



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” / Welcome All!
“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 8 JANUARY 2023 Sunday After the Theophany of Christ



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>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 5, Thursday, **9-11 am Royal Hours, 5 pm Vespers** & Blessing Water
January 6, Theophany Friday, **9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**

January 7, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

January 8, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
Pack away Christmas Decorations, 11:45 Antiochian Women Meeting

January 14, Saturday, **10:30 am Bless Illinois River** at the IVY Club of Peoria
at 5102 N. Galena Rd.

January 15, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
11:45 Parish Council Meeting

January 19, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

January 20, Friday, 9 am Stewardship Meeting, 10 am Membership Meeting

January 21, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

January 22, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship

January 26, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

January 28, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

January 29, Sunday, **11:45 Annual Parish Assembly**, Last Day to get tickets and
schedule pick up for Spaghetti Dinner on 31st.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 9 – Efy Trilikis

Jan. 10 – David Kaleel

Jan. 11 – Mitch Kaleel, Judy Abraham,
Bridget Spitz

Jan. 13 – Freda Kapetaneas,
Lukas Schrader

Jan. 14 – Angelo Fousekas

Jan. 16 – Nicholas Leonard

Jan. 22 – Alan Harshman

Jan. 23 – Sally Favia

Jan. 24 – Christopher Leonard

Jan. 31 – Wayne Sanders

CHURCH FINANCES

December 2022 Income-Expense

Total December Income: \$6,746.69

Total December Expenses: \$6,042.61

Net December Income: \$704.08

January-December 2022 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 70,853.99

Total Year Expense: \$85,291.48

Total Year Net Income: \$-14,437.49

2022 Regular Parish Income: \$55,385.97

2022 Fundraisers Income: \$8,728.40

2022 Investment Income: \$2,363.00

2022 Special Appeals Income: \$4,376.62

Probable Ladies Bake Sale Gift of \$7,500

Still leaves a \$-7,000 shortfall for 2022.

In 2023 Parishioner Giving must increase
& Fundraising must increase to balance out

We have 30 Member Giving Units to support our Parish expenses. That means each giving unit would need to give \$40 a week or more, in addition to our Fundraising & Investment Income, in order to break even each year. Consider your part and pledge it.

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.

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food Fellowship	Epistle Reader
Sunday, January 8	Potluck	?
Sunday, January 15	Allyson Scandale	?
Sunday, January 22	The Baums in Memory of Fr Patrick Kinder & Fr Michael Vanderhoef	Rdr Michael Baum
Sunday, January 29	Potluck for General Assembly	Rdr Michael Baum

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- **The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:**

THE EIGHTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE EIGHT

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

Verily, the fervid tears of Mary were not shed in vain; for behold she hath been worthy to learn from the angels, and to look at Thy face, O Jesus. But since she was a weak woman she was still thinking of earthly things. Therefore, was she put off from touching Thee, O Christ. But she was sent to proclaim to Thy Disciples, and to tell them the glad tidings and of the Ascension to the Heavenly heritage. With her, therefore, make us worthy of Thine appearance, O 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”

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

THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

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

Verse: The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (*Refrain*)

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

Verse: I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.

***Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Verse: The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

Verse: Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. (*Refrain*)

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON:

Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 to Thee: Alleluia.

All: 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.*

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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

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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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

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THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high, He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: 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 Sunday after Theophany of Christ):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

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- After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..." Sing:

THE ORDINARY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN):

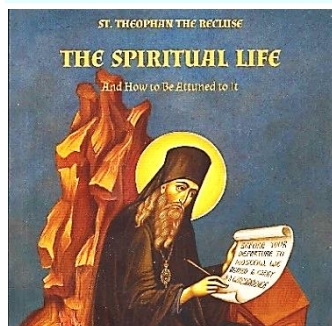
Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia.

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COMMEMORATION: He Who deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation, and rose from the dead, Christ our true God...our Righteous Mother Domnica of Constantinople and her companions; and Venerable George the Chozebite.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO



Book Study starting Thursday, 19 January 2023 at 2 pm:

The Spiritual Life and How to Be Attuned to It,

by Saint Theophan The Recluse,

Translated by Alexandra Dockham, 4th Edition,

Published by The Holy Monastery of Saint Paisius in Safford, AR.

www.stpaisiusmonastery.org

Study Weekly together at the Parish Rectory or [On Zoom](#).

Saint Theophan the Recluse carved out a genuine understanding of spirituality for the average person to be attuned here upon earth to live eternally with God in Paradise. This book was the result of a correspondence with a young lady. St. Theophan strove to make sure that this young soul would not only be familiar with the principles of spiritual life, but be able to keenly hear the right "tone" of spiritual life. This tuning of the soul is necessary to be in harmony with the voice of God's Providence echoing in the instrument of the heart. In that light, this book is a primer to enter the spiritual life in a light that stresses hope, forgiveness, and mercy.

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For **Parish Council Election** in January, **two candidates are needed**. Give your name to one of the Council members **by 15 January 2022**. Responsibilities are to assist the Church's mission to live and proclaim the Gospel of Christ by stewardship of Parish ministries including facilities, finances, membership, worship, education, fellowship and service to others.

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**January 31, Angelos Restaurant Fundraiser
for Saint George Orthodox Church**

Tickets Now Available - See Mark Kerasotes

Pickup 4 – 8 pm At Angelos Restaurant,

<https://angelos-restaurant-pizza.business.site/>

COST \$12 for Spaghetti Dinner with Garlic Bread & Side Salad

Call 815-664-2622 by 29 January 2023 to Order and schedule Pickup Time at
400 E Dakota St; Spring Valley, IL 61362

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It is time for **Home Blessings**. *Contact Fr Mark to schedule Blessing your Home.* For the Feast of Theophany, we rededicate our home and our life to Christ. We do it especially on this Feast because Christ began His Public Ministry when He descended into the Jordan River to be Baptized by Saint John the Forerunner. He enters again into our lives reminding us that we must “repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” As Orthodox Christians we must also dedicate our daily work and all efforts. All things are to be done to the glory of God. We prepare our hearts and souls and minds, cleaning them of all sinfulness so that when He comes, our souls will be refreshed and ready. This blessing of our homes is the re-dedication of our family and household to the Lord. All we have and all that we will ever have comes from the Lord. Effective family life does not just happen; it is the result of deliberate intention, determination and practice. The service of blessing, which began in the church, is finished with the sprinkling of water in the home. The priest personally prays with us in the place where we live, to bless our surroundings with the sanctified water of Theophany. By sanctifying our living quarters, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings – to our “Family Church”.