

## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY ICON PROCESSION

*At the end of today's Liturgy*

### :: Processional Hymn ::

*The children process around the inside of the church, carrying icons*

**CHOIR:** 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.

### :: The Synodikon of Orthodoxy ::

*Recited by the clergy and people at the end of the icon procession*

**ALL TOGETHER:** 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.

*(Louder)* 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!

**CHOIR:** Who is so great a God as our God? Thou alone art the God that doest wonders!

Thou hast made known Thy power among the peoples. Who is so great a God as our God? Thou alone art the God that doest wonders!

And I said, now have I begun; these are the charges of the right hand of the Most High. Who is so great a God as our God? Thou alone art the God that doest wonders!

Remembering the works of the Lord; for from the beginning I will remember Thy wonders. Who is so great a God as our God? Thou alone art the God that doest wonders!

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*Any announcements for the Sunday bulletin? Please submit by Wednesday each week to Fr. Andrew, by email or phone. If you are not on the church's email list and would like to be, please let Fr. Andrew know.*



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### March 1, 2015 – Sunday of Orthodoxy

#### First Sunday of Lent

**Matins (Morning Prayer), 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM**

**Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour:** Ladies of St. George

**Epistle:** Nicole Wiltse

**Sermonette for Ladies' Month:** Dottie Malooley

**Collection:** Mary Miller and Andy Dudek

**Next Sunday's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour:** Bill and Mary Miller

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5):** 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.

**Troparion for the Sunday 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 of 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.

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The Right Reverend Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest  
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**Kontakion for Lent (Tone 8):** To thee, the Champion Leader, I thy servant ascribe thank-offerings of victory: for thou hast delivered me from terrors, O Theotokos; but as thou hast that power which is invincible, from all dangers set me free that I may cry out unto thee: ‘Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom!’

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### The Epistle and Gospel Readings for the Sunday of Orthodoxy

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.  
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

#### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

#### 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.”

### Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, [www.stgeorgeorthodox.org](http://www.stgeorgeorthodox.org) or take a print-out from the table downstairs.

#### Upcoming Events and Services:

- **Today:** Children's Sunday School, immediately after communion. *At the end of the Liturgy, all of our children and teens are welcome to participate in a procession of icons. See Kh. Patty for more information.*
- **Today:** Ladies meeting, after coffee hour. See Dottie or Dee for details.
- **Wednesday, March 4:** Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm
- **Friday, March 6:** Second Akathist to the Theotokos, 6pm
- **Saturday, March 7:** Vespers, 6:00 PM.
- **Next Sunday, March 8: St. Gregory Palamas.** Matins at 9am, Liturgy at 10am.

**Food for Hungry People.** As part of Lent, our Archdiocese takes up a collection each year for the benefit of the poor. Please pick up a coin box downstairs. Throughout the season of Lent, develop a regular habit of putting money into it, and return it to the church at Easter. Please be generous with those less fortunate!

**Do you have questions about how to use your smartphone?** There are actually many Christian and Orthodox apps and programs you can download and use: daily prayers, saints, Bible readings, and more. Nicole Wiltse has graciously offered to lead a class for us, free of charge, on the evening of Friday, March 27. We will have our Lenten Akathist service at 6pm, followed by the class downstairs. Please see Nicole or Father Andrew to register.

**Teen SOYO Retreat.** On Saturday, March 14, Fr. Andrew will be leading a retreat for Orthodox teens on behalf of St. George Church in Cicero. The retreat will take place in northwestern Indiana. I will be talking to some of you individually, but all teens (13-19) are welcome to attend. Total cost is \$100, but see Father if that's a problem.

#### January Finances

**Income:** \$7095.00 (including \$1360 from the trip giveaway fundraiser)

**Expenses:** \$4057.18