



**FOR THE SON OF MAN
SHALL COME IN THE
GLORY OF HIS FATHER
WITH HIS ANGELS; AND
THEN HE SHALL
REWARD EVERY MAN
ACCORDING TO HIS
WORKS.**

SAINT MATTHEW 16:27

Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare Sunday)

Also Commemorating—Hieromartyr Polycarp,
Bishop of Smyrna; Venerable Gorgonia,
Sister of Gregory the Theologian

February 23, 2020

Welcome to our Guests—

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! To follow along with the service, a service book is available for your use in the pew. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests are welcome and invited to join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (held by the Priest) and receive holy bread (as a sign of hospitality) at the conclusion of the Liturgy. After the Dismissal, please join us in our Social Center (next door) for Coffee (Fellowship) Hour so that we can meet and greet you!

Reception of Holy Communion—

In order to receive Holy Communion (the Eucharist), Orthodox Christians must be prepared through fasting, prayer, the Sacrament of Confession, and be at peace with others. Also, it is of great importance to hear the Word of God (Epistle & Gospel readings) before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ (Holy Communion). Our Lord likens the Kingdom of God to a banquet in which we've been invited (which as Orthodox Christians, we believe that we are participating in the heavenly worship), thus we encourage you to be on time for Divine Liturgy and stay until the Dismissal.

Parents and Children—

The presence of children during worship is a gift from God and reminder that our parish community is growing! A little commotion and noise is understandable, but if you feel the need to exit the sanctuary, please use the "cry room" in the back (near the narthex) or the classroom area, and please come back. For our Lord said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

****Liturgical Variables for TODAY celebrating the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night. ***(Refrain)***

The Lord our God is upright; He is my rock and there is no unrighteousness in Him. ***(Refrain)***

Glory to the Father. . . now and ever. . . ***(Refrain)***

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord is King! He is robed in majesty! The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength!

Refrain: O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

For he has established the world so that it will never be moved. ***(Refrain)***

Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore. ***(Refrain)***

Glory to the Father...Only-begotten Son...

✦ *During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Resurrection. Then, the following Entrance Hymn:*

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUNDAYS

Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**, for now we sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ *After the Little Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

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 FOR 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 JUDGEMENT SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Your Judgement Seat; the Books shall be opened and hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.

Reading from the 1st Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?

Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

THE COMMUNION HYMN

O praise ye God, the Lord of Hosts. O praise Him in the highest!

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Tuesday, February 25	WEEKLY Bible Study	11:00a
	TACO Tuesday	7:00p
Wednesday, February 26	Vespers	6:00p
Saturday, February 29	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, March 1	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy followed by	10:00a
	Church School & Fellowship Hour	
	Forgiveness Vespers	6:00p

Upcoming Parish Events – Mark Your Calendars:

- WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday mornings)
- Beginning of Great Lent (Monday, March 2)
- Great Compline (Mondays during Great Lent)
- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Wednesdays during Great Lent)
- Akathist Service (Fridays during Great Lent)

Psalms (Psalter) Reading Group (Great Lent)

Participate in this spiritual discipline as we prepare for Pascha (Easter)! Each day during Great Lent (March 2-April 10) you'll read a section from the Book of Psalms (about 10-15 minutes). With just this little bit of daily reading, you'll end up reading through the entire Book of Psalms TWICE. The awesome concept that makes it a group effort is that every day the entire Book of Psalms is read by the group (because each participant is assigned a different section each day). Email Fr. Paul (frpaul.fuller@gmail.com) to sign up!

