



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

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Bishop ANTHONY

Sunday, 3 April 2022; Tone 8 / Eothinon 8 Saint John Climacus



ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

ECCLESIA RCH: Rdr Michael Baum

SACRISTAN: Sbdn David Anderson

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
Wayne Sanders, *Vice-Chair*
Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*
Nicholas Schaefer, *Secretary*
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Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*
David Anderson, *Sunday School*
Robert Abraham, *Facilities*
Markella Fousekas

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH FINANCES

February 2022 Income-Expense

Total February Income: \$3,217.39
Total February Expenses: \$5,677.02
Net Income February: \$-2,459.63

54 % of Monthly
Stewardship
Offering Goal
Gained

January-February 2022 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 10,020.13
Total Year Expense: \$10,078.36
Total Year Net Income: \$-58.23

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WORSHIP On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA

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

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April 1, Friday, **7 pm Akathist in Small Compline** (Flowers Appreciated)

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April 2, Saturday, **10 am - 2 pm Retreat on Prayer Life, 6 pm Vespers**

April 3, Climacus Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

11:15 am Lenten Fellowship

April 4, Monday, **7 pm Compline, Canon, Life of Mary of Egypt**

April 6, Wednesday, **5:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck**

April 8, Friday, **7 pm Akathist in Small Compline** (Flowers Appreciated)

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April 9, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**

April 10, Mary of Egypt Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,**

11:15 am Lenten Fellowship

April 11, Monday, **7 pm Grand Compline & Canon**

April 12, Tuesday, **7 pm Pan-Orthodox Akathist**, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL

April 13, Wednesday, **5:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck**

April 15, Friday, **7 pm Lazarus Vespers & Canon**

April 16, Lazarus Saturday, **9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**

6 pm Vespers

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April 17, Palm Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Patriarchate Collection

11:15 am Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships

7 pm Bridgroom Matins

April 18, Holy Monday, **7 pm Bridgroom Matins**

April 19, Holy Tuesday, **7 pm Bridgroom Matins with Kassiani Hymn**

April 20, Holy Wednesday, **7 pm Holy Unction**

April 21, Holy Thursday, **9 am Mystical Supper, 7 pm Passion Gospels Matins**

April 22, Holy Friday, **10 am Royal Hours, 3 pm Vespers, 7 pm Lamentations**

April 23, Holy Saturday, **9 am Vesperal Liturgy, 10 pm Nocturnes, Matins, Liturgy**

April 24, Pascha Sunday, 2 pm Agape Vespers of St George, Egg Hunt, Picnic

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May 1, Thomas Sunday, Instead of Normal Services there will be a **Typica Service**

May 7, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**

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

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May 14, Saturday, **6 pm Vespers**

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

May 17, Tuesday, **7 pm Midfeast Vespers**

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- **The “Glory” hymn 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”

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- **The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great:**

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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.

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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 unto Thee, Alleluia.

All: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing unto 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 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:*

THE EPISTLE:

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.

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COMMEMORATION: Our venerable and God-bearing Father John (Climacus) of Sinai, author of 'The Ladder;' of the Venerable Nikitas the Confessor, Abbot of Medikion; Venerable Joseph the Hymnographer; and New-martyr Paul the Russian.

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PRAYER LIST: Sarah Sanders, Bill Miller III, Mike Kasap, Wayne & Genie Sanders.

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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, April 3	Richard & Bette Malooley	Richard
Sunday, April 10	Bob Abraham Memorial for Henry & Gwen Abraham	Open
Sunday, April 17 Palm Sunday	Medawar & Sanders Parish Camp Scholarship Fish Fry	Open
April 21 Holy Thursday Morning	Leonard & Panizzi Families	Open
April 23 Sat Morning	Open	Open
Midnight Sat-Sunday, April 23-24, Pascha	Share Paschal Baskets Meal	Open
April 24 Agape Vespers	Picnic & Egg Hunt	Many Languages
May 1 Typica Service		
May 8 Myrrh Bearers		Open

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 -Anna Schaefer	April 21 -Sarah Sanders
April 6 -Bette Malooley, Sydney Thompson	April 22 -Jeannie Leonard
April 12 -Christina Kapetaneas	April 25 -Jake Malooley,
April 14 -Rebecca Harshman	Michele Malooley

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BULLETIN PART THREE – SPECIAL EVENTS OR INFO

Save your yellow & red onion skins in a plastic bag in the refrigerator and bring them to Church during Holy Week to dye Easter-Paschal Eggs red on Holy Friday.

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Donations for Flowers Welcome! Holy Friday Tomb Flowers - \$330

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Ukraine Crisis Response by International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
Thank you for your donations. In Church we collected \$521 sent to IOCC for Ukraine. You may still give directly to IOCC.org for Ukraine or any other of their programs.

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Parish Retreat on the Prayer Life
Saturday, 2 April, 10 am - 2 pm

- What is Prayer: 1. Personal Conversation with God.
2. Personal Loving Sacrifice by practicing the Virtues.
3. Community Worship and Prayer.
4. Community Loving Sacrifice for Christ thru our Neighbor.

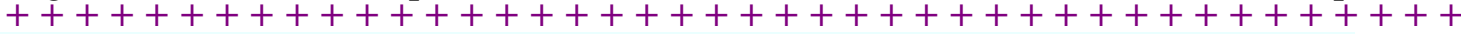


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Call Fr Mark to schedule your Confession at Church = 815-664-4540

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Father **John Climacus** (ca. 579 - 649), ("Climacus," means "of the ladder" because of his most famous book: The Ladder of Divine Ascent), went to Saint Catherine's monastery at the base of Mount Sinai when he was 16 years old, and when he died he was the monastery's abbot. He wrote in this book how to raise one's soul to God, as if on a ladder. This book is one of the most widely read book among Orthodox Christians.

