



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Love, Pray, Repent” / Welcome All!  
“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

## 3 September 2023, Tone 4, Eothinon 2 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**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](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

September 2, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

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

11:15 Fellowship, 11:45 A-Men & Order of St Ignatius Meeting

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 12, Tuesday, 2 pm Senior Share (Social, Education, Table Games)

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

1:30 pm Bible Study – Romans - At Rectory or [On Zoom](#)

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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

September 21, Thursday, 1:30 pm Bible Study – Romans - At Rectory or [On Zoom](#)

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September 23, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

September 24, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, 11:45 Adult Education

September 26, Tuesday, 2 pm Senior Share (Social, Education, Table Games)

September 28, Thursday, 1:30 pm Bible Study – Romans - At Rectory or [On Zoom](#)

September 29, Friday – Sunday, Bishop Anthony Archpastoral Visit

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 3: Ron and Mari Ford (anniversary)

Sept 16: John Thompson, Niles Tremper

Sept 4: Tyler Thompson

Sept 17: George & Patrice Nimee (anniv)

Sept 6: Christopher & Jennifer Baran (anniv)

Sept 21: Jay Klein

Sept 8: Mike Kasap

Sept 25: Jax Thompson

Sept 11: Andrea Schaefer

Sept 25: Kaitlyn Kelly

Sept 12: George Nimee

Sept 29: Nancy Johnson

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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

## BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

### THE SECOND EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE TWO:

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

They who were with Mary came and brought with them ointments; and as they were at a loss how to achieve their desire, they saw that the stone had been rolled, and a divine young man removed all anxiety and trouble from their souls by saying, The Lord Jesus hath risen. Wherefore, they proclaimed to His Disciples, that they should hasten to Galilee and behold Him, risen from the dead; for He is the Lord, the Giver of Life.

*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 FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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.

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### APOLYTIKION FOR ST ANTHIMOS IN TONE ONE

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender \* of thy flock, thou eagerly sheddest thy blood for its protection. \* Unbending and wholly unafraid \* of all thine adversaries' fearful threats, \* thou rejoicest now in Heaven, standing before \* the throne of the Three-



Sun Godhead. \* Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength. \* Glory to thy manly bravery. \* Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

### **APOLYTIKION FOR ST. THEOKTISTOS 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 Theoktistos, 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 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

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

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (16:13-24)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Reader:** Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!  
For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

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

## THE GOSPEL (For the Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew)

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (21:33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" + + + + + + +

• 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 Anthimos of Nicomedia; and Venerable Theoktistos, fellow ascetic with Euthymios the Great.

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## BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, September 3	Sandra McLaughlin & Kathryn Zawacki	Sbdn Theophan Anderson
Sunday, September 10	?	?
Sunday, September 17	Nick & Andrea Schaefer & Family	Nick Schaefer
Sunday, September 24	Fr Mark & Kh Barbara Sahady	Kh Barbara Sahady
Sunday, October 1	Bishop Anthony Brunch	Rdr Michael Baum

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### Senior Share - the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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** this 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 **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](http://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.

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**September 1st.** As Orthodox Christians, we have an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual changes we can make in our lives, and in turn, how we might use our growth to benefit our society. Particularly as we have also just begun a new academic year, it seems to me that the Gospel for the New Year is especially appropriate: as both God and Man, our Lord was, as a man, a diligent student of the Scriptures. We read on September 1st, how our Lord enters the Synagogue at Nazareth, and taking the scroll of Isaiah, he reads the prophecy that concerns Himself. We pray that our students' eyes will be opened like the eyes of the blind man, and that grace of the Holy Spirit which transformed Disciples will grant our young people discernment, understanding and wisdom in learning. Truly, it is this same Spirit which inspires our Lord to declare His mission. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19) "The year of the Lord's favor" is indeed a powerful phrase; so powerful, in fact, that it may seem difficult to believe in a fallen world such as ours. How can this Ecclesiastical New Year represent the year of the Lord's favor when our society is so divided and in such pain? Truly, when faced with such obstacles, it can be a temptation to fall into despair as we ask, "How can I, as one person, help to make change happen?" However, the simplest way to better our society is to try to change it at the smallest level: first, in our own hearts, and then extending to our families, friends, neighbors and among our parish homes. When we can demonstrate kindness to those who are less fortunate; when we can show mercy to those with whom we disagree, then our fellow human beings can see the Light of Christ working within us; the same Christ whom, as St. Paul says in the First Letter to Timothy, was "...himself human..." and "...who gave himself a ransom for all." (1 Timothy 2:5-6) We are called to echo the sacrificial love of Christ as we take up our own crosses, and this is the kind of radical difference from a materialistically oriented and self-interested society, that will help to begin that process of change.