

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

November 16, 2014

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:11-11:2

Brethren, the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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.



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 rehearsal 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!

LADIES FROM ST. JOHN MONASTERY

The Ladies from St. John Monastery will be here on Sunday, December 7 with pastries, Lenten foods, icons, etc. Thank you.

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 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*: Nick Limberopoulos (home) and Chris Magrames (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Chris Bouris (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**.

Ioanna Bilonis 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 **Eirene Walsh**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

MEMORIAL: A three-year Memorial for **Timothy Walsh** is offered by his loving wife Eirene Walsh and family. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

THIS WEEK

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	Philoptochos 6:15pm 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 Decorating Church for Bishop Visit/Christmas

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, November 24	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, November 25	St. Katherine the Great Martyr 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, November 26	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, November 29	Great Vesper for the Forefeast of St. Andrew the First-Called 7pm
Sunday, November 30	St. Andrew the First-Called 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy St. Andrew Feastday Luncheon Bishop Demetrios' Visit

Mark Your Calendars

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
\$4,929.00	\$15,207.65	--\$10,278.65	\$26,052.00	\$23,656.40	\$2,395.60

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	13 YTD Inc	13 YTD Ex	13 YTD Bal
\$214,654.02	\$292,612.21	--\$77,958.19	\$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
\$4,203.00	\$20,500.00	--\$16,297.00	\$126,425.00	\$159,500.00	--\$33,075.00

*Year-to-date as of November 14, 2014

Our monthly stewardship goal in November is \$20,500; we have received \$4,929

Our ***current bank balance is --\$4,401.05 (As of 11-14-14).***

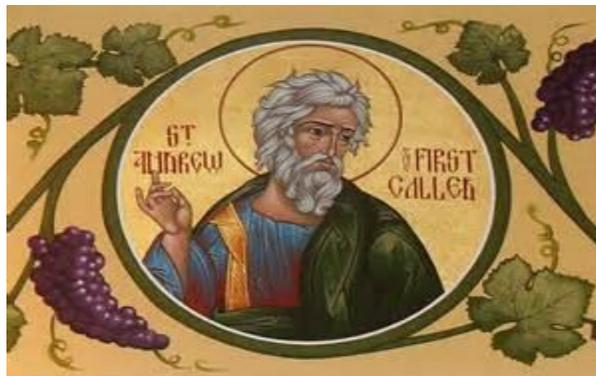
Please do not forget to send in your generous pledges: we count on you to have a balanced budget by the end of the year, and we want to avoid seeing our general fund balance dangerously reduced. Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. **We plead with you to do everything that you can to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