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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, 19 February 2023, Tone 3 / Eothinon 3

Sunday of the Last Judgement



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*

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

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 until Pascha**-----

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**

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 until Pascha**-----

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

February 28, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (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/Salutations to the Theotokos**

March 4, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers** (Orthodoxy Sunday)

March 5, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship,**
11:45 am A-Women's Meeting

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

March 8, Wednesday, **5:30 pm PreSanctified Liturgy (Communion), 7pm Soup & Show**

March 10, Friday, **6:30 pm Akathist/Medayeh/Salutations to the Theotokos**

March 11, Saturday, 9:30 am – 3 pm Retreat: The Holy Land, Fr Dahdal & Choir Concert

++++++ FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 1 – Kyle Thompson, Cathy Cox

Feb 3 – Bob Abraham, Elias Kapetaneas,
Dara Desai

Feb 5 – Wayne and Genie Sanders (anniv)

Feb 6 – Patrice Nimee

Feb 7 – Mary Majerus

Feb 8 – David Anderson

Feb 12 – Evangline Panizzi, Nick Medawar

Feb 13 – Mike and John Bachio

Feb 24 – Brianna Kaleel

Feb 25-Kenneth Welgatt, Hillary Thompson

Feb 27 – Harrison David Leonard

++++++ CHURCH FINANCES

January 2023 Income-Expense

Total January Income: \$13,551.00

Total January Expenses: \$5,237.46

Net January Income: \$8,313.54

January Income Categories

A-Women Donation: \$7,500.00

Offerings Donated: \$6,051.00

Total Assets: \$104,289.97

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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, February 19	Mike and Ruth Baum	Rdr Michael Baum	
Sunday, February 26	Allyson Scandale, No Meat, Yes Dairy	Sbdn Theophan Anderson	
Monday, Feb 27 Lent begins until Pascha, Nothing from an animal with a backbone			
Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Usher	Epistle Reader
Sunday, March 5	Dee Khoury & Allyson Scandale	Dee Khoury	Nicole Wiltse
Sunday, March 12	Nick & Andrea Schaefer	Ruth Baum	Andrea Schaefer
Sunday, March 19	Sally Favia	Andrea Schaefer	Allyson Scandale
Sunday, March 26	Kh Barbara Sahady	Kh Barbara	Kh Barbara

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Do not forget that in order for our fasting to be effective and beneficial to our souls, it must be accompanied by prayer, repentance, forgiveness, alms-giving and good works. Fast from anger, judging, pride, gossip, lust, & foul talk. Let us not bite one another!

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE DOXASTICON FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

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

Let us first cleanse ourselves, O brethren, by the queen of virtues; for behold she hath come bringing to us a wealth of blessings, quenching the uprisings of the passions and reconciling sinners to the Master. Therefore, let us welcome her with gladness, crying to Christ God: O Thou Who rose from the dead, keep us uncondemned who glorify Thee, O Thou Who alone art sinless.

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:

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

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

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THIRD ANTIPHON: RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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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 THREE:

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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 SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE:

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge. + + + + +

THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday of the Last Judgment):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

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

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday of the Last Judgment):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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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: Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Apphias of the Seventy.

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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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Save your yellow onion skins in a plastic bag in the refrigerator and then bring them to Church during Holy Week to dye Easter-Pascha Eggs red on Holy Friday.

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Tea Talk - Everyone welcome Saturday, 25 February, 4 - 5:30 pm

Come drink a beverage and discuss what's on your mind – What is an Orthodox life?

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Senior Share - the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is 28 Feb)

Enjoy the Social & Learning Activities, Euchre & other games in church hall for all. This Program works in conjunction with the Bureau County Senior Center in Princeton

2023 Lenten Events

<p>Mondays February 27- April 3 6:30-8:00 pm</p>		<p>Grand Compline with Great Canon of St Andrew</p>	<p>A dialogue between a sinner and his soul, with different Biblical examples of salvation each week. March 27 includes St Mary of Egypt, who became a miracle-working saint through repentance.</p>
<p>Wednesdays March 1- April 5 5:30-8:00 pm</p>		<p>Pre-Sanctified Liturgy plus “Soup and a Show”</p>	<p>Beautiful Lenten service of Holy Communion, followed by supper while we watch the acclaimed drama “The Chosen” on the life of Christ and his apostles (different episode each week).</p>
<p>Fridays March 3-17 & 31 6:30-7:30 pm</p>		<p>Akathist to the Mother of God</p>	<p>Hymns of devotion to the Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, who is the model for our Christian life. Bonus on 3/17: St Patrick’s Day event at 7:30 in social hall.</p>
<p>Saturday March 11 9:30 am -3:00 pm</p>		<p>Lenten Retreat: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, plus a Lenten Concert</p>	<p>10 am-Archpriest Nicholas Dahdal, native of Palestine, will present pictures and reflections on the land that Jesus walked. At noon - Lenten lunch will be served, followed by a 1 pm - concert by the Illinois Orthodox Choir & 2 pm - Vespers.</p>
<p>Friday March 24 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday March 25 8:30-10:30 am</p>		<p>Vespers for Annunciation</p> <p>Matins & Divine Liturgy for Annunciation</p>	<p>Celebrate the Great Feast when the archangel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would become the Mother of God.</p>
<p>Friday April 7 6:30-7:30 pm</p>		<p>Lazarus Vespers</p>	<p>Celebration of the raising of Lazarus and preparation for Palm Sunday (April 9) and the start of Holy Week (April 10-15). Pascha is Sunday April 16; Resurrection service starts 10 pm Saturday.</p>

