

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

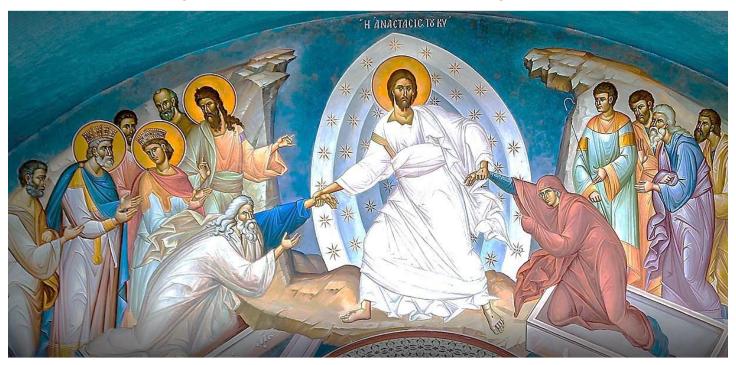
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Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

5 May 2024: Great and Holy Pascha



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

- Sunday May 5, 8:45 am Services for Holy Pascha with Fr Malek Rihani
- Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm Vespers for Bright Thursday with Dn Jeremy Finzel
- Sunday, May 12, 8:45 am Matins, 10:00 am Deacon's Typika for Thomas Sunday with Dn Jeremy Finzel, Fellowship for Mother's Day, Adult Education
- Sunday, May 19, 8:45 am Matins, 10:00 am Deacon's Typika for Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Fellowship, Parish Council

Our Parish Mission & Vision

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. 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

- For Midnight Office, Rush Procession, and Matins for Pascha, see separate Vigil booklet; use this bulletin after page 25 of that booklet.
- The "Glory" hymn at the end of Matins:

DOXASTICON OF PASCHA IN TONE FIVE

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

It is the day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival and let us embrace one another. Let us say, O brethren, even to those that hate us: Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection. And thus, let us cry:

"Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death; and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life." (3x)

- There is no Great Doxology; we go immediately to the beginning of the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom.
- After "Blessed is the Kingdom" and "Amen," bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion, blesses and censes the Altar:

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life! (Twice)

Censing the west side of the Altar:

Priest: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered, let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Censing the south side of the Altar:

Priest: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Censing the east side of the Altar:

Priest: So the sinners will perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Censing the north side of the Altar:

Priest: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Censing the Prothesis and the remainder of the Sanctuary:

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

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Censing the Iconostasis from the Royal Doors:

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

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

The Priest completes the censing while singing:

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs...

Choir: ...hath He bestowed life!

THE GREAT LITANY & THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

Refrain: Through the intercessions...

Verse: Glory... Both now...

Refrain: Through the intercessions...

THE LITTLE LITANY & THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: May God be gracious to us and bless us; and may He cause His face to shine upon us and have mercy upon us.

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

Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God...

Verse: May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God...

Choir: Glory to the Father... Both now and ever... O only begotten Son and Word...

THE LITTLE LITANY & THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead...

Verse: So let sinners perish at the presence of God and let the righteous be glad.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead...

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and

upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

Priest or Chanter: In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel.

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

All: 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.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, by death hath He trodden death, and upon those in the tombs, hath He bestowed life!

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrhbearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. Dynamis! (Louder!) As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

• Scripture of the day, following the Anti-Trisagion Hymn:

THE EPISTLE (For Pascha)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea,

the set time, is come. From heaven did the Lord behold the earth.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Pascha)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John. (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and

His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- Following the Gospel, the Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom is given.
- Then the Apolytikion of Saint John Chrysostom in Tone Eight is sung:

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like fire hath enlightened the universe and hath disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness and hath shown us the heights of humility. But as thou dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

• Instead of "It is truly meet" sing the Megalynarion for Pascha In Tone One: The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

• After "One is Holy, One is Lord..." & "I Believe O Lord and I Confess..." sing: COMMUNION HYMN OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

- Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen...".
- Instead of "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," sing "Christ is Risen..." thrice.

THE GREAT DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God,...loveth mankind.

Priest: Christ is risen! (THRICE)

People: Truly He is risen! (THRICE)

Priest: Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection!

People: We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon

those in the tombs...

People: ... hath He bestowed life!

Greetings in Many Languages

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam! Greek: Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! Albanian: Kristi Unjhal! Vertet Unjhal!

Romanian: Kristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Slavonic: Kristos Voskresseh! Vo Istinu Voskresseh!

French: Le Christ ést Ressuscité! In Verité, il est Ressuscité! Spanish: Cristo ha Resucitado! En verdad, ha Resucitado!

German: Christus ist Auferstanden! Wirklich, er ist Auferstanden!

Georgian: Kristé ardsga! Tchechmaritad ardsga!

Cherokee: Tsesa dolehisanahi! Oodoyuhi Tsesa dolehisanahi!

Japanese: Christos Fukkatsu! Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

| Offering Date | Holy Bread | Food | Epistle Reader |
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| Sunday, May 5 Holy Pascha | church | Parish Pot-Luck Eat from Pascha baskets, bring light food to share | Mike Baum |
| Sunday, May 12 Thomas Sunday Mother's Day | Ruth Baum | Allyson Scandale & Ruth Baum | Allyson Scandale |

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

Deepest thanks to Fr Malek Rihani for coming to St George to make our Pascha celebration possible! Many years!

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Starting this coming Sunday, Dr Jeremy Finzel begins his permanent assignment as clergy at St George. Please join us in welcoming him Sunday, May 12, which is also Mother's Day. And in anticipation, he'll be here Thursday evening May 9 to celebrate Great Vespers for Bright Thursday. Please join us!

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| May 3 – Lydia Schaefer | May 15 – Matthew Harvey |
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| May 5 – Audrey Spitz | May 21 – Ron Malooley |
| May 9 – Nicole Wiltse | May 22 – Bev Malooley |
| May 10 – Jennifer Harshman | May 22 – Gretel Kaleel |
| May 11 – John and Carole Ball anniversary | May 23 – Ryker Thompson |
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May 14 – Mirjana Sljivar May 27 – Ruth Baum

CHURCH FINANCES

| March Income-Expense | 2024 YTD Income-Expense | 2023 YTD Comparison |
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| Income: \$4,373.00 | Income: \$24,221.06 | Income: \$31,089.42 |
| Expense: \$4,031.83 | Expense: \$14,691.04 | Expense: \$21,501.80 |
| Net: \$ 341.17 | Net: \$9,530.02 | Net: \$9,587.62 |

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected / Appointed Members

Wayne Sanders, Chair Mark Kerasotes, Vice-Chair & Order of St

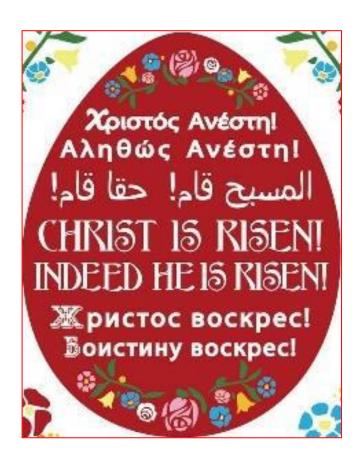
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Organization Representatives

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



Eggs symbolize new life and the red color symbolizes Christ's blood shed on the cross. The cracking of eggs symbolizes the shattering of Hades by the victorious Christ as we say "Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!" By His sacrifice and resurrection, He reconciles us to God and to each other. As the Lord put an end to death through His death and resurrection, may His Life bring healing and renewed Life to all of us.