

## **SUNDAY OF THE TEN LEPERS**

**January 18, 2014**

**Saints Commemorated today:** St. Athanasios the Great & St. Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria and St. Zenia the Martyr

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 13:7-16**

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: GRAVE TONE**

(Page 46 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

Thou hast Destroyed Death by Thy Cross; Thou hast opened Paradise to the thief; Thou hast changed the lamentation of the Myrrh-bearers; into joy; and Thou hast commanded Thine Apostles to proclaim that Thou, O Christ our God, hast arisen, granting to the world the Great Mercy.



### **FESTIVAL MEETING**

A special Festival preparatory/pre-planning meeting will take place at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm. This year is the 40th Annual Festival and we would like to emphasis this. Every parish member is invited and encouraged to attend.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you! The Stewardship committee is pleased to report that the total pledges for 2014 were \$153,219. It was only with your support and dedication that we were able to end this year on a financially positive note. It is heartening to see that as community we can come together and support our church and all her many ministries. We did need to borrow \$9,150 from our Boiler Replacement account to cover our National Ministries contributions. This is unfortunate and we plan on reimbursing that account in the upcoming months as long as finances permit. We will, as always, keep the community informed on the financial health of the parish. Happy New Year to you and your families and thank you for being a vital and most needed member of our beautiful St. Andrews parish. We look forward to a prosperous and blessed 2015. --Father George and the Stewardship Committee

### **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: the Catechetical School Newsletter. 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 Lamos.

### 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*: Phyllis Leonakis (Wellbrooke), Chris Bouris (home), Mary Manos (home), Bill 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, George Mighion, Chris Strafford, Pete Arvan, Mike Chronopoulos 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**.

**Maria Giannakakis** 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 **Maria Giannakakis, Joanne Limperopoulos, Maria Bilonis, Tina Roumbos and families** We thank you for your love and generosity.

**MEMORIAL:** A 1-year Memorial for **Sofia Smirmiotis** is offered this morning by her loving daughters, Maria Bilonis; Joanne Limperopoulos; Tina Roumbos and family. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL

**MEMORIAL:** A 3-year Memorial for **Nicholas Niarchos** is offered this morning by his loving son, Panos Niarchos and family. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL

**MEMORIAL:** A 25-year Memorial for **Ionnis Kaldis** is offered this morning by his loving daughter, Maria Giannakakis and family. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL

## THIS WEEK

Monday, January 19  
OFFICE CLOSED

Orthros 9am  
Vespers 4:30pm

Tuesday, January 20

Orthros 9am

Vespers 4:30pm  
Festival Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, January 21

St. Maximos the Confessor  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 22

Philoptochos 5:30pm

Friday, January 23

Paraklesis to Theotokos 9a  
Vespers 4:30pm

Saturday, January 24

Great Vespers 5pm

Sunday, January 25

Sunday of Zacchaeus  
St. Gregory the Theologian  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, January 26

Orthros 9am  
Vespers 4:30pm

Tuesday, January 27

Orthros 9am  
Vespers 4:30pm

Wednesday, January 28

St. Ephraim the Syrian  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 30

Three Hierarchs  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 31

Vespers 5pm

Sunday, February 1

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee  
9:00 Orthros  
10:00 Divine Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 12-14, 2015

Grecian Festival

2014 Financial Report  
(Does not include Festival)

Dec 14 Income	Dec 