

"Love, Pray, Repent"
"One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church"

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Patriarch John X of Antioch

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Bishop ANTHONY

20 November 2022, Tone 6 / Eothinon 1

Celebrating the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple



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

Contact Fr Mark at 815-664-4540. Council Minutes Binder with Financials is in Hall

WORSHIP On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy_6R3xbIrX-UI8H63AUA

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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 19, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

November 20, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

Final Day for Canned/Boxed Food Collection, 11:45 Parish Council Meeting

November 22, Tuesday, **6:30 pm Akathist of Thanksgiving**

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November 26, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

November 27, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

November 29, Tuesday, **9 am-Noon Baking Date Fingers for Bake Sale**

November 30, Wednesday, **9am-Noon Bake Maamoul for Sale, Noon Prayer & Share**

7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt - #1 of 4 Slide/video presentations from a recent visit to Egypt. See pyramids, mummies, amazing ancient art and architecture, and some of the oldest Christian churches and monasteries anywhere. And the places that gave refuge to the Holy Family when they fled Bethlehem with Jesus. In Church & On Zoom

December 2, Friday, **7 pm Advent Paraklesis**

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December 3, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

December 4, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

*****Decorate Church for Christmas*****

December 7, Wednesday, **Noon Prayer & Share**

7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt - #2 of 4. In Church & On Zoom

December 8, Thursday, **9 am – Noon, Setup for Bake Sale and Bring Baked Goods**

December 9, Friday, **9 am – Noon, Setup for Bake Sale and Bring Baked Goods**

7 pm Advent Paraklesis

December 10, Saturday, **9 am – Noon Bake Sale**

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December 10, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

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

11:45 am Antiochian Women's Meeting

December 14, Wednesday, **7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt** - #3 of 4. In Church & On Zoom

December 16, Friday, **7 pm Advent Paraklesis**

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4 – John Sahady

Nov. 5 – Michael Harshman

Nov. 11 – Monique & Jim Harvey Anniv

Nov. 13 – Georgia Kapetaneas

Nov. 14 – Kh Barbara Sahady

Nov. 15 – Anysia Medawar

Nov. 20 – John & Freda Kapetaneas Anniv

Nov. 21 – Mary Lynn Malooley Spitz

Nov. 22 – John Kapetaneas

Nov. 25 – Fr Mark Sahady

Nov. 27 – Pratik & Melissa Desai Anniv

Nov. 30 – Mavick Malooley

CHURCH FINANCES

October 2022 Income-Expense

Total October Income: \$3,959.00

Total October Expenses: \$5,373.89

Net October Income: \$-1,414.89

2021 October Net Income: \$-2,333.61

January-October 2022 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 58,997.28

Total Year Expense: \$71,483.38

Total Year Net Income: \$-12,486.10

2021 Oct Net Year Income: \$-7,427.98

Remember: you can donate directly by going to www.springvalleyorthodox.com and clicking the Donate Button at the bottom of the page with PayPal or Credit Card or contact Fr Mark for Bank Information for Direct Deposit by Transfer from your bank.

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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food Fellowship	Epistle Reader
Sunday, November 20	David Anderson & Mary Majerus	Sbdn Theophan Anderson
Sunday, November 27	Michael & Ruth Baum	Rdr Michael Baum
Sunday, December 4	Nick & Anysia Medawar	Nicole Wiltse
Sunday, December 11	Leonard & Panizzi Families	Kim Leonard

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE DOXASTICON FOR THE ENTRANCE IN TONE TWO:

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

Today the all-blameless Virgin is presented in the Temple for the abode of God, the King of all, the Nourisher of all our souls. Today the all-pure holiness doth enter into the Holy of Holies, as a three-year ewe. Wherefore, let us, like the angel, hail her, saying, Rejoice, O thou who alone art blessed among women.

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”

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- The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom:
THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIphon

Verse: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

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

Verse: God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (**Refrain**)

Verse: Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIphon:

Verse: The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

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

Verse: This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. (**Refrain**)

Verse: Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (**Refrain**)

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

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON:

Verse: Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAY:

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.

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KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle. + + + + +

THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Theotokos):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, the first tabernacle had ordinances of the divine services and an earthly sanctuary. For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which were the candlestick, and the table, and the bread of the offering, which is called the Sanctuary. And behind the second veil stood the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies; having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, which contained a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the two tablets of the covenant; and above it the two Cherubim of glory overshadowing the Ark's lid; of these things, we cannot now speak in particular. Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the divine services; but into the second the high priest enters alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the ignorances of the people.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Theotokos):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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- Instead of "It is truly meet..." Sing:

MEGALYNARION OF THE ENTRANCE IN TONE FOUR

The Angels beholding the entrance of the all-pure one were overtaken by surprise; how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? Since thou art a living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee. But the lips of believers, let them ceaselessly laud thee, crying unto thee joyfully with the voice of the angels: Verily, O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures.

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- After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..." Sing:
KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

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COMMEMORATION: Entrance into the Holy of Holies of the Theotokos

BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO



Collection of Canned & Boxed Food

for Illinois Valley Food Pantry

Last Day: Today, November 20th



Helping Our Neighbors in Need! Food For Hungry People

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Prayer & Share – Prayer Warriors – Pray for the Parish

Meet to Pray at Church - Pray at Home - Pray at same time

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on ... us all!

