

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

July 20, 2014

**Saints Commemorated today:** St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer; St. Anthoussa the Confessor;  
853 Martyrs of Thrace and St. Manuel the Righteous

### EPISTLE READING

**II Timothy 2:1-10**

Brethren, Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### ENTRANCE HYMN: 2ND PLAGAL TONE

(Page 46 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

The Angelic Powers were before Thy tomb, and the guards became as dead; and Mary stood in the sepulcher seeking Thy Sacred Body. Thou despoilest Hades, for Thou wast not tempted by it; Thou didst meet the Virgin and gave Life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.



### WELCOME

We would like to welcome Father George and Presbyteria Kathy Pappas as they celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us this morning. We are blessed to have them joining us today.

### THE LAMPOS POST

As you know, the Fast for the Holy Dormition of the Theotokos begins on August 1. *The Lenten Cookbook for Orthodox Christian* (641.566 L46) gives a guide for the foods allowed along with Lenten recipes. We have a children's section in the Library. Please encourage your children to grow in Christ with spiritual reading. We have two children's books perfect for the Holy Dormition: *Our Hymn to the Mother of God* (264.019 H4 2011) and *The Story of Mary the Mother of God* (232.91 P36 2000).

### 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. (We have emailed the price and schematics to the parish, if you did not receive this email or would like a hard copy, please contact the office.) 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.

### RED VIGIL LIGHTS

The suggested donation for the red vigil lights is \$7 per candle and \$40 per case. 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 Bilionis 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*: Chris Magrames, Ted Poledor (home), Mary Verongos (Sanctuary at Holy Cross), and Nick Rorres (home).

*In nursing homes or home bound*: Artemis Hoke (Holy Cross Rehab), Chris Bouris (St. Joseph Rehab), 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**.

**Mary Koucouthakis** 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 **Mary Koucouthakis, Anna Tyrikos and Anna Napoleon**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

## THIS WEEK

Friday, August 1	<b>Dormition Fast Begins</b> Supplications 7p.m. at <b>Holy Dormition Chapel</b>
Saturday, August 2	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, August 3	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

## LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, August 4	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm
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Tuesday, August 5  
Orthros 9am  
Great Vespers for Holy Transfiguration 5p

Wednesday, August 6  
Holy Transfiguration  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy  
Supplications 7p.m

Thursday, August 7  
Orthros 9am  
Supplications 7pm at **Holy Dormition Chapel**

Friday, August 8  
Orthros 9am  
Supplications 7p.m. at **Holy Dormition Chapel**

Saturday, August 9  
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, August 10  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sun, August 17  
Holy Dormition Picnic following Liturgy (all at Holy Dormition Chapel, New Carlisle)

Tue, August 26  
Parish Council 7pm

Sat, October 18  
SAREF Dinner 7pm

Sun, October 26  
School of Mediterranean Cookery 3-6pm

June 12-14, 2015  
Grecian Festival

**2014 Financial Report**  
(Does not include Festival)

July 14 Income	July 14 Expenses	Monthly Balance	July 13 Income	July 13 Expenses	July 13 Balance
\$8,230.60	\$23,743.90	--\$15,512.49	\$15,389.77	\$26,199.74	--\$10,809.97

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	13 YTD Inc	13 YTD Ex	13 YTD Bal
\$157,520.32	\$196,749.23	--\$39,228.91	\$153,317.08	\$182,325.50	--\$29,008.42

**Stewardship Report**

July Pledge Income	July Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$7,655.50	\$10,500.00	--\$2,844.50	\$92,351.00	\$100,500.00	--\$8,149.00

\*Year-to-date as of July 25, 2014

Our monthly stewardship goal in July is \$10,500; we have received \$7,655.50

Our **current bank balance is \$23,450.82 (As of 7-25-14).**

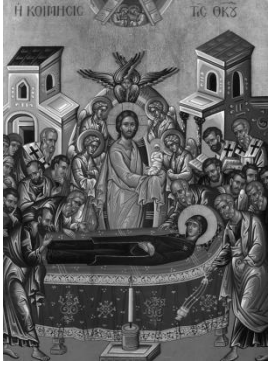
Please do not forget to send in your generous pledges: we count on you to have a balanced budget by the end of the year, and we want to avoid seeing our general fund balance dangerously reduced. Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. **We plead with you to do everything that you can to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

**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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**ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
HOLY DORMITION FEAST DAY  
PARISH PICNIC  
AT THE  
HOLY DORMITION CHAPEL GROUNDS,  
32365 CHICAGO TRAIL, NEW CARLISLE, IN**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014**

**TIME: 9:30 ORTHROS  
10:30 DIVINE LITURGY**

Services held at Holy Dormition Chapel (St. Andrew closed)

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY** start with social hour, coffee, and donuts, then lunch buffet (Greek salad, pasta salad, chicken breast, rice, special burgers, chips, bread, corn-on-the-cob, dessert, coffee soft drinks and bottle water) \$12 person; \$3 for children (10 and under)

Wine \$10 btl, beer \$3 btl

**All proceeds for chapel improvements for future events.**

Fresh air and good food cooked on the Chapel grounds. Let's have an enjoyable day together with our families

Kids games and activities.

There will be a tent with tables and chairs for all to enjoy.

Chairman: Mr. Nick Giannakakis 269-449-2112

Co-Chairs: Mrs. Effie Limberopoulos, Mr. Tim Karamalegos

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