



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

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

## 10 September 2023, Tone 5, Eothinon 3

### After-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

### Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross



**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 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**  
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September 29-October 1, Friday – Sunday, **Bishop Anthony Archpastoral Visit**

Friday, 7:30 pm Young Adult Visit with Bp Anthony

Saturday, 9 am A-Women Brunch with Bp Anthony

11:30 am A-Men & St Ignatius Order Lunch with Bp Anthony

4 pm Youth Visit with Bp Anthony

5 pm Vespers with Bp Anthony

6:30 pm Parish Council Dinner with Bp Anthony

Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:30 Lunch with Bp Anthony  
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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 3: Ron and Mari Ford (anniversary)

Sept 4: Tyler Thompson

Sept 6: Christopher & Jennifer Baran (anniv)

Sept 8: Mike Kasap

Sept 11: Andrea Schaefer

Sept 12: George Nimee

Sept 16: John Thompson, Niles Tremper

Sept 17: George & Patrice Nimee (anniv)

Sept 21: Jay Klein

Sept 25: Jax Thompson

Sept 25: Kaitlyn Kelly

Sept 29: Nancy Johnson

## BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

### THE THIRD EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE THREE:

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

Verily, the Disciples were taunted for the hardness of their hearts because they doubted when Mary Magdalene proclaimed to them the fact of the Resurrection of the Savior and His appearance to her. But, when they were armed with miracles and wonders, they were sent out to warn. As for Thee, O Lord, Thou didst ascend to Thy Father, the Element of all light; and they preached in every place verifying their words with wonders and miracles. Wherefore, we who were enlightened by them glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Lover of mankind.

*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 “Having Risen...”

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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:

**Verse:** Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

**Verse:** Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

**Verse:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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### THE LITTLE LITANY & THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

**Verse:** The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not annul it.  
Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia.

**Verse:** There will I make to spring forth a horn for David.  
I have prepared a lamp for My Christ.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia.

**Verse:** For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia.

**Verse:** Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

## THE LITTLE LITANY & THE THIRD ANTIPHON:

Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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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 FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

### 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 Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. 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!

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### THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John. (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

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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 Nativity of the Theotokos, the Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora of Bithynia; Empress Pulcheria; and Peter, bishop of Nicaea.

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### BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Sunday, September 10	Daniel & Tara Rakes & Family	Sbdn Theophan Anderson
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
Sunday, October 8	?	?
Sunday, October 15	?	?

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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>)**  
10 September 2023

## 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

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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.**

**Your Stewardship Donations into the General Fund make all ministries happen.**

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**The Nativity of Our Most Holy Virgin Mary** is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. She was born in Galilee, in the city of Nazareth. Her parents were Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Anna was barren. Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna had strong faith that everything was possible with God. Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them to the service of God in the Temple. The Lord fulfilled their petitions when the pious couple had attained extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter, Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World. The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change when the great promises of God for salvation from slavery to the devil were about to be fulfilled.