Let us be transformed through Prayer!

The first, third & fifth Wednesdays of the month at Noon.

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Looking for opportunities to help at Church? - Talk with Fr Mark

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For **Parish Council Elections** 29 January, **two candidates are needed**. In January Ronald Malooley and Nicholas Schaefer finish terms. A Parish Council Elected Member must:

- Be an Active Member (Voting Member) of the Parish and 21 years or older
- Preserve Confidentiality of Parishioner Membership
- Commit to participation in 2/3 of meetings and approximately 5 hours per month
- Commit to following the Parish Constitution & By-laws
- Be willing to chair a committee and/or be an officer
- Actively participate in meetings on behalf of Parishioners
- Participate in meetings and discussion in the Spirit of Christian Love.

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7 pm Wednesdays in Advent:

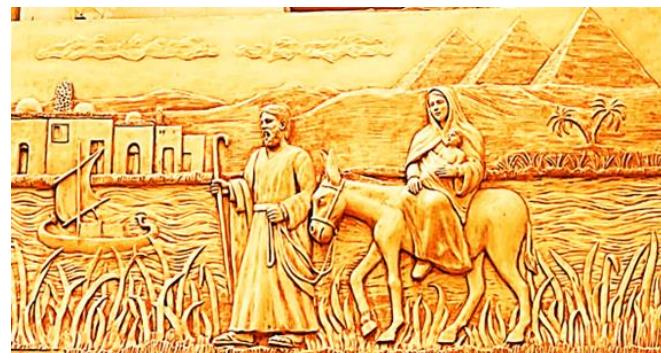
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+++++ **The Holy Week for Christmas Schedule** +++++

December 19, Monday, **7 pm Vespers for St Ignatius**

December 21, Wednesday, **7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt - #4 of 4. In Church & [On Zoom](#)**

December 23, Friday, **9-11 am Royal Hours, 7 pm Vespers**

December 24, Saturday, **9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 5:30 pm Vespers**

December 25, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**



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GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was created to unite us all in a day of generosity, to make a difference in the world in a positive loving way. Make an impact on Tuesday, November 29 by supporting Saint George Orthodox Church by following this link: <https://gofund.me/fb7af6dd>. By donating today to St. George Orthodox Church, you provide an authentic, empowering experience of faith as the family of God with your donation. Support the renewal of Saint George Orthodox Church as we enter the 105th year of ministry with Sunday School, Workshops, Bible Studies, Community Support, Spiritual Counseling & Healing, Life-giving Worship and Fervent Prayer.

When can I make a donation?

ANYTIME from now till November 29, 2022 we are accepting donations for our #GivingTuesday campaign! <https://gofund.me/fb7af6dd>

HOW CAN I DONATE TO SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH ON #GIVINGTUESDAY?

Click on the GoFundMe Link or Call Saint George Church at (815) 664-4540 or email us at office@springvalleyorthodox.com and we will guide you through the options below:

- Click on the GO Fund Me Link: <https://gofund.me/fb7af6dd>
- OR Go to <https://www.springvalleyorthodox.com> and click on the DONATE button at the bottom of the page to make an electronic donation.
- OR Make your check payable to “Saint George Orthodox Church” and mail your check to Saint George Church, P.O. Box 122, Spring Valley, IL 61362

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We are celebrating the Theotokos’ entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple. Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of her betrothal in marriage. Mary was solemnly received by the temple community, headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be “nourished” there by the angels in order to become herself the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born in her. Psalm 45, provided a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary’s consecration to the service of God in the Jerusalem Temple. “Hear, O Daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father’s house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him...The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train. With joy and gladness, they are led along, as they enter the palace of the king. Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make

them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations, therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever" (Ps 45.10–17). The Orthodox Church understands these words of the psalm to be a prophecy directly related to Mary the Theotokos. According to the Gospel of Saint Luke, Mary herself speaks the following words: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, hence-forth all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation" (Lk 1.47–50). The main theme of the feast of Mary's entrance to the Temple is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (Ezek 37.27; Jn 14.15–23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18–22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1–4). "Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation" (Troparion). The fortieth chapter of Exodus about the building of the tabernacle is read at Vespers, together with passages from the First Book of Kings and the Prophecy of Ezekiel. Each one of these readings all end with exactly the same line, "for the glory of the Lord filled the house [tabernacle] of the Lord God Almighty" (Ex 40.35; 1 Kg 8.11; Ezek 44.4). These Old Testament readings are interpreted as referring to the Mother of God. This "glory of the Lord" "fills" her and all people after her who "hear the word of God and keep it" as the Gospel proclaims (Lk 11.37–28). Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. On this feast we celebrate—in the person of Christ's mother—that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord. We are the temple of the living God, as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (2 Cor 6.16; Is 52.11). ++++++

The Ladies of Saint George Orthodox Church present their

Bake Sale

Saturday, December 10th

9 am – Noon



211 E. Minnesota St • Spring Valley, IL

Baklawa, Date Fingers

Mamoul, Ghribbee

Meat Pies, Spinach Pies

Cheese Bread, Zaatar Bread

