

## **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

**January 12, 2014**

**Saints Commemorated today:** Saint Tatiana the Martyr of Rome and the 8 Monk-Martyrs of Nicaea

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 4:7-13**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 4:12-17**

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH TONE**

(Page 45 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

The women disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous proclamation of the Resurrection, and the abolition of the ancestral sentence; and with pride they announced to the Apostles: Death is despoiled, Christ our God hath arisen, bestowing to the world the Great Mercy.



### **VASILOPITA SUNDAY**

Today is Vasilopita Sunday. All the heads of the parish ministries will be invited to receive a slice of the Vasilopita and to offer a donation to the children of Saint Basil's Academy. Then all of the faithful of our parish who are present at the Divine Liturgy will also receive a slice and make this same offering.

Thank you to Mrs. Maria Angelos for preparing the Vasilopita Bread.

### **PHILOPTOCHOS**

Our meeting will be next week Thursday the 16th at 6:30 P.M. in the church library. We welcome new members. Please, join us.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 6pm. Congratulations to 2014/2015 Parish Council: Esther Arvanitis, Panos Arvanitis, Tina Assimos, Mike Chronopoulos, Bill Giannakakis, Nick Giannakakis, Alex Himonas, Hristos Kirgios, John Madias, George Mighon, Kelly Popyk, Chris Strafford and Mary Jo Tirikos. May God bless you always.

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES**

We are in need of Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses for many Sundays throughout the year. Please take a minute to sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners of Saint Andrew are welcome to sign up. Thank you.

### **FREE WI-FI IS NOW AVAILABLE**

Wi-fi is now available. Please see Father George, a Council Member, the church office or Joseph for access information.

### **MINISTRY ACTIVITIES**

Please remember to check the ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR when scheduling activities. They should ***not*** be scheduled during service times. This is disrespectful to God and unacceptable. Thank you.

### PROSFORO COMMITTEE

**We are in need of Prosforo bakers, please contact the office to sign up!!!**

Please note that without the Prosforo, Divine Liturgy cannot be conducted. Recently, we have had several members of this committee that are unable to continue to be a part of the committee. If you would be willing to sign up to make Prosforo twice a year (once every six months), please contact the office or Artemis Hoke. If you are currently a member of the committee and unable to provide it on your scheduled Sunday please contact the office, so that we may make arrangements. Thank you.

Current Members: Maria Angelos, Arlene Batalis, Marina Carlin, Cindy Crawford, Maria Giannakakis, Artemis Hoke, Athina Kamiotis, Anthoula Kanalos, Pres. Elaine, Mary Koucouthakis, Ted Poledor, Penny Poulos, Joan Prathaftakis, Nick Proicou, Rose Rorres, Sigrid Thanos, Mary Jo Tirikos, Neovi Karakatsanis, Ioanna Bilonis and Janice Lampos.

### REMINDER FOR PARISHIONERS

There should be NO talking in the Narthex during the Divine Liturgy. (No one should be congregating in the hallways or Fellowship Hall). It is completely disrespectful to God and to the worship service of our Church.

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS

The Little Lamb bags, located in the coat room, are available for your child(ren) to use during church service. Please, follow the instructions. Thank you. **Please** keep the numbered books in the correct bags. We also have had a few books destroyed. Let's try to be gentle.

For the convenience of parents with crying children, a "cry room" is located off the Narthex for your use. **ATTENTION PARENTS: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT WANDERING AROUND THE CHURCH DURING SERVICES. THIS IS VERY DISRUPTIVE TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU!**

### PARKING

PLEASE NOTE: Many people are parking in the 'No Parking' and 'Handicap' parking areas. We have many parishioners who have a legitimate need to park there. Please do not use the handicap spaces unless you have a tag or plate. Please **do not** park in the **NO PARKING AREAS** at all. We appreciate your cooperation in this. Thank you.

### CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please remember to dress appropriately and modestly for church services. There is no chewing gum, talking or crossing your legs in church. Everyone should arrive on time for the Liturgy. Do not leave trash (bulletins, paper, etc) in the pews. It is considered disrespectful for anyone attending Orthodox Christian services to cross their legs during service, chew gum or come in late. Also women who are planning on taking Communion should not wear lipstick or should remove it before going up for Communion. **TURN OFF CELL PHONES.** Thank you.

### A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

People of different religious affiliation or tradition who behave in a respectful manner are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church but **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH who share a common faith and practice a specific spiritual discipline may participate in the Church's sacraments and receive Holy Communion at the Orthodox Divine Liturgy. The Greek Orthodox Church has a closed communion and no intercommunion with any other Christian body.** We are blessed by your presence with us and thank you for your understanding. May God bless you always.

