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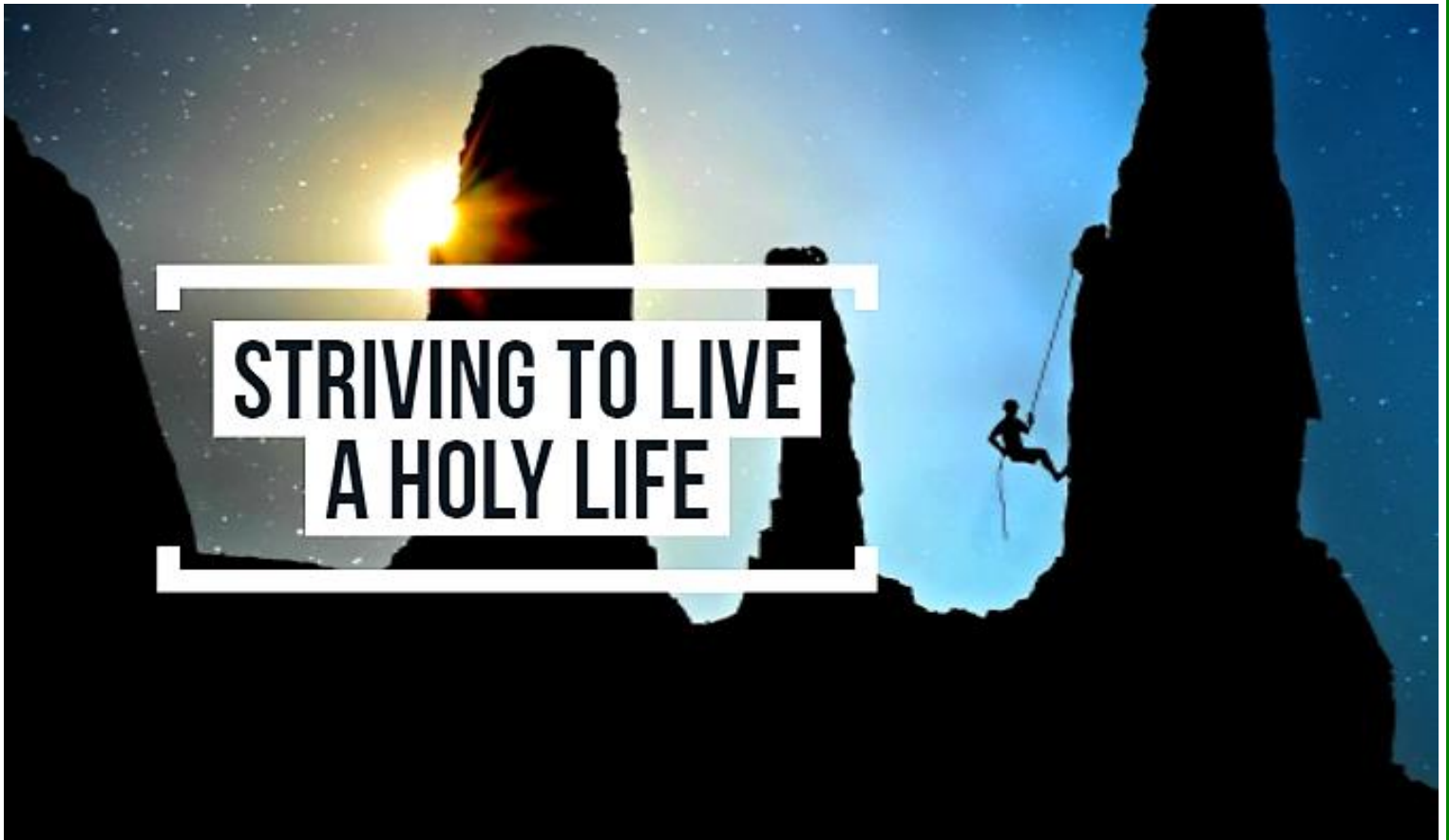
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

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

9 July 2023, Tone 4, Eothinon 5

Hieromartyr Pankratios, bishop of Taormina in Sicily



**STRIVING TO LIVE
A HOLY LIFE**

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

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 & 12:30 Lunch Meeting,
5:30 pm Vespers

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

July 25, Tuesday, NO Senior Share
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July 29, Saturday, NO Vespers

July 30, Sunday, 10 am Typika Service,
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JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 2 – Bill Loiocono &
Michele Malooley (anniv)

July 19 – Bill Miller III

July 20 – Maribeth Malooley Soldati,
Micah Schaefer

July 5 – Gary Farral

July 14 – George & Mona Kaleel (anniv)

July 28 – David & Gretel Kaleel (anniv)

July 15 – Michael Baum

July 30 – Dottie Malooley

July 16 – Thane Kaleel

July 30 – Nick & Anysia Medawar (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

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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.

Your Stewardship Donations into the General Fund make all ministries happen.
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Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, July 9	?	?
Sunday, July 16	No Liturgy or Fellowship Here	Typika Service
Sunday, July 23	?	?
Sunday, July 30	No Liturgy or Fellowship Here	Typika Service

Our Collection for Hall Township Food Pantry, by your generosity, brought them 167.77 pounds of food and \$365 in cash for them to by 10x the amount of food than we can buy.

