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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

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

17 September 2023, Tone 6, Eothinon 4 After-feast of 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

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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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, 6 pm Feed Homeless at PADS Peru, Arrive 5:30 pm, see Maxwell Colby

7:30 pm Young Adult (18-35) 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 (Pre-Teens to 17) 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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SEPTEMBER 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

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BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

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

THE FOURTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FOUR:

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

Verily, the women came at early dawn to Thy tomb, O Christ, but they found not Thy body, precious to them. And as they were perplexed, behold there stood among them those who were in shining clothes who said to them: Why seek ye the living among the dead? He hath risen as He foretold. Why have ye forgotten His words? And when they were assured by their saying, they preached to the Disciples the things seen. But their glad tidings were received with ridicule; for they were still without understanding. But Peter hastened to behold, and glorified Thy wonders in himself.

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:**

THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON:

Verse: O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

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

Verse: My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel.

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: O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Refrain: **Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.**

Verse: This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt.

Refrain: **Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.**

Verse: God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Refrain: **Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.**

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

THE LITTLE LITANY & THE THIRD ANTIPHON:

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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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.**

- *After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

THOU Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. Gladden with Thy sov'reign, might our most Orthodox hierarchs, and vouchsafe them victory over every false teaching; and as Thy help in war may they possess the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

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LITANY & TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. 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 Galatians. (2:16-20)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Reader: Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old! God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

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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 Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; the holy Martyrs Sophia and her daughters: Faith, Hope and Love.

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BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
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	Genie Sanders & Anysia Medawar	Allyson Scandale
Sunday, October 15	?	?

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Senior Share - the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm (Next one is Tuesday, 26 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, September 21, 1:30 pm - At Rectory or **On Zoom, (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>)**

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CHURCH FINANCES

August 2023 Income-Expense

Total August Income: \$3,005.00

Total August Expenses: \$7,816.97

Net Income August: \$-4,811.97

January-August 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 65,013.11

Total Year Expense: \$61,730.62

Total Year Net Income: \$3,282.49

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Come, O faithful, let us venerate the life-giving Cross of Christ, the King of Glory, for when He extended His arms on it of His own free will, He restored us to the original bliss. "O Lord, Who was crucified on the Cross, have mercy on us, O Lover of Mankind!"

Witnesses for Christ - By Metropolitan Saba (Ispër)

The Christian is a witness for Christ, through whom people see Christ. To be a witness for Christ means that you are a witness to His Gospel, and this is not just a choice that concerns you alone, but a personal commission from the Lord to you. It is a fundamental commandment: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). When the Lord commissioned His disciples with those words, He commissioned all Christians through them, without distinction or discrimination. There is a distinction to be made between evangelizing and witnessing. The evangelist is a person set apart for this ministry. But we can all bear witness, and using our lives is one of the most important ways to do it. Witnessing for the Lord means that you are not ashamed of Him and His Gospel, and that you strive with all your strength and ability to be faithful to Him and His teachings. You live by His commandments and walk according to His statutes. Thus, you become a living gospel, where people see in you the true Christ, and you bear witness to Him through your conduct. Talking about Christ, or proclaiming Him, is one aspect of witnessing, but it is not the entirety of it. There is a time for speaking and a time for silence. There is a time for action and a time for prayer. Your actions may speak louder than words. If you do not live according to your words about Him, it is better for you to be silent, lest His words apply to you as they did to the Pharisees: "Therefore, whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do" (Matthew 23:3). The important thing is to make your entire being His, and not just your tongue. For if you belong to Him only with your tongue, without your whole being, that becomes a condemnation for you and a distortion of the image of Christ in the eyes of those who hear you. Witnessing for the Lord requires humility. Humility is the twin of love and its constant companion. Many people have glorified God through their humble and loving conduct, as the Gospel says, "...that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). The word "witness" at first means testifying for Him. And secondly is to die for Him, meaning that you bear witness to Him even to the point of martyrdom, shedding your blood as the price for your testimony, never relinquishing it. God does not ask for martyrdom from everyone. He may allow persecution from time to time, as a purification for His Church from idols and mercenaries, and as a way to put aside spiritual and moral laxity, which greatly afflicts believers these days. However, He asks for your testimony at all times and in every circumstance. That is why He said, "Whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:33). Witness for Him means that you choose Him as your way, in good times and bad. You work to please Him, not caring for what pleases others, while remaining filled with love for them. The wicked will tempt you to hate those who pressure you to betray Christ, but you will remain truly faithful to Him if you continue to love them without yielding to their demands, hoping that He will save them and reveal Himself to them. Despising and ridiculing them will lead you to a contradictory testimony of your Lord Who is love, and His image in you will be distorted.