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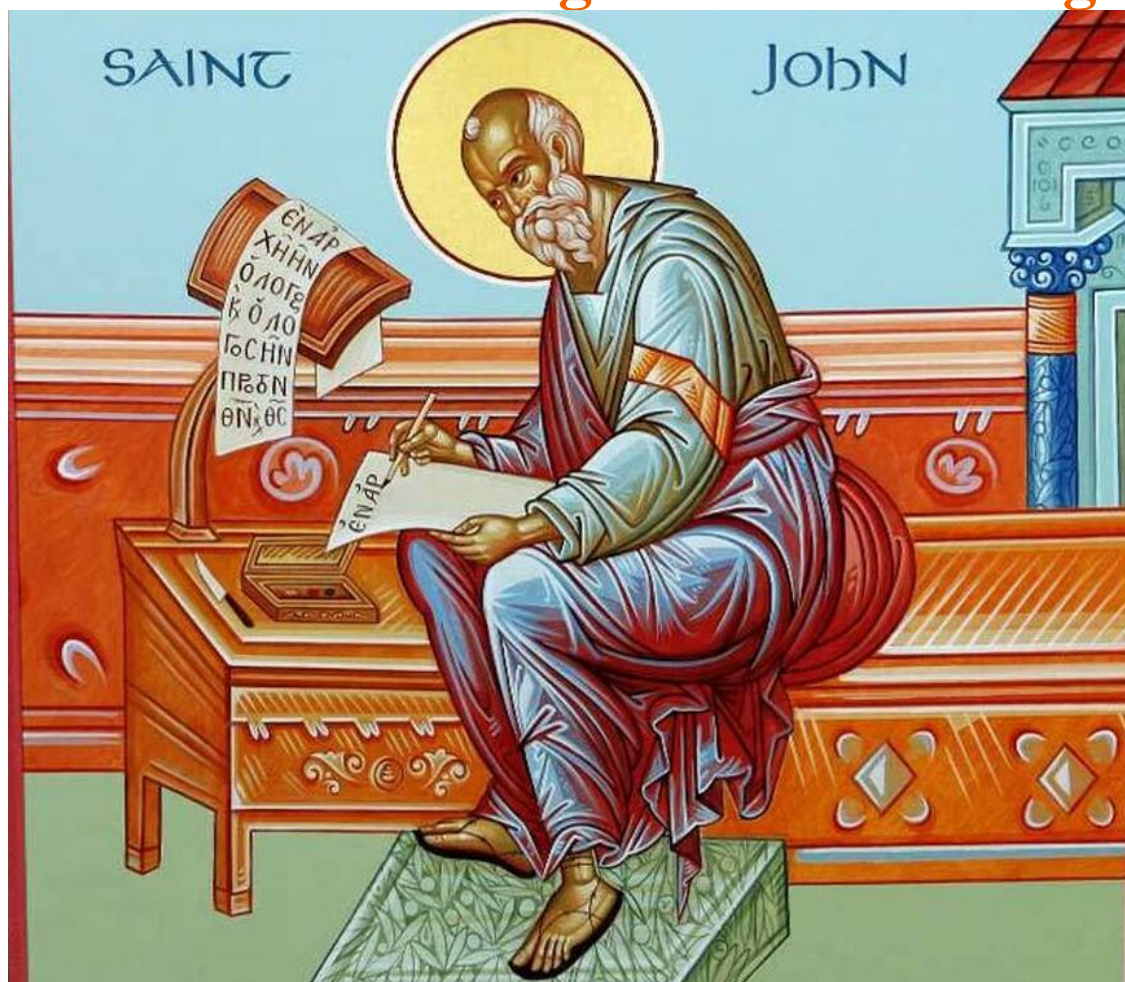
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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Bishop ANTHONY

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

Sunday, 26 September 2021; Tone 5 / Eothion 3 Saint John the Evangelist and Theologian



