



“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

4 December 2022, Tone 8 / Eothinon 3

Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation



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

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 Advent & Christmas*****

December 7, Wednesday, 9am-Noon Bake Maamoul for Sale, 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

**6 pm Advent Compline at St Mary Orthodox Church in Palos Heights, IL
with our Patriarchal Vicar, Metropolitan ANTONIOS**

December 10, Saturday, 9 am – Noon Bake Sale

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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 Compline

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December 17, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

December 18, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship
11:45 am Parish Council Meeting, 12:45 pm Christmas Caroling

December 19, Monday, 7 pm Vespers for St Ignatius

December 21, Wednesday, Noon Prayer & Share

7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt - #4 of 4. In Church & [On Zoom](#)

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Christmas Weekend Worship Schedule 2022

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

December 31, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers, 6:30 pm Potluck Fellowship

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 4 – Kh Katherine Buss

Dec. 23 – Stephanie Kinard

Dec. 10 – Ann (Bachio) Townsend,
Cathy Cox

Dec. 24 – Kim Leonard

Dec. 26 – Grant Anthony Leonard

Dec. 11 – Janna Greanias

Dec. 27 – Gabriel Leonard

Dec. 12 – Mark Wiltse, Jay Kalman

Dec. 28 – Richard Malooley

Dec. 16 – Keeley Thompson, Nolan Kaleel

Dec. 28 – Melissa Rose-Marina Malooley

Dec. 18 – James Harvey

Dec. 30 – Monique Harvey,

Dec. 21 – Angelena Leonard Panizzi

Alan & Jennifer Harshman anniversary

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

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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, December 4	Nick & Anysia Medawar	Nicole Wiltse
Sunday, December 11	Leonard & Panizzi Families	Kim Leonard
Sunday, December 18	John & Melanie Thompson	Melanie Thompson
Sunday, December 25	Wayne & Genie Sanders	Wayne Sanders

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE THIRD EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE THREE:

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

Verily, the Disciples were taunted for the hardness of their hearts because they doubted when Mary Magdalene proclaimed to them the fact of the Resurrection of the Savior and His appearance to her. But, when they were armed with miracles and wonders, they were sent out to warn. As for Thee, O Lord, Thou didst ascend to Thy Father, the Element of all light; and they preached in every place verifying their words with wonders and miracles. Wherefore, we who were enlightened by them glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Lover of mankind.

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

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY AND 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 AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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.

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

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APOLYTIKION OF SAINT BARBARA IN TONE EIGHT

Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE THREE

O ye faithful come, let us on this day laud with praise the sweet-sounding nightingale that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, he is the all-wise and eloquent John Damascene, the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a man of God who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE:

Byzantine Chant Tone 3

Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

On this day the Virgin com-eth to the cave to give
birth to God the Word in-ef-fa-bly,
Who was be-fore all thē ag-es. Dance for joy,

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O earth, on hear - ing the glad-some tid - ings;
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with the An - gels and the shep-herds now glo - ri - fy Him
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Who is will - ing to be gazed on as a young
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Child Who be - fore the ag - es is God.

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THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

- The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:
THE EPISTLE (For Saint Barbara):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Tenth Sunday of Luke):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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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 holy and glorious Great-martyr Barbara of Heliopolis in Syria and her fellow Martyr Juliana; of our Righteous Father John of Damascus; and New-hieromartyr Seraphim, bishop of Phanarion in Greece.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

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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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The Annual Parish Assembly is on Sunday, 29 January 2023 after Fellowship.

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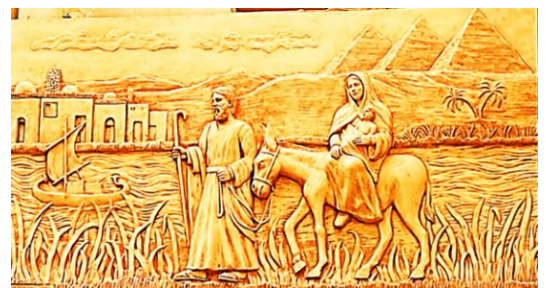
7 pm Wednesdays in Advent:

Pilgrimage to Egypt

December 7

December 14

December 21



Slide/video presentations of Egypt: Amazing ancient art & architecture, & some of the oldest Christian churches & monasteries anywhere. Where Jesus lived as a babe-child!

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2023 Calendars are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home

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Our A-Men's Fundraiser has begun & ends Dec 26. (10=1K) Contact George Nimee

This Year's Giving Tuesday Campaign Raised \$3,120.



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**GIVING
TUESDAY**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH THIS CAMPAIGN
YOU CAN STILL DONATE TO ST GEORGE CHURCH ANYTIME**

- 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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It is also time for members to make their commitment to planned amounts of regular stewardship for the new year, 2023. This advance commitment serves two purposes:

- One, they make the budgeting work of your Parish Council a lot easier –it’s almost impossible to plan without some visibility of what our parish income is likely to be.
- Two, on a personal level, this is an opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider what God has done for us and respond with what we can do to grow His church.

What each member can commit comes down to personal thought and prayer. The Biblical standard for giving is the tithe – one tenth of income. Use that as a starting point. If you don’t think you can give that much at first, consider what you can commit to giving. Or maybe you’re blessed to be able to give more. Great! Whatever your thoughts about amounts, take them to God in prayer before you decide.

Then write below your 2023 Pledge to Saint George Orthodox Church

Name

I pledge to give the following amount for the Year of 2023:

\$ _____

I will give this amount as a:

Single payment annually

\$ _____ monthly payment (pledged amount divided by 12)

\$ _____ weekly payment (pledged amount divided by 52)

I understand that this pledge will be kept confidential.

Signature

Return this form by mail to: Fr Mark Sahady, 4 Westminster Dr, Spring Valley, IL 61362, or email him at office@springvalleyorthodox.com or give it to him personally.

Our 2022 Church Christmas Card is an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at Saint George Church and your donation will help support the church. Please, complete the subscription form to be included in the 2022 Church Christmas Card, which will be mailed to our parishioners near and far. A donation will be appreciated by December 11th to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser. Forms received after December 11th will not have names included in the card.

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Please make checks payable to “St George Church” and return with this form to the Church by December 11, 2022.

Indicate donation amount: \$20____, \$50____, \$100____, Other____,

Indicate below the category and the names to be included in the Church Christmas Card. The name(s) will be included in the Church Christmas Card **exactly as shown** below.

Please print clearly. Please, use separate forms for Health or Memory.

CHOOSE ONE: For the Good Health of... In Memory of...

Please PRINT Name(s) to display on card: _____

Contact Information:

Name Phone Email Address

Address City State Zip Code

The Ladies of Saint George Orthodox Church present their

Bake Sale

Saturday, December 10th

9 am – Noon

211 E. Minnesota St ● Spring Valley, IL

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Mamoul, Ghribee

Meat Pies, Spinach Pies

Cheese Bread, Zaatar Bread