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

Bring to church "Ready to Eat" or "Heat & Eat" like pizza, cup of macaroni & cheese, kid friendly food cups, cereal or PB crackers. Money helps them get 10x the amount of food. Bring bottled water, NO soda. baking mixes & ingredients, tissues, paper products, individual toilet paper rolls, They serve 1,000 persons a month. They are also seeking someone to help two Wednesdays a month from 9-noon with a truck to get food from Walmart in Peru to the Pantry. Bring items to Church and put them in the basket downstairs. There is also an envelope for \$.



The 48th Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach Campaign 2022. Let us embrace Lenten struggles responding to the needs of those around us & renew our faith!

Get Your Food For Hungry People Collection Boxes for Lent or make your own!

At Pascha, the Feast of the Resurrection, please bring your collection boxes to Church for the money to be sent to FFHP Coordinator Robin Lynn Nicholas.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 How many cars are in your family? You can't "Dodge" the hungry, but you can a"Ford" to pay .50 for each car.	4 "Day by day," from dawn till night, Hunger knows no hour - nor if it's day or night. Pay .20 for each lamp in your home.	5 How many cameras do you have? Pay .30 for each. This will help us make all "negatives" positives.	6 Pick up all the loose change laying around the house. Put it in your FFHP Box. This will help make a "change" in the world!	7 Count the scissors you have in your home and pay .25 for each pair. Let's "cut-out" the hunger in hunger-y!	8 How many members are in your family? Pay .20 for each. The hungry have families to feed also; let's make this a real "family affair!"	9 How many towels are in your home? If you pay .05 for each towel, this may help us "wipe out" hunger for all people.
10 "Hey Big Spender" drop a coin in the slot - give unto others what they haven't got! Put in a coin or bill of your choice.	11 How many heads of lettuce are in your refrigerator? Pay .30 for each. "Lettuce" show the hungry that we care.	12 Count the cans in your cupboard. Pay .05 for each. Don't let their cupboards be like "Old Mother Hubbard's!"	13 How many friends do you have on Facebook? Pay .05 for each friend. Let's be-"friend" those in need.	14 How many sweaters do you have? Pay .10 for each. Sweaters keep you warm. This is one time they won't mind if we "pull the wool over their eyes."	15 How many chairs are in your home? Pay .15 per chair. We can't just "sit" around when so many people are hungry.	16 How many cookbooks do you own? Pay .20 for each. We will be able to "cook up" a better recipe for the hungry to live by.
17 How many eggs are you going to color for Pascha? Pay .05 for each. Let's help "color" their world with love!	18 "Brother can you spare a dime?" or maybe two? The FFHP program really depends on you. Put your dimes in the box.	19 How many songs are on your playlist? Pay .05 for each song. Let's make this a "record- breaking" year for FFHP!!!	20 How many songs have you listened to today? Pay .15 for each. Let's stay "in tune" with the hungry.	21 How many crosses do you have? Pay .15 each. Crosses remind us of Christ's suffering, let's not make the hungry suffer anymore.	22 "A dream is a wish your heart makes," and our dream is for hunger to stop. For the wish that we are wishing, is for FFHP program to go over the top!	23 We pray you have been generous in your almsgiving. "For inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto ME!"



Confession and the Forgiveness of Sins

Jesus Christ spoke twice of the Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance. The first time He said to the Apostle Peter that He will give him the keys of the kingdom of heaven so that whatever he will bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever he will loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19). Sometime later He gave the authority to forgive and to retain sins to all the apostles. This was done in conjunction with their task

to resolve problems among the members of the Church: "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 18:15-18). The Lord solemnly established the Sacrament of Confession soon after His Resurrection. He appeared to His disciples and said to them, "Peace unto you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said: `Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23). The apostles transmitted this responsibility to absolve and to retain sins to their disciples — bishops and priests — who were to continue their task of saving human souls. However, the priest-confessor does not absolve sins by his own power, and there is nothing mechanical in the prayers of absolution. The priest-confessor is a witness of one's repentance and a mediator of Divine Grace. God appointed him to be an instrument of His mercy. Ultimately it is up to the repentant to make his soul receptive to the healing Grace. What is crucial here is to have sincere regret for committed sins and to decide to become a better Christian. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matthew 9:13). Confession is a mystery of the Church that confers grace, there is power within it, Divine power. When the priest lays his hand upon our head in Confession, **it is Christ who lays his hand upon us, Christ who forgives** and that is certainly the deepest and most profound reason why we should go to Confession. When such grace and healing is offered to us, why would we refuse to accept such an opportunity.

Prayer: O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I confess to Thee all the hidden and manifest sins of my heart and mind, which I have committed to this day. Therefore I beseech Thee, the righteous and compassionate Judge, grant me forgiveness and grace to sin no more.

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Join in sending Paschal Greetings, through our **2022 Church Easter-Pascha Card**, to all parishioners of Saint George Church and our friends near and far. **Please make your donation check payable to "St George Church"** by **Next Sunday, April 10th** along with names to be printed on the Card for **"Health" or "In Memory"**.

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Please make checks payable to "St George Church" and return with this form to the Church by next Sunday, April 10, 2021.

Indicate donation amount: \$20____, \$50____, \$100____, Other____,

Indicate the category and the names to be included in the **2022 Church Easter-Pascha Card**. The name(s) will be included **exactly as shown** below. **Please print clearly.**

CHOOSE ONE: For the Good Health of... In Memory of...

Please PRINT Name(s) to display on card: _____

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Have a Blessed Lent and a Joyous Pascha Season!