



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Metropolitan SABA

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”

Celebrating 105 Years of Serving Christ in the Central Illinois Valley

12 November 2023, Tone 6, Eothinon 1

The Story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37



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*

Our Parish Mission

Called by Christ to provide hope to the world, we serve people seeking truth with a loving community and the worship of the original Christian church.

Our Parish Vision

St George strives to be a growing community of believers of all ages, sharing frequent worship services, Christian education, a culture of giving and stewardship, and support to our neighbors.

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

November 11, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

November 12, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship
Special Collection for Jerusalem Patriarchate, Bring items for Illinois Food Pantry

11:45 am A-Women Mtg

November 13, Monday, 9 am – Noon Bake Together for Dec 2nd Bake Sale

November 14, Tuesday, 9 am – Noon Bake Together for Dec 2nd Bake Sale

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

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November 18, Saturday, 8:15 am Parish Council Workshop, 10 am Council Mtg
5:30 pm Vespers

November 19, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship

Last Day to Bring items for Illinois Food Pantry

November 20, Monday, 6:30 pm Vespers for Theotokos Entrance into the Temple

November 21, Tuesday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy for Theotokos

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November 25, Saturday, 5:30 pm Vespers

November 26, Sunday, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship

November 27, Monday, 9 am – Noon Bake Together for Dec 2nd Bake Sale

November 28, Tuesday, 9 am – Noon Bake Together for Dec 2nd Bake Sale

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

November 29, Wednesday, 6:30 pm **Greece Travelogue Slides**

December 1, Friday, 9 am – Noon Prep Food & Hall for Bake Sale

December 2, Saturday, 9 am – **Noon BAKE SALE**

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4 – John Sahady

Nov. 5 – Michael Harshman, Adria Nimee

Nov. 11 – Monique & Jim Harvey (Anniv)

Nov. 13 – Georgia Kapetaneas

Nov. 14 – Kh Barbara Sahady

Nov. 15 – Anysia Medawar

Nov. 20 – John/Freda Kapetaneas (Anniv)

Nov. 21 – Mary Lynn Malooley Spitz

Nov. 22 – John Kapetaneas

Nov. 25 – Fr Mark Sahady

Nov. 27 – Pratik & Melissa Desai (Anniv)

Nov. 30 – Mavick Malooley

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CHURCH FINANCES

September 2023 Income-Expense

Total September Income: \$2,776.00

Total September Expenses: \$6,790.67

Net Income September: \$-4,014.67

January-September 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 67,789.11

Total Year Expense: \$68,521.29

Total Year Net Income: \$-732.18

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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.

GREAT DOXOLOGY & TROPARION “Having risen from the tomb...”

- **The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom:**

THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON:

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

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 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.

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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAY:

Clergy: 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.

Choir: 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.**

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APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN THE ALMSGIVER IN TONE EIGHT

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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LITANY & TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For Saint John the Almsgiver)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: Reading from the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Reader: He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

• 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.

Commemoration: Our father among the saints John the Almsgiver, the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria; Nilus the Faster of Sinai; Nilus the myrrh-streaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; and Martin the wonderworker, bishop of Tours.

BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Schedule	Holy Bread & Food	Epistle Reader
Everyone, Please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas		
Sunday, November 12	Daniel & Tara Rakes Family	Rdr Mike Baum
Sunday, November 19	Kh Barbara Sahady	Kh Barbara Sahady
Sunday, November 26	Mike & Ruth Baum	Rdr Mike Baum
Sunday, December 3	Kim, Jeannie, Gabe Leonard, Angelena Panizzi A Memorial for Ed & Sadie Malooley	Gabe Leonard

The Ladies of Saint George Orthodox Church present their

Bake Sale

Saturday, December 2nd

9 am – Noon

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Baklawa, Date Fingers

Mamoul, Ghribee

Meat Pies, Spinach Pies

Cheese Bread, Zaatar Bread

And more...



Join Together to Bake these items at Church on Mondays & Tuesdays from 9 am – Noon. Also, Please, bake your own specialties at home, such as: Christmas Cookies & Bars; Greek and other Ethnic Baked Goods; Breads (like Banana, Date-Nut, Pumpkin); Home-canned Pickles, Jams, Jellies; Pies, Cakes, etc... Arrange to have them at church on Friday, December 1, so we can get them ready to sell.