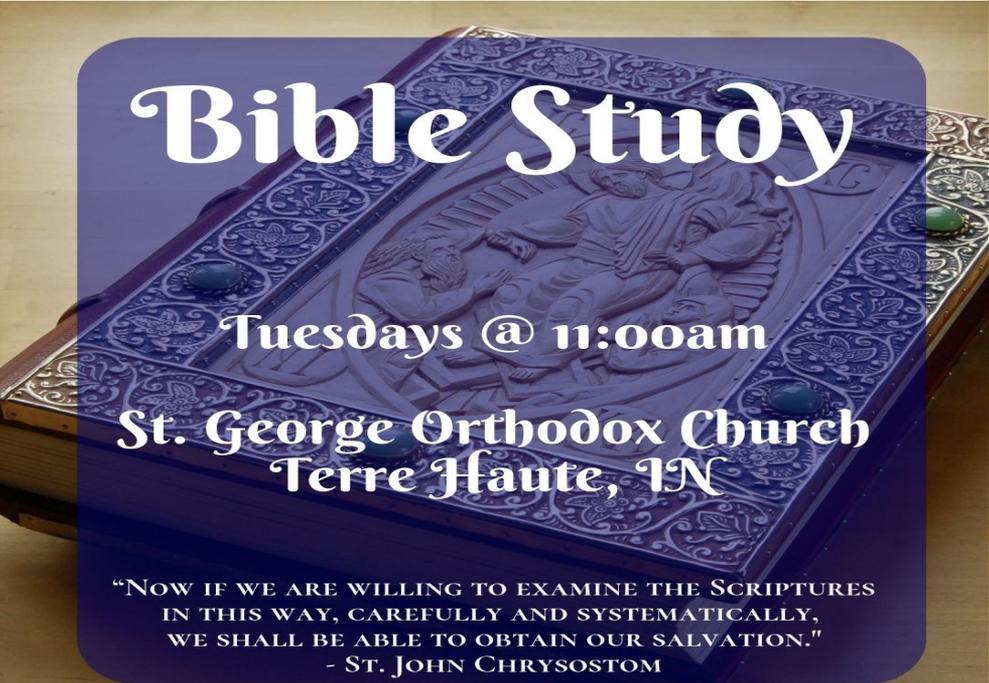
Parish Announcements—

Ladies' Society Meeting (TODAY): Join us after Fellowship Hour; all ladies between the ages 18 to 80 are welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Esther Simbol.

TACO (Talking About Christian Orthodoxy) Tuesday (February 25): Young Adult gathering at 7:00p and the Home of Fr. Paul and Ramia Fuller—please RSVP! Join us on the last Tuesday of each month for discussion and tacos!

Altar Servers' Retreat (Saturday, March 14): We invite those wanting to serve to join us for a training retreat at 11:00a followed by a luncheon. Please contact Fr. Paul for more details.

WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday mornings): Join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:00a. We will resume and begin a NEW study of the Book of Job this Tuesday, February 25—join us!



Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 11:00am

St. George Orthodox Church
Terre Haute, IN

“NOW IF WE ARE WILLING TO EXAMINE THE SCRIPTURES
IN THIS WAY, CAREFULLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY,
WE SHALL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN OUR SALVATION.”

- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

St. Polycarp of Smyrna — February 23

This apostolic and prophetic man, and model of faith and truth, was a disciple of John the Evangelist, successor of Bucolus (Feb. 6), and teacher of Irenaeus (Aug. 23). He was an old man and full of days when the fifth persecution was raised against the Christians under Marcus Aurelius. When his pursuers, sent by the ruler, found Polycarp, he commanded that they be given something to eat and drink, then asked them to give him an hour to pray; he stood and prayed, full of grace, for two hours, so that his captors repented that they had come against so venerable a man. He was brought by the Proconsul of Smyrna into the stadium and was commanded, "Swear by the fortune of Caesar; repent, and say, 'Away with the atheists.'" By atheists, the Proconsul meant the Christians. But Polycarp, gazing at the heathen in the stadium, waved his hand towards them and said, "Away with the atheists." When the Proconsul urged him to blaspheme against Christ, he said: "I have been serving Christ for eighty-six years, and He has wronged me in nothing; how can I blaspheme my King Who has saved me?" But the tyrant became enraged at these words and commanded that he be cast into the fire, and thus he gloriously expired about the year 163. As Eusebius says, "Polycarp everywhere taught what he had also learned from the Apostles, which also the Church has handed down; and this alone is true" (Eccl. Hist., Book IV, ch. 14,15).

