

St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley

Sunday, June 12, 2016

The Sunday after the Ascension

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (325 AD)

Matins, 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM



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Today's Epistle Reader: Mike Kasap

Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour: John and Melanie Thompson

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour: Ron and Dottie Malooley

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn for Ordinary Sundays: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who didst rise again from the dead, we who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6): When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion for the Ascension (Tone 4): Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8): Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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.

Kontakion for the Ascension (Tone 6): When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THE EPISTLE READING

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with his own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.



THE GOSPEL READING

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made.



I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

:: Synaxarion Reading for the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council ::

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—“The Creed”—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day.

The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us! Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, www.stgeorgeorthodox.org.

- **Wednesday, June 15:** Evening prayers, 6pm. *Father Andrew will also be available for confession, anointing, or any other priestly service.*
- **Saturday, June 18:** NO VESPERS
- **Next Sunday, June 19: Pentecost Sunday.** Matins, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am. The Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost will follow immediately after the Liturgy.

Another **Sunday School** year has come and gone! Thank you to all parents and teachers who made this year a good one, especially Khouria Patty Kishler, Christina Kapetaneas, and Patrice Nimee. Look for our kids' artwork on display later this month at the Parish Life Conference!

Camp St. George is now accepting applications for our diocese summer camp in Cedar Rapids, IA. The dates are August 14-20, and application forms for kids age 9 and up are now available online at campstgeorge.org. Please let Fr. Andrew know if your child would like to attend and we will coordinate drivers.

Building project update. Downstairs you will find architectural designs for three different options on our proposed church building project. Our goal over the coming weeks as a parish community is to gravitate towards one of the three designs, and gather together for another all-church meeting later in the summer. Thank you to Mark Kerasotes and our building committee for having these drawings prepared!

This year's **Parish Life Conference** will be June 22-26 in Livonia, Michigan. Registration forms are available on the bulletin shelf, or you may register online: www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html.

Please also note we will have NO SERVICES on Sunday, June 26, the week of the Parish Life Conference.

We are also pleased to announce that **His Grace Bishop Anthony** plans to visit us in Spring Valley, the weekend of October 15 and 16. More information will follow as we draw closer to that date.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?

Please contact Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	Holy Bread/Coffee Hour	Epistle Reader
TODAY	John/Melanie Thompson	Mike Kasap
Sunday June 19	Ron/Dottie Malooley	Mark Kerasotes
Sunday, June 26	Parish Life Conference – No services	
Sunday, July 3	OPEN	Kenneth Wiltse
Sunday, July 10	George/Lynette Forsa	George Forsa
Sunday, July 17	Matt/Olly Rowan	David Anderson
Sunday, July 24	Richard/Bette Malooley	Matthew McNatt
Sunday, July 31	OPEN	Matthew Rowan

Regarding HOLY BREAD, you are welcome to bake your own, or use the bread provided by the church (donations of any amount are appreciated). On your Sunday, please also provide to Father Andrew a list of names (living and departed) for prayers during the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR may be as simple or elaborate as you want. While CLEAN UP is primarily the responsibility of those who provide coffee hour, all of us should help by bussing our own tables and cleaning up as we are able!

Please also note the OPEN DATES in July and August: July 3 and 31; August 7, 14, and 21.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ May God grant you many years!

(Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!)

Ron and Dottie Malooley, June 1

Nick Malooley, June 2

Mary Miller, June 3

John Kishler, June 6

Kim and Jeannie Leonard, June 12

Melanie Thompson, June 16

Angela Forsa, June 20

Maggie Kishler, June 24

Kenneth Wiltse, June 26

Mark and Nicole Wiltse, June 28

Carol Ball, June 28

Church Finances

May 2016:

Operating Income:	\$4118.00
Operating Expenses:	\$6593.44
Cash Flow:	\$-2475.44

January – May 2016:

Income:	\$28,081.99
Expenses:	\$27,480.12
Cash Flow:	+\$601.87

Please continue to support St. George Church with your tithes and offerings, especially through the summer months, when attendance and giving tend to be far lower.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
JUNE 12-18



Sunday, June 12: Holy Fathers of Nicea
John 21:1-14 / Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 / John 17:1-13

Monday, June 13: Martyr Aquilina of Syria
Acts 21:8-14 / John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, June 14: Holy Prophet Elisha
James 5:10-20 / Luke 4:22-30

Wednesday, June 15: Holy Prophet Amos; St. Augustine of Hippo
Acts 23:1-11 / John 16:15-23

Thursday, June 16: Tikhon the Wonder-worker
Acts 25:13-19 / John 16:23-33

Friday, June 17: Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael of Persia
Acts 27:1-28:1 / John 17:18-26

Saturday, June 18: Saturday of Souls
Acts 28:1-31 / John 21:14-25

"WE ARE CALLED OUT FROM AMONGST OUR PEOPLE TO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THE WORLD, BUT RATHER TO THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF JESUS CHRIST. JUST AS THERE IS PERFECT UNITY BETWEEN THE FATHER AND THE SON, SO TOO, WE ARE CALLED TO UNITY AMONGST OURSELVES."

-- HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN JOSEPH