

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

March 9, 2014

Saints Commemorated today: 40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste and St. Caesarios the Righteous

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 12:1-10

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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.

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GOOD SAMARITANS-CORRECTION

The Good Samaritans will be meeting **MONDAY, MARCH 10** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

JUNIOR GREEK DANCE TROUPE

The Junior Greek Dance Troupe is accepting students in 1st grade and up. Practices are held on Sundays after Sunday School until 1:30pm. Practices will begin **TODAY** in preparation for the Greek Festival. Join us and get in on the fun! Please contact Rachel Limberopoulos 269-325-1600 or Elaine Samoilis 574-993-6897.

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are in the final stages of preparing a new Parish directory. Please contact the office, Tina Assimos or Esther Arvanitis by **MARCH 14** if you have had any changes to your contact information. **ALSO** if you would like your cell phone and/or email included in your listing, please call or email (standrewschurch@comcast.net) the office with that information. Thank you.

STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE FOR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Sunday School has begun collecting stuffed animals for the children at Memorial Hospital. The donation of a stuffed animal can make a big difference to a child spending time in the hospital. Please keep in mind all stuffed animals need to be new and never played with due to the environment. Since

the hospital is always in need this will be an ongoing collection. Look for the bin in the Sunday School hallway. Thank you for your generosity! God bless you.

EASTER LOVE DONATIONS

We are still taking donations for flowers, incense, etc, throughout Lent and Easter. Please contact the office if you would like to make a donation to a specific item or simply write "Easter Love" in the memo line of your check for a general donation. Thank you and God bless.

LADIES FROM SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOMOS MONASTERY

The ladies from Saint John Chrysostomos Monastery will be visiting us on Sunday, April 6 with a variety of Lenten food and Easter gift items. We look forward to seeing them.

ICONOGRAPHY

The drive to complete the third phase of Iconography has begun. We invite and encourage everyone to donate towards this last phase. If you would like to make a donation towards a specific Icon please contact Father George or Chris Kirgios. If you would like to make just a general donation, please make your checks out to St. Andrew Church and note in the memo line "Iconography." Thank you.

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*: Ted Poledor (Cleveland Clinic), 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, George Mighion, Chris Strafford, Pete Arvan, Mike Chronopoulos. 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**.
Athina Kamiotis 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. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK	
Monday, March 10 th	Good Samaritans 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 11 th	Parish Council 7pm
Wednesday, March 12 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Meal hosted by Good Samaritans
Thursday, March 13 th	Compline Service 6:30pm Philoptochos meeting (following service)
Friday, March 14 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30pm 2 nd Salutations to Theotokos 7pm (3 rd and 4 th grades to present flowers)
Saturday, March 15 th	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, March 16 th	St. Gregory of Palamas 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Solemn Vespers 7pm

LOOKING AHEAD	
Wednesday, March 19 th	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Meal Hosted by Philoptochos
Thursday, March 20 th	Compline Service 6:30pm
Friday, March 21 st	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30pm 3 rd Salutations to Theotokos 7pm 5 th & 6 th grade students to present flowers
Saturday, March 22 nd	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, March 23 rd	Sunday of Holy Cross 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Solemn Vespers 7pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS	
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 20	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
June 6-8	Grecian Festival
June 12-14, 2015	Grecian Festival

2014 Financial Report

Feb 14 Income	Feb 14 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Feb13 Income	Feb 13 Expenses	Feb 13 Balance
\$24,980.60	\$30,928.52	--\$5,947.92	\$24,497.25	\$20,553.14	\$3,944.11

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	13 YTD Inc	13 YTD Ex	13 YTD Bal
\$49,630.72	\$67,159.63	--\$17,528.91	\$46,216.78	\$46,445.00	--\$228.22

Stewardship Report

Feb Pledge Income	Feb Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$17,020.00	\$23,000.00	--\$5,980.00	\$27,740.50	\$39,000.00	--\$11,259.50

*Year-to-date as of Feb 28, 2014

Our monthly stewardship goal in February is \$23,000.00; we have received \$17,020.00

Our current bank balance is--\$11,130.43 (As of 3-7-13).

Please do not forget to send in your generous pledges: we count on you to have a balanced budget by the end of the year, and we want to avoid seeing our general fund balance dangerously reduced. Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. **We plead with you to do everything that you can to send in your pledges in a timely and generous manner.**

Dear all,

We were blessed with a wonderful turn out for our pizza kick off Sunday. It seemed everyone had a great time. Many ideas were discussed between the group of parents and children. There are a few parents who intend to be a part of JOY but were not able to attend Sunday's event. Please don't worry we will be planning a calendar of events for the rest of the year and look forward to seeing everyone then.

Many ideas were given Silver hawks game, Silver beach area, ice skating, bon fire, fruit picking, zoo, chapel day trips and water parks... There were a good number of ideas discussed. Our hope is to have a planned activity once a month throughout the year.

April's event will be the Holy Friday retreat. Please let me know if you can help plan the retreat. Last year the older youth in the parish took a leadership role in the retreat that was wonderful and will continue again this year.

We also will need a lot of help selling the memorial candles for the Holy Friday evening service as well as setting the bags and candles up around the church during the day Friday. If you are available to help in anyway please communicate that to Isabel or myself. It will be appreciated very much. This is a necessary fundraiser for JOY passed down and perfected by past JOY coordinators.

We are looking at doing a Potawatomi Zoo scavenger hunt following the hot dog lunch on last day of Sunday school in May. I will send out more info if this is confirmed.

We also talked a bit about having the JOY group help out at the Greek Fest this summer. Cleaning off tables is a reasonable task for children this age. We have already had several awesome young helpers over the last couple of years.

We would like to get t-shirts for the JOY children to wear for the festival as well as to the activities we plan. If anyone knows of an affordable t-shirt printer that would be very helpful. Please communicate to Isabel or myself if you are interested in ordering a shirt and as I get details I will pass them along. It is a hope that JOY can find a charitable organization outside of Saint Andrew that we can begin doing a service for. We are looking for ideas on this so feel free to share them.

As of now Saint Andrew does not have an active GOYA so we are blessed to have a couple older youth volunteer to be junior leaders for our JOY group. This will be helpful and likely inspire more participation and fellowship from other older youth in the parish. Saint Andrew is blessed because we do have an active little angels group as well as family ministries. We are a small parish and so many of our families fall into one or more of these age groups so we will all work together to create activities that will work out for everyone as often as possible.

Your input is important so together let's keep our children active, involved and inspired! Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to getting to know each one of you a little bit better. God bless you and your family,

Billie Limberopoulos

Stuffed Animal Drive for Memorial Children's Hospital.



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(I know many moms are thinking, what about all our already loved stuffed animals?! Just wait!!! We are looking into the perfect place for those, too! More info to come)

Thank you for your generosity! God bless you.



In Honor of the “Annunciation of the Theotokos” and “Greek Independence” on March 25th

The St. Andrew Philoptochos will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, March 23rd, 2014 after Divine Liturgy in the “Good Samaritan Cultural Center”

Please, join us for fellowship and a video presentation.

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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