

## **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

**April 1, 2012**

**Saints Commemorated today:** Sts. Gerontios & Vasilides the Martyrs and St. Euthemios of Suzdal

### **EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, but Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:32-45

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do now know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left hand is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### **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.

### **TROPARION OF MARY OF EGYPT**

In you O Mother Mary, the faithful image of God shown forth, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away and how to value the soul, for it is immortal. Wherefore your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## GOOD SAMARITAN PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

We need your help. On **Friday, April 6, 2012** we will start the preparation of the Plaki luncheon. We need help in the kitchen area and decorating the hall. Anyone interested in helping is welcome; we will start at 10:00am and hope to be finished by 3:00pm. If you have any questions feel free to contact Terri Stavros at 289-5000.

## NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website for the parish: [www.saintandrewsgoc.org](http://www.saintandrewsgoc.org) Be sure to visit it.

## 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."

## GREAT LENT RESOURCES

The Archdiocese has some wonderful Lenten resources for Orthodox Christians of all ages: [www.lent.goarch.org](http://www.lent.goarch.org) and for our youth: [www.orthodoxyouthministry.blogspot.com](http://www.orthodoxyouthministry.blogspot.com)

## 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.

## 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

Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm  
Lenten meal provided by Parish Council

Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Compline Service 6:30pm

Philoptochos 7pm

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday of Lazarus  
8:00 Orthros  
9:00 Divine Liturgy  
Making Palm Crosses  
Great Vespers 5p

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**PALM SUNDAY**  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy  
Bridegroom/Nymphios Service 7:00pm

Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**HOLY AND MONDAY**  
Bridegroom/Nymphios Service 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY**  
Bridegroom/Nymphios Service 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**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<sup>th</sup>

**HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY**  
Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9am  
Holy Passion Service 7:00pm

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

**HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY**  
Royal Hours 8am  
Apokathelosis 3pm  
Service of the Lamentations 7:00pm

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY**  
Vesperal Liturgy 9am  
Kanon 11pm  
Anastasis—Midnight Resurrection Liturgy

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA**  
Agape Service 3pm

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Eleni Karris-Stand-up comic

June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Grecian Festival

# Good Samaritan Palm Sunday Luncheon Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy  
Good Samaritan Cultural Center

**Adult Ticket \$16**

Plaki, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage

**Adult Pasta \$10**

Pasta, Peas, Salad, Dessert and beverage

**Children's Ticket \$5**

Pasta, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage

**Advance ticket price thru Sunday April 1 after April  
2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Ticket \$20**

Proceeds from Palm Sunday Luncheon help support  
numerous philanthropic projects.

### **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.