



**CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS
BY RIGHTEOUS ANNA
& TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

DECEMBER 9, 2018

COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY:

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION IN JERUSALEM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

BY ST. ANNA IN TONE FOUR

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken, God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna. He has promised them beyond all their hopes to bear the Maiden of God, by whom the uncircumscribed One was born as mortal Man; He commanded an angel to cry to her: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

BY ST. ANNA IN TONE FOUR

Today the universe rejoices, for Anna has conceived the Theotokos through God's dispensation, for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word!

THE EPISTLE

(For the Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna)

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

The Advent of our LORD...

As we prepare our homes and offices with decorations, let us not forget to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the LORD -in-the-flesh. We are afforded many opportunities in our parish community which help us with this type of preparation. Let us take advantage and participate!

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in a manner ineffable to the pre-eternal Word. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and the shepherds, Him Who shall appear by His own will as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

-Kontakion (Tone 3) for the Forefeast of the Nativity



Let us journey towards
the Feast of the Nativity
with joyous hearts!

Fast not only from food,
but also from hatred and fear.

Bring forth goodness
and kindness to all.

Forgive. Be generous.

In all things, give glory to God.

PARISH UPDATES

Christmas Caroling & Visitation at Nursing Homes:

Join us TODAY as we visit Harrison's Crossing at 12:30p and Bethesda Gardens at 2:00p. We will give out the decorated Christmas trees and Christmas cards from our Church School youth, and hope families will be with us.

Holy Oblation and Coffee (Fellowship) Hour Hosting:

Contact the Church Office for more information and to sign-up for this crucial aspect of participation in the Life of the Church. We strongly encourage those hosting Coffee (Fellowship) Hour to offer a meal so that our parishioners will have the opportunity to interact more often in fellowship. **Sign-up NOW for 2019!**

Nativity Paraklesis, "Ask Abouna," & Potluck Dinner:

Join us on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00p as we offer prayers in preparation for the Birth of our Lord. After service, we will gather for a discussion on Advent & Christmas, and enjoy a Potluck dinner together (please bring a Lenten dish with you).

Choir Concert & Fellowship:

This past Sunday our parish community hosted the Illinois Orthodox Choir from Champaign, IL for an impressive choir concert and enjoyable fellowship with over 80 people in attendance. It was a great opportunity to share our Orthodox Faith with this free and open to the public event! Many thanks to those who provided food and joined us!

Liturgical Schedule for Christmas— Monday, December 24

Royal Hours—10:00a

Festal Matins—8:00p Festal Liturgy—9:00p

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATES

TODAY all classes will gather in the Social Center to write out Christmas cards for nursing facility residents, as well as practice singing Christmas carols.

THIS AFTERNOON we will visit two nursing facilities (12:30p—Harrison's Crossing & 2:00p—Bethesda Gardens) for Christmas caroling and distribution of the decorated Christmas trees and Christmas cards to various residents. ALL are invited to join us for this outing!

There will be NO classes during the Christmas break (December 23 & 30, & January 6).

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

RUSSELL LEO	9TH
LUCAS DAVIS	9TH
PETE TANOOS	13TH



SUMMARY—DECEMBER 2, 2018

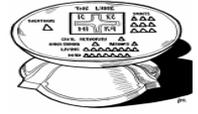
WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 2,932.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 125.00
Donations	\$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 230.00
Bookstore	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,377.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance:

95

HOLY OBLATION



TODAY

Offered by Dean & Maria Straub & Matthew & Alisha Lueke for the health and well-being of their families.

December 16

Offered by Gary & Adelle Watts, for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of Aria's birthday.

December 23

Offered by Daniel & Paula Powell for the health and well-being of their family and for the parishioners of St. George.

December 24

Offered by Pdn. Elias Corey & Family, for the health and well-being of his family.

December 30

Offered by Tony Tanoos, for the health and well-being of his family and on the occasion of Gabriella's birthday.

COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP) HOUR

TODAY — Hosted by the Straub & Lueke Families

December 16 — Hosted by Gary & Adelle Watts

December 23 — Hosted by Daniel & Paula Powell

December 24 — Hosted by the Parish Community

December 30 — Hosted by Tony Tanoos

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 12	Nativity Paraklesis	6:00p
Saturday, December 15	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, December 16	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy	10:00a
	followed by Church School classes	

St. George Orthodox Church

1900 South 4th Street Terre Haute, IN 47802

(812) 232-5244 † stgeorgeocth@gmail.com

www.stgeorgeterrehaute.com

Rev. Fr. Paul Fuller, Pastor † Rev. Pdn. Elias Corey

(502) 592-9981 † frpaul.fuller@gmail.com

Parish Council

Chairman

Kal Ellis

Vice-Chairman

Tony Tanoos

Treasurer

Michael Tom

Secretary

Jim Tanoos

Esther Simbol

Ray Azar Sandy Kassis Jason Lake Jeremiah Turner

Parish Organizations & Ministries

Ladies' Society

Maria David

Society of St. George

Zack Kassis

Maintenance

Jason Lake

Choir

Jaimie Ellis

Joanna Dailey

Teen SOYO

Jillian Turner, President

Jennifer Turner, Advisor

Stewardship

Michael C. Ellis

Zack Kassis

Social Center Coordinator

Michael C. Ellis

Church School Teachers

Pre-K & K

Maria Straub

Adrian Polit

1st & 2nd

Paula Powell

Sandy Kassis

3rd-5th

Gina White

Tricia Tanoos

Middle School

Stacey Bocard

Adam Azar

High School

Christy Ellis