

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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9 June 2024, Tone 5 / Eothinon 8 6th Sunday of Pascha – Sunday of the Blind Man

COMING EVENTS

Vespers every Saturday at 5:30 pm and Wednesday at 6:30 pm unless otherwise indicated.

- Sunday, June 9, **8:45 am Matins, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Blind Man,** Fellowship, Adult Education
- Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 am Matins, 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for Last Day of Pascha, at St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, Palos Heights
- Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 pm Great Vespers for Ascension, at St George
- Thursday, June 13, 9:00 am Matins, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Ascension, at St George
- Sunday, June 16, **8:45** am Matins, **10:00** am Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Fellowship for Father's Day

WORSHIP

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

DOXASTICON OF THE BLIND MAN IN TONE EIGHT

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

Who shall declare Thy might, O Christ? And who shall number the multitude of Thy wonders? For as Thou was doubly seen in Thy goodness on earth, so didst Thou doubly grant healing to the sick; for not only didst Thou heal the bodily eyes of the man born blind from the womb, but the eyes of his soul also. Wherefore, he confessed that Thou art a hidden God, granting us all the great mercy..

DOXASTICON FOR PASCHA IN TONE FIVE

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

Today is the day of Resurrection! Let us shine with the feast! Let us embrace one another. Let us say, Brethren, and because of the Resurrection let us forgive all things to those who hate us, and in this wise exclaim: Christ is risen from the dead; by death hath He trodden down death, and on those in the tombs hath He bestowed life.

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY AND TROPARION "Having Risen from the Tomb"

- Priest begins with "Christ is risen..."; congregation repeats two times.
- The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom:

THE GREAT LITANY AND 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**)

Verse: Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: May God have mercy upon 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**)

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

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them 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 vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (**Refrain**) Verse: So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (**Refrain**) Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (**Refrain**)

EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

Choir: In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

• After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these hymns in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 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 myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE TRISAGION HYMN

The Scriptures of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:

THE EPISTLE

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no

more.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (16:16-34)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, while we the apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, and cried out saying: "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she did this for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit: "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said: "These men are disturbing our city, and they, being Jews, are setting forth customs which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, since we are Romans." The multitude then rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received such a charge, he cast them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and

singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice saying: "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and fell down before Paul and Silas trembling with fear, and brought them out and said: "Masters, what must I do to be saved?" And they said: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his entire household. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with his entire house, in that he had believed in God.

Clergy: Peace be to thee who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth. For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be built up forever. In the heavens shall Thy truth be established.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Clergy: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," which means "Sent." So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he;" others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

• Instead of "It is truly meet" we sing the Megalynarion for Pascha:

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy son.

After "One is Holy, One is Lord," say "I Believe O Lord and I Confess," then:

THE KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

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

• Instead of "We have seen the true light" sing "Christ is Risen" once.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

| Offering Date | Holy Bread | Food | Epistle Reader |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Sunday, June 9 | church | pot luck | Mike Baum |
| Sunday, June 16 | Mike & Ruth Baum | Ruth Baum | Mike Baum |
| Sunday, June 23 | ? | ? | ? |
| Sunday, June 30 | ? | ? | ? |

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

• Don't forget the Parish Life Conference June 26-29 in convenient Oak Brook. Great speakers and fellowship with fellow Midwest Orthodox! For registration:

https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-toledo-and-the-midwest-3/.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 – Nick Malooley June 19 – Nick & Andrea Schaefer (anniv)

June 3 – Mary Miller June 20 – Angela Forsa, Elijah Schaefer, Christopher

June 4 – Jeremiah Schaefer & Melissa Leonard (anniv)

June 11 – Matthew & Angelena Panizzi (anniv)

June 23 – Melissa Leonard

June 12 – Kim & Jeannie Leonard (anniv)

June 26 – Kenneth Wiltse

June 16 – Melanie Thompson June 28 – Carole Ball

June 17 - Adelaide Miriam Leonard June 28 – Mark & Nicole Wiltse (anniv)

CHURCH FINANCES

| April Income-Expense | 2024 YTD Income-Expense | 2023 YTD Comparison |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Income: \$9,730.00 | Income: \$33,951.06 | Income: \$46,213.80 |
| Expense: \$2,997.87 | Expense: \$17,688.91 | Expense: \$26,113.25 |
| Net: \$6,732.13 | Net: \$16,262.15 | Net: \$20,100.55 |

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

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 & 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.