



# 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

Bishop ANTHONY

“Love, Pray, Repent”

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

## 5 June 2022, Tone 6 / Eothinon 10

## Sunday After Ascension, Sunday of the Holy Fathers



### MATINS/ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

#### Elected / Appointed Members

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*  
Wayne Sanders, *Vice-Chair*  
Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*  
Nicholas Schaefer, *Secretary*  
George Nimee, *Antiochian Men*  
Rdr Michael Baum, *Ecclesiarch*

#### Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*  
Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*  
Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*  
Robert Abraham, *Facilities*  
Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*  
No Teen Rep Presently, *SOYO*

**BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO**

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

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

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

June 4, Saturday, 6 pm Vespers

June 5, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship

June 9, Thursday, 1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation On Zoom

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June 11, Saturday, 10 am Baptism Lukas Schrader, 6 pm Vespers

June 12, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship,  
11:45 am Antiochian Women Meeting

June 15-18, Wednesday-Saturday, **Diocese Parish Life Conference, Grand Rapids MI**

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June 19, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship

June 20-28, **Saints Peter and Paul Fasting for Missionary Outreach**

June 23, Thursday, 1:30 pm Bible Study – Revelation On Zoom

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June 25, Saturday, 6 pm Vespers

June 26, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship

June 28, Tuesday, 6 pm Vespers for Saints Peter and Paul

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July 3, Sunday, 10 am Typica Service Instead of Normal Services

July 9, Saturday, 6 pm Vespers

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

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<b>Offering Schedule</b>	<b>Holy Bread &amp; Food</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>Sunday, June 5</b>	Potluck	Open
<b>Sunday, June 12</b> Pentecost	Michael & Ruth Baum	Rdr Michael Baum
<b>Sunday, June 19</b> All Saints	Open	Open
<b>Sunday, June 26, Fast</b>	George & Patrice Nimee	George Nimee
<b>Sunday, July 3</b>	Reader Service – No Meal	
<b>Sunday, July 10</b>		
<b>Sunday, July 17</b>	Reader Service – No Meal	

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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

June 1 – Ron and Dottie Malooley (anniv)      June 20 – Angela Forsa, Elijah Schaefer

June 3 – Mary Miller      June 23 – Melissa Leonard

June 4 – Jeremiah Schaefer      June 26 – Kenneth Wiltse

June 12 – Kim & Jeannie Leonard (anniv)      June 28 – Carole Ball

June 16 – Melanie Thompson      June 28 – Mark & Nicole Wiltse (anniv)

June 19 – Nick & Andrea Schaefer (anniv)

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**CHURCH FINANCES**

**April 2022 Income-Expense**

Total April Income: \$10,293.48

Total April Expenses: \$16,093.93

Net Income April: \$-5,800.45

**January-April 2022 Totals**

Total Year Income: \$ 22,051.61

Total Year Expense: \$34,155.55

Total Year Net Income: \$-12,103.94

## BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

### THE DOXASTICON OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

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

When the rank of the holy Fathers flocked from the ends of the inhabited world, they believed in one Substance and one Nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, delivering plainly to the Church the mystery of discoursing in theology. Wherefore, in that we laud them in faith, we beatify them, saying: What a divine army, ye God-inspired soldiers of the camp of the Lord, ye most brilliant luminaries in the noetic firmament, ye impregnable towers of the mystical Zion, ye scented flowers of paradise, the golden mouths of the Word, the boast of Nicaea, and delight of the whole universe, intercede ceaselessly 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.

### THE GREAT DOXOLOGY AND TROPARION “Having risen from the tomb”

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

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### THE GREAT LITANY THE FIRST ANTIPHON

**Verse:** Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; a great King over all the earth.

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

**Verse:** He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

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

**Verse:** Glory to the Father... Both now and ever... (*Refrain*)

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### THE LITTLE LITANY THE SECOND ANTIPHON

**Verse:** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

**Refrain:** **Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

**Verse:** God is known in her towers when He cometh to help her.

**Refrain:** **Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

**Verse:** For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together.

**Refrain:** **Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

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

**THE LITTLE LITANY  
THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Verses:** Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear unto a parable; I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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.

- 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 ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 ASCENSION IN TONE SIX**

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

**THE TRISAGION HYMN**

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

**THE EPISTLE**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

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

### THE GOSPEL

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now

I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

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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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- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing the Apolytikion of the Ascension.*

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**COMMEMORATION:** The 318 holy fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea; the Hieromartyr Dorotheos, bishop of Tyre; Martyr Nicander of Egypt; and New-martyr Mark of Smyrna.

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**The Feast of the Ascension** of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). The Feast itself commemorates when Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Having completed His mission in this world as the Savior, He returned to the Father in heaven Who sent Him into the world. Man has been restored to communion with God because Christ gives His humanity - which He shares with us - a permanent place of honor in heaven. Christ honors us by putting us close to the Father. Christ's Body is in heaven and He sends His Holy Spirit to us here on earth who bear witness to the presence of Christ in the world through us, His Church. He goes to "prepare a place" for us and He is forever present before the Father interceding for us.

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The Sunday following the Ascension is called the **Sunday of the Holy Fathers**. We commemorate the bishops who met at the Synod of Nicaea, which affirmed the divinity of Christ and laid the foundation for all subsequent definitions through the Creed. In proclaiming that our Lord is truly God, equal to the Father, the Nicene Creed guarantees the integrity of the message of love and of the divine gift: that God so loved the world that He gave Himself to us and became a person as the unique Son of God. The Church pays homage to the collective witness that the Synod of Nicaea bore to the Christian truth. John 17:1-13, ‘And this is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you sent... for the words that you gave me I have given to them and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you.