"One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church"

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Metropolitan JOSEPH

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Bishop ANTHONY

Sunday, 23 January 2022; Tone 6 / Eothinon 9
Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost
& Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

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

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady
ECCLESIARCH: Rdr Michael Baum **SACRISTAN:** Sbdn David Anderson

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
Mark Kerasotes, *Vice-Chair*
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BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHURCH FINANCES

December 2021 Income-Expense
Total December Income: $8,966.00
Total December Expenses: $10,157.59
Net Income December: $-1,191.59
Total Jan-Dec Income: $70,364.44
Total Jan-Dec Expenses: $70,557.94

December 2021 Income Breakout
Christmas Card: $160.00
Giving Tuesday: $148
Stock Dividends: $1,496.00
Stewardship Offerings: $7,162.00
Net Income Jan-Dec: $-193.50

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

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Contact Fr Mark to Bless your Home; ***Bring Valentines for Seniors to Church***

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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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January 22, Saturday, Saturday, **Vespers at 5 pm**.
January 23, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am**, Fellowship 11:15am,
Ladies Mtg 11:45 am, Pan-Orthodox **Sanctity of Life Service** 6 pm
January 25, Tuesday, **Baking at Church**, 9 am – Noon
January 27, Thursday, **Baking at Church**, 9 am – Noon

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January 29, Saturday, Saturday, **Vespers at 5 pm**.
January 30, Sunday, **Matins 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am**, Fellowship 11:15am,
Annual Parish General Assembly 11:45 am
February 1, Tuesday, **Baking at Church**, 9 am – Noon
Vigil for Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple, **7 pm – 9:30 pm**
February 3, Thursday, **Baking at Church**, 9 am – Noon

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- **The "Glory" hymn at the end of Matins:**

THE NINTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FIVE

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, O Christ, thou didst appear among Thy beloved ones on the eve of the Sabbath, and didst confirm to them a wonder through a wonder, namely Thy Resurrection from the dead by Thine entrance while the doors were closed. But Thou didst fill the Disciples with joy, granting them the Holy Spirit, and didst bestow on them power to forgive sins. And as for Thomas, Thou didst not permit him to drown in the depths of faithlessness. Wherefore, grant us the knowledge of the truth, and forgiveness of sins, O compassionate Lord.
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, <u>Who art risen from the dead</u>; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. *(Thrice)***

Verse: Glory to the Father… Both now and ever… O, only begotten Son and Word…

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THIRD ANTIPHON:

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.

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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.*

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APOLYTIKION OF SAINT CLEMENT OF ANCYRA IN TONE FOUR:

Thou didst blossom forth for the faithful, O most sacred Clement, as a branch of holiness, a staff of contest, a most sacred flower, and a sweet God-given fruit. But as a fellow-sufferer of martyrs and a fellow-prelate of hierarchs, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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 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.

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PRAYER & THE TRISAGION HYMN

- *The Scripture of the day:*

THE EPISTLE (For the Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost):

Clergy: Let us attend!

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

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord, my God.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: **Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to Saint Timothy. (1:15-17)**

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

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

THE GOSPEL (For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke):

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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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: The Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra; Martyr Agathangelos; and Paulinos, bishop of Nola.

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PRAYER LIST: Dottie Malooley, Sarah Sanders, Bill Miller III, Mike Kasap, Dee Khoury, George & Mona Khalil, Mia Gerber.

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread - Memorial - Fellowship	Epistle Reader
Sunday, January 23	Baums-Memorial for Frs Patrick /Michael	Rdr Michael
Sunday, January 30	All Church Potluck	Open
Sunday, February 6	Dee Khoury & Sally Favia	Open

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 9 – Efy Trilikis
Jan. 10 – David Kaleel
Jan. 11 – Mitch Kaleel, Judy Abraham
Jan. 13 – Freda Kapetaneas
Jan. 14 – Angelo Fousekas
Jan. 16 – Nicholas Leonard
Jan. 22 – Alan Harshman
Jan. 23 – Sally Favia
Jan. 24 – Christopher Leonard
Jan. 31 – Wayne Sanders

BULLETIN PART THREE – SPECIAL EVENTS OR INFO

The Ladies of Saint George Orthodox Church present their

Superbowl - Olympics - Pre-Lent

Bake Sale

Saturday, February 12th

10 am – Noon

Saint George Orthodox Church
211 E. Minnesota St. • Spring Valley, IL

Get your munchies on Saturday to enjoy your sports on Sunday!

Kick off your game with

Meat Pies

Spinach Pies

Cheese Bread

Zaatar (Thyme) Bread

Orthodox Sanctity of Life Service – Sunday, 23 January at 6 pm at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 S County Line Rd, Burr Ridge, IL. Speaker: Fr Herman Kincaid. Presented by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of the Chicago Area.

Council Member Elections – The two nominees for the one elected position are Wayne Sanders and Melanie Thompson. Then Fr Mark will appoint a Council member also.

Dates to Note: Lent begins on 7 March. Palm Sunday is 17 April. Pascha is 24 April.

Like the Blind Man in the Gospel Lesson today we should all constantly say:
"O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."
Personal Prayer is built on the foundation of Corporate Worship.

Iconography Project 2022 – This Project will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. When a group of Orthodox gather to start worshipping together and start a church, they gather what icons they can get and set up a table for an Altar and dedicate that space for Worship. As time goes, items are replaced with better made more appropriate items. These include icons and eventually a proper Altar with relics of saints placed in them. This is what happened in Spring Valley, IL after Fr Seraphim Nassar arrived. Original paintings were by Sofronios Afentakis from Boston. In 1932 the house being used as a church was completely demolished and the present structure was completed in 1936.

Then 50 years ago in the 1970s this parish remodeled the structure, added the kitchen and started an Iconography Project to replace the paintings with proper byzantine iconography and to replace the old Altar Table with a new carved Altar. Five new icons were made in the 1970s by Fr Philip Koufos, which along with the new Altar were consecrated in September 1979 by Metropolitan Philip Saliba with Fr Constantine Massoud. In the present Altar there are bones from St George, other Saints and a Piece of Christ's Tomb. And just four years ago in 2018 the church structure was refurbished.

What I would like to do is now complete this iconography project in three phases which would take a few years to complete. So that the bottom row would be made mostly by the same iconographer, I've moved the icon that was on the Altar to the iconostasis. The one from the Altar was by the same iconographer as Christ and the Theotokos, so they now all match. And an Icon of the Holy Trinity would be placed on the Altar. All we now need to complete the bottom row of the iconostasis is for the John the Baptist icon to match.

The iconographer, Anna Kurian (approved by Bishop Anthony), who made the icons in the smaller chapel to our Lady of Cicero at the St George Church in Cicero, will make these new icons in the same style as the other ones so that they all match. There are already persons who are wanting to donate for these and so no money would be used from the general fund. Icons take months to be made, but this first phase would be the easiest and quickest phase of the Project to be completed.

The second phase would be the three icons on the very top of the iconostasis: the Cross, Theotokos and John the Evangelist. There being only these three smaller icons, this phase would not take too long, depending on when someone would like to donate for them. The third and longer phase would be the 12 Apostles in the middle row. Again, each phase would occur only when someone wants to donate for these icons and no monies would be used from the general fund offerings. The project would also be on a pay as you go process. Because this all takes time, when one icon is completed, then money would be given the iconographer for the next icon. Blessings, Fr Mark Sahady

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A Life in Jesus Christ brings Hope. Hope for the future — that we will be redeemed. Hope for the present — that we are not alone, but are loved and have purpose. Hope even over the past — that our failures are not greater than God's power to transform.