Troparion (Tone 4) of St. Polycarp:

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Polycarp. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved!

Goal for 2020—

\$150,000 in pledge contributions & 80 forms returned!

As of February 10, 2020—we've received from the following **49 parishioners & families** their 2020 Membership & Pledge Form totaling **\$96,275:**

Adam & Stephanie Azar	Matthew & Alisha Lueke
George & Cathy Azar	CJ Maloof
Ray & Renee Azar	Patti Maloof
Keith & Melinda Bement	Steve & Jamie Maynard
Brent & Stacey Bocard	Kyle & Eleni Miller
Michael Buzash	Tony K. Nasser
Alecia Corey	Harold & Michelle Netzler
Noble & Roseann Corey	Christina Phipps
Tim & Kim Curley	Adrian Polit
Joanna Dailey	Mary Lou Saikley
Maria David	Beverly Shahadey
George Ellis	Esther Simbol
Katherine Ellis	Mary Ann Simbol
Mary Helen Ellis	Nellie Simbol
Michael & Nancy Ellis	Jim & Tricia Tanoos
Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller	Joe & Linda Tanoos
Dustin & Alexis Green	Rosemarie Tanoos
Dan & Susan Hester	Tony Tanoos
Alan & Julie Kassis	Michael & Mary Jo Tom
Bill & Sandy Kassis	Jeremiah & Jennifer Turner
Rosemary T. Kassis	Gary & Adelle Watts
Zack & Denise Kassis	Preston & Gina White
Daniel Latinovich	Andy Whitt
Bonnie Lisher	John & Rima Yacoub
Russell & Jean Leo	

this year—ONLY 49 forms received!

last year—55 forms received!

Know Some Orthodox Terms —

ZEON: (Greek – “boiling”) The hot water used for the Eucharist. It is added to the chalice during the Communion Hymn in commemoration of the water that flowed out of the side of the crucified Christ when He was pierced with the spear.

PARABLE: A story told to illustrate a greater truth through images related to the daily lives of the hearers. Christ’s teachings are filled with parables.

PEACE: (Heb. shalom) Tranquility, harmony with God, self, and other people made possible through Christ, who unites human beings to God and to each other.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers—

“In all your undertakings and in every way of life, whether you are living in obedience, or are not submitting your work to anyone, whether in outward or in spiritual matters, let it be your rule and practice to ask yourself: Am I really doing this in accordance with God’s will?”

—**St. John Climacus (d. 649)**

“The fact that I am a monk and you are a layman is of no importance. The Lord listens equally to the monk and to the man of the world provided both are true believer. He looks for a heart full of true faith into which to send His Spirit.”

—**St. Seraphim of Sarov (d. 1833)**

HOLY OBLATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY—February 23, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Cook Family for the health and well-being of their family, and in honor of Kensington's birthday.

There will be a 40-day Memorial in memory of +Kamal Abusief, Uncle of John Nawar.

March 1, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the Straub Family for the health and well-being of their family.

March 8, 2020

Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour sponsored by the David Family for the health and well-being of their family.

SUMMARY—February 16, 2020

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 1,477.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Candles & Cash	\$ 268.00
Total	\$ 1,765.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance: **80**

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

KAL ELLIS

FEB 27

ADRIAN POLIT

FEB 28



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Parish Council

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Kal Ellis	Tony Tanoos	Michael Tom	Alexis Green Esther Simbol
Ray Azar	Sandy Kassis	Jeremiah Turner	Gary Watts

Parish Organizations & Ministries

<u>Ladies' Society</u>	<u>Society of St. George</u>	<u>Church School</u>
Esther Simbol	Zack Kassis	Christy Ellis

<u>Choir</u>	<u>Teen SOYO</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
Jaimie Ellis	Jillian Turner, President	Michael C. Ellis
Joanna Dailey	Jennifer Turner, Advisor	Zack Kassis

<u>Social Center Coordinator</u>	<u>Senior Group</u>
Michael C. Ellis	Patti Maloof