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St. George Orthodox Church

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Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest*

Our Clergy - Fr. Andrew Kishler and Dn. Jeremy Finzel



Sunday, July 28, 2024 - The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Coming Up at St. George:

Sunday, July 28 at 8:45am - Matins, 10:00am - Divine Liturgy for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost followed by Fellowship and Adult Education

Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30pm - Daily Vespers

Thursday, August 1 at 6:30pm - Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Saturday, August 3 at 5:30pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 4 at 8:45am - Matins, 10:00am - Divine Liturgy for the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, followed by Fellowship and meeting of the Ladies of St. George

Monday, August 5 at 6:30pm - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration at Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30pm - Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Friday, August 9 at 6:30pm - Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Saturday, August 10 at 5:30pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, August 11 at 8:45am - Matins, 10:00am - Deacon's Typika for the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, followed by Fellowship and Adult Education

Services available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@St.GeorgeSpringValleyOrthodox>

Please follow along in the booklet for Divine Liturgy

- *The Glory hymns at the end of Matins:*

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

How wise are Thy judgments, O Christ, in that Thou didst grant Peter to understand Thy Resurrection by the coffin wrappings alone; whereas Luke and Cleopas Thou didst accompany conversing; and as Thou didst so Thou didst not reveal Thyself to them, and Thou wast taunted by them as though Thou alone wert a stranger in Jerusalem, not knowing what had happened therein of late. But since Thou ordainest all things in conformity with Thy creation, Thou didst explain to them what the Prophets had uttered concerning Thee, and in the breaking of the bread they knew Thee after their hearts were aflame for Thy knowledge; and when they came together with the Disciples they proclaimed openly the Resurrection, by which have mercy upon us.

Both Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thou hast transcended all blessings, O Virgin Theotokos! For Hades hath been spoiled by Him who was incarnate of thee. Yea, Adam was recalled, the curse was abolished. Eve was delivered and death was caused to die, and we were made to live again. Wherefore, with praise we cry: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast thus shown Thy pleasure. Glory to Thee!

- *The Resurrectional Troparion, following the Great Doxology:*

Today hath salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises unto Him who rose again from the grave, the Author of our life. For in that by death He hath destroyed death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

- *The Little Litany and the First Antiphon:*

Through the prayers of the Birth-Giver of God, O Savior, save us.

- *The Little Litany and the Second Antiphon:*

Save us, O Son of God, who didst rise again from the dead, we who sing unto Thee: Alleluia!

- *The Third Antiphon and the Little Entrance:*

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 4): Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women Disciples 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.

- *Hymns of the day, following the Little Entrance:*

Repeat the Troparion for the Resurrection (from above)

Troparion for St. George the Great-Martyr (Tone 4): Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7): Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy

Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

The Trisagion Hymn:

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal One: Have mercy on us! (three times)

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

Holy Immortal One: Have mercy upon us!

Louder! Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal One: Have mercy upon us!

The Epistle for the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: How great are Thy works, O Lord! 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 Romans (10:1-10).

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Clergy: Peace be to thee who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness. You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:28-9:1).

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons

begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

Communion Hymn: Praise ye the Lord from Heaven; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Information & Announcements

Dormition Fast: Please note that the Dormition fast starts this Thursday, August 1, observing the falling asleep of the Mother of God. Please consider the fast when bringing food for fellowship on Sunday.

Feast of the Transfiguration: We have been invited to join Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville for their patronal feast on Monday, August 5 at 6:30pm. The address is 28W770 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555. We will be carpooling from St. George for anyone who would rather not drive. Please contact Dn. Jeremy if you would like to participate as a driver or passenger.

Pan-Orthodox Paraklesis: The Orthodox Christian Clergy Association is sponsoring the service Thursday, August 8 at 7pm at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Palos Heights. See the flyer below for more information!

Adult Education: Please join us after fellowship as Dn. Jeremy continues with a Catechesis for All!

Ladies of St. George: We will be resuming our regular monthly meetings beginning on Sunday, August 4 following fellowship.

Parish Council Members

Elected & Appointed Members

Wayne Sanders, *Chair*
Melanie Thompson, *Treasurer*
Sbdn. David Anderson, *Sunday School*

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

Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*
Maxwell Colby, *Young Adults*

Ruth Baum, *Antiochian Women*
Robert Abraham, *Facilities*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 28 - David and Gretel Kaleel (anniv) July 30 - Nick and Anysia Medawar (anniv)

Church Finances

	May 2024	2024 YTD	2023 Comparison
Income:	\$6,353.28	\$40,304.34	\$49,695.80
Expense:	\$3,988.99	\$21,677.90	\$35,959.12
Net:	\$2,364.29	\$18,626.44	\$13,736.68

2024 figures do not include proceeds from the sale of the parsonage as they have been invested.