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

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

ECCLESIA RCH: Rdr Michael Baum **SACRISTAN:** SbDn David Anderson

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
Mark Kerasotes, *Vice-Chair*
Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*
Michael Kasap, *Secretary*
George Nimee

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

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FINANCES

August 2021 Income-Expense

Total August Income: \$3,573.81
Total August Expenses: \$6,310.28
Net Income August: \$-2,736.47
Total Jan-Aug Income: \$43,962.20
Total Jan-Aug Expenses: \$46,616.62

August 2021 Income Breakout

T-Shirt Fundraiser: \$370.00
Interest Income: \$466.91
Stewardship Offerings: \$2,736.90
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Net Income Jan-August: \$-2,654.42

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

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 3: Ron & Mari Ford (anniversary) Sept. 16: John Thompson
Sept. 4: Tyler Thompson Sept. 17: George & Patrice Nimee (anniv)
Sept. 6: Chris & Jennifer Baran (anniv) Sept. 20: Jay Klein
Sept. 8: Mike Kasap Sept. 25: Jax Thompson
Sept. 11: Andrea Schaefer Sept. 25: Kaitlyn Kelly
Sept. 12: George Nimee Sept. 29: Nancy Johnson

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WORSHIP On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA

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

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September 25, Saturday, **Vespers at 6 pm**
September 26, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15am**
Parish Council Mtg 11:45 am (rescheduled from last week)

September 30, Thursday, **Vespers, 7 pm** for Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos

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October 2, Saturday, **Vespers at 6 pm**
October 3, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15am**

Special Collection for "OCF" – College Student Sunday

October 6, Wednesday, **Study of The Mystical Life, 7 pm** at Fr's Home & on Zoom

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October 9, Saturday, **Vespers at 6 pm**
October 10, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15am**

A-Women Mtg 11:45 am

October 13, Wednesday, **Study of The Mystical Life, 7 pm** at Fr's Home & on Zoom

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October 16, Saturday, **Vespers at 6 pm**
October 17, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am, Fellowship 11:15am**

Parish Council Mtg 11:45 am

October 19, Tuesday, **Study of The Mystical Life, 7 pm** at Fr's Home & on Zoom

October 20-21, Wed & Thu, Rip's Chicken Fundraiser - \$11 Tickets See Kerasotes

October 22-23, Friday & Saturday, **Diocese Fall Gathering (No Vespers)**

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October 24, Sunday, Matins 8:45 / Liturgy 10 am, **Last Day for Bakesale Pre-Orders**

Special Collection for "Special Olympics"

October 25, Monday, **Vespers at 7 pm** for Saint Demetrius

October 27, Wednesday, **Study of The Mystical Life, 7 pm** at Fr's Home & on Zoom

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October 30, Memorial at Cemetery-10 am, Discussion at Church-10:45 am, Orchard Trip-Noon

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE DOXASTICON FOR SAINT JOHN IN TONE EIGHT

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

O Evangelist John, virgin peer of Angels and Theologian taught of God, in Orthodox manner thou hast proclaimed to the world that immaculate side which poured forth Blood and water, whereby we obtain eternal life for 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.

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THE GREAT DOXOLOGY AND TROPARION “Having Risen from the Tomb”

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

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THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON:

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

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

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THIRD ANTIPHON:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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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.

- After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.
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APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST IN TONE TWO

O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and Great Mercy.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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PRAYER & THE TRISAGION HYMN

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• *The Scripture of the day:* **THE EPISTLE (For Saint John):**

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: His voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint John. (4:12-19)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love which God has for us. God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; but he who fears is not perfected in love. We love God, because He first loved us.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord;
and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Saint John):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John. (19:25-27; 21:24-25)

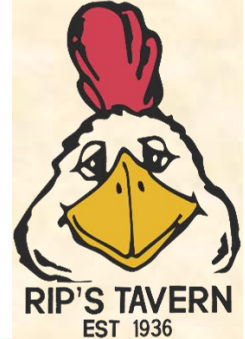
At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