When was the last time you **focused your prayer on being thankful**? Often, prayer becomes a one-way conversation to God with a list of our needs instead of praying from a heart of gratitude. At the beginning of your day or at the end of your day, start the habit of thanking God for your blessings and praying these verses out loud. Invite a friend or your family to join you for 30 days of thankful prayers. Then, continue to foster a thankful heart and way of life. Create a gratitude journal by adding specific praise verses and prayers that are personal to your own life. Below is a prayer & Bible verse for each day. *Prayers 1-10 was in last week's Bulletin. Below are Prayers 11-20.*

11. Thank you that I may have eternal life in Jesus Christ. "...that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him" John 3:15.

12. Thank you for the oceans, mountains, fields, deserts, and all the amazing landscapes you created for our enjoyment. "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?" Isaiah 40:12.

13. Thank you for your light—for the sunrises, sunsets, and the moon and the stars that add light to darkness. "And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day" Genesis 1:14-19.

14. Thank you for the animals you created—from the largest whale to even the smallest goldfish. "So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good" Genesis 1:21.

15. Thank you for how I notice your beauty in the people around me through their smiles, laughter, and the unique ways you created them. "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" Genesis 1:27.

16. Thank you for my family and for those friends I call family—may we love each other well. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:12-13.

17. Thank you for adopting me into your spiritual family. "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory" Romans 8:14-17.

18. Thank you for the fellowship of believers and what we share together in you. “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” Acts 2:42-47.

19. Thank you for marriage and the ways this relationship reflects Christ’s relationship with the church. “‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband” Ephesians 5:31-33.

20. Thank you for the gift of children and the way they remind me how to approach you. “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’” Matthew 19:14.

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**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Giving Tuesday was created to unite us all in a day of generosity, to make a difference in the world in a positive loving way. Make an impact on Tuesday, November 28 by supporting Saint George Orthodox Church by following this link:

<https://gofund.me/b736630d>. By donating today to St. George Orthodox Church, you provide an authentic, empowering experience of faith as the family of God with your donation. Support the renewal of Saint George Orthodox Church as we enter the 106th year of ministry with Sunday School, Workshops, Bible Studies, Community Support, Spiritual Counseling & Healing, Life-giving Worship and Fervent Prayer.



When can I make a donation?

ANYTIME from now till November 28, 2022 we are accepting donations for our #GivingTuesday campaign! <https://gofund.me/b736630d>

HOW CAN I DONATE TO SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH ON #GIVINGTUESDAY?

- Click on the **[GoFundMe Link](https://gofund.me/b736630d)** or Call Saint George Church at (815) 664-4540 or email us at **office@springvalleyorthodox.com** and we will guide you through this:
- Click on the GO Fund Me Link: **<https://gofund.me/b736630d>**
 - OR Go to **<https://www.springvalleyorthodox.com>** and click on the DONATE button at the bottom of the page to make an electronic donation.
 - OR Make your check payable to “Saint George Orthodox Church” and mail your check to Saint George Church, P.O. Box 122, Spring Valley, IL 61362

2023 Advent Travelogue

Greece

Classical & Christian

Wednesday evenings

Nov 29 - Dec 20, 7 - 8 pm

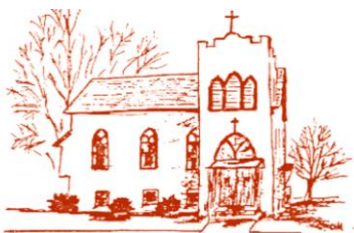


From the ancient Olympics and the Oracle at Delphi to Alexander the Great and the travels of the Apostle Paul, Greece provides stories and pictures of incredible beauty and significance for all the ages and today. Prepare for Christmas with slides and images from a recent tour of Greece. Experience a virtual visit to the land where the Christian church took root, flourished, and spread across the world!



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November 29 Introduction to Greece & the Greatest Traveler Among the Apostles

Starting with an overview of the history, geography, and culture of Greece, we'll then look closely at St Andrew, whose feast day is Nov 30, and we'll virtually visit his tomb at the largest church in Greece.

December 6 Preparing for the Coming of Christ

The great monuments of Ancient Greece – where the Olympic Games began, the tomb of Alexander the Great's father, and the Parthenon – and how they helped lay the foundations of the Christian church.

December 13 The Travels of Paul the Apostle

The first books of the New Testament were written to churches in Greece; we'll see the actual locations of Corinthians, Thessalonians, Philippians, and Ephesians.

December 20 Images of Holiness

Five days before Christmas, we'll visit some of the most historic churches in Greece with amazing iconography, and marvel at their beauty and sanctity.

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