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“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

Sunday, 5 February 2023, Tone 1 / Eothinon 1 Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican After-feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ Call Fr Mark to Schedule Your Home Blessing



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

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Elected / Appointed Members

George Nimee, *Chair & Antiochian Men*

Melanie Thompson, *Treasurer*

Rdr Michael Baum, *Ecclesiarch*

Wayne Sanders, *Vice-Chair*

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Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*

Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*

Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*

Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*

Robert Abraham, *Facilities*

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

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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February 4, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers** (Pharisee & the Publican Sunday)

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

-----**NO Fasting All Week**-----

February 7, Tuesday, **9 am – Noon Baking Baklava**

February 8, Wednesday, **9 am – Noon Baking Baklava**

February 9, Thursday, **9 am – Noon Baking Baklava,**

2 pm Spiritual Life Study at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

February 10, Friday, **9 am – Noon Setup Hall for Baklava Sale**

February 11, Saturday, **9-11 Baklava Sale for Valentine's Day** (Sweets for your Sweet)

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February 11, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers** (Prodigal Son Sunday)

February 12, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship,**

11:45 am Women's Meeting

-----**Normal Fast on Wednesday & Friday**-----

February 14, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Set** (Social, Make Fudge, Euchre - rsvp Fr Mark)

February 16, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

February 17, Friday, **6:30 pm Vespers for the Departed & Judgement Saturday**

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February 18, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers** (Last Judgement Sunday, Carnival, Meatfare)

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

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

-----**Last Day for Meat Before Lent**-----

February 22, Wednesday, **6:30 pm Forgiveness Hours-Vespers**

February 23, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

February 24, Friday, **6:30 pm Forgiveness Hours-Vespers**

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February 25, Saturday, **4 pm Tea Talk, 5:30 pm Vespers** (Forgiveness Sunday)

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

-----**Last Day for Dairy Before Lent**-----

February 27, Monday, **Great Lent Begins, 6:30 pm Grand Compline with Canon**

February 28, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Set** (Social, Healthy Cooking Class, Euchre)

March 1, Wednesday, **5:30 pm PreSanctified Liturgy (Communion), 7pm Soup & Show**

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

March 3, Friday, **6:30 pm Akathist/Medayeh**

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 1 – Kyle Thompson, Cathy Cox

Feb 8 – David Anderson

Feb 3 – Bob Abraham, Elias Kapetaneas,
Dara Desai

Feb 12 – Evangline Panizzi, Nick Medawar

Feb 13 – Mike and John Bachio

Feb 5 – Wayne and Genie Sanders (anniv)

Feb 24 – Brianna Kaleel

Feb 6 – Patrice Nimee

Feb 25-Kenneth Welgatt, Hillary Thompson

Feb 7 – Mary Majerus

Feb 27 – Harrison David Leonard

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Sunday Bulletin

CHURCH FINANCES

Thank you to Angelo and Markella Fousekas for their generous sponsorship of the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and everyone who supported it. We Net \$1,494.

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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

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.

Your Stewardship Donations into the General Fund make all ministries happen.

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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food Fellowship	Epistle Reader
Sunday, February 5	Dee Khoury	Rdr Michael Baum
Sunday, February 12	Fr Mark & Kh Barbara Sahady	Kh Barbara
Sunday, February 19	?	?
Sunday, February 26	? No Meat, Yes Dairy	?
Monday, Feb 27 Lent begins. Now until Pascha, Nothing from an animal with a backbone		
Sunday, March 5	?	?

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE DOXASTICON FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE EIGHT

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

O Lord, Thou didst reproach the Pharisee when he justified himself, boasting of his deeds; and justified the Publican when he approached humbly, seeking forgiveness with sighs; for Thou dost not draw near to arrogant thoughts, nor turn away contrite hearts. Wherefore, we also kneel before Thee meekly, O Thou Who didst suffer for our sakes. Grant us forgiveness and the Great Mercy.

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 “Today is Salvation”

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

THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON:

Verse: My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

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

Verse: Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever.

(Refrain)

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

THE LITTLE LITANY & THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

Verse: Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon;
who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. (*Refrain*)

Verse: A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. (*Refrain*)

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THIRD ANTIPHON:

Verse: Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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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 to Thee: Alleluia.

All: 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 ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION 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 FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR:

Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

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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THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed, all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: God gives vengeance unto me and subdues people under me. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you; this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." +++++

- **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.

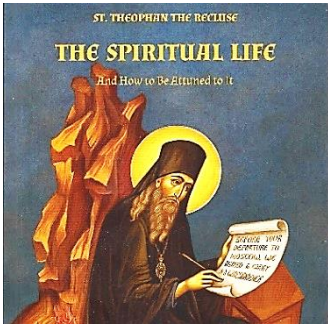
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COMMEMORATION: of the Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily; and the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia, Nona and Anthousa

BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Dates to Note: Lent begins on 27 February. Palm Sunday is 9 April. Pascha is 16 April.

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Book Study Thursdays 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](#).

