



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

“Love, Pray, Repent”

Welcome All!

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

## 21 MAY 2023, BLIND MAN SUNDAY



**MATINS 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY 10 AM • FELLOWSHIP 11:15 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*

Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*

#### **Organization Representatives**

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA)

**STUDIES & MEETINGS** (when noted) On Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 18, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

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May 20, Saturday, **Trip to Wisconsin Convent** ~ 8:15 am – 5:30 pm; **6 pm Vespers**

May 21, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

May 23, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Healthy Lives Education, Table Games),

May 24, Wednesday, **6:15 pm Last Paschal Hours, 6:30 - 9 pm Vigil for Ascension**

May 25, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

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May 27, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

May 28, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship

~ **Hall Township Food Pantry Collection Begins Today through June 25** ~

May 29, Monday, **10 am Cemetery Memorial, 11 am Church Picnic**

June 1, Thursday, **2 pm Spiritual Life Study** at Rectory & [On Zoom](#).

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June 3, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

June 4, Pentecost Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**,

11 am Kneeling Vespers Prayers, 11:30 am Fellowship

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 3 – Lydia Schaefer

May 5 – Audrey Spitz

May 9 – Nicole Wiltse

May 10 – Jennifer Harshman

May 11 – John and Carole Ball anniversary

May 14 – Mirjana Sljivar

May 15 – Matthew Harvey

May 21 – Ron Malooley

May 22 – Bev Malooley

May 22 – Gretel Kaleel

May 23 – Ryker Thompson

May 27 – Ruth Baum

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### CHURCH FINANCES

#### April 2023 Income-Expense

Total April Income: \$15,124.38

Total April Expenses: \$4,611.45

Net Income April: \$10,512.93

#### January-April 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$46,213.80

Total Year Expense: \$26,113.25

Total Year Net Income: \$20,100.55

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and clicking the Donate Button at the bottom of the page with PayPal or Credit Card or  
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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, May 21	Potluck	?
Sunday, May 28	?	?
Sunday, June 4	Mike & Ruth Baum	Reader Michael Baum
Sunday, June 11	?	?
Sunday, June 18	?	?
21 May 2023	2	Sunday Bulletin



## BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

### THE DOXASTICON FOR SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN IN TONE EIGHT

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

The King of kings and God, Who adorneth the worthy with rich gifts, hath caught thee, O Constantine, with the sign of the Cross, as He did the ever-memorable Paul, saying: By this thou shalt conquer. And having sought the Cross with thy godly-minded mother, finding it according to thy desire, thou didst put thine enemies to flight. Wherefore, with her, beseech thou Him Who is alone the Lover of mankind, in behalf of the Orthodox kings and Christ-loving soldiers and all those who celebrate thy memorial in faith, to deliver them from every opposition.

### THE DOXASTICON OF THE BLIND MAN IN TONE EIGHT

*Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Who can tell of Thy mighty works, O Christ, or who can number the multitudes of Thy wonders? For even as Thou, in Thy goodness, didst appear on earth twofold of nature, so didst Thou grant twofold healings to the sick; for Thou didst open not only the bodily eyes of the man who was blind from the womb, but those of his soul also. Wherefore, he confessed Thee, the hidden God, Who grantest great mercy unto all.

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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:
- After “Blessed is the Kingdom” and “Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**All:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life! (Twice)

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### THE GREAT LITANY AND THE FIRST ANTIPHON

**Verse:** Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

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

**Verse:** Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

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

**Verse:** Glory... Both now...

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

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### THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON

**Verse:** May God be gracious to us and bless us; and may He cause His face to shine upon us and have mercy upon us.

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

**Verse:** That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

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

**Verse:** May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

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

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

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### THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON

**Verse:** Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let those who hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

**Refrain:** Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

**Verse:** So the sinners will perish before the Face of God, but let the righteous be glad. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (**Refrain**)

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### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

**Priest:** In the churches bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel.

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 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 SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN IN TONE EIGHT

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings, Constantine, entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

### 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 PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

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### THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

### THE EPISTLE (For Ss. Constantine and Helen)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (26:1, 12-20)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: “I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who art Thou, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.”

**Clergy:** Peace be to thee, who readest.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** Look upon me and have mercy on me! Guide my steps according to Thy word!