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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)

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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

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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

We know our Faith and relationship with God will grow through personal prayer. But

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App Stores or click this Link: <https://www.faithtree.org/the-encounter>. **Commit to**

praying the 3 short prayer sessions each day. The impact on your calendar is small,

but the benefit of daily prayer is extraordinary.

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Antiochian Archdiocese of North America Provides Relief to Earthquake Survivors

Let us continuously offer prayers and precious dollars to save lives in Turkey & Syria.

On the morning of Feb. 6, 2023, two earthquakes of magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.5 rocked

southern Turkey and northern Syria. To date, the death toll has surpassed 41,000

people in both countries and tens of thousands of people are homeless. Countless

homes and houses of worship have been destroyed. Heeding the distress call of His

Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, His Eminence Metropolitan

Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar, and the clergy and laity of the Antiochian Orthodox

Christian Archdiocese of North America immediately mobilized to express their love,

firstly by lifting their prayers for the repose of the souls of the victims, the health of the

survivors, and to save those who are trapped in the rubble. The following litany was

offered to the divine service: "For the preservation of all victims of the recent natural

disaster in Syria and Turkey, and for the souls of all who have perished, let us pray to

the Lord." The Archdiocese of North America wired an initial contribution of \$250,000

to the Patriarchate to aid in the relief efforts in Syria and Turkey that provide food, clothing, counseling, temporary shelter, hygiene kits, diapers, medicine and medical supplies to earthquake survivors, some of whom are staying in Antiochian churches and halls. On Feb. 14, a delegation from His Beatitude arrived in Adana, Turkey to assess the urgent needs and to coordinate relief efforts on the ground. Complementing the relief efforts, the Archdiocese of North America established an online donation portal at Antiochian.org/earthquake. To date, more than \$292,000 has been raised here, with generous donors often paying transaction fees to ensure 100% of their donations will reach earthquake survivors. Additionally, anonymous donors set up a matching grant of \$150,000 for online donations which has now been matched. Therefore, online donations have reached more than \$442,000 at this point. Furthermore, the churches of the Archdiocese of North America are taking special collections (trays) for earthquake victims on Sundays, Feb. 12, 19 and 26. As this money reaches the Archdiocesan headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey, along with the online and other private donations, it will be wired regularly to the Patriarchate to sponsor relief efforts on the ground. The Archdiocese of North America ensures that every dollar collected through its mechanisms will reach relief efforts without transactional delays. Additionally, the Archdiocese of North America applauds the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury for easing sanctions on Syria, authorizing all transactions related to earthquake and humanitarian relief that would otherwise be hindered under the existing sanctions regulations for 180 days. This is good news in the short term that will hopefully raise awareness about the humanitarian and economic crises that have now plagued Syria for over a decade. The Archdiocese stands ready to help the U.S. government find long-term, peaceful solutions. Keep up with the latest news on the Archdiocese of North America's relief efforts on its online platforms. And please keep giving generously to help our suffering brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria. We continue to see in traditional and social media the destruction from the earthquakes that rocked our ancestral and spiritual homeland of Antioch – Turkey and Syria – on February 6. They shook down Antiochian churches, but not the faith of our brothers and sisters. The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America knows the rebuilding process will be long and arduous, but God is with us, calling us to help rebuild lives. We are connected with the Antioch (Antakya) of the Bible, “where the disciples were first called Christians” (Acts 11:26). Keep up with the latest news on the Archdiocese's relief efforts on Antiochian.org and its Facebook and Instagram pages. If you have questions, contact Subdn. Peter Samore, Director of Communications, at communications@antiochian.org. When you donate, find out if you can double or even triple the impact of your donation through your employer's matching gifts program. Encourage your employer to match gifts at <https://antiochian.org/earthquake>. It is tax deductible. If your employer does not have a matching gifts program, you can still approach your HR team to make a one-time match or its own contribution.