

## **Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)**

**February 26, 2012**

**Saints Commemorated Today:** St. Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza; St. Photini the Samaritan Woman & her martyred sisters; Sts. Anatole, Phota, Photis, Praskevi & Kyriaki; and Holy Martyr Theocletus

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 13:11-14:4**

Brethren, and do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 6:14-21**

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

### **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.

### **KONTAKION OF CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY**

O Master, Guide to wisdom, Giver of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Champion of the poor, make firm my heart and grant it understanding. O Word of the Father: give me words for see, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to Thee, I am fallen; in Thy compassion have mercy on me.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **SATURDAY OF SOULS**

The Third Saturday of Souls is Mar 3rd. It is the Orthodox Christian Tradition for the faithful to give Father the Orthodox Christian names (in Greek or English) of their departed loved ones. If you are able please also bring kollyva to the service. Thank you.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion at the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent need to prepare spiritually by fasting, Holy Confession and living a virtuous Christian life. Those wishing to receive Holy Communion must not eat or drink anything for 6 hours before taking Communion.

## 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 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.

## 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), 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 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **GREAT LENT BEGINS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Hours 9a  
Great Canon 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Hours 9a  
Great Canon II 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

Great Canon III 9am  
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30  
Lenten Meal provided by Sunday School

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Hours 9a  
Great Canon IV 6:30pm

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Presanctified Liturgy 9am  
1<sup>st</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30pm  
Flowers presented by Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Souls  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy  
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday of Orthodoxy  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Pan-Orthodox Vespers 6p (at Ss. Peter & Paul SOC)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Monday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Hours 9a
Tuesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Hours 9a
Wednesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Presanctified Liturgy 6:30p Lenten Meal provided by the Good Samaritans
Thursday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Hours 9a Compline Service 6:30pm Philoptochos 7:30pm
Friday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Presanctified Liturgy 9am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30pm
Saturday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday of St. Gregory 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Solemn Vespers 7pm
Thursday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Philoptochos 7:30pm
Sunday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Plaki Luncheon following Liturgy
Friday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Eleni Karris-Stand-up comic
June 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Grecian Festival
Friday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Trivia Night\
June 7-9, 2013	Grecian Festival

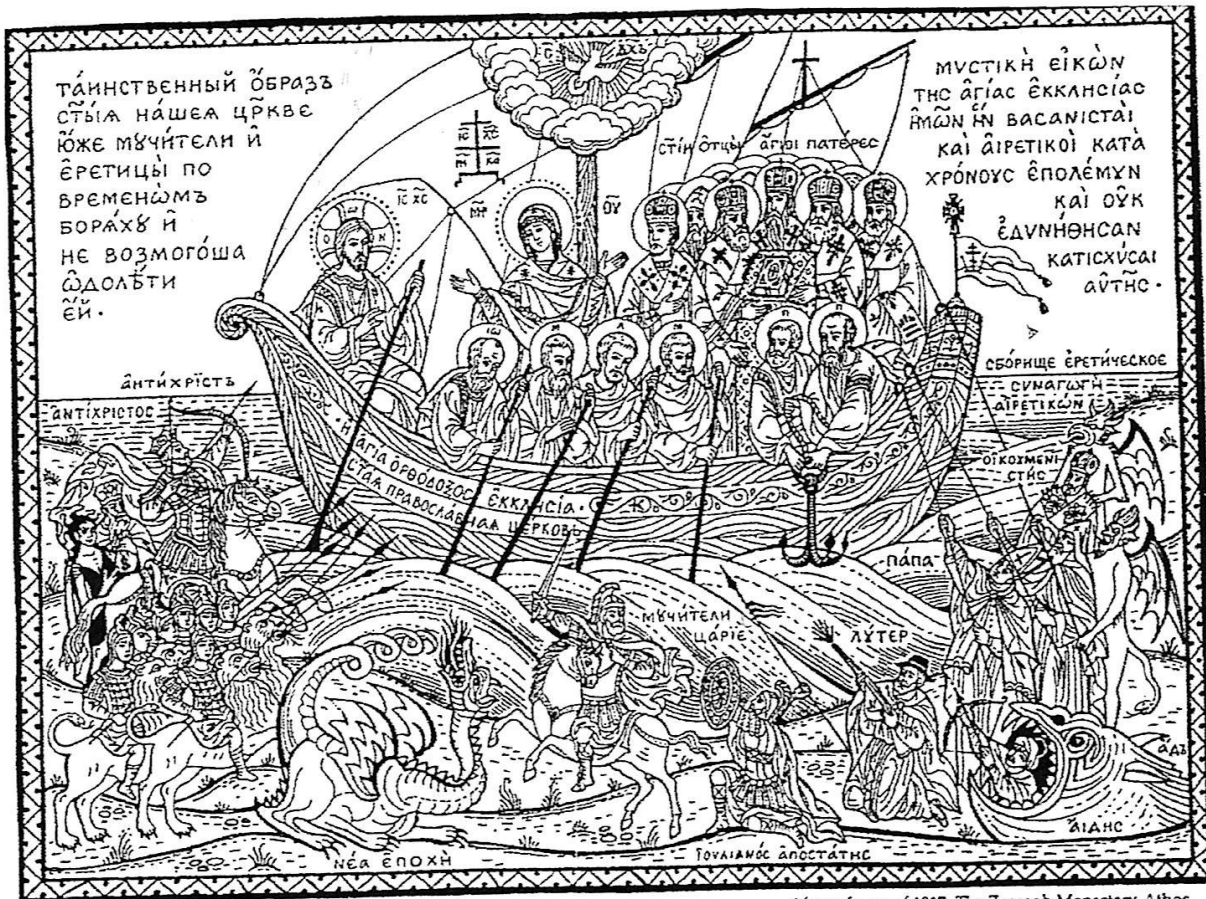
## Orthodox Churches of Michiana Invite You to the Celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy

SUNDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 AT 6:00 PM

Hosted by Saints Peter and Paul Serbian Orthodox Church

Guest Homilist Rev. Radovan Jakovljevic

**“We accept and confirm the councils of the holy fathers, and their traditions and writings which are agreeable to divine revelation!”**



По стенопис от 1817 г. Зографски манастир, Атон.

After a fresco of 1817. The Zograph Monastery, Athos.

**Saints Peter and Paul  
Serbian Orthodox Church  
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**“No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.”**

Please join us for a light Lenten meal after the service in the social hall.

# Stefanos Alexopoulos Lecture: “When a Column Speaks: The Liturgy of the Christian Parthenon”

Mon Feb 27, 2012, 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Location: Geddes Hall auditorium

Rev. [Stefanos Alexopoulos](#), Visiting Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies, Yale University, teaches in the College Year in Athens (Greece) program and was recently elected assistant professor of liturgy at the Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens. He is a graduate of Notre Dame’s Department of Theology, and the author of *The Presanctified Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite: A Comparative Analysis of Its Origins, Evolution, and Structural Units* (2009).

Rev. Alexopoulos has provided the following abstract of his talk:

“By far the best known and most visited monument in Greece today is the Parthenon, situated in the Acropolis of Athens. It is not an understatement to say that the Parthenon stands for most people as a symbol for Athens, for Greece, and for Hellenism. In the same time, however, one of the least known facts about the Parthenon is that it served as a Christian church for almost a thousand years. It functioned as the Cathedral of the city of Athens, was known as the shrine of Panagia Atheniotissa and became a famed pilgrim destination during the Byzantine era. Notwithstanding its use as a Christian church for close to a millennium, we know close to nothing as to what sort of liturgy was celebrated within its walls. We have no written evidence, no direct or indirect witnesses as to what was going on ritually in the Christian Parthenon throughout its history. However, one hitherto unexploited source for the liturgy of the Christian Parthenon is the corpus of Christian inscriptions on the columns of the Parthenon which, I argue, give us enough evidence to establish links with the Cathedral Typikon of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, and also indicate that the Cathedral Typikon was followed and celebrated in the Christian Parthenon between the 9th and the 13th centuries.”

The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Theology, with help from the Medieval Institute.

*Following the lecture, attendees are invited to a reception at the Medieval Institute (715 Hesburgh Library) marking the dedication of the new Byzantine Studies Reading Room.*

## **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.