



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

26 November 2023, Tone 8, Eothinon 3

Ephesians 4:1-16

The Unity of the Spirit

Grace and Gifts (4:7-12)

Bond of Peace

Growth in Love (4:13-16)

Attitudes (4:2-3)

- Lowliness
- Gentleness
- Longsuffering
- Forbearance
- Love
- Endeavor

Worthy Walk

“Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called” (4:1)

Basis (4:4-6)

One...

- Body
- Spirit
- Hope
- Lord
- Faith
- Baptism
- God and Father

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*
Robert Abraham, *Facilities*

Ruth Baum, *Antiochian Women*
Maxwell Colby, *Young Adults*

Our Parish Mission

Called by Christ to provide hope to the world, we serve people seeking truth with a loving community and the worship of the original Christian church.

Our Parish Vision

St George strives to be a growing community of believers of all ages, sharing frequent worship services, Christian education, a culture of giving and stewardship, and support to our neighbors.

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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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – ADVENT BEGAN ON 15 NOVEMBER

November 25, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

November 26, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

November 27, Monday, **9 am – Noon Bake Together** for Dec 2nd Bake Sale

November 28, Tuesday, **9 am – Noon Bake Together** for Dec 2nd Bake Sale

2 pm Senior Share (Social, Education, Table Games)

Giving Tuesday – Donate at <https://gofund.me/b736630d>

November 29, Wednesday, **6:30 pm Greece Travelogue Slides**

December 1, Friday, **9 am – Noon Prep Food & Hall** for Bake Sale

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December 2, Saturday, **9 am – Noon BAKE SALE**

5:30 pm Vespers

December 3, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

Decorate Church for Christmas

December 6, Wednesday, **6:30 pm Greece Travelogue Slides**

December 8, Friday, **6:30 pm Advent Compline**

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December 9, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

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

December 12, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Education, Table Games)

December 13, Wednesday, **6:30 pm Greece Travelogue Slides**

December 15, Friday, **6:30 pm Advent Compline**

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December 16, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

December 17, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

December 19, Tuesday, **6:30 pm Vespers for Saint Ignatius**

December 20, Wednesday, **6:30 pm Greece Travelogue Slides**

December 22, Friday, **9 am Royal Hours, 6:30 pm Vespers with Canon**

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December 23, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

December 24, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

Noon Vespers, 5 pm Matins, 6 pm Divine Liturgy

December 25, Christmas Monday, **11:30 am Vespers**

December 27-30, Youth/Family Trip to Michigan Monasteries/Churches

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 27 – Pratik & Melissa Desai (Anniv)

Dec. 21 – Angelena Leonard Panizzi

Nov. 30 – Mavick Malooley

Dec. 23 – Stephanie Kinard

Dec. 4 – Kh Katherine Buss

Dec. 24 – Kim Leonard

Dec. 10 – Ann (Bachio) Townsend, Cathy Cox

Dec. 26 – Grant Anthony Leonard

Dec. 11 – Janna Greanias

Dec. 27 – Gabriel Leonard

Dec. 12 – Mark Wiltse, Jay Kalman

Dec. 28 – Richard Malooley

Dec. 16 – Keeley Thompson, Nolan Kaleel

Dec. 28 – Melissa Rose-Marina Malooley

Dec. 18 – James Harvey

Dec. 30 – Monique Harvey

CHURCH FINANCES

October 2023 Income-Expense

Total October Income: \$6,906.98
Total October Expenses: \$8,825.52
Net Income October: \$-1,918.54

January-October 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 74,696.09
Total Year Expense: \$77,346.81
Total Year Net Income: \$-2,650.72

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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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GREAT DOXOLOGY & TROPARION “Having risen from the tomb...”

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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) 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:

Clergy: 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.

Choir: 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.*

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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 OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE:

Byzantine Chant Tone 3

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give
birth to God the Word ineffably,
Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy,
O earth, on hearing the glad-some tidings;
with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him
Who is willing to be gazed on as a young
Child Who before the ages is God.

LITANY & TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-7)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

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

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GOSPEL (For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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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: The Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianople; Nikon the preacher of repentance; and Venerable Stylianos of Paphlagonia.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Everyone, Please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas		
Sunday, November 26	Mike & Ruth Baum	Rdr Mike Baum
Sunday, December 3	Kim, Jeannie, Gabe Leonard, Angelena Panizzi A Memorial for Ed & Sadie Malooley	Gabe Leonard
26 November 2023	5	Sunday Bulletin

Sunday, December 10	?	?
Sunday, December 17	?	?
Sunday, December 24	?	?
Sunday, December 31	Daniel & Tara Rakes and Family	?

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2024 Calendars are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home
Thank you to everyone who donated the 95 lbs of food for Illinois Valley Food Pantry
 Use Alms Box for Monetary Donations for Hall Township Food Pantry now – 17 Dec

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The Ladies of Saint George Orthodox Church present their



Bake Sale

Saturday, December 2nd

9 am – Noon



211 E. Minnesota St ● Spring Valley, IL

Baklawa, Date Fingers

Maamoul, Ghribee

Meat Pies, Spinach Pies

Cheese Bread, Zaatar Bread

And more...



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Join Together to Bake these items at Church on **Mondays & Tuesdays from 9 am – Noon**. **Also, Please, bake your own specialties at home**, such as: Christmas Cookies & Bars; Greek and other Ethnic Baked Goods; Breads (like Banana, Date-Nut, Pumpkin); Home-canned Pickles, Jams, Jellies; Pies, Cakes, etc... Arrange to **have them at church on Friday, December 1**, so we can get them ready to sell.

