



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Metropolitan SABA

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

“Love, Pray, Repent”  
“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

Welcome All!

## 25 June 2023, Tone 2, Eothinon 3



**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 & Youth*

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

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 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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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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July 15, Saturday, NO Vespers

July 16, Sunday, **10 am Typika Service,**

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July 22, Saturday, **9 am - 5 pm Parish Council Workshop & Mtg, 5:30 pm Vespers**

July 23, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

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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

**Thank you to all for supporting the Lenten Project Fundraiser which raised \$5K & paid for Painting the Church Tower & Walls & a new Water Heater which burst.**

**Remember: you can donate directly by going to [www.springvalleyorthodox.com](http://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.**

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, June 25 Fasting	?	?
Sunday, July 2	No Liturgy or Fellowship Here	At Palos Heights
Sunday, July 9	?	?
Sunday, July 16	No Liturgy or Fellowship Here	Typika Service

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**BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP**

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

**THE THIRD EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE THREE:**

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

Verily, the Disciples were taunted for the hardness of their hearts because they doubted when Mary Magdalene proclaimed to them the fact of the Resurrection of the Savior and His appearance to her. But, when they were armed with miracles and wonders, they were sent out to warn. As for Thee, O Lord, Thou didst ascend to Thy Father, the Element of all light; and they preached in every place verifying their words with wonders and miracles. Wherefore, we who were enlightened by them glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Lover of mankind.

*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”**

- 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 TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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.*

- *After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.*

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### APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, \* all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. \* For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, \* by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, \* and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

### 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.

### ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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### LITANY & TRISAGION HYMN

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

### THE EPISTLE (For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Reader:** The Lord answers you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protects you! Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

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

### THE GOSPEL (For Third Sunday of Matthew)

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." + + + + + + +

• 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:** The Nativity of the Forerunner and Baptist John, the Venerable Martyr Febronia of Nisibis; and Venerable Prokopios of the Iviron skete on Athos.

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### BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

The 56<sup>th</sup> Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention – July 23-30, 2023 in  
Phoeniz, 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"  
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Last Sunday of Collection 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. Put items in basket downstairs or money in Alms Box. Money helps them get 10x the amount of food you can bring. **Bring items by 25 June.** + + + + + + +

**Senior Share - the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is this Tuesday, 27 June)**

This Program works in conjunction with the Bureau County Senior Center in Princeton.

# 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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**Life in Christ is a life of pilgrimage.** It requires endurance. It will hurt. Our purpose in everyday life is purity of heart. What does “purity of heart” mean? Today’s Gospel speaks of that purity of heart: “If your eye is good your whole body will be full of Light.” The Greek word for “good” is [aplous] which in Biblical Greek means “free from inner discord”; it refers to simplicity and unification of purpose. To be Christlike is to be unified. All of ourselves — abilities, faculties — are centered on God. This brings peace and joy. The sinner, on the contrary, is the one who is divided in his heart. He suffers from brokenness. As Christians, our hearts must be set on the Absolute. We must not compromise in order to be true to our purpose. This is the struggle; it is a struggle which will last our whole lives. We must be patient. There will be many trials. When we fall, we must not be discouraged, but start again immediately. This has to be done everyday. We need to check ourselves by thinking: can I say a prayer before beginning this? If the answer is no: then, we should not do it. “No one can serve two masters.” St. James uses the term “double-minded.” The person with a sound eye worships God alone. Jesus says it this way, “You cannot serve God and mammon, which basically means that if we wish to serve God, then we cannot serve anyone or anything else. So, if our eyes are clouded with self-interest, by a desire for worldly things, like wealth and power, and are not focused on God alone, then our eyes are not sound, and we will be full of darkness. Jesus calls us to single-mindedness and to a simplicity of life that will set us free. How do we attain enlightenment? By continually emptying ourselves of self-interest. The enlightened person seeks no personal gain, like the Son of God who had nothing to gain for himself by coming into this world. In Greek this is called kenosis, a self-emptying. As long as we are blinded by the desire for gain, the light in us is darkness and we do not yet know God. To serve God is to become empty of this desire, empty of self-interest, completely open to God and therefore free. Only the ego desires. Only the ego fears. God is free and therefore empty of both. When the ego is in charge, the egoist can only see himself no matter where he looks. In other words, it is our prayer to “lay aside all earthly cares” which means to be clear sighted, conscious, awake and aware, unencumbered and free. Faith is in the presence of the person of God, not concepts, bringing unending joy.