• After “One is Holy, One is Lord...” & “I Believe O Lord and I Confess...” Sing: **KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR SAINT JOHN IN TONE EIGHT:** His sound hath gone forth into all the earth; and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.
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COMMEMORATION: holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle & Evangelist John the Theologian
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PRAYER LIST: Jax Thompson, Mia Gerber, Sarah Sanders, Bill Miller III, Mike Kasap, Melanie Thompson, Michael & Ruth Baum.
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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread - Memorial - Fellowship	Epistle Reader
Sunday, September 26	Lynette Forsa 2 Year Memorial for George Forsa	Lynette Forsa
Sunday, October 3	Open	Open
Sunday, October 10	Medawar & Sanders Families	Nicole Wiltse
Sunday, October 17	Bread-Desai & Malooley Families; Fellowship-Open	Bette Malooley
Sunday, October 24	Richard & Bette Malooley	Richard Malooley
Sunday, October 31	Bread-Leona Kelly; Fellowship-Open	Open

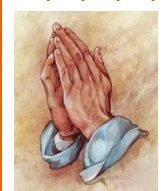
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RIP’S Chicken Fundraiser, Cost \$11
October 20 and 21, 2021 Time: 4 – 9 pm
 At **RIP’S TAVERN**, www.ripschicken.com
 311 N Main Ave, Ladd, IL 61329
 ¼ Light or Dark Chicken with Fries,
 -or- Chicken Strips with Fries
Dine-In or Carry-Out
 For Carry-Out, Call 815-894-3051
 to Schedule Pickup Time.
Specialty Middle-Eastern BAKE SALE,
5-8 pm both days.



Contact Mark Kerasotes for Tickets

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Prayer Warriors – Contact Mark Kerasotes – Pray for Parish
 Meet to Pray at Church - Pray at Home - Pray at same time - Get List
 O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on ... us all!
 Let us be transformed through Prayer!

Starting October 6, will be a weekly Wednesday 7 pm Study of **The Mystical Life** as taught by **Saint Symeon the New Theologian** – Encountering now the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in His Body the Church and the reality of the Life of the world to come. Join in the Experience of God as we discuss the Church, the Sacraments and the Last Things.

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Diocese Fall Gathering, October 22-24, 2021, hosted by St. James-Loveland, OH

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CVGKRDT-JAO-20211021/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church. Group Code: JAO

Hotel Name: DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Cincinnati - Blue Ash

Hotel Address: 6300 E. Kemper Road; Sharonville, Ohio 45241-2364

Phone Number: 513-489-3636

Event Registration: <https://tithely.com/event-registration/#/3957214>

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College Student Sunday is October 3rd this year. The Assembly of Canonical Bishops has designated this Sunday as a way for parishes to recognize their college students and financially support the ministry of OCF. The vision of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship is to be the loving presence of Christ and the Orthodox Church on college campuses; to be an integral part of students’ spiritual formation by challenging them to explore the Faith; and to inspire students to commit to living an Orthodox Christian way of life daily. OCF Ministry has a presence on over 300 campuses across the United States and Canada, a College Conference where 400 students gather over winter break, Real Break which is an alternative spring break of service and pilgrimage. Where to find more information: www.Ocf.net or @ocfministry - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Discord, or Ancient Faith Radio Podcast. Keep college students and the OCF ministry in your prayers.

A collection tray will be passed next week in honor of OCF.

Checks may be sent to:

or Scan the QR code:

Orthodox Christian Fellowship
50 Goddard Avenue
Brookline, MA 02445



Donations can also be made online at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/OCF_CSS2021 .

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How do we live an Orthodox Christian “Way of Life” daily?

