

**:: The Synodikon: An Affirmation of the Orthodox Faith ::**

*Recited by the Clergy and Faithful on the Sunday of Orthodoxy*

As the Prophets beheld,  
as the Apostles have taught,  
as the Church has received,  
as the Teachers have dogmatized,  
as the universe has agreed,  
as Grace has shown forth,  
as Truth has revealed,  
as falsehood has been dissolved,  
as Wisdom has presented,  
as Christ has awarded:

Thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring His Saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

**This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!**



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**March 9, 2014 – The Triumph of Orthodoxy**

**Today we are honored to welcome to St. George Church His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest!**

**Orthros Morning Prayers, 9:00 am :: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am  
Holy Bread and Coffee Hour sponsored by Ron and Dottie Malooley**

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**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):**

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!'

**Troparion for the Triumph of Orthodoxy (Tone 2):**

Thy pure image do we venerate, O Good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

**Troparion for the 40 Holy Martyrs (Tone 1):**

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

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*Any announcements for the Sunday bulletin? Please submit by Wednesday each week to Fr. Andrew, by email or phone.*

St. George is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
The Most Reverend Metropolitan PHILIP, primate  
The Right Reverend Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest  
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### **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 for the Theotokos (Tone 8):**

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.”

### **Epistle Reading for the 40 Holy Martyrs of Sebastia**

Thou, O Lord, will preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (12:1-10)

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus: the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? “My son: do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father?

### **Gospel Reading for the Triumph of Orthodoxy**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to Jesus, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God!

Thou art the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

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## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

*For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, consult the calendar on our website, [www.stgeorgeorthodox.org](http://www.stgeorgeorthodox.org). All extra services for Lent and Holy Week are now posted!*

### **Welcome Sayedna ANTHONY!**

We are blessed this weekend to host His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY, on his first pastoral visit to Spring Valley. Sayedna is our living link to the Archdiocese, to our Antiochian Patriarchate, and to the succession of Orthodox bishops going back all the way to the Holy Apostles. His visit is especially fitting today as we commemorate the Triumph of Orthodoxy, the faith of the Prophets and Apostles, the faith of the Holy Fathers, and the faith of the Orthodox Church today. His visit is a living reminder of what makes us Orthodox Christians.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers** will take place this evening at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, IL. Our own Bishop Anthony of the Diocese of Toledo will be the homilist.

### **Children’s Sunday School continues**

Each Sunday, bring your children to Sunday School at 9:15 am! No registration is necessary. During the month of March, we will focus on lessons pertaining to the Parish Life Conference theme verse (Luke 10:27) and begin working on Creative Arts Festival entries, to be submitted at the end of the month. For the present, we will have classes for children ages 3 through Grade 5. Older youth and teens are encouraged to attend as helpers. Younger children are also welcome with a parent to guide them. See Khouria Patty if you have any questions.

Our **Annual Church Meeting** has been rescheduled for **next Sunday, March 16**, after Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour will be held as normal; no potluck. Every active member of St. George Church should plan to attend!

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Our Holy Father St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote: *“Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful to baptize or give communion without the consent of the bishop. On the other hand, whatever has his approval is pleasing to God. Thus, whatever is done will be safe and valid.”* May God grant many years to His Grace Bishop ANTHONY!