



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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”

3 March 2024, Tone 6 / Eothinon 6

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Elected / Appointed Members

Wayne Sanders, *Chair*

Mark Kerasotes, *Vice-Chair & Order of St Ignatius*

Melanie Thompson, *Treasurer*

Rdr Michael Baum, *Secretary & Ecclesiarch*

Nicholas Schaefer

Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*

Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*

Ruth Baum, *Antiochian Women*

Maxwell Colby, *Young Adults*

Robert Abraham, *Facilities*

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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 3, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, Fellowship, A-Women

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March 9, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

March 10, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Deacon’s Typika**, Fellowship, Adult Education

March 16, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

March 17, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy**, Forgiveness Vespers for start of Great Lent, Fellowship

March 23, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

March 24, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Deacon’s Typika for Annunciation**, Fellowship, Parish Council

March 30, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

March 31, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Worship**, Fellowship, Adult Education

WORSHIP

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

DOXASTICON FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE SIX:

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

O good Father, I have withdrawn from Thee. Do not forsake me or cast me from Thy kingdom. The most evil enemy hath stripped me naked and robbed me of my fortune; and I have wasted the gifts of the soul in riotous living. Wherefore, I will rise and return to Thee, crying: Make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Thou who for my sake did stretch Thy pure hands on the Cross to snatch me from the wicked beast and clothe me with the first robe, since Thou alone art most compassionate.

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 AND TROPARION “Having Risen”

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

THE GREAT LITANY AND 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:

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

EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) on Sundays:

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.

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- After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these hymns 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 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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE:

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have

sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

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THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday of the Prodigal Son):

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Clergy: Peace be to thee who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: It is God Who grants me vengeance, and has subdued peoples under me. God magnifies the salvation of His king, and shows mercy to His anointed one!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday of the Prodigal Son):

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring

on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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• After “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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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Date	Holy Bread	Food	Usher	Epistle Reader
Sunday, March 3	church	pot luck	Ruth Baum	Allyson Scandale
Sunday, March 10	?	?	?	?
Sunday, March 17 No Meat	Allyson Scandale, Memorial for Dee Khoury		?	Allyson Scandale
Sunday, March 24 No Meat or Dairy	Ruth Baum		?	?
Sunday, March 31 No Meat or Dairy	?	?	?	?
Sunday, April 7 No Meat or Dairy	?	?	?	?

****Everyone, please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas****

Deepest thanks to Fr Malek Rihani for service at St George today. Next week we’ll welcome Dn Peter Kovacich for Matins and Deacon’s Typika for the Sunday of the Last Judgment.

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Volunteers needed for Holy Bread & food for fellowship – please sign up or see Ruth Baum.

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And don’t forget “Daylight Saving” starts next weekend – “spring ahead” Saturday night 3/9!

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 – Markella Makou Fousekas
 March 13 – Nick Schaefer
 March 13 – Sandy McLaughlin
 March 21 – Anthony Herrera
 March 22 – Matthew Panizzi

March 23 – Anne Abraham
 March 24 – George Kaleel
 March 25 – Calliope Grace Leonard
 March 30 – Christopher Baran, Dina Desai

CHURCH FINANCES

January 2024 Income-Expense

Total January Income: \$12,866.00
 Total January Expenses: \$8,352.32
 Net Income January: \$4,513.68

January 2023

Total Jan 2023 Income: \$13,551.00
 Total Jan 2023 Expense: \$5,237.46
 Net income Jan 2023: \$8,313.50