While it is true that the Orthodox way of life is not the normal way of life for most people in our society, it is a most practical life for married people with families faced with the challenges of careers. In fact, it is the way of living that will make your life less stressful and more meaningful. The Orthodox Way of Life is NOT a monastic way of life. We do, however, have the same goals. Like the monastics we seek holiness and union with God, but we are called to live in the world with our families. The principles of our spiritual growth are the same no matter which path we chose. The purpose of life taught by the Apostles and the Church Fathers is one of finding union with God. Jesus came to show us how to live through His teaching and example. This way of life is given to us by Christ

Himself through His Church. These ten points presented here below are only an outline on how to find union with God. They help us to examine our current life. Then we need to seek ways to make the necessary changes in our life to incorporate them. Always pray for God's help in this. By living the Orthodox Life we put Christ's commandments and way of life deep into our consciousness. We learn to deal more effectively with stress. We release reserves of untapped energies. We transform anger. We heal relationships. We leave behind painful memories and live a life fully in the present. We develop unsuspected capacities for insight and understanding. We learn to love more fully than thought possible. We walk a path towards eternal life.

1. Pray Daily - Have a regular prayer rule that includes morning and evening prayer.
2. Worship and Participate in the Sacraments - Attend and participate in the Divine Liturgy receiving Holy Communion regularly as well as participation in Confession.
3. Honor the Liturgical Cycle - Follow the seasons of the church and participate in the fasts and feasts of the Church. Participate in the events of Christ's Life and His Spirit.
4. Use the Jesus Prayer - Repeat the Holy name whenever possible throughout the day or night. Use it to pray for others also. O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on...
5. Slow Down and Order your Life - Set priorities, reduce stress caused by a hurried life.
6. Be Watchful - Give full attention to what is being done at the moment—do it as to Christ.
7. Tame Passions-Overcome habits, attachments to likes and dislikes, practice the virtues.
8. Put Others First - Free yourself from selfishness and find joy & purpose helping others.
9. Spiritual Fellowship - Spend time with Orthodox Christians for support and inspiration.
10. Read Scripture and holy fathers - What you read has an impact on the way you think. So does what you watch on TV or at the movies. Think about what you want to let into your mind to influence your thinking. Your reading should be something that will be a positive impact on your spiritual growth, that will shape your mind and orient it to God.

Conclusion

Remember, being an Orthodox Christian is to be on a path of continual growth. As we come closer to God, we learn more clearly what He expects of us. As we grow closer to Him, He provides us with greater ability to practice His teachings. We are all sinners and the Church is the place we come to be with God and receive spiritual direction and forgiveness. In God's eyes it is never too late to change our ways. Not only does he expect us to grow into perfection, but He is most merciful to those who are the greatest sinners. Reflect on each of these points and seek ways to include them in your current life, no matter how busy or hectic it is, and you will find that you will grow spiritually. As you grow you will find all you need to know. One caution: This is not a list to pick and choose from. It is very important to include ALL of the points in your way of life. They are interrelated. Not one of them is sufficient on its own. An Orthodox priest can help guide you safely as you walk the path into Theosis or union with God. A final thought from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life." (Matthew 19:28-29)



The Ladies of St. George Orthodox Church present their

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th ~ 10 am - 1 pm
St. George Orthodox Church • 211 E. Minnesota St. • Spring Valley

In order to ensure selection availability, please pre-order.

Pre-order deadline is Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Pre-orders will be filled and available for delivery during the week prior to the sale, unless pick-up at the sale is requested.

PLEASE WRITE QUANTITY DESIRED IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX:



BAKLAWA

Diamond-shaped phyllo pastry with a chopped nut filling

4-PACK
\$10.00

8-PACK
\$20.00



MAMOUL

Butter cookie filled with walnuts

4-PACK
\$10.00

8-PACK
\$20.00



DATE FINGERS

Date and nut filled cookie finger

4-PACK
\$6.00

8-PACK
\$12.00



GHRIBEE

Butter cookie with a half almond on top

4-PACK
\$6.00

8-PACK
\$12.00

ORDER TOTAL:

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I WILL PICK UP
on NOV. 6th

PLEASE
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Thank You!