

**Established 1918** 

# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

#### **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.

# 14 April 2024, Tone 4 / Eothinon 1 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Ladder of Divine Ascent

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

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- 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,** followed by Lenten supper
- 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
- Thursday, April 25, **5:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Dn Jeremy Finzel,** followed by Lenten supper
- Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am Matins and Deacon's Typika for Lazarus Saturday with Dn Peter Kovacich
- Sunday, April 28, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Deacon's Typika for Palm Sunday with Dn Peter Kovacich, Fellowship, Adult Education
- Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 pm Service of Holy Unction with Fr Andrew Kishler
- Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 am Bridegroom Matins with Fr Andrew Kishler
- Thursday, May 2, 9:00 am Reader's Matins for Holy Thursday
- Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm Reader's Services: Burial Vespers & Lamentations
- Sunday May 5, 8:45 am Services for Holy Pascha with Fr Malek Rihani

#### WORSHIP

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

#### DOXASTICON FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT IN TONE ONE

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

Come, let us labor in the mystical field, working therein fruits of repentance. Let us not spend ourselves in food and drink, but reap virtues with fasting and prayer; for these doth the Master of labor accept, and for them He giveth us the pence through which He redeemeth our souls from the debt of sin; for He alone is 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 "Today is Salvation"

• Deacon's Typika – see separate booklet. After "Save us, O Son, of God...." sing these hymns in the following order:

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ 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.

#### KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE ONE

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 TRISAGION HYMN

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

**THE EPISTLE (For the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)** 

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

Reader: O Lord, how magnified 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 St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for

confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into "that which is within the veil," where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest "forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

**Clergy:** Peace be to thee who readest.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Chanter:** It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# **THE GOSPEL (For the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent)**

## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

- Deacon's Typika continues see separate booklet.
- After "One is Holy, One is Lord...", say "I Believe O Lord and I Confess", then:

## MEGALYNARION FOR LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL

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.

# THE ORDINARY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN)

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

• Deacon's Typika resumes through "We have seen...", final psalm of thanksgiving, and dismissal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO				
Offering Date	Holy Bread	Food	<b>Epistle Reader</b>	
Sunday, April 14 No Meat or Dairy	Anysia Medawar Genie Sanders Memorial for Sadie Ziady & Mary Bashir	Anysia Medawar Genie Sanders	Nicole Wiltse	
Sunday, April 21 No Meat or Dairy	Ruth Baum	Ruth Baum	Mike Baum	
Sunday, April 28 Palm Sunday Fish Allowed, No Meat or Dairy	?	Fish Fry (donations appreciated)	Mike Baum	
Sunday, May 5 Holy Pascha	?	Parish Pot-Luck	Mike Baum	
Sunday, May 12 Thomas Sunday Mother's Day				

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

Deepest thanks to Dn Peter Kovacich for celebrating Deacon's Typika. Next week we will again welcome Fr David Moga to celebrate Divine Liturgy for the final Sunday of Great Lent.

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We continue 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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During fellowship after the liturgy there will be a short congregational meeting to approve the sale of the parish house. Please attend.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 1 – Anna Schaefer April 14 – Rebecca Harshman, Beatrice Leonard

April 6 – Bette Malooley, Sydney Thompson, Allyson Scandale

April 21 – Sarah Sanders April 22 – Jeannie Leonard

April 12 – Christina Kapetaneas April 25 – Jake Malooley, Michele Malooley

#### CHURCH FINANCES

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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

Melanie Thompson, Treasurer Rdr Michael Baum, Secretary & Ecclesiarch

Nicholas Schaefer Sbdn David Anderson, Sunday School

**Organization Representatives** 

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