On the Ministry of the Diaconate, Part Three

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

His Eminence presents a three-part series about revitalizing the diaconate in our Archdiocese.



Specialized Diaconate Ministry Project for Better Pastoral Ministry

"The deacon assists the hierarch and the priest in conducting prayers and services, and completing pastoral, educational and social work" (Article 95, Chapter VII of the Internal Regulations of the See of Antioch issued by the Holy Synod on April 7, 1983).

Introduction

Whereas urban areas are expanding, and parishioners' residences continue to scatter over wide areas, making the direct presence of the priest in the local community more challenging;

And whereas, the current era is marked by specialization in all fields – scientific, educational, pastoral, and social work, making it more difficult for a single individual to master them all;

And whereas, there is a pressing need for the activation of knowledgeable ecclesiastical pastoral service, with competency in specialized fields;

Whereas traditional pastoral care that once characterized small agricultural communities, predominantly Orthodox in the past, no longer meets the diverse needs of the current society;

Whereas the complexity of contemporary life, on one hand, and the economic situation in general, on the other, no longer allows the Church to establish full-time ministers for all the required pastoral services;

Whereas diverse talents might additionally contribute to various ecclesiastical pastoral services, it is becoming imperative for the Archdiocese to expand the field of volunteer diaconal ministry, especially since many of our young people show willingness and desire to serve their Church in specific areas commensurate with the talent and potential of each of them.

Therefore, we encourage our children to engage in specialized volunteer diaconal service, in accordance with the laws of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church of Antioch and the requirements of our Archdiocese in North America.

Admission Requirements:

- The applicant must be over twenty-five years old.
- The applicant must be a faithful attendee of church services.
- Must have completed (the online) St. Stephen's Certificate Program from the Antiochian House of Studies, or The Word (Al-Kalima) Program in Balamand, or be willing to pursue studies in either program.
- Must have a good reputation, being known for moral and ethical purity.
- Must be married to one woman, not divorced or remarried.
- Must obtain a letter of recommendation from the parish priest attesting to his active ministry, apostolic zeal, and talent in diaconal service (pastoral, educational, and social fields).

- Must obtain a letter recommendation from the Antiochian bishop in his area.
- Must commit to volunteering for six hours of specific service weekly, excluding liturgical services.
- Will commit in writing to not seek ordination to the priesthood in the future.

Duties of the Deacon:

- Assisting the parish priest in conducting weekly services in the parish, the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, feasts and all other church services as needed.
- Performing a specific service or “diakonia,” according to his talent and ability, in full coordination with the parish priest, working under his obedience and complying with his instructions.
- The deacon can serve in any of the following areas: educational, pastoral, and all acts of charity as highlighted below:
 - Teaching the parishioners by word and example, and guiding them to the fountains of salvation, in full coordination with the parish priest.
 - Caring for the poor, the orphan, the widow, the disabled, the bereaved, the sick, the imprisoned, and the distressed, in full coordination with the parish priest and the Archdiocese’s charitable societies.
 - Caring for children and youth, organizing their meetings, helping to educate them in the faith, securing their readings, and their spiritual and sports activities, in full coordination with the parish priest.
- The deacon shall seek the blessing from his parish priest to be absent from the parish, and from the bishop of the area to be absent from the country.
- The deacon remains in the parish where he was ordained and is not transferred elsewhere except under extraordinary conditions.

His Eminence, the Most Reverend Saba Isper is the Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East and the Holy Synod of Antioch elected His Eminence to lead the Archdiocese during its extraordinary session on Feb. 23, 2023, in Balamand, Lebanon.

His Eminence will lead and oversee the Archdiocese's parishes, missions, departments, institutions and organizations in the United States and Canada from the headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey. The auxiliary bishops aid him in his administration across the continent.

For more information on His Eminence and his teachings, please visit

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=MetSaba>



Orthodox Christian Clergy Association Pan-Orthodox Paraklesis Service

The Orthodox Faithful of the Chicagoland area are invited to the Pan-Orthodox Paraklesis Service sponsored by the OCCA of Chicago.

Thursday, August 8th 7:00pm

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL

Light refreshments to follow



“To the Theotokos let us run now most earnestly, we sinners all and wretched ones, and fall prostrate in repentance, calling from the depths of our souls: Lady, come unto our aid, have compassion upon us; hasten thou for we are lost in a throng of transgressions; turn not thy servants away with empty hands, for thee alone do we have as our only hope.”

- Apolytikia from the Paraklesis Service