

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

February 12, 2012

Saints Commemorated Today: St. Meletios, Archbishop of Antioch; St. Christos the New Martyr; and St. Antonius, Archbishop of Constantinople

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two", He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:11-32

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.''" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

ENTRANCE HYMN: 2ND TONE

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

When Thou, the Deathless Life, didst descend toward Death, then didst Thou put to death Hades through the dazzling brightness of the Godhead; and when Thou didst raise up the dead from the Abyss, all the powers of the Heavens cried aloud: O Christ our God, Giver of Life, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Foolishly have I run away from Thy glory, O Father, wasting in sin the wealth that Thou gavest me. Therefore with the words of the Prodigal I cry unto Thee; I have sinned before Thee, compassionate Father. Accept me in repentance and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APOKREATIKO GLENDI-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012

Please mark your calendars for the annual Apokreatiko Glendi to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at St. Andrew Church on Ironwood Road. Doors will open at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The meal will be catered by Callahan's and will feature a buffet with appetizers, entrees of sirloin of beef, turkey and lasagna, dessert, coffee and cash bar. Greek music will be provided by Alexandros Taflanidis. **Tickets are \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 for children twelve (12) years and older and \$10.00 for children under twelve (12) years of age. Tickets purchased at the door or without reservation will be \$30.00 per adult. Ticket prices for all children remain the same, with or without reservation. The deadline for advance purchase or reservation is Tuesday, February 14, 2012.**

GOOD SAMARITANS

The Good Samaritan Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome! Annual membership dues are \$20. Please make checks out to Good Samaritans. Mail checks to Good Samaritans, 52455 N. Ironwood Rd, South Bend, IN 46635

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please remember to check the ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR when scheduling activities. They should not be scheduled during service times on Holy days. 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 can not 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.

SCRIP SALES

We need volunteers for our Scrip program for Sunday sales. Please contact the office. Scrip --a "no cost" donation to the church with everyday purchases. How? By purchasing Cash-Cards from Martin's and Meijer at dollar to dollar value. Our goal is to find 100 households to participate and raise \$15,000 per year at no additional cost to parishioners. So far, we have 7 registrations. **You may also purchase other**

gift cards for restaurants, home improvement stores, etc online at Shopwithscrip.com. Our enrollment number is EEC86AE517L87. Please see John Madias at the Bookstore on Sundays or Amber at the office during the week to make purchases. Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.

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).*

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*: Phyllis Leonakis (Michiana

Rehab), Chris and Peggy Bouris (home), Maria Bilonis (home), Helen McCormick (home), Leon Andrews (home), Helen Kaldis, Mary Rudhman (home), Mary Manos (home), and Telesila Yustwan (Home).

In nursing homes or home bound:, Bill and Betty Kanalos (Brentwood at Niles), Amelia Morris (home), Mary Christos (Hearth at Juday Creek), Mario Rekos (Morningside), Anna Moskolis (Kindred), John Kouroubetes (Woodridge), and Dina Polezoes (Hubbard Hill).

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 13 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, February 14 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, February 15 th	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9a Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, February 17 th	St. Theodore 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, February 18 th	1 st Saturday of Souls 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm Apokreatiko Glendi 5:30pm
Sunday, February 19 th	Judgment Sunday (Meatfare) 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, February 20 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, February 21 st	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm Parish Council 7pm
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9a Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, February 24 th	1 st & 2 nd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

Vespers 4:30pm

Saturday, February 25th

2nd Saturday of Souls
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, February 26th

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 8th

Philoptochos 7pm

Thursday, April 5th

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Sunday, April 8th

Plaki Luncheon following Liturgy

Friday, April 27th

Eleni Karris-Stand-up comic

June 8th-10th

Grecian Festival

Friday, October 26th

Trivia Night

June 7-9, 2013

Grecian Festival

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.