



## SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

# Sunday, 8 August 2021, Tone 6, Eothion 7 After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ



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

**PASTOR:** Father Mark Sahady

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

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*  
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Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*  
Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*  
David Anderson, *Sunday School*  
Wayne Sanders, *Facilities*  
Markella Fousekas

**BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CHURCH FINANCES**

**June 2021 Income-Expense**

Total June Income: \$3,226.55  
Total June Expenses: \$4,202.59  
Net Income June: \$-976.04  
Net Income Jan-June: \$3,264.96

**June 2021 Income Breakout**

Stock Dividends: \$1,139  
Stewardship Offerings: \$2,087.55  
Total Jan-June Income: \$36,592.89  
Total Jan-June Expenses: \$33,327.93

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

God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7b)

**As Stewards of God’s Gifts let us give thanks to God by giving back a tenth.**

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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

August 7 – Leo Kapetaneas  
August 12 – Marsha Neven  
August 14 – Lynette Forsa

August 16 – Kelsey Klein  
August 20 – Genie Sanders

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

**STUDIES & MEETINGS ALSO** On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

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August 7, **Saturday, Order of St Ignatius mtg at 3 pm** in Church

**Vespers 6 pm** in Church & [On Youtube](#)

August 8, **Sunday, Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am** in Church & [On Youtube](#)

Fellowship 11:15 am in Hall, **Ladies meeting 11:45 am in Church & On Zoom**

August 9, **Monday, Paraklesis** to Theotokos, 7 pm in Church & [On Youtube](#)

**August 11, Wednesday Bible Study – Proverbs, 7 pm @ Fr’s & On Zoom**

August 13, **Friday, Vespers** with Canon for Pre-feast – 7 pm in Church & [On Youtube](#)

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August 14, **Saturday, Altar Server mtg at 10 am** in Church

**Vespers at 6 pm for the Feast of the Theotokos’ Dormition**

August 15, **Sunday, Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15 am**

**Parish Council Mtg 11:45 in Church**

**August 18, Wednesday, Bible Study – Proverbs, 7 pm @ Fr’s & On Zoom**

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August 21, **Saturday, Vespers at 6 pm** in Church & [On Youtube](#)

August 22, **Sunday, Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15 am**

**August 24, Tuesday, Bible Study – Proverbs, 7 pm @ Fr’s & On Zoom**

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August 28, **Saturday, Vespers at 6 pm** in Church & [On Youtube](#)

August 29, **Sunday, Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15 am**

August 31, **Tuesday, Vespers at 7 pm** of New Church Year in Church & [On Youtube](#)

**September 2, Thursday, Bible Study – Proverbs, 7 pm @ Fr’s & On Zoom**

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**Collecting Needed Items Now, Aug 8 for PADS Homeless Shelter in Peru, IL**



- Drink Mixes – Powdered Lemonade or Koolaid, Bulk Ground Coffee.
- Cleaning Supplies – Table / Countertop Spray Bottles.
- Gas Cards - Becks or Hyvee in \$10 denominations.
- Fast Food Cards – Subway, Jimmy Johns, McDonalds, Wendys.

**Make &/or Help Serve a Meal at PADS on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm!**

**BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP**

• The “Glory” hymn at the end of Matins:

**THE SEVENTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE SEVEN**

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

Behold the dawn, and the rise of the day; why hast thou stood, O Mary, at the grave? And great darkness hath covered thy mind, and thou asked him: Where hath Jesus been placed? Yea, behold the Disciples, who hastened to the tomb, how they surmised His Resurrection from the coffin wrappings and the turban, and remembered what was said about Him in the books. Wherefore, we who believed through them, praise Thee with them, O Christ, 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.

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**THE GREAT DOXOLOGY AND TROPARION “HAVING RISEN”**

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

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**THE FIRST ANTIPHON:**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

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

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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**THE SECOND ANTIPHON:**

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her.

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Glory to the Father... Both now and ever... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

### THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAY:

**Priest:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

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

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

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

### APOLYTIKION OF SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR:

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of the captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for the kings, O great among martyrs, thou victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

### KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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### THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

### THE EPISTLE (For the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost):

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

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

**THE GOSPEL (For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew):**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

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• After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..." Sing:

**THE ORDINARY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN):**

Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia.

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**COMMEMORATION:** After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ; Emilianos the Confessor, archbishop of Kyzikos; Myron, archbishop of Crete.

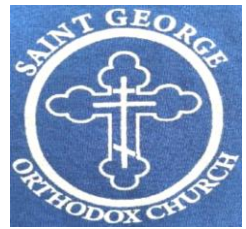
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**PRAYER LIST:** Dee Khoury, Kenneth Wiltse, Sarah Sanders, William Miller III, Mike Kasap, John Ulrey, Mia Gerber.

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread - Memorial - Fellowship	Epistle Reader
*Sunday, August 8*	Antiochian Women – Ladies Society	Open
Sunday, August 15	Rdr Mike & Ruth Baum	Rdr Michael Baum
Sunday, August 22	Jay Kalman & Stephanie Kinard	Jay Kalman
*Sunday, August 29*	Fr Mark & Kh Barbara Sahady	Kh Barbara
<b>* Denotes Fasting Days – No Meat or Dairy Products</b>		
Sunday, September 5	Gary Farral	Gary Farral
Sunday, September 12	Kerry & Leona Kelly	Kerry Kelly
Sunday, September 19	Andy Dudek	Andy Dudek
Sunday, September 26	Lynette Forsa	Lynette Forsa
2 Year Memorial for George Forsa		

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**Thank you for the fabulous response ordering St. George T-Shirts!** 40 Shirts were sold! Delivery in 2 weeks. By popular request we're working on a broader line of sportswear for the Fall! Along with the T-Shirt and Long Sleeve T-Shirt we've had requests for Crewneck SweatShirts, Hoodie SweatShirts, and Full-Zip Hoodie SweatShirts & other options. Soon you can order directly on-line from our Clothier & Printer: Kaleel's.



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**Today's Gospel of Matthew 9:27-35 Teaching Points**

- 1. Blind men following Jesus** – It must not have been easy for them to follow Jesus or move quickly with the crowds all around. However, it shows their perseverance. They were determined to go to Jesus and they were not worried about what people thought of them yelling again and again in public. Don't let anything keep you from Jesus.
- 2. Son of David** – This term was used for the Messiah because he would be descended from David. When the blind men used this term, it showed that they knew the Scriptures and that they had faith that Jesus was the Messiah. His lineage was not public information, so they were accepting it in faith based on the deeds that He had done.
- 3. Have mercy on us** – It was merciful of Jesus to heal them. They did not deserve to be healed. It was not their right to be healed. Jesus was not obligated to heal them. Yes, we should pray for healing. But we should always remember that God is not required to heal us. He is not obligated to do so. Therefore, we have no reason to get angry or bitter if we do not receive the healing hoped. We should ask Him for His mercy and often He does show mercy through physical healing. But sometimes His mercy is to refine our character instead to heal our soul, which we must graciously accept and not lose faith.
- 4. Jesus gave them an opportunity to state their faith publicly.** Public profession of faith increases our own faith. It allows us to identify with Christ. It provides a good testimony to others. It causes us to gain boldness which can influence others positively.
- 5. Jesus healed them according to their faith** – God offers His gifts to people which cannot be earned or deserved. Faith is when we stretch out our hands to accept the gift that He gives. We are responsible to open our hearts to believe Him and receive them.
- 6. Jesus warned them not to spread this news out** – It seems ungrateful that they didn't obey Jesus. God has saved us from worse than blindness and yet we disobey Him.