The Food Pantry is very grateful to you the parishioners of Saint George Orthodox Church.
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Senior Share - the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is this Tuesday, 11 July)

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

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE FIFTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FIVE:

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

How wise are Thy judgments, O Christ, in that Thou didst grant Peter to understand Thy Resurrection by the coffin wrappings alone; whereas Luke and Cleopas Thou didst accompany conversing; and as Thou didst so Thou didst not reveal Thyself to them, and Thou wast taunted by them as though Thou alone wert a stranger in Jerusalem, not knowing what had happened therein of late. But since Thou ordainest all things in conformity with Thy creation, Thou didst explain to them what the Prophets had uttered concerning Thee, and in the breaking of the bread they knew Thee after their hearts were aflame for Thy knowledge; and when they came together with the Disciples they proclaimed openly the Resurrection, by which have mercy upon 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:

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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 FOUR

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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.

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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.

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Clergy: Wisdom!

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

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Reader: Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance

from them. And the demons begged Him, “If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So, they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

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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 Hieromartyr Pankratios, bishop of Taormina in Sicily; Martyrs Andrew and Probus.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

The 56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention – July 23-30, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ, 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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Hospice Volunteers needed in Streator, Ottawa, La Salle, Mendota and Princeton.

You can make a real difference in the life of a person who has a life-limiting illness. Volunteers are needed to help patients and their families in their time of need. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities: spend time with patients, run errands, assist with light housekeeping, provide respite for the family, and opportunities to serve in clerical functions in the office. There are no medical responsibilities involved for Hospice Volunteers. Normal volunteer hours are usually 52 hours per year per Hospice Volunteer. This adds up to an hour per week, visits are scheduled at your convenience unless otherwise requested by family. Hours include 1 to 4 hours each visit. Home visits and nursing home facilities are available. Please use the contact information below to obtain more information or to schedule an appointment to discuss any questions you may have.

Kathy Steinz, OSF Hospice Coordinator & Volunteer Coordinator

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815-343-5891

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience,” Colossians 3:1

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Metropolitan Sotirios of Pisidia † on Romans 10: 1-10, (Given 21 July 2019)

In our reading from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul lays before us two basic truths, which are of particular interest for us today. The first, is that we should desire and seek the salvation of our people with all of our hearts. Not only those close to us, but all people. Second, the Holy Apostle tells us that the salvation offered by Christ is open to all, and is within reach for those who turn to Him. St. Paul retained great zeal for the salvation for his own people, the Jewish people. Saul (St. Paul’s Jewish name), from the time he turned to Christ, never stopped facing the scorn of his own nation. Every time he found himself among his people, he was imprisoned, stoned, and under threat of death.

Even with all of that, the Apostle Paul continued his attempts to draw them to the salvation offered by Christ. He even came to the point of writing: “I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh” (Romans 9:2-3). Do we understand what this means? St. Paul is saying that he would gladly suffer separation from Christ if it meant the salvation of Israel. He would give up his own salvation for theirs! This desire is repeated again in today’s reading: “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved” (verse 1). Do we feel the same passion for our friends, relatives, family members, and associates? Can we relate to St. Paul’s yearning for all to be close to Christ? Do we make an effort to get to know Christ, to love Him and believe in Him? Do we pray with warmth in our hearts for those we love to have faith in Christ take root? In short, are we concerned with salvation at all? The Holy Apostle does not limit his focus to the people of Israel. He goes on to say that salvation is not restricted to a particular nation or people (like the Mosaic Law), but that Christ is for everyone who believes (see verse 4). Salvation is for all, no matter who that person is or where they are from (see Galatians 3:28). “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28) is the constant invitation of Christ. For God, “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). There is something else here, something very important: the Salvation offered by Christ is not out of reach and impossible, as some may think. St. Paul says this: “Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend into heaven? (to bring Christ down to us) or Who will descend into the abyss? (to bring Christ up from the dead)” (verses 6-7). These questions have already been answered, in that it is Christ Himself who has already done everything. He “Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven” (The Symbol of Faith); and also “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, granting life” (Paschal Troparion). What is left for us to do? To believe, and know that Salvation is close at hand if we want it. In Christ, all of this is possible. St. Paul continues: “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (verses 8-10). St. John Chrysostom, commenting on these verses, says: “In your mind and in your tongue is your salvation. There is no long journey to go on, no seas to sail over, no mountains to pass, in order to be saved.” Christ will never abandon a person who believes in Him with all their heart, accepts Him as Lord and God of their life (by living according to His will), and has the courage to confess this faith to others, even at the risk of their own life. May we also have this faith in God growing in our hearts, and to bravely declare our own love and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. What constitutes living by faith so that we may evaluate whether we are really in it. “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves” (2 Cor 13:5)! We grow in faith by studying the Bible and seeing what God has done in the past and what He promises for the future as we strive to be like Him.