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It's time to **consider your commitment to Christ** and decide with prayer your financial pledge to His Church in Spring Valley. The Biblical standard for giving is the tithe – one tenth of income. Use that as a starting point. If you don't think you can give that much at first, consider what you can commit to giving. Or maybe you're blessed to be able to give more. Great! Whatever your thoughts about amounts, take them to God in prayer before you decide. **Then write down your Pledge for the Year of 2024 to Saint George Orthodox Church** and mail it to: Fr Mark Sahady, PO Box 122, Spring Valley, IL 61362, or email him at office@springvalleyorthodox.com or give it to him personally by 16 December, so this Parish can budget and plan for the new year of 2024.



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GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was created to unite us all in a day of generosity, to make a difference in the world in a positive loving way. Make an impact on Tuesday, November 28 by supporting Saint George Orthodox Church by following this link: <https://gofund.me/b736630d>. Donate now! Be a Giver! As God gives bounteously!

By donating today to St. George Orthodox Church, you provide an authentic, empowering experience of faith as the family of God with your donation. Support the renewal of Saint George Orthodox Church as we enter the 106th year of ministry with Sunday School, Workshops, Bible Studies, Community Support, Spiritual Counseling & Healing, Life-giving Worship and Fervent Prayer. **Follow & Share this link: <https://gofund.me/b736630d>.**



ANYTIME from now till November 28, 2023 for our #GivingTuesday campaign!

Click on the [GoFundMe Link](https://gofund.me/b736630d) or Call Saint George Church at (815) 664-4540 or email us at office@springvalleyorthodox.com and we will guide you through this:

- Click on the GO Fund Me Link: <https://gofund.me/b736630d>
- OR Go to <https://www.springvalleyorthodox.com> and click on the DONATE button at the bottom of the page to make an electronic donation.
- OR Make your check payable to “Saint George Orthodox Church” and mail your check to Saint George Church, P.O. Box 122, Spring Valley, IL 61362

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For **Parish Council Elections** at the Annual Parish Assembly on 28 January, **two candidates are needed**. The Election Committee has nominated George Nimee and Michael Baum as the 2024 candidates. Give possible names to Fr Mark by 16 December.

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary to the Temple

All-famed Anna cried out in joy: Zacharias, do thou receive her whom in the Spirit God’s Prophets have proclaimed; and lead her into the Lord’s most holy temple to dwell therein, that she might most sacredly be brought up to become the couch, palace and abode, and divine throne and resting-place and brightly shining house and habitation of God, the Master and King of all. In that holiest place of all, the most holy and blameless Maid, in the Holy Spirit, doth come to dwell therein; and by an Angel is fed she who is truly the holiest temple of our Holy God, Who by dwelling Himself in her cleansed and sanctified all creation, and He hath deified the very nature of us mortals, though it had fallen away from Him. Let us, the assembly of believers, celebrate spiritually in our gathering, and laud with true veneration the virgin Maiden of God, the Theotokos, presented in the Temple of the Lord, forechosen from all generations for the abode of Christ, King of all. Wherefore, ye virgins, come forth, holding your lamps and honoring the solemn procession of the ever-Virgin. And ye mothers, cast off all sorrow, and follow them, praising her who hath become the Theotokos, and a cause of joy to the world. Let us all, therefore, raise our voices with the angel, hailing the one who is full of grace.

2023 Advent Travelogue

Greece

Classical & Christian

Wednesday evenings

Nov 29 - Dec 20, 7 - 8 pm



From the ancient Olympics and the Oracle at Delphi to Alexander the Great and the travels of the Apostle Paul, Greece provides stories and pictures of incredible beauty and significance for all the ages and today. Prepare for Christmas with slides and images from a recent tour of Greece. Experience a virtual visit to the land where the Christian church took root, flourished, and spread across the world!

November 29 Introduction to Greece & the Greatest Traveler Among the Apostles

Starting with an overview of the history, geography, and culture of Greece, we'll then look closely at St Andrew, whose feast day is Nov 30, and we'll virtually visit his tomb at the largest church in Greece.

December 6 Preparing for the Coming of Christ

The great monuments of Ancient Greece – where the Olympic Games began, the tomb of Alexander the Great's father, and the Parthenon – and how they helped lay the foundations of the Christian church.

December 13 The Travels of Paul the Apostle

The first books of the New Testament were written to churches in Greece; we'll see the actual locations of Corinthians, Thessalonians, Philippians, and Ephesians.

December 20 Images of Holiness

Five days before Christmas, we'll visit some of the most historic churches in Greece with amazing iconography, and marvel at their beauty and sanctity.

Saint George Orthodox Church History

On June 27, 1918, the congregation purchased a house at 211 East Minnesota Street from Mr. and Mrs. Sear. The house, after undergoing extensive remodeling, became the first St. George Orthodox Church. The church sanctuary was located in the front of the building and a large room in the rear was used as a meeting room and as a hall for social gatherings. was still, at this time, without a full-time parish priest. In 1925, at the invitation of the Spring Valley Orthodox families, Archimandrite Seraphim Nassar agreed to serve St. George Orthodox Church as its full-time pastor if the people would begin immediately to plan to build a new Orthodox church. The men and women of the parish organized a wide number of fund-raising projects, which led to a building program in 1932. The house was demolished and a new Church building was erected which was dedicated near the close of that year by His Eminence Metropolitan Germanos Shehadeh during his visit with Father Seraphim Nassar. In 1972, remodeled with a kitchen added to the Church Hall, His Eminence Metropolitan Philip Saliba consecrated the Church.