

SAINT NEKTARIOS THE WONDERWORKER OF PENTAPOLIS

November 9, 2014

Saints Commemorated today: Sts. Onesiphoros & Porphyrios of Ephesus; St. Matrona of Constantinople; St. Theoctiste of Lesbo and St. Symeon

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren.

Amen

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

ENTRANCE HYMN; 1st PLAGAL TONE

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

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, who for our salvation was born of a Virgin. For He willed to be lifted up upon the Cross in the flesh, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.



CATECHETICAL SCHOOL DATES

Mark your calendars! We would like to make you all aware of some upcoming events to be put on your calendars. Through 12/14, the children will be staying in Sunday school until 12:45 for rehearsals for the Christmas pageant. Since we will be staying later and the snacks provided for the children may not be enough for some, feel free to pack an additional snack for your child to help hold them until meal time. November 9th is Godparent Sunday. November 23rd we will be decorating the church for Christmas and the Bishop's visit during coffee hour. November 30th, Bishop Demetrios will be visiting us to Celebrate the feast of St. Andrew. All are encouraged to bring your children to greet His Grace and ask for his blessing. December 5th, Family ministries will be having its annual Christmas gathering. Please bring your children for some fellowship, food and fun. December 7th will be our annual gift project for the children of Memorial Hospital and a visit from St. Nicholas. December 14th is our Christmas luncheon and pageant. If anyone is interested in helping Eleni Owens with putting together the Christmas pageant, please let us know. Thank you! We look forward to a blessed and joyous holiday season!

BULLETIN FLYERS

We will no longer be including flyers in the weekly bulletin. They are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. This week there are flyers for: St. Andrew Feastday Luncheon, Philoptochos Christmas Card and Philoptochos Food Baskets. Please take what you need.

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. Just a reminder that all monies donated during Coffee Hour throughout the school year go towards buying school supplies (curriculum books, paper, pencils, etc). This is currently our only fundraising. The Coffee Hour supplies (cups, napkins, coffee, creamer, sugar, plates, silverware, etc) are donated throughout the year. By having a host or hostess for each Sunday, we do not have to pay for snacks out of the school supply budget. Thank you for your support!

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, 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*: Nick Limberopoulos (home) and Chris Magraves (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Chris Bouris (home), Mary Manos (home), Bill and Betty Kanaloas (Hearth at Judy 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**.

Artemis Hoke prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

The Coffee Hour was lovingly provided for our entire community by **Maria Giannakakis, Cindy Giannakakis, Joanna Limberopoulos, Elaine Samoilis and Peggy Skotadis**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 10

Orthros 9am

Vespers 4:30pm

Tuesday, November 11

Orthros 9am

Vespers 4:30pm
Parish Council 7pm

Wednesday, November 12
Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 9am
Vespers 4:30pm

Thursday, November 13
St. John Chrysostomos
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy
Philoptochos 6:15pm

Friday, November 14
St. Philip the Apostle **at Holy Dormition Chapel**
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 15
NATIVITY FAST BEGINS
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, November 16
St. Matthew the Apostle
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, November 17
Orthros 9am
Vespers 4:30pm

Tuesday, November 18
Orthros 9am
Vespers 4:30pm

Wednesday, November 19
Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am
Vespers 4:30pm

Thursday, November 20
Great Vespers for the Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos 7pm

Friday, November 21
Entrance of the Theotokos **at Holy Dormition Chapel**
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 22
Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, November 23
Ninth Sunday of Luke
9:00 Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, November 10
Bulletin Information Due

Tuesday, November 11
Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday, November 13
Philoptochos 6:30pm

Sunday, November 23
Decorating church for Bishop's visit/Christmas

Sunday, November 30
St. Andrew Feastday Luncheon following Liturgy

Friday, December 5
Family Ministries Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7
St. Nicholas Gift Project
Ladies from Saint John Monastery visit

Tuesday, December 9
Parish Council Meeting at 7 PM

Sunday, December 14

Catechetical School Christmas Luncheon/pageant

June 12-14, 2015

Grecian Festival

2014 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

Nov14 Income	Nov 14 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Nov 13 Income	Nov 13 Expenses	Nov13 Balance
\$1,473.00	\$7,932.81	--\$6,459.81	\$26,052.00	\$23,656.40	\$2,395.60

