



# 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

“Love, Pray, Repent”

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

## 18 December 2022, Tone 2 / Eothinon 5

### Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (The Genealogy)



**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*  
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#### Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*  
Dee Khoury, *Antiochian Women*  
Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*  
Robert Abraham, *Facilities*  
Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*  
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## 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](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 16, Friday, **7 pm Advent Compline**

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

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### CHURCH FINANCES

#### November 2022 Income-Expense

Total November Income: \$5,035.02

Total November Expenses: \$8,009.31

Net November Income: \$-2,974.29

2021 November Net Income: \$13,752.24

#### January-November 2022 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 64,032.30

Total Year Expense: \$79,057.69

Total Year Net Income: \$-15,025.39

2021 Nov Net Year Income: \$6,324.26

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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.

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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food Fellowship	Epistle Reader
Sunday, December 18	John & Melanie Thompson	Melanie Thompson
Sunday, December 25	Wayne & Genie Sanders / No Meal	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 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE EIGHT:

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

The collection of the Law's teachings maketh plain Christ's divine Nativity in the flesh through them that had preached of grace before the coming of the Law, since, by faith, they had transcended the Law. Wherefore, unto the souls held in Hades, did they foretell Thy Nativity which, through the Resurrection, was the cause of our deliverance from corruption. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

*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 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.

### 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 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, 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

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

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 thē ag - es. Dance for joy,  
O earth, on hear - ing the glad - some tid - ings;  
with thē An - gels and the shep - herds now glo - ri - fy Him  
Who is will - ing to be - gazed on as a young  
Child Who be - fore thē ag - es is God.

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## THE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

### THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday before the Nativity):

**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:** Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Chanter:** We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame them that hate us

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

### **THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday before the Nativity: “The Genealogy”):**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (1:1-25)**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the



father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

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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:** All those who of old have been well-pleasing to God, from Adam down to Joseph the Betrothed, of the prophets and prophetesses, especially of Daniel the prophet and the three holy youths; of Martyrs Sebastian and Zoe of Rome, and those with them.

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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 Wednesday*  
**Pilgrimage to Egypt**  
*December 21*

Last slide/video presentation of Egypt:  
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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**St Ignatius Sunday** every year, on the Sunday before Christmas, the Archdiocese honors the members of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. On this blessed day, let us honor the Saint George members of the OSIA! May GOD grant them many years!

## CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

*Blessed is He Who gave Thee to us without our asking, so that by Thee we might thank Thy Father for His gift. —St. Ephraim the Syrian, Hymn 4 on the Nativity*

On this holy feast of the Nativity of Christ, God gives us everything through Christ: true knowledge of Him, inspiration to seek Him, empowerment to serve Him, and the means by which to thank and praise Him. May His Gift spiritually enrich all our lives, always and in every way. Wishing you and your loved ones a most joyous feast, 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**

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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.

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Signature

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

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## THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE

We are so thankful for the unconditional gifts from the members of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch for over 46 years. Since the Order's inception in 1976, Order members have provided over \$45 million in annual and one-time gifts to support the many essential departments, projects and charitable gifts of the Antiochian Archdiocese. We want to do more. As our Archdiocese has grown exponentially since 1976, the needs of the Archdiocese and its people have as well. During this Advent period of our Orthodox Faith, we are called to focus on our words, deeds, and thoughts. During this time of year, we all reflect on the blessings we have received and are thankful to God that He has blessed us according to His endless grace, mercy, and love. For almost 50 years, you, and those before you made a conscious decision to put the needs of others ahead of your own. During the uncertainty and fear of a global pandemic, your gifts represented a "True Act of Faith". Because of you, children were able to attend camp throughout North America. Retired clergy and their wives continued to receive financial assistance. Mission parishes throughout North America were able to worship and share the Orthodox Faith. Our youth were able to remain connected and provide love and support for one another even without being in each other's physical presence. Your "Act of Faith" made this possible. For the past 5 fiscal years from 2017 through 2021, \$1,456,173 was given to support our active and retired clergy as well as married seminarians. You helped provide \$1,607,562 for the youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese (including camp scholarships). \$1,253,691 was provided to support programs and departments for the development & growth of the Antiochian Archdiocese. You also helped give \$301,140 toward various outreach organizations. The annual financial commitments of The Order have always been and will always be strictly-focused on the long-standing needs of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese with faith towards God, hope towards Christ, and love towards God and our neighbor." Roger J. David, NA Chair.

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA**  
**The 2023 Special Convention** will be held in Dallas, Texas on Friday, January 13, 2023. All parishes and missions are required to send official delegates to vote on behalf of their communities. Each pastor is entitled to one vote. All parishes and missions are entitled to one vote for each one hundred members, or fraction of one hundred that exceeds fifty members. The official Census Report that they submitted as of February 25, 2022, is used to determine this number. **The List of Candidates for Nomination to the Office of Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America:**

1. Metropolitan Saba (Isber) of Houran,
2. Bishop Thomas (Joseph),
3. Bishop Alexander (Mufarrij),
4. Bishop John (Abdalah)
5. Bishop Anthony (Michaels),
6. Bishop Nicholas (Ozone)
7. Archimandrite Fadi (Rabbat),
8. Archimandrite Maximos (Jamal)
9. Archimandrite Jeremy (Davis),
10. Archimandrite Michael (Razzouk)

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