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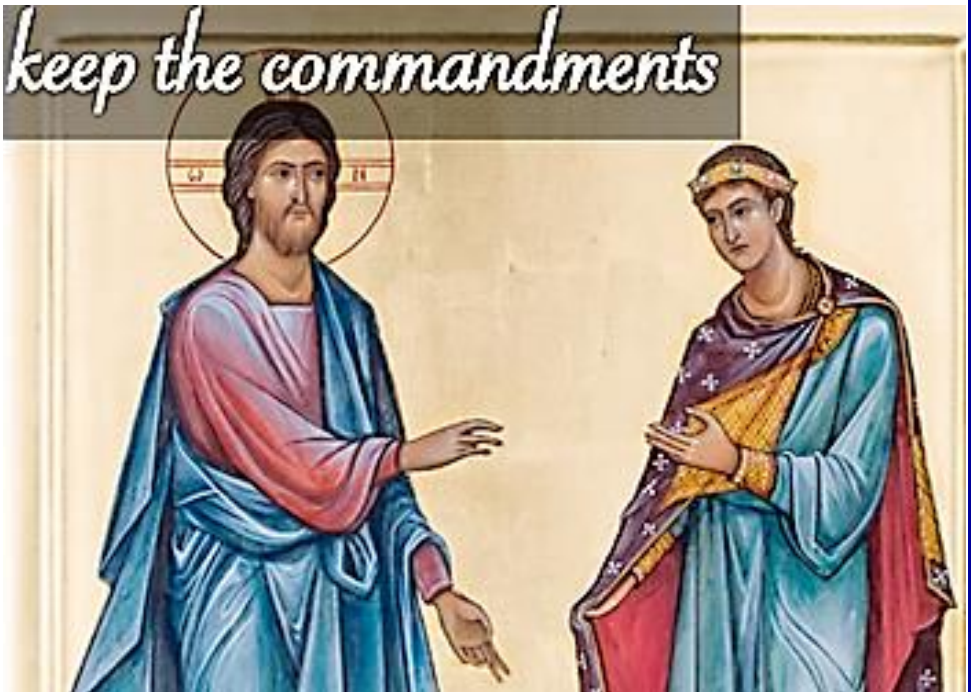
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27 August 2023, Tone 3, Eothinon 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 19:16-17

**A rich man
came to Jesus
and asked,
“what can I do
to inherit
Eternal Life”?
Jesus said:**



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*

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

August 26, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

August 27, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy,
11:15 Fellowship, 11:45 Adult Education

August 29, Tuesday, 5 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy

August 31, Thursday, 1:30 pm Bible Study – Romans - At Rectory or On Zoom

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September 2, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

September 3, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, 11:45 Adult Education

September 7, Thursday, 1:30 pm Bible Study – Romans - At Rectory or On Zoom

6:30 pm Vespers for Theotokos Birth

September 8, Friday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy for Theotokos Birth

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September, 9 Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

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

11:45 am A-Women Meeting

September 13, Wednesday, 6:30 Vespers for Feast of Elevation of Cross

September 14, Thursday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy for Elevation of Cross

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September, 16 Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

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

Bring Blessed items for burning after Liturgy (like palms, cotton swabs, etc)

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 7 – Leo Kapetaneas

Aug. 12 – Marsha Neven

Aug. 14 – Lynette Forsa

Aug. 16 – Kelsey Klein

Aug. 17 – Lynn Nimee

Aug. 20 – Genie Sanders

Aug. 27 – Fr Mark & Kh Barbara (anniv)

Aug. 28 - Seraphina Leone Panizzi

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CHURCH FINANCES

July 2023 Income-Expense

Total July Income: \$2,429.31

Total July Expenses: \$6,511.46

Net Income July: \$-4,082.15

January-July 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 62,008.11

Total Year Expense: \$53,913.65

Total Year Net Income: \$8,094.46

God wants each of us to experience the joy of generosity. Created in the image of our generous God, we are made to reflect God's generosity. And God calls us to become partners in God's work in the world through our gifts. As we grow in generosity, we grow in godliness and discipleship. Please, make sure that your Pledge to God of support for this Parish is being fulfilled!

Remember: you can donate directly by going to www.springvalleyorthodox.com 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.

BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE FIRST EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE ONE:

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

As the disciples were hastening to the mountain, the Lord came to them that He might raise them from things earthly; and they worshipped Him and learned of the power given to Him in every place. They were sent forth to every land under heaven to preach the Resurrection from the dead and the restoration to the Heavens. He that cannot lie promised also that He would be with them forever, even Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

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...