**All:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **THE GOSPEL (For Blind Man Sunday)**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)**

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,” which means “Sent.” So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he;” others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He

is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

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• **Instead of “It is truly meet” sing the Megalynarion for Pascha in Tone One:**

*The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.*

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

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• **After “One is Holy, One is Lord...” & “I Believe O Lord and I Confess...” sing THE KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT**

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

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• *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen”.*

• *Instead of “Blessed be the Name of the Lord,” sing “Christ is Risen” THRICE.*

**THE GREAT DISMISSAL**

**Priest:** May He Who is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God, ... **of the holy, glorious, God-crowned and great Sovereigns Constantine and Helen, the Equals to the Apostles; and Constantine, Prince of Murom, and his sons Michael and Theodore, the Wonderworkers,** whose memory we celebrate today, ...loveth mankind.



**Priest:** Christ is risen! (THRICE)  
**People:** Truly He is risen! (THRICE)

**Priest:** Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection!  
**People:** We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection!

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs...  
**People:** ... hath He bestowed life!

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### Greetings in Many Languages

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

Greek: Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Albanian: Kristi Unjhal! Vertet Unjhal!

Romanian: Kristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Russian: Kristos Voskresseh! Vo Istinu Voskresseh!

French: Le Christ ést Ressucité! In Verité, il est Ressucité!

Spanish: Cristo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!

German: Christus ist Auferstanden! Wirklich, er ist Auferstanden!

Georgian: Kristé ardsqa! Tchechmaritad ardsqa!

Cherokee: Tsesa dolehisanihi! Oodoyuhi Tsesa dolehisanihi!

Japanese: Christos Fukkatsu! Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!

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### BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

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#### Senior Share - the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is 23 May)

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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#### The 56<sup>th</sup> Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention – July 23-30, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ, [www.ac2023az.org](http://www.ac2023az.org) with Patriarch John & Metropolitan Saba

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”

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

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

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#### Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference 2023 June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hosted by St Mary Orthodox Church in Palos Heights, IL

At Double Tree Hotel in Oak Brook, IL

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

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Are you GRADUATING this year from... • 8th Grade, • High School, • College, •

Professional Certificate? Congratulations! Contact Fr Mark with info for the Bulletin.

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#### Join a Paschal Pilgrimage to St John Chrysostom Orthodox Convent in WI.

Saturday, May 20, 2023. 8:15 am – 5:30 pm. All welcome. Call Fr Mark

## LIVING THE BEATITUDES (Matthew 5: 3-12)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit* - those who are not proud or puffed up - *for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they that mourn* - they that weep more bitterly over their own imperfections and transgressions than over injuries and affronts they suffer from others - *for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek* - those who do not nourish anger against anyone who are forgiving and loving, and whose weapon is an all-conquering gentleness - *for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness* - they who hunger for heavenly truth and thirst to establish it first and foremost in themselves - *for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful* - they who feel pity for all men and see Christ Himself pleading in everyone who asks for help - *for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.* - Just as in the clear mirror of still waters, unclouded by mud or sand, the vault of heaven is reflected immaculate, so in the mirror of a pure heart, unsullied by passions, nothing earthly remains, and the image of God alone is reflected in it.

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.* - That is, they who bring peace and conciliation into the home are true sons of God (like the Son of God Himself Who came down upon earth in order to bring peace into our souls).

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake* - those who are persecuted for preaching the truth not only with their lips, but by the fragrance of their whole lives - *for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven.* - great, for their merits are threefold: first that in themselves they are spotless and pure; second, that being pure they are reviled; third, that being reviled they rejoice to suffer for Christ. (by Nikolaj Gogol)

The beatitudes are considered by the Church, to contain the most concise summary of the spiritual life of man. One enters into the mysteries of Christ and the Kingdom of God by following the Lord's teachings in the beatitudes. "In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom." (Luke 23:42)

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**On May 21** the Orthodox Church commemorates the holy, glorious, God-crowned and great Sovereigns Constantine and Helen, the Equals to the Apostles. Before a great battle, a brilliant Cross appeared to Constantine in the sky during the day, completely adorned with stars and written on the Cross were these words: "By this Sign Conquer." By the power of the Cross he achieved a glorious victory over the larger enemy. Immediately after that, Constantine issued the famous Edict of Milan in 313 to halt the persecution of Christians. When discord began in the Church, the emperor convened the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325, where the heresy Arianism was condemned and Orthodoxy confirmed. Helen, the pious mother of the emperor, discovered the Honorable Cross of the Lord, built the Church of the Resurrection on Golgotha and other churches throughout the Holy Land. She died at age 80 in 327. Constantine died in 337 at age 65.