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Metropolitan SABA

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

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

11 June 2023, All Saints Sunday, Tone 8, Eothinon 1



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*

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Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*

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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

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 10, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

June 11, All Saints Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

~ **Hall Township Food Pantry Collection Now through June 25** ~

June 12, Fast now til Ss Peter & Paul Feast June 29 for Church Growth & Missions

June 13, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, **Diabetes Education**, Table Games)

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June 17, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

June 18, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

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June 24, Saturday, NO Vespers Here, At All Saints in Chicago

June 25, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

June 27, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Healthy Lives Education, Table Games)

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Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference 2023 June 28th - July 2nd

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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July 1, Saturday, **At Double Tree Hotel in Oak Brook, IL, 5:30 pm Vespers**

July 2, Sunday, **At St Mary Church in Palos Heights, IL, 8:45 am Matins,**

10 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Anthony

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July 7-9, Friday-Sunday, Youth Ministry Church Camp, See Fr Mark for details

July 8, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

July 9, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

July 11, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, **Diabetes Education**, Table Games)

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 – Ron and Dottie Malooley (anniv)

June 2 – Nick Malooley

June 3 – Mary Miller

June 4 – Jeremiah Schaefer

June 11–Matthew/Angelena Panizzi (anniv)

June 12 – Kim & Jeannie Leonard (anniv)

June 16 – Melanie Thompson

June 17 - Adelaide Miriam Leonard

June 19 – Nick & Andrea Schaefer (anniv)

June 20 – Angela Forsa, Elijah Schaefer,

Christopher & Melissa Leonard (anniv)

June 23 – Melissa Leonard

June 26 – Kenneth Wiltse

June 28 – Carole Ball

June 28 – Mark and Nicole Wiltse (anniv)

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CHURCH FINANCES

May 2023 Income-Expense

Total May Income: \$3,482.38

Total May Expenses: \$9,845.87

Net Income May: \$-6,363.87

January-May 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$49,957.80

Total Year Expense: \$36,221.12

Total Year Net Income: \$13,736.68

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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	Epistle Reader
Sunday, June 11	Maxwell Colby	Maxwell Colby
Sunday, June 18 Fasting	?	?
Sunday, June 25 Fasting	?	?
Sunday, July 2	No Liturgy or Fellowship Here	At Palos Heights
Sunday, July 9	?	?

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE FIRST EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE ONE:

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

As the disciples were hastening to the mountain, the Lord came to them that He might raise them from things earthly; and they worshipped Him and learned of the power given to Him in every place. They were sent forth to every land under heaven to preach the Resurrection from the dead and the restoration to the Heavens. He that cannot lie promised also that He would be with them forever, even Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

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:

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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*) *Vs. Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...*

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THE LITTLE LITANY & THE 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.

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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAY:

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.

Refrain: 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 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.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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 ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

++++++ LITANY & TRISAGION HYMN ++++++

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

THE EPISTLE

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Reader: The righteous cried & the Lord heard & delivered them out of their troubles. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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• **After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..." Sing: KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT:**

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.

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COMMEMORATION: Apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew and of all the saints of all ages.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

The 56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention – July 23-30, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ, www.ac2023az.org with Patriarch John & Metropolitan Saba

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

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We are collecting during June several items & money for **Hall Township Food Pantry.**

Bring to church "Ready to Eat" or "Heat & Eat" items like pizza, cup of macaroni & cheese, kid friendly food cups, cereal, **Peanut Butter**. Bring bottled water, NO soda, baking mixes & ingredients, tissues, paper products, individual toilet paper rolls, They serve 1,000 persons a month. Bring items to Church and put them in the basket downstairs. There is also an envelope for \$. Money helps them get 10x the amount of food you can bring. Bring items by 25 June.

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Senior Share - the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is this Tuesday, 13 June)

Enjoy the Social and Learning Activities, as well as table games in the church hall for all.

Special Senior Share topic this Tuesday, 2:15 pm: Avoiding and living with diabetes.

Diabetes is a growing health problem for older people (and some not-so-old). **Kathy Ryan, RN, an expert on diabetes control (and dealing with diabetes herself) will share practical tips on avoiding or controlling this disease.** If you or a loved one has, or might develop, diabetes, consider joining us this Tuesday for the first talk of the series. If you're over 50, give it a try! Transportation is available if you call 815-664-4540 by 5 pm the day before.

Our Own Two-Day Youth Vacation Church Camp 2023 July 07-08 (Fri-Sat)

Contact Fr Mark for more specifics

Friday, 2023 July 07

Field Trip to five Major Chicago Orthodox Churches.

Worship - Singing

Narnia Movie: The Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe.



Saturday, 2023 07 08

Three Sessions Learning about Prayer.

Two Narnia Movies: Prince Caspian and Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

Swimming at YMCA.

“What is Prayer?”

“The Lord’s Prayer”

“Ways to Pray”

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Why have Saints? Who are Saints?