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Sweets for Your Sweet – Baklava Sale – February 11



Just in time for your Valentine

9 am – Noon

Saint George Orthodox Church

211 E Minnesota Street

Spring Valley, IL

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2023 Parish Life Conference, June 28 – July 2, 2023

Hosted by Saint Mary Church (Palos Heights, IL)

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2023 Archdiocese Convention, July 23-30, 2023

Hosted by Saint George Church (Phoenix, AZ)

BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW at <https://ac2023az.org/>

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2023 Camp Saint George

Our Diocesan Camp Saint George dates are July 2-7, 2023. More info on the

Website: <http://csgiowa.org> and the Camp Saint George Facebook & Instagram pages.

Camp Location: Ewalu Camp, 37776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA 52076

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2023 Antiochian Village Camp

Our Archdiocesan Camp at the Antiochian Village = Sessions from June to August.

Website: <https://avcamp.org> **Location:** 201 Saint Ignatius Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923

The Encounter App for Prayer

"Prayer, like love, is a way of life, and is not something that comes quickly or easily. We learn it with the help of the Holy Spirit over a lifetime of practice." -Fr. Goussetis
For many of us, the thought of building a committed discipline of daily personal prayer can feel daunting. We're so busy. Distracted. Perhaps we don't know what to say. We want to grow in fervent prayer (James 5:16) as a critical means of growth in our relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But we are not there. We know our Faith and relationship with God will grow through personal prayer. But we struggle to make it a daily, regular occurrence. If this sounds familiar to you, take heart. Making prayer a daily habit just got a tiny bit easier.

The Encounter: The Common Discipline of the Fellowship of St. Philip the Evangelist.

1. Choose how you want to participate in The Encounter.

Are you a digital person? Download our free app to your favorite device. Just type in Faithtree Resources in the Apple or Google App Stores or click this Link:

<https://www.faithtree.org/the-encounter>

Prefer to hold a physical prayer book in your hand? It's coming soon!

2. Commit to praying the 3 short prayer sessions each day.

Each session is less than ten minutes, many less than five. The impact on your calendar is small, but the benefit of daily prayer is extraordinary.

3. Explore!

The Encounter app has a variety of other resources to help you grow in prayer. With a growing library of prayers for specific occasions, short articles to help you understand more about prayer, hymns of the Church to help you focus, and opportunities to pray for every Orthodox jurisdiction, our parishes, hierarchs, clergy and more, you will never weary of drawing closer to the living God through prayer! Without prayer, our spirit shrivels, our hope fades, and our joy diminishes. With prayer, our soul quickens, our vision clarifies, and our Christian life is fulfilled. Let us pray to the Lord!

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Senior Set - Seniors Come the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2-4 pm

Enjoy the Social & Learning Activities, Euchre & other games in church hall for all.

This Program is working in conjunction with the Princeton Senior Center

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Tea Talk everyone on Saturday, 25 February, 4-5:30 pm

Once a month, come drink a beverage and discuss what's on your mind.

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On this Sunday, we remember the Parable of **the Pharisee and the Publican**, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist. If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple, for inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable. The Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, was regarded in public opinion as virtuous. The publican, a tax collector, was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility.

Ancient Faith Ministries YouTube Channel for Kids, <https://youtu.be/IYzi1ufbCPA>

Ancient Faith Ministries launched a [brand new YouTube channel](#) dedicated to children. Ancient Faith Kids will encourage children and inspire them on their journey to fully knowing Jesus Christ. A community of Orthodox Christian storytellers will provide content that is once entertaining and nourishing. On Ancient Faith Kids, children will learn to draw the furry friends of saints, sing with puppets who teach about the fruits of the Spirit, and maybe even join an Orthodox family on their pilgrimage abroad! Digital resources such as podcasts and videos will be releasing on a weekly basis. The [first video](#) premiered on Thursday, January 26th, at 3 PM ET. Kids were introduced to Rocko and his puppet friends, and learned about kindness through song.



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2023 Council Members Participation Information

Council Member	Elected 3 Year Term	Year Started	Year Leaves (After 3 Years)	Consecutive Term
George Nimee	Elected	2021	2024	1st
Melanie Thompson	Elected	2022	2025	2nd
Nicholas Schaefer	Elected	2023	2026	1st

Council Member	Appointed 3 Year Term	Year Started	Year Leaves (After 3 Years)	Consecutive Term
Michael Baum	Appointed	2021	2024	Finishing Fousekas Term
Wayne Sanders	Appointed	2022	2025	1st
David Anderson	Appointed	2023	2026	1st

Council Member	Organization	2023 Council Office Positions (1 Year Term voted by Council members)	
Robert Abraham	Facilities	George Nimee	Chair
Genie Sanders	Choir	Wayne Sanders	Vice-Chair
Dee Khoury	Antiochian Women	Melanie Thompson	Treasurer
David Anderson	Sunday School	Nicholas Schaefer	Secretary
Nick Medawar	St Ignatius Order		
George Nimee	A-Men		