

Tenth Sunday of Matthew

August 12, 2012

Saints Commemorated today: Sts. Photios & Aniketos the Martyrs of Nicomedia; Sts. Sergios & Stephen the Monks and the Soldier-martyrs of Crete

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, for I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 1ST TONE

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

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, and while the soldiers were guarding Thy Sacred Body, Thou, O Savior, didst rise on the third day and gave Life to the World. Wherefore the Powers of the Heavens cried to Thee, O Giver of Life; Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; Glory to Thy Kingdom; Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who alone are Merciful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHETICAL SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are in need of a teacher for 1st and 2nd grades (for this year) and an assistant Coordinator for Catechetical School in the fall. Please see Father George if you are willing to teach or be an assistant teacher. We need Orthodox Christian Adults who are knowledgeable about the faith and committed to teaching our faith with the Archdiocese guidelines. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Rummage Sale will NOT take place this year. Thank you for your support in the years past.

HOLY DORMITION

We will need incense, flowers, candles, etc., for the Feast of the Holy Dormition. If you would like to donate, please contact the office. Thank you.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

We have a parishioner that we are helping with transportation to and from Church. If you would like to help please contact Father George or make donations payable to the *Discretionary Fund*.

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 and Mary Jo Tirikos.

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*:

In nursing homes or home bound: Bill and Betty Kanalos (Brentwood at Niles), Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor-Walkerton) Jim Kalafat (Southfield Village), Joan Rekos (Kindred), Anna Moskolis (Kindred), John Kouroubetes (Woodridge). Chris and Peggy Bouris (home), Helen Kaldis, Mary Rudhman (home), and Telesila Yustwan (Home).

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 13 th	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm
Tuesday, August 14 th	Great Vespers for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos 7p.m. Artoklasia (Blessing of the Loaves) at Holy Dormition
Wednesday, August 15 th	Holy Dormition of Theotokos at Holy Dormition Chapel 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Friday, August 17 th	Paraklesis Theotokos 9a Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, August 18 th	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, August 19 th St. Andrew CLOSED	10 th Sunday of Matthew at Holy Dormition Chapel 9:30 Orthros 10:30 Divine Liturgy Holy Dormition Picnic following Liturgy

Catechetical School Registration Due

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon, Aug 20-Fri, Aug 24th NO SERVICES ALL WEEK
OFFICE CLOSED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 9 th	Grandparent's (Yiayia and Papou) Sunday
Sunday, September 16 th	Catechetical School begins
Tuesday, October 16 th	Good Samaritan Salad Luncheon
Friday, October 26 th	Trivia Night
June 7-9, 2013	Grecian Festival
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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.

St. Andrew Iconography
Phase II

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you are aware that the second of three phases of Iconography for St. Andrew has begun and is scheduled to be completed by the feast-day of our Church on November 30. Many parishioners have expressed their desire to make Iconography donations and it came to our attention that additional clarification for the second phase of Iconography is needed.

There will be a total of three phases of iconography for the Church. Phase II of the Iconography will consist of two icons in the Nave of the Church and six icons in the Narthex as described below.

Nave:

- 1) The Koimisis (Dormition) of the Ever-Virgin Mary and Theotokos (North Wall) –**donation received.**
- 2) Moses/Burning Bush (West Wall – Above the Cry Room) - \$15,000

Narthex:

- 1) The Holy Icon of the Holy Family - \$8,000
- 2) The Holy Icon of the Holy Napkin – **donation received.**
- 3) The Holy Icon of Saint Peter and Paul - \$2,500 each (\$5,000 Total)
- 4) The Holy Icon of Christ “o anapeson” or reclining Christ - \$6, 0000
- 5) The Holy Icon of Christ as Angel - \$6,000
- 6) The Medallion of Christ - \$2,000

All of the Holy Icons for the first phase of Iconography were donated by parishioners either as individuals or as families. Donations for Phase II (or Phase III) are encouraged. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Our goal is to do in Phase II what we did in Phase I: collect enough private donations to cover the cost of the entire effort at no expense to the Parish.

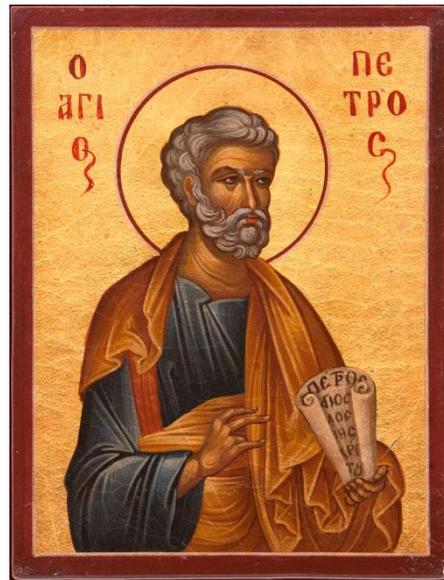
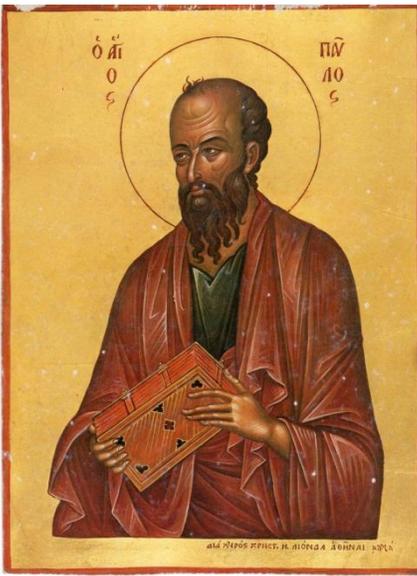
If you would like to make a donation for the second phase (or third phase) of Iconography, please contact the Church office during normal business hours or send in your check writing “Iconography – Phase II” in the memo line, and let Father George or Amber know which icon or icons you would like your donation to go towards.

Sincerely,

The Parish Council

St. Paul

St. Peter



The Holy Icon of the Holy Family The Holy Icon of the Holy Napkin



The Holy Icon of Christ "O anapeson" or reclining Christ

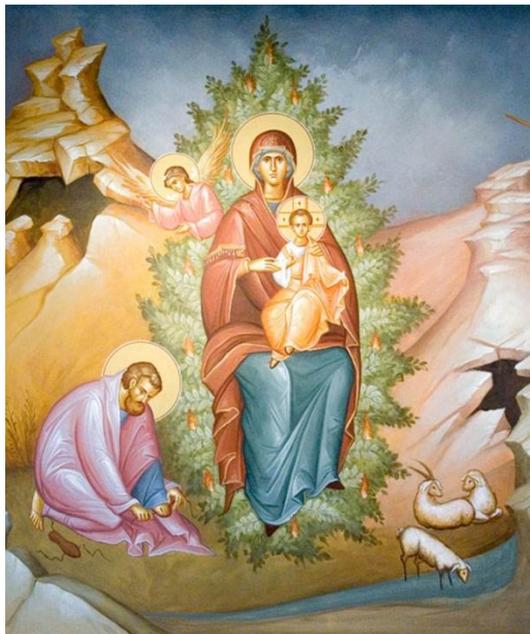


The Medallion of Christ

Moses / Burning Bush



The Holy Icon of Christ as Angel



The Koimisis (Dormition) of the Ever-Virgin Mary