I think it's important for us when we talk about the Gospel to realize that the Gospel, as good news, isn't just information and that the Apostle Paul said it is the power of God to transform us - to bring us from a state of spiritual deadness to a place of spiritual life. And that Gospel has implications. It transforms the way that we understand who we are and how we relate to ourselves, how we relate to other people and how we relate to God! When we begin to look at the different ways that the Scripture describes the life of a believer - the identity of a believer - it begins to paint a picture of how we're to understand ourselves. The Gospel makes us saints - men and women being re-created in the image of God, but living life in a fallen world - all suffering the effects of sin. We're all sufferers. The holy spirit is working in us to conform our lives into the character and a reflection of Christ himself. And we're a Royal priesthood set apart by God and his grace. We're saints. In his letters the Apostle Paul greets believers as saints. So it's important to remember that, yes, we sin. Yes, we are sinned against, and yes, we suffer. But because of the Gospel, we're saints. Because of the Gospel, God calls us sons and daughters, or family. That transforms the way we understand how we relate to Him, how we relate to other members of the Body of Christ – the Church. What does it mean to be a family? How does the family relate to each other? How do we relate to our Father? That's important to recognize. Our role here on this earth as disciples or followers of Christ, is to be His ambassadors. For every conversation we're in, we're an ambassador. An ambassador is a full-time job. It's a 24/7 job. An ambassador is someone sent to another place to represent a leader, or a king, or a nation in that place. So anything one does or says is representative of what the king would do or say if he were there and that's our role. So in every time and every circumstance, every conversation, the way that we respond is to represent the way the king will respond if he was here. And so when we remember this is our role. In our discussions with our kids and those disagreements that happened with our spouse in that moment, we're ambassadors. The Gospel fundamentally changes the way that we understand who we are and how we live. It transforms us - re-creating our identity.

Sainthood is a Gift to the Church – the Body of Christ

These individuals are honored as saints because they lived their lives in an exceptionally holy way and they serve as examples to others as to how Christians should truly live their lives. Each Orthodox Christian has become “sanctified” or made holy, through Chrismation. However, this term refers also to a select group of people who led exceptionally holy lives. By studying the Lives of Saints, we can better understand what it truly means to be holy. Their lives are also an integral part of the history of the Orthodox Christian Church. We honor all the Saints - the friends of God - for they are keepers of God's commandments. Here are some categories of saints found in the Orthodox Church:

Apostles

These individuals are mentioned in the Holy Bible and were the first to spread the news about Jesus Christ. The term “apostle” and “disciple” were often used interchangeably. However, disciple means “student” or “follower” and apostle means “one who is sent”.

Prophets

Prophets are those who spoke the Word of the Lord to others. One of the best examples was John the Baptizer who preached about Christ’s true identity as the Son of God.

Martyrs & Confessors

Martyrs are people who valiantly died for their faith as Christians. Confessors were tortured for their faith as Christians, but survived Confessing their Faith in Christ.

Church Fathers, Shepherds & Teachers

These were exceptionally wise and devout in their teachings and/or care for Christians.

Wonderworkers & Healers

These saints are known for healing people or performing wonders through prayer.

Ascetics or Monastics

These are saints who lived their holy lives in solitude communing with God. Many of them wrote, prophesied, and prayed diligently. They’re a model example of true holiness.

The Righteous or The Just

Many are called “the Just” because, even though they weren’t martyrs, monastics, or church fathers, they lived exceptionally holy lives - from Adam til the end of the world.

“Thus says the Lord: Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I your God am holy” (Leviticus 11.44–45, 1 Peter 1.15–16).

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1).

Since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of **All the Saints**. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior". (*Doxastikon from Vespers*)

Monday begins the Fast of Saints Peter and Paul for Missions & Evangelism

So, during this year's Apostle Fast of June 12-28, make known the Good News of living in Christ by Words, Deeds, Prayers, and Fellowship. The Great Commission in Matthew states, "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20) Let us take the example of the great missionary Saint Herman of Alaska. He lived the life he was called to live. He prayed, he helped, he loved, he became a part of the community in which God had placed him. And through this witness of what a Christian is and how a Christian should act, he brought generations of people to the Faith. There was no great secret, but rather hard work and difficult times as he brought the Good News of Jesus Christ. And this is repeated in the many examples of all of our great missionary saints. From the Apostle Paul to the latest men and women who work throughout the world, they all lived the life of an Orthodox Christian. We are to seek our own salvation first. And that is a lifetime of work right there. Do we pray? Do we attend the services? Do we fast? Do partake of the sacraments? Do we give of our time, talent and treasure? Do we live a life of repentance? Do we raise our families in the Church? When in public do we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross? Do we have an icon or cross in our offices and homes reminding us to focus on Christ? Do we read the Bible daily? Do we read the lives and writings of the Church Fathers? In short, do we live as an Orthodox Christian? If we do that, then we find that we are walking on a path that has been well trod by the great evangelists before us. This is not done only as individuals, but together as a Church Community. We must foster a healthy Local Eucharistic Community – this is where the full reality of Christ's Body – His Church – exists. The Church does not exist nebulously "out there" somewhere in our minds. It only exists in a real local community. We can only be transformed in Christ when we are living as part of His local body. We must be careful that what we do in church life is not an unreflected repetition of what we have experienced. We, as a Local Eucharistic Community, must seek to develop a clear vision for what God intends for his people right here in the Spring Valley area and change ourselves to become what God wants. We must be attentive to the task of being and making disciples. Being a disciple means learning to live our Faith in Christ's presence with us daily, everywhere and in every situation. Disciples will flourish where there is Worship & Prayer in the homes as well as together in the Church Building as the Body of Christ. Disciples need to be Educated in the Scriptures, the Church Fathers, and the lives of the Saints, maintaining Fellowship with other believers and being active in the Service of helping others. "Mission is an essential expression of Orthodox self-conscience, a crying out to action for the fulfillment of God's will 'on earth as it is in heaven.'" Archbishop Anastasios of Albania. As we live a life of prayer, fasting and repentance, and helping others as one Community, we become the most powerful witness to Christ & His real, alive, local, Church on earth.