

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

November 3, 2013

Saints Commemorated today: St. Acepshimas the Bishop; St. Joseph the Presbyter & St. Aeithalas the Deacon, martyrs of Persia; St. Theodore the Confessor, Bishop of Ancyra; St. George of Neopolis and Bishop Raphael of Brooklyn

EPISTLE READING

II Corinthians 11:31-33: 12:1-9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

ENTRANCE HYMN: 2ND TONE

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

When Thou, the Deathless Life, didst descend toward Death, then didst Thou put to death Hades through the dazzling brightness of the Godhead; and when Thou didst raise up the dead from the Abyss, all the powers of the Heavens cried aloud: O Christ our God, Giver of Life, glory to Thee.

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PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parish Assembly will be held today immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The main topics of discussion will be the 2014 budget, nominations to the Parish Council, election committee and audit committee and nominating members to attend the Clergy-Laity Congress in Philadelphia. We need 25 stewards in good standing for a quorum. Please be sure to attend.

BISHOP DEMETRIOS OF MOSKISSOS VISIT

On December 1st, His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, will be officiating the Divine Liturgy here at Saint Andrew. Following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a luncheon in the Good Samaritan Cultural Center. Everyone is invited to join us. **Freewill donation**, but please call the office with **your reservation so we can make sure enough food will be provided.**

SAINT ANDREW DINNER DANCE

Tickets will be available today following Liturgy for the annual Saint Andrew Feastday Dinner Dance (November 9). Thank you.

GOOD SAMARITAN BAKE SALE

Visit our mini-bake sale in the Fellowship Hall today. Many wonderful baked goods and spanakopita.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have not added or updated your email for Father's daily spiritual message or notifications, please do so through the office. Father George would also like our college students to be on the list in order to keep informed in the Faith. Thank you.

FREE WI-FI IS NOW AVAILABLE

Wi-fi is now available. Thank you to Dain Crawford the modem and installation. Please see Father George, a Council Member, the church office or Joseph for access information.

YOUTH MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

A ministry of the Orthodox Church gives aid as part of the Body of Christ. A child becomes a full member of this Body at their baptism. The foundation of all youth ministry is the cultivation and education of our children, so that they may become active members of the Body of Christ. Youth ministry needs to begin early, even before the child begins to participate in Church Ministries. It begins with the family in the home and it needs to continue in the home as the child grows in the Church. **We are in need of volunteers to lead the HOPE (K-2nd grades), and GOYA (7th-12th grades) ministries.**

We are also in need of at least two volunteers to be coordinators for the Sunday School. Please contact Father George if you are willing to help. *The St. Andrew Family Ministries established last year was not and is not meant to take the place of our youth groups. It is a ministry to serve ALL members of our parish. All ministries of the parish are meant to work cooperatively to enhance and enrich the spiritual lives of our parishioners of all ages.*

AMBER SNIDER FUND

As you all are aware, we have opened an account to help our secretary, Amber with her medical expenses. If you would like to make a donation, please make the checks payable to St. Andrew Church, with the memo line marked 'Amber Snider Fund.' Thank you and God bless.

SECURITY

After the recent tragic events involving school shootings, we have implemented some precautionary procedures concerning security. We also ask you to be alert and to not permit any non-parishioner to be alone in the church and especially to be in the hallway that leads to the classrooms. Although this message is not prompted by any incident at St. Andrew, we ask that we all be alert and notify members of the Parish Council and/or ushers of any suspicious activity.

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 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*: Mary Verongos (St. Joseph Rehab), and John Magrames (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Esther Magrames (St. Joseph Nursing 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 and Nick Giannakakis. Substitutes will be contacted by the chairperson if they are needed to fill in on a Sunday. 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**.

Marina Carlin 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 **Billie Limberopoulos and Gabby Lampos**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 4 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm Good Samaritans 6:30pm
Tuesday, November 5 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, November 6 th	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, November 8 th	Synaxis of the Archangels at Holy Dormition Chapel 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers for the Forefeast of St Nektarios 7pm Little Angels 10:30-Noon Adult Catechism 10:30am
Saturday, November 9 th	St. Nektarios 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm St Andrew Dinner Dance 5:30pm
Sunday, November 10 th	Eighth Sunday of Luke 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, November 11 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, November 12 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm

Wednesday, November 13th St. John Chrysostomos
 9:00 Orthros
 10:00 Divine Liturgy
 Vespers 4:30pm

Thursday, November 14th St. Philip the Apostle
 9:00 Orthros
 10:00 Divine Liturgy
 Philoptochos 6:30pm

Friday, November 15th **NATIVITY FAST BEGINS**
 Paraklesis to Theotokos 9am at **Holy Dormition Chapel**
 Vespers 4:30pm
 Little Angels 10:30-Noon

Saturday, November 16th St. Matthew the Apostle
 9:00 Orthros
 10:00 Divine Liturgy
 Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, November 17th Ninth Sunday of Luke
 9:00 Orthros
 10:00 Divine Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, November 15 Family Night at Compton Ice Arena Hockey
 Game/Public Skate 7-9pm

Tuesday, November 19 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Sunday, December 1 His Grace Bishop Demetrios Visit/Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Sunday, December 15 Catechetical School Christmas Program/Luncheon

June 6-8-, 2014 Grecian Festival

June 12-14, 2015 Grecian Festival

2013 Financial Report

Oct 13 Income	Oct 13 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Oct 12 Income	Oct 12 Expenses	Oct 12 Balance
\$25,602.21	\$31,124.78	--\$5,522.57	\$20,047.68	\$21,963.41	--\$1,915.73

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	12 YTD Inc	12 YTD Ex	12 YTD Bal
\$343,451.60	\$333,616.81	\$9,834.79	\$497,092.42	466,489.07	\$30,603.35

Stewardship Report

Oct Pledge Income	Oct Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$12,564.00	\$16,500.00	--\$3,936.00	\$115,947.00	\$142,000.00	--\$26,053.00

*Year-to-date as of Nov 1, 2013

Our monthly stewardship goal in October is \$16,500.00; we have received \$12,564.00.

Our **current bank balance is \$3,776.82 (As of 11-1-13).**

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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Feast Day Dinner Dance
PARISH FAMILY EVENT

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
52455 N. Ironwood Road, 574-277-4688

Saturday, November 9, 2013
Appetizers & cash bar 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Dance 7:30 p.m.

The evening's menu will feature a buffet with entrees, appetizers, salad, green vegetable, dessert and coffee.

Greek Music provided by DJ Antoni Spanos
for Greek and American dancing throughout the
evening.

Adult \$25 per person w/advance reservation*

Children \$15 12 years and older

Children \$10 under 12 years of age

*Adult admission price at the door is \$30 per person; \$20 for children twelve (12) years of age and older and \$15 for children under twelve (12) years of age.

Advance reservations are encouraged in order that the caterer
have an accurate dinner count.

You may make your reservation, with payment, through the church
office.

Ticket sales will soon be held at church on Sundays after Divine
Liturgy.

No one will be excluded from this parish family event.
If you have questions, please contact Father George.