



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

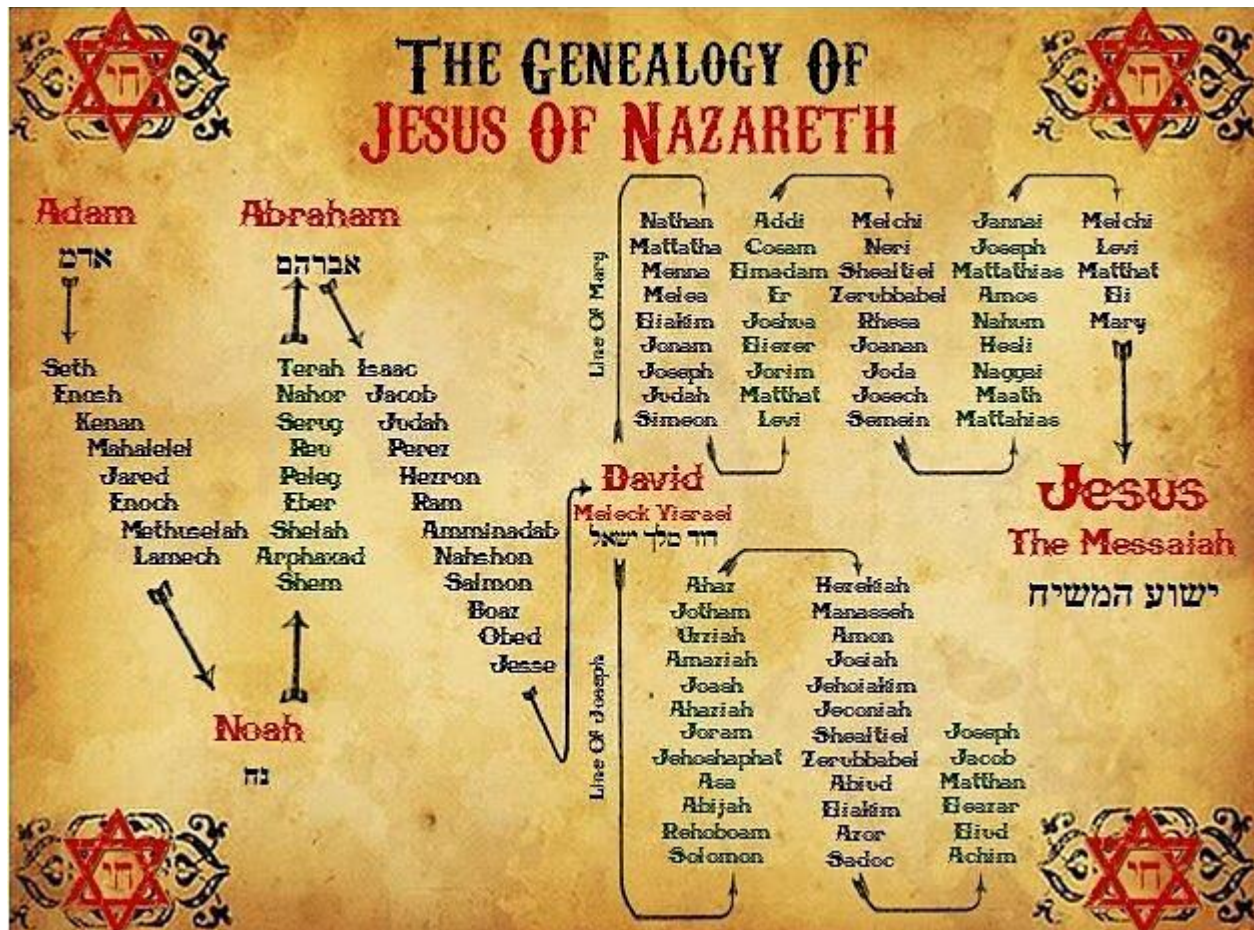
Bishop ANTHONY

“Love, Pray, Repent”

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

11 December 2022, Tone 1 / Eothinon 4

Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ



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

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Elected / Appointed Members

- Melanie Thompson, *Chair*
- Wayne Sanders, *Vice-Chair*
- Ronald Malooley, *Treasurer*
- Nicholas Schaefer, *Secretary*
- George Nimee, *Antiochian Men*
- Rdr Michael Baum, *Ecclesiarch*