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	13 YTD Inc	13 YTD Ex	13 YTD Bal
\$208,003.02	\$285,160.14	--\$77,157.12	\$237,396.19	\$289,967.36	--\$52,571.17

Stewardship Report

Nov Pledge Income	Nov Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$1,333.00	\$20,500.00	--\$19,197.00	\$125,555.00	\$159,500.00	--\$35,945.00

*Year-to-date as of November 7, 2014

Our monthly stewardship goal in November is \$20,500; we have received \$1,333

Our **current bank balance is --\$2,688.12 (As of 11-7-14).**

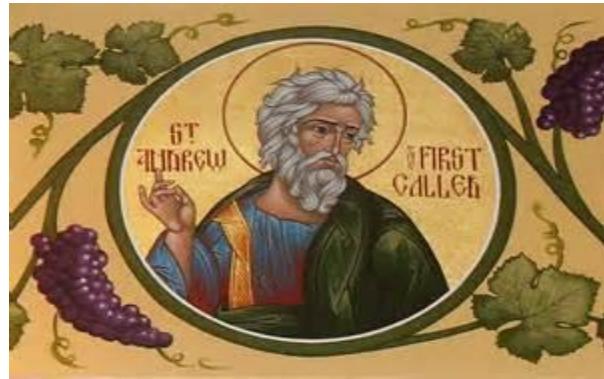
Please do not forget to send in your generous pledges: we count on you to have a balanced budget by the end of the year, and we want to avoid seeing our general fund balance dangerously reduced. Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. **We plead with you to do everything that you can to 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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Please, Join the Parish of St. Andrew Greek Orthodox
Church of South Bend in welcoming His Grace
Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos

To a family luncheon to celebrate the

Feast Day of St. Andrew

On November 30th, 2014

Following Divine Liturgy

A fish dinner with salad, vegetable and pasta will be served

Dessert and beverage will be included

(minimum donation \$15.00)

Pasta dinner will be available for children

(minimum donation \$5.00)

Please make your reservations after church or by calling the church office at 574-277-4688

**SAINT ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS CARD
SPONSORED BY THE PHILOPTOCHOS**



It is time to put your name in the Saint Andrew's Annual Christmas Card. For \$15.00, you will be able to reach the entire parish; a value, considering the price of postage and cards if you were to send individual ones. You may forward your form to mary@apolloprinting.com or Fax to 574-288-5373

Please sign the form below and return, with payment, to the Church office by December 8th, 2014.

Make checks payable to **St. Andrew Philoptochos**
and mark outside of the envelope: ***Christmas Card.***

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER FORM

Method of Payment: Check Cash

Your full name:

Name(s) as you want them to appear on the card: _____

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Andrew's Philoptochos would like to express gratitude for all the generous donations of food, money and time that have been given throughout the year.

One of our methods of fundraising to serve the needs of many is the annual Christmas card. Please, forward the attached flyer to Mary Koucouthakis or Mary Jo Tirikos by fax, e-mail or phone. Your \$15.00 donation may be made at the Church office specifying the Philoptochos Christmas Card.

Thank you, St. Andrew Philoptochos



St. Andrew's Philoptochos Food Drive

The thanksgiving and Christmas season is upon us. It is time to open our hearts and give to those in need. Giving to those in need is just like giving to Christ.

Matthew 25:35 "*for I was hungry and you gave Me food...*"

Matthew 25:40 "*and the King will answer them, truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me*"

Each year, Philoptochos and those willing to help have assembled baskets of food and other necessities to give to families in the name of St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church.

We have changed the way we collect for the food drive. Rather than purchase the food items, we have decided to give grocery store gift certificates, that way the recipients can choose the food items that they like and that meet their dietary needs.

Please consider giving a generous monetary contribution that can be used by the Ladies Philoptochos Society to purchase grocery store gift certificates. Monetary contributions can be given to Kelly Popyk (Philoptochos treasurer) or to the Parish office marked food drive. Any donation will be accepted.

And as always, if you know of anyone who could use a grocery store gift certificate please notify Philoptochos or the Church office secretary. Please, let us know how many are in the family that could use a gift of food for Christmas. We will also give to the local food bank, so please give generously.

**With sincere gratitude,
St. Andrew Ladies Philoptochos**

P.S. We would like to provide certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas, so don't delay in giving names of those that could use a gift of food.