, Leonard & Panizzi Families for the wonderful Fish Fry Picnic last Sunday.  
Thank you to everyone who has helped with the many details of Holy Week & Pascha  
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**Great and Holy Pascha 2021**

*O Thy divine and beloved and most sweet voice! Thou hast promised that Thou wouldst be with us unto the end of the world, O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope. CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN! Pascha is the joyful revelation that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Although the world and the devil, sin and death, threw everything they had against Christ, God is still with us. His resurrection gives us boldness to face every difficulty with unflinching trust in God. During this past year, we have needed this “anchor of hope,” as the winds and waves of crisis have beat against the ship of the Church. We still do. Let us rejoice that, in a world of uncertainty, Pascha’s promise is sure and true! Praying that Paschal joy will blaze forth in your hearts, I remain, Yours in the Risen Lord, +JOSEPH, Metropolitan of North America*

## BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

### • The “Glory” hymn at end of Matins: The Doxasticon of Pascha in Tone Five

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.* It is the day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us say, O brethren, even to those that hate us: Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection. And thus, let us cry: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.” (*thrice*)

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### • The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

• *After “Blessed is the Kingdom” and “Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:*

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life! (Twice)

• *Censing the west side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

• *Censing the south side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

• *Censing the east side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** So the sinners will perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad.

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

• *Censing the north side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

• *Censing the Prothesis and the remainder of the Sanctuary:*

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

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

• *Censing the Iconostasis from the Royal Doors:*

**Priest:** Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

• *The Priest completes the censuring while singing:*

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs...

**Choir:** ...hath He bestowed life!

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**THE GREAT LITANY**

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**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

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

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

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

Glory... Both now...

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

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**THE LITTLE LITANY**

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**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

May God be gracious to us and bless us; and may He cause His face to shine upon us and have mercy upon us.

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

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

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

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

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

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

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**THE LITTLE LITANY**

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**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

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**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY**

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel.

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

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

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• *After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.*

**PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

## HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

- *Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

## KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

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## THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x) *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.* Have put on Christ. Alleluia. Dynamis! (Louder!)

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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

## THE EPISTLE (For Pascha)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** **This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.**

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** **In the first book, O Theophilus,** I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come. From heaven did the Lord behold the earth.

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

**THE GOSPEL (For Pascha)**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John. (1:1-17)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

• *Following the Gospel, the Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom is given.*

• **Then the Apolytikion of Saint John Chrysostom In Tone Eight is sung:**

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like fire hath enlightened the universe and hath disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness and hath shown us the heights of humility. But as thou dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

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• **Instead of "It is truly meet" sing the Megalynarion For Pascha In Tone One:**

*The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.*

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

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• **After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..." sing THE KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT**

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

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• *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen".*

• *Instead of "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," sing "Christ is Risen" THRICE.*



**His Eminence The  
Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH**

**The Right Reverend  
Bishop ANTHONY**



**Metropolitan of  
All North America**

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Great and Holy Pascha ~ the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord  
May 2, 2021

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

**Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!**

**المسيحُ قام! حقاً قام!**

For my reflection on the Resurrection this year, I want to contrast time and eternity. What Jesus planned on earth, He completed in heaven. We must not confuse our beginning with our end. Preparation begins here; fulfillment occurs there in eternity.

People always say, "There isn't enough time in the day." And that's true. There isn't enough time to do everything we have to do. There isn't enough time to spend with the kids. There isn't enough time to appreciate our wife or our husband. Even more so, we want the time to do those things.

There isn't enough time in this life. There isn't enough time to be with our loved ones. There isn't enough time to erase all the regrets we have with the unfinished relationships we formed. There isn't enough time to do everything we thought we were capable of doing with our talents. We wish we would have thought more about our lives. We hope to buy more time by watching our health, exercising regularly, having good habits. God knows we mean to do good things with our time. Because God is good, He made us good.

We need eternity in order to finish our work; in order to appreciate our purpose in life, we need life everlasting. Made in God's image, we need the eternity He has. I believe almost all of our depression and our forgetfulness and our procrastination in this life is because we are haunted by eternity. We are trying to fit in too much in the small space of our own personal life on earth.

Christ gives us His immortality and eternity in the Resurrection. This Resurrection is the down payment on our possibilities to become everything we were meant to be, and to have eternity stretching out before us, and giving us all the time we need.

May the Light of the Empty Tomb shine in our hearts forever! Yours in Christ,

*+ Bishop Anthony*

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**Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest**

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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