Organization Representatives

- Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*
- Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*
- Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*
- Robert Abraham, *Facilities*
- Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*
- No Teen Rep Presently, *SOYO*

BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Contact Fr Mark at 815-664-4540. Council Minutes Binder with Financials is in Hall
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

December 10, Saturday, **9 am – Noon Bake Sale**

December 11, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
Chanter/Choir Sunday, 11:45 am Antiochian Women's Meeting

December 14, Wednesday, **7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt** - #3 of 4. In Church & On Zoom

December 16, Friday, **7 pm Advent Compline**

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December 17, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

December 18, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship
St Ignatius Sunday, 11:45 am Parish Council Meeting, 12:45 pm Christmas Caroling

December 19, Monday, **7 pm Vespers for St Ignatius**

December 21, Wednesday, **Noon Prayer & Share**

7 pm Pilgrimage to Egypt - #4 of 4. In Church & On Zoom

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Christmas Weekend Worship Schedule 2022

December 23, Friday, **9-11 am Royal Hours, 7 pm Vespers**

December 24, Saturday, **9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 5:30 pm Vespers**

December 25, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship

December 31, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**, 6:30 pm Potluck Fellowship

January 1, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, 11:15 am Fellowship

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 4 – Kh Katherine Buss

Dec. 23 – Stephanie Kinard

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

Dec. 24 – Kim Leonard

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,

Dec. 21 – Angelena Leonard Panizzi

Alan & Jennifer Harshman anniversary

CHURCH FINANCES

October 2022 Income-Expense

Total October Income: \$3,959.00

Total October Expenses: \$5,373.89

Net October Income: \$-1,414.89

2021 October Net Income: \$-2,333.61

January-October 2022 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 58,997.28

Total Year Expense: \$71,483.38

Total Year Net Income: \$-12,486.10

2021 Oct Net Year Income: \$-7,427.98

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| Offering Schedule | Holy Bread & Food Fellowship | Epistle Reader |
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| Sunday, December 11 | Leonard & Panizzi Families | Kim Leonard |
| Sunday, December 18 | John & Melanie Thompson | Melanie Thompson |
| Sunday, December 25 | Wayne & Genie Sanders | Wayne Sanders |
| Sunday, January 1 | ? | ? |
| Sunday, January 8 | ? | ? |

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

DOXASTICON FOR THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE SEVEN:

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

Come, with faith let us all celebrate the annual memory of the Fathers before the Law, even Abraham and those with him. Let us honor, as is meet, the tribe of Judah. With Daniel, let us acclaim as a figure of the Trinity the Children in Babylon, who quenched the flame in the furnace. Cleaving steadfastly to the predictions of the Prophets, let us cry out with a great voice together with Isaiah: Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and she shall bear a Son, Emmanuel; which being interpreted is: God is with us.

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”

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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 AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

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

Glory to the Father... Both now and ever... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

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**THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON:
RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, 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 OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE:

Byzantine Chant Tone 3

Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

On this day the Vir - gin com - eth to the cave to give
 birth to God the Word in - ef - fa - bly,
 Who was be - fore all the ag - es. Dance for joy,
 O earth, on hear - ing the glad - some tid - ings;
 with the An - gels and the shep - herds now glo - ri - fy Him
 Who is will - ing to be gazed on as a young



THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Holy Forefathers):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Holy Forefathers):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

- 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 Holy Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ; of our Venerable Fathers Daniel the Stylite and Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

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The Annual Parish Assembly is on Sunday, 29 January 2023 at 11.45 am.

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7 pm Wednesdays in Advent:

Pilgrimage to Egypt

December 14

December 21



Slide/video presentations of Egypt: Amazing ancient art & architecture, & some of the oldest Christian churches & monasteries anywhere. Where Jesus lived as a babe-child!

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2023 Calendars are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home

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Our A-Men’s Fundraiser runs until Dec 26. (10=1K) Contact George Nimee

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Choir and Chanters’ Sunday every year, on the second Sunday in December, the Archdiocese honors the Chanters and the members of the Choir for their dedication and love for the services of the Church. On this blessed day, let us honor the Saint George Chanters and Choir for a job well done! May GOD grant them many years!

