

Palm Sunday

April 8, 2012

Saints Commemorated today: Sts. Agavos, Roupfos, Asynkritos, Phlegon, herodion & Hermes of the 70 Aposles; St. Rufus of the Kiev Caves and St. Celestine, Pope of Rome

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-18

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plot to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

PALM SUNDAY APOLYTIKIO

Giving us before Thy Passion an assurance of the general resurrection, Thou hast raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children, we also carry tokens of victory and cry to Thee, the Conqueror of death, Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

SECOND TROPARIO FOR PALM SUNDAY

Buried with Thee through Baptism, O Christ our God, we have been granted immortal life by Thy Resurrection and we sing Thy praises, saying, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY KONTAKION

Seated in heaven upon Thy throne and on earth upon a foal, O Christ our God; Thou hast accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to Thee, Blessed art Thou that comest to call back Adam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY FRIDAY CHILDREN'S RETREAT

We will have a Children's retreat on Holy Friday (April 13) from 10:30am-3pm. Please see Billie Limberpoulos or call the Church office to register your children.

GREEK RELIEF FUND

The Holy Archdiocese of America is conducting a philanthropic aid to assist the people of Greece faced with economic crisis. We ask that all of you respond with generosity and compassion so that we as a Greek Orthodox Parish will do our share to alleviate the pain of our people in Greece and come to their support. God Bless you and thank you. Checks can be made payable to Saint Andrew with the memo line "Greek Relief Fund."

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.

THANK YOU

to Mrs. Maria Giannakakis and Mrs. Elaine Samoilis for preparing the new Church Vestments as they have arrived and to Maria for also preparing the floral Icon frames for many Feastdays throughout the year.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please remember, *especially during Great Lent*, 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.

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), George Karras (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), Mario Rekos (Morningside), Anna Moskolis (Kindred), John Kouroubetes (Woodridge), and Dina Polezoes (Hubbard Hill).

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 9 th	HOLY AND MONDAY Bridegroom/Nymphios Service 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 10 th	HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY Bridegroom/Nymphios Service 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 11 th	HOLY AND GREAT WEDNESDAY Presanctified Liturgy 9a Mysterion (Sacrament) of Holy Unction Service 5:30pm Matins (Orthros) of Holy Thursday (Anointing) 7pm
Thursday, April 12 th	HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9am Holy Passion Service 7:00pm
Friday, April 13 th	HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY Royal Hours 8am Apokathelosis 3pm Service of the Lamentations 7:00pm
Saturday, April 14 th	HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY Vesperal Liturgy 9am Kanon 11pm Anastasis—Midnight Resurrection Liturgy
Sunday, April 15 th	HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA Agape Service 3pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, April 20 th	Theotokos of the Life-Giving Font 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 22 nd	Sunday of Thomas 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 7pm
Friday, April 27 th	Eleni Karris-Stand-up comic
June 8 th -10 th	Grecian Festival

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.