THE LITTLE LITANY & THE THIRD ANTIPHON: RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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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.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

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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 THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

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LITANY & TRISAGION HYMN
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- **The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:**
THE EPISTLE (For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Reader: In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have

treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, 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.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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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: Our righteous father Pimen the Great of Egypt; Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; and Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, August 27	Patrice Nimee & Ruth Baum	Reader Mike Baum
Sunday, September 3	?	?
Sunday, September 10	?	?
Sunday, September 17	Nick & Andrea Schaefer & Family	Nick Schaefer
Sunday, September 24	Fr Mark & Kh Barbara Sahady	Kh Barbara Sahady

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Senior Share - the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is Tuesday, 12 September)

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

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Zoom in to the **Weekly Bible Study of Romans** starting **Thursday, August 31, 1:30 pm** - At Rectory or **On Zoom, (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>)**

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Pledging helps us embrace the spiritual discipline of giving.

Like prayer, scripture reading, fasting, and dedication to service, the practice of giving regularly and intentionally helps us grow in faith and mature spiritually. It serves as a continual reminder of God’s claim on our lives. It requires us to put our own needs and wants into proper perspective, to set aside our own interests for the sake of God and others. Generosity is a tool God uses to shape our hearts. And through the spiritual discipline of giving, our hearts become one with God’s heart and our faith grows. Pledging helps us embrace the spiritual discipline of regular, faithful giving.

A pledge is a promise between us and God.

Some people are afraid of making pledges because they fear being unable to fulfill them. But it’s important to remember that neither a pledge nor an estimate of giving is a legally binding contract. A pledge is a promise between the giver and God shared with the church for the purpose of being more faithful, accountable, and generous. A pledge can be modified if someone’s circumstances change. Remember to fulfill your pledge to God

Saint John the Baptist - August 29

About two years before Jesus Christ began his mission; John the Baptist, known as the "Forerunner" of the Messiah, appeared publicly in a personal appeal for morality which was instrumental in setting the mood for a reception of the Lord in a world which otherwise might have been less responsive. It was about the year A.D. 27, in the reign of Tiberius, that John chose the rather hostile region of Judea, not far from the Dead Sea, to preach repentance and baptism in preparation for the next world. Orthodoxy considers him to be an angel (messenger) of the Lord, one who prepared the way for Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and one who died for the Savior. According to Saint Luke, "the Glorious Physician," Saint John the Baptist was a native of the city of Judah, the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, both of whom were of deeply religious lineage. The generation of Saint John, the first generation to know the grace and truth of Jesus Christ, comprised a humanity that ranged from wild paganism to holy asceticism. It was the aim of the Baptist to bring all classes to know the nearness of the Kingdom and the need for repentance as a preparation for admission to the Kingdom. Saint John ultimately was imprisoned in the dungeons of Machaerus and decapitated there at the order of Herod Antipas. After his death ensued a veneration that commenced with the recovery of his remains. According to Luke, the body of the Baptist was buried in Sebasteia in Samaria and cherished as a shrine by the Samaritans, who allowed Saint Luke to take with him the right hand of the great Baptist. This holy relic was brought to Antioch by Saint Luke, a native of Syria, who caused to be erected a chapel dedicated to the memory of Saint John, which attracted thousands of Christian pilgrims, many of whom received miraculous cures at the site. For more than 800 years this site beckoned Christians from all corners of the Empire, including those from the great capital of Constantinople. The emperor wanted all the holy relics of Saint John to be brought to the capital city, there to be accessible to many more thousands than in Antioch. A young deacon by the name of Job was assigned the duty of carrying back to the center of the Byzantine Empire the sacred relics of Saint John the Baptist. A procession headed by the emperor and the patriarch brought the holy remains to the Cathedral of Hagia Sophia on September 14, the day of the Elevation of the Holy Cross of Jesus Christ. The celebration lasted for several days because of the countless thousands who streamed to the cathedral to pay their respects and to pray at the site of the sacred relic of one of Christendom's mightiest saints. After many years the holy remains of Saint John were transferred to the monastery of Dionysiou on Mount Athos, over which pious monks stand vigil.

What Happened to Herod After the Beheading of St. John the Baptizer?

Herod's first wife's father attacked and defeated Herod with his army. Ceasar Caligula exiled Herod first to Gaul, then to Spain in the town of Lerida. Salome was crossing the frozen river Sikaris (Sula) when the ice broke and she fell in up to her throat. Pieces of the ice held her by the throat, as she struggled, dancing with her legs in the water as she once danced in Herod's court. In the end a fragment of ice cut her head off. The water carried her body away, but her head was taken on a platter to her mother Herodias. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in need and debasement until their death.