### A NOTE TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS PLEASE NOTE: The proper preparation for receiving Holy Communion is: 1) prayer; 2) keeping the fast throughout the year (Wednesdays, Fridays, Great Lent, fast of the Holy Apostles, fast of the Dormition and the Christmas Fast, etc); and 3) most important, participating

in the Sacrament of Holy Confession and Repentance. **ALSO follow these guidelines as you approach for Holy Communion: Take the red cloth from the person before you and place it under your chin. Say your baptismal name. Open your mouth wide and receive the Holy Spoon in your mouth, lower your lips on the Holy Communion spoon and carefully remove the Holy Eucharist so that there is nothing left. After partaking of the Sacrament blot your lips and hand the red cloth to the person behind you. Receive one piece of antidoron, return to your seat and read the post communion prayer. Lipstick, lip gloss, lip balm, etc, should be removed prior to approaching the chalice. Receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should not be treated like a fast food service. You should come on time for the Divine Liturgy (that means at the beginning) and not leave until the completion of the service.** *This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. It follows that if anyone eats the Lord’s bread or drinks from his cup in a way that dishonors him, he is guilty of sin against the Lord’s body and blood. So then, everyone should examine himself first, and then eat the bread and drink from the cup. For if he does not recognize the meaning of the Lord’s body when he eats the bread and drinks from the cup, he brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks. That is why many of you are sick and weak, and several have died. If we would examine ourselves first, we would not come under God’s judgment. But we are judged and punished by the Lord, so that we shall not be condemned together with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:26-32).*  
**At the time of communion, please allow families with infants to approach first, followed by the children and then the adults. Thank you.**  
The Communion Prayer is located in the Divine Liturgy Books on page 40 (old edition) and 66 (new edition). Everyone is encouraged to participate in the reciting of the Communion Prayer together.

**YOUR PRAYERS HELP...**

“...I was sick and you visited Me...” St. Matthew 25:36. “Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants.” The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, *recovering at home or ill at home/hospital*: Mary Verongos (home), and John Magrames (home).  
*In nursing homes or home bound*: Esther Magrames (home), Mary Manos (home), Bill and Betty Kanalos (Hearth at Juday Creek), Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton), Joan Rekos (Signature), Helen Kaldis, Mary Rudhman (home), and Telesila Yustwan (Home).

Today's **Ushers** are: Andy Manos, Manolis Anagnostou, Terry Karaszewski, Leon Andrews, Bruno Zovich, Nick Giannakakis If you are not serving in the pangari today, you should join everyone in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Today’s **Epistle Lesson** will be read by **an Altar Boy**.  
**Neovi Karakatsanis** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.  
**The Coffee Hour** was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **Cindy Katris**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK	
Monday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers Slain at Sinai & Raitho/Apodosis of Theophany 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Vespers 4:30pm Parish Council 6pm
Wednesday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Thursday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Philoptochos 6:30pm
Friday, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Anthony 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

	Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sts. Athanasios & Cyril 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday of Ten Lepers 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b> Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am Great Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Paraklesis to Theotokos 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Gregory 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday of Zacchaeus 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 22, 2014	Apokreatiko Glendi
June 6-8-, 2014	Grecian Festival
June 12-14, 2015	Grecian Festival

2014 Financial Report

Jan 14 Income	Jan 14 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Jan 13 Income	Jan 13 Expenses	Jan 13 Balance
\$1,678.00	\$17,592.36	--\$15,914.36	\$21,719.53	\$25,891.86	--\$4,172.33

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	13 YTD Inc	13 YTD Ex	13 YTD Bal
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Stewardship Report

Jan Pledge Income	Jan Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$1,328.00	\$16,500.00	--\$14,672.00	\$1,328.00	\$16,500.00	--\$14,672.00

\*Year-to-date as of Jan 10, 2014

Our monthly stewardship goal in January is \$16,500.00; we have received \$1,328.00

Our current bank balance is--\$2,041.21 (As of 1-10-13).

## OUR HOLY MISSION

St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church of South Bend, IN is a Christian Community committed to serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and united in faith and in love with God, and called to make that love real to others through...

- **WORSHIP** (the Divine Liturgy) and the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by which we achieve union with Jesus Christ and with each other.
- **PHILANTHROPIC DIAKONIA** (service) to those people in need of our love and compassion. In teaching His disciples the Lord said, "...as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)
- **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** which enable Orthodox Christians to grow in Christ and be faithful disciples and prepares them to strengthen their personal commitment to our Lord, His Church and the holy Gospel.
- **NATIONAL AND PARISH MINISTRIES** of our Holy Orthodox Church which provide opportunities for Parish Outreach and to live as an integral and vital part of the community. The prime objective is to encourage a greater participation in the life of the Church and the world.
- **TEACHING** the commandment of the New Life, imparting a clear knowledge of the doctrines, traditions, canons and disciplines of the Church and guiding the growth, progress and enlightenment of all Orthodox Christians.

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