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Established 1918Metropolitan SABA, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America

Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

7 April 2024, Tone 3 / Eothinon 11 3rd Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of the Cross

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Great Vespers every Saturday at 5:30 pm unless otherwise indicated.

- Sunday, April 7, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy (Cross procession) with Fr David Moga, Fellowship, A-Women
- Thursday, April 11, 5:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Dn Jeremy Finzel
- Friday, April 12, 6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos
- Sunday, April 14, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Deacon's Typika with Dn Peter Kovacich, Fellowship, Adult Education
- Thursday, April 18, 5:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Dn Jeremy Finzel
- Friday, April 19, 6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos
- Sunday, April 21, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy with Fr David Moga,** Fellowship, Parish Council

WORSHIP

• The "Glory" hymn at the end of Matins:

DOXAŠTIČON FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

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

The Lord of all taught us by a proverb to run away from the haughtiness of the evil Pharisees; and instructed all not to exalt themselves in their opinions from duty, having Himself become a Symbol and an Exemplar, emptying Himself unto the Cross and death. Wherefore, with the publican, let us offer Him thanks, saying, O Thou Who didst suffer for our sakes and remained an unsuffering God, deliver us from sufferings and save 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.

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY AND TROPARION "Today is Salvation"

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The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: THE GREAT LITANY AND THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. Thou hast given to those that fear thee a sign, to flee from the bow.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. *Verse:* Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord. (Refrain)

Verse: Glory to the Father....both now and ever... (Refrain) THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood.

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

Verse: God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

Verse: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. (Refrain) 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

Verse: Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Feed them, and lift them up forever.

Apolytikion for the Holy Cross: 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.

EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) on Sundays

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, <u>Who art risen from the dead</u>, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

• After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these hymns 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 FOR 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 FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (thrice). Glory...both... And Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. *Dynamis!* (*Repeat*) **The Scriptures of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:**

THE EPISTLE (For the Third Sunday of Great Lent) Clergy: Let us attend!

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

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6) Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Clergy: Peace be to thee who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Third Sunday of Great Lent)

Clergy: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 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 Jesus 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."

• Instead of "It is truly meet" we sing the Megalynarion for Saint Basil's Liturgy:

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

After "One is Holy, One is Lord," say "I Believe O Lord and I Confess," then: KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us. Alleluia.

• After Communion, instead of "We have seen the true light," we sing the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross.

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• Following "Blessed be the Name of the Lord" we do the Procession of the Holy Cross, followed by Dismissal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO			
Holy Bread	Food	Epistle Reader	
Robert Abraham	Robert Abraham	Maxwell Colby	
Anysia Medawar Genie Sanders Memorial for Sadie Ziady & Mary Bashir	Anysia Medawar Genie Sanders	Nicole Wiltse	
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?	Fish Fry (donations appreciated)	Mike Baum	
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****Everyone, please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas****

Deepest thanks to Fr David Moga for celebrating at St George today. Next week Dn Peter Kovacich will celebrate Deacon's Typika, with service of the Eucharist.

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This Sunday we begin our annual collection for Food for Hungry People, an archdiocese ministry that's needed now more than ever, given world conditions. Please give as generously as you can.

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Mark the date: June 26-29 is our Midwest Parish Life Conference in Oak Brook! Details coming.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 1 – Anna Schaefer April 6 – Bette Malooley, Sydney Thompson, Allyson Scandale April 12 – Christina Kapetaneas April 14 – Rebecca Harshman, Beatrice Leonard April 21 – Sarah Sanders

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- April 22 Jeannie Leonard

April 25 – Jake Malooley, Michele Malooley

CHURCH FINANCES

February Income-Expense	2024 YTD Income-Expense	2023 YTD Comparison	
Income: \$6982.06	Income: \$19,848.06	Income: \$24,234.95	
Expense: \$2,306.89	Expense: \$10,659.21	Expense: \$12,068.27	
Net: \$4,675.17	Net: \$9,188.85	Net: \$12,166.68	
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS			

Elected / Appointed Members

Wayne Sanders, Chair

Mark Kerasotes, Vice-Chair & Order of St Ignatius Rdr Michael Baum, Secretary & Ecclesiarch

Melanie Thompson, *Treasurer* Nicholas Schaefer

Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School* Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir* Maxwell Colby, *Young Adults* Ruth Baum, Antiochian Women Robert Abraham, Facilities

Our Parish Mission & Vision

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