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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

December 11, 2022

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-Loving Faithful,
On this holy Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ, I send warm greetings to you from His Beatitude Patriarch John X, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, father of fathers and shepherd of shepherds, in the name of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Today we gratefully recognize all our dedicated and faithful church musicians and take a moment to reflect on their essential contribution to our church life. The beauty and sweetness of their music carry our hearts beyond mundane preoccupations to the contemplation of heavenly and eternal truths. The spirit and strength of their singing fill us with zeal for God and boldness in seeking His Kingdom. It is written in the Psalms, “Blessed is the people who know the festal shout. O Lord, they will walk in the light of Thy countenance and will exult in Thy name all day long and will be lifted up by Thy righteousness” (88:16–17). The hymns sung by our choirs and chanters are not merely pleasant tunes but festal shouts of courage and victory. As these hymns fill our hearts and our lives, they inspire us to live boldly for God in each moment, proclaiming our loyalty to Him without embarrassment and being led by Him into a life of holiness.

On this Musician Appreciation Sunday, we extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball and all the members of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music for their tireless efforts in support of this holy ministry. And we gratefully honor the dedication of all the choir directors, chanters, and choir members in parishes throughout the archdiocese, who faithfully present their time and talents, week after week, as priceless gifts to Christ and His Church. Wishing you and your families—in the name of His Beatitude Patriarch John X and on my behalf—a blessed remainder of the fast and a joyous Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I remain,
Yours in Christ,

+Metropolitan ANTONIOS

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Your 2023 Pledge to Saint George

It is time for members to consider their commitment to planned regular financial stewardship for the new year, 2023. This advance commitment serves two purposes:

- One, it makes the budgeting work of your Parish Council a lot easier – it's almost impossible to plan without some visibility of what our parish income is likely to be.
- Two, on a personal level, this is an opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider what God has done for us and respond with what we can do to grow His church.

What each member can commit comes down to personal thought and prayer. 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 below your 2023 Pledge to Saint George Orthodox Church

Name

I pledge to give the following amount for the Year of 2023:

\$ _____

I will give this amount as a:

Single payment annually

\$ _____ monthly payment (pledged amount divided by 12)

\$ _____ weekly payment (pledged amount divided by 52)

I understand that this pledge will be kept confidential.

Signature

Return this form by mail to: Fr Mark Sahady, 4 Westminster Dr, Spring Valley, IL 61362, or email him at office@springvalleyorthodox.com or give it to him personally.

Our Spiritual Ancestry - From Adam and Eve on, there were righteous and holy men and women. In their lives they prefigured the life of Christ and foresaw Christ: Abel, who was murdered by his brother Cain, is a prefiguration of Christ, who was also murdered by men. Melchizedek the priest is the prefiguration of Christ the High Priest. Enoch and Elijah, who were taken up to heaven, prefigure Christ Who was also taken up to heaven. Noah, whose family survived the Flood, is a prefiguration of the baptism of purification given to us by Christ. Job the long-suffering prefigures the long-suffering of Christ. Abraham, who was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac, prefigures the sacrifice that God the Father made of His Son. Joseph, who was betrayed by his twelve brothers, prefigures Christ who was betrayed by His disciples. Moses, who was given the Ten Commandments, prefigures Christ, Who gave us the Beatitudes. Joshua, whose name is the same as Christ's, that is Jesus, the Savior, prefigures Jesus the Deliverer of His people. David saw Christ in the Psalms which he wrote down. Solomon expressed the Wisdom of God and Christ is Wisdom in the flesh. The Prophet Isaiah saw Christ the suffering Servant. The Prophet Jonah prefigures the three-day burial of Christ through his three-day stay in the belly of the whale. All these holy forefathers together with our holy foremothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Ruth, Deborah, etc, are our spiritual family. Let us read some of their writings in the Book of Genesis, the Book of Exodus, the Book of Proverbs, or simply the Psalms, and let us renew our links with our spiritual ancestors.

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Our 2022 Church Christmas Card is an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone associated with Saint George Church and your donation will help support the church. A donation will be appreciated by December 11th to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser.

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Please make checks payable to “St George Church” and return with this form to the Church by December 11, 2022.

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

Indicate below the category and the names to be included in the Church Christmas Card.

Please print clearly. Please, use separate forms for Health or Memory.

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

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

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Sunday Bulletin