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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

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

Saturday-Sunday, 25-26 March 2023, Tone 8 / Eoth 8 Fourth Sunday of Lent – John of the Ladder



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*

Nicholas Schaefer, *Secretary*

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Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*

Ruth Baum, *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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March 24, Friday, **6:30 pm Vespers for the Feast of Annunciation**

March 25, Saturday, **8 am Matins, 9 am Divine Liturgy for Annunciation**

About 11 am Funeral for Delores “Dee” Khoury

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZXgdu6q8JM>

5:30 pm Vespers

March 26, Lent 4th Sunday, **8:45am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy, 11:15am Fellowship**

March 27, Monday, **6:30 pm Compline with Canon of Andrew and Life of St Mary**

March 28, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Healthy Lives Education, Table Games)

March 29, Wednesday, **5:30pm PreSanctified Liturgy(Communion), 7pm Soup & Show**

March 30, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

March 31, Friday, **6:30 pm Last Akathist/Medayeh/Salutations to the Theotokos**

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April 1, Saturday, **4 pm Tea Talk Q&A** (in Church Hall & Zoom), **5:30 pm Vespers**

April 2, Lent 5th Sunday, **8:45am Matins, 10am Divine Liturgy, 11:15am Fellowship**

11:45 am Antiochian Women Meeting

April 3, Monday, **6:30 pm Grand Compline**

April 4, Tuesday, **7 pm Pan-Orthodox Akathist** at Ascension Greek Orthodox Church,
1207 N Riverwoods, Lincolnshire, IL

April 5, Wednesday, **5:30pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Communion), 7pm Soup & Show**

April 6, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

April 7, Friday, **6:30 pm Lazarus Vespers with Canon**

April 8, Lazarus Saturday, **9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

11 am Confessions and Making Crosses from Palm fronds

5:30 pm Vespers for Palm Sunday

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Markella Fousekas

March 6 – Dee Khoury

March 13 – Nick Schaefer

March 13 – Sandy McLaughlin

March 21 – Anthony Herrera

March 22 – Matthew Panizzi

March 23 – Anne Abraham

March 24 – George Kaleel

March 25 – Calliope Grace Leonard

March 30 – Christopher Baran, Dina Desai

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CHURCH FINANCES

February 2023 Income-Expense

Total February Income: \$10,683.95

Total February Expenses: \$6,830.81

Net February Income: \$3,853.14

February 2023 Income Categories

Earthquake Relief: \$ 709.85

Fundraisers: \$3,438.00

Stewardship Offerings: \$6,536.10

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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.

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

| Offering Schedule | Holy Bread & Food | Usher | Epistle Reader |
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| Sunday, March 26 | Kh Barbara Sahady | Kh Barbara | Kh Barbara |
| Sunday, April 2 | Robert Abraham | | |
| Palm Sunday, April 9 | A-Men Fish Fry / Anysia & Genie | | |
| Pascha, April 16 | Midnight Basket Share and 3 pm Potluck | | |
| Sunday, April 23 | Reader Service – No Communion | | |
| Sunday, April 30 | Carrie/Roman Gonzalez-Dee's 40 Day Memorial Michael Baum | | |

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- **The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:**
THE DOXASTICON FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT IN TONE ONE

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

Come, let us labor in the mystical field, working therein fruits of repentance. Let us not spend ourselves in food and drink, but reap virtues with fasting and prayer; for these doth the Master of labor accept, and for them He giveth us the pence through which He redeemeth our souls from the debt of sin; for He alone is most compassionate.

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 Dead”

- **The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great:**
THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON:

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

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

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 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:

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.*

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APOLYTIKION OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL IN TONE FOUR

Supreme Commander Gabriel of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee that by thy supplications thou encircle us in the shelter of the wings of thine immaterial glory; guarding us who now fall down and cry to thee with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT:

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT:

To thee, the Champion Leader, I thy city ascribe thank offerings of victory, for thou hast delivered me from terrors, O Theotokos; but as thou hast that power which is invincible, from all dangers set me free that I may cry out unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

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PRAYER & THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: The Lord will give strength to His people.

Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

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!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

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• Instead of "It is truly meet" sing the Saint Basil Liturgy Megalynarion:

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

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• After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..."

Sing the following Hymns in Tone 3:

Ye faithful, let us show forth in this time of abstinence * the very greatest labors, * in order that we might attain * to the very greatest glory, by the mercy * of our great God and Sovereign, * being delivered from the fire of Gehenna.

Now having passed through more than half the season of the Fast, * let us exhibit clearly * beginnings of divine glory * and make haste with fervor that we reach the end of * the life of godly virtue, * that we lay hold on that delight that never ageth.

(Tone 7) Having passed half the distance of this holy Fast, let us strive with steadfastness unto its end, rejoicing. Let us anoint ourselves with the oil of charity, that we may be worthy to adore the noble Passion of Christ our God, and arrive at His august and holy Resurrection.

