



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Bishop ANTHONY

“Love, Pray, Repent”
“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

Welcome All!

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Parish council members:

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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.

Worship On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA

Schedule of Events

February 10, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

February 11, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Deacon’s Typika**, Fellowship, Adult Ed

February 13, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Education, Table Games)

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February 17, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

February 18, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Worship**, Fellowship,

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February 24, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

February 25, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Worship**, Fellowship & Adult Ed

February 27, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Education, Table Games)

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.

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who hast shown us the Light! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; O Thou who takest away the sins of the world. Receive our prayer, O Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes. (3 times)

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (3 times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

THE TROPARION

Today is Salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises to Him who arose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by death destroyed death, He hath given us victory and great mercy.

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The Hymns of the Day during the Deacon's Typika with Communion:

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT LITANY

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (*Repeat this after each petition.*)

For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

For this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God, enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For our father and Metropolitan Saba, for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For this country, its President, all civil authorities, our Armed Forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, and for every city and countryside, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

All: To Thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

All: Amen.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

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

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee.
Alleluia. (*Thrice*)

Glory... Both now... O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and without change became man, and was crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled down death by death, Who art one of the holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON - THE BEATITUDES

In Thy kingdom, remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile ye, and persecute ye, and say all manner of evil against ye falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

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

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) on Sundays

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: 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.

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

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BLAISE IN TONE FOUR

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue.

After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Blaise. Entreat the Lord our 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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Clergy: Let us attend!

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

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: 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 Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew)

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (25:14-30, + Luke 8:8)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As Jesus said these things He cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

+++++ **The Homily-Sermon** +++++

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan *N.* and for our brethren: the priests, deacons, monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for the servants of God we remember today: [*NAMES OF THE LIVING*], and all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and for the departed servants of God, [*NAMES OF THE DEPARTED*] all our fathers and brethren departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

TROPARIA BEFORE THE CREED (Plain Reading)

1st Reader: The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

2nd Reader: Come unto him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

1st Reader: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

2nd Reader: The choir of holy angels and archangels, with all the powers of heaven, singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

1st Reader: *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds: Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father by Whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And on the third day rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who procedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Deacon: Forgive, remit, pardon, O God, our sins, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and in word, in knowledge or in ignorance, committed by night or by day, in mind and in thought. Forgive us them all, for thou art good and lovest mankind.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us

our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

All: Amen.

THE MORNING LITANY

Deacon: Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless and peaceful; and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life to Christ our God.

All: To Thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

Deacon: O all-holy Trinity, consubstantial might, Kingdom undivided and source of all good: Be gracious to me, a sinner, establish and give understanding to my heart, and

take away from me every defilement. Enlighten my mind, that I may continually glorify, hymn, and worship Thee, and say: One is holy, one is the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Deacon now enters the altar, prepares the elements of Holy Communion, partakes himself and prepares the chalice for the people during:

- **Sing “One is Holy, One is Lord...”, say “I Believe O Lord and I Confess”, then:**

THE ORDINARY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia.

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Deacon: With the fear of God, in faith and love draw near!

Choir: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has revealed Himself to us.

The Deacon serves Holy Communion to the people. Chanters sing Communion Hymns.

Deacon: O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Choir: We have seen the true Light, we have received the Heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith, worshipping the Undivided Trinity, for He hath saved us.

PSALM 33: THANKSGIVING PSALM

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord: henceforth, and forevermore! (*Thrice*)

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be