THEN THE ORDINARY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN):

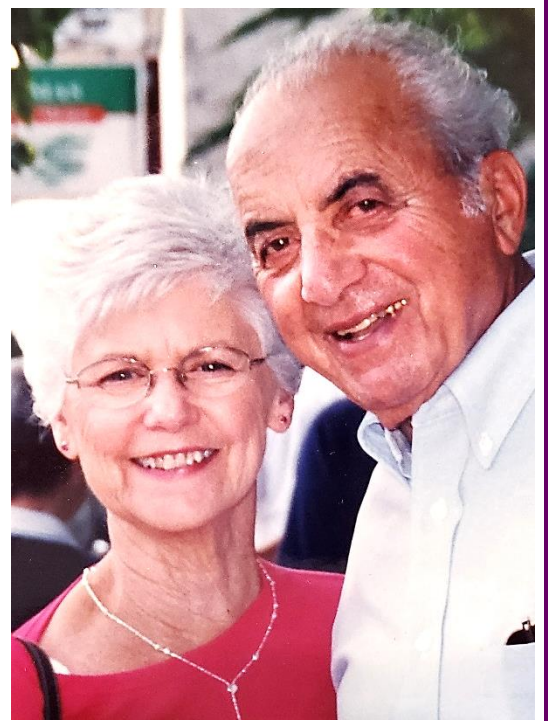
Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia.

COMMEMORATION: The archangel Gabriel and Stephen the Confessor, abbot of Triglia.



TRISAGION ON SUNDAY, 26 MARCH FOR THE DEPARTED

Delores "Dee" Gardner Khoury who fell asleep in the Lord at St Anthony Hospital in Rockford, IL, surrounded by family Monday afternoon, March 20, 2023, at the age of 87. Condolences to Dee's daughter Carrie Gonzalez (Roman) and their sons Conner and Matthew. And condolences



to Dee's daughter Jenny Smith and her children. May her memory be eternal! **The 40 Day Memorial will be on Sunday, 30 April.**

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On Saturday, 25 March 2023

Dee & Paul Khoury, Jr

Visitation at Barto Funeral Home (120 West Cleveland St., Spring Valley) 9-11 am.
Funeral Service at St George Orthodox Church (211 East Minnesota St, Spring Valley) abt. 11 am. If unable to attend the funeral in person, pray with us on Youtube, <https://www.youtube.com/@stgeorgeorthodoxchurch3511/streams>. **Interment** will be at St George Orthodox Cemetery (1 Verde Ranch Rd, Spring Valley) abt. Noon.

Memorial Donations may be given to St George Orthodox Church, 211 E Minnesota St, PO Box 122, Spring Valley, IL 61362, 815-664-4540, www.springvalleyorthodox.com

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Andrianna Gaspar 14 yr remembrance will also be on Sunday in the Trisagion Memorial

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Call Fr Mark to schedule your Confession at Church = 815-664-4540

Thank you to everyone who donated for the six Green Altar Boy Robes

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

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

Enjoy the Social and Learning Activities, as well as table games in the church hall for all. This Program works in conjunction with the Bureau County Senior Center in Princeton.

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Cultivating Vision and Change - The duty of Orthodox parishes is to bring the Gospel in loving action to those God has put before us in our neighborhoods, those who come to our doorstep needy, and in the daily lives of every member of our church community.

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Holy Week Schedule

April 7, Friday, Lazarus 6:30 pm Vespers with Canon

April 8, Saturday, Lazarus 9 am Matins & 10 am Divine Liturgy

11 am Confession Time while Crosses are weaved from Palms

5:30 pm Vespers

April 9, Orthodox Palm Sunday 8:45 am Matins & 10 am Divine Liturgy
 Patriarchate Collection
 11:15 am Fish Fry Picnic (*Donations for Summer Church Camp*)
 7 pm Bridegroom Matins

April 10, Holy Monday, 7 pm Bridegroom Matins

April 11, Holy Tuesday, 7 pm Bridegroom Matins with Kassiani Hymn

April 12, Holy Wednesday, 7 pm Holy Unction

April 13, Holy Thursday, 9 am Mystical Supper
 7 pm Passion Gospel Matins

April 14, Holy Friday, 10 am - Noon Royal Hours
 Noon Tomb Decoration & Egg Dying
 3 pm Vespers
 4-7 pm Vigil at the Tomb
 7 pm Lamentation Matins

April 15, Holy Saturday, 9 am Vespers Liturgy
 10 pm Nocturnes
 10:20 pm The Light with Procession
 10:30 pm Matins
 11:30 pm Divine Liturgy

April 16, Pascha Sunday, 00:30 am Bless Paschal Baskets
 2 pm Agape Vespers
 3 pm Easter Egg Hunt with Parish Picnic

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The 49th Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach Campaign 2023. Let us embrace Lenten struggles responding to the needs of those around us & renew our faith! **Fill your Collection Boxes & Bring Donations by Pascha** “The amount we give is not judged by the largeness of our gifts, but by the largeness of our hearts.”~*St John Chrysostom*

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Donations are welcome for two special projects:

1) Prep and paint the deteriorating woodwork on the outside of the bell tower and the east wall, which is sure to get worse and ultimately create structural problems if left untended for much longer. 2) Grade and apply gravel to the rear of our property bordering the alley, creating new parking spaces on a level with the rear entrance. These spaces would provide easier and safer access to the building for persons with mobility issues, as well as our many visitors, especially during rainy and icy conditions.

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**The 56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention –
 July 23-30, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ, www.ac2023az.org**

Theme is Genesis 1:26 “Let us make Man in our image, according to our likeness”

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Evan Armatas, “Reclaiming the Great Commission”

Parish Health, Culture, Leadership, Obstacles, Health Plan, Implementation

Speaker: Yelena Popovic, Writer & Director of movie “Man of God”

Speaker: Tim McFadden, “An Orthodox Understanding of the Gender Debate”

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<https://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo>



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Fr. Jeremy
Davis



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Molly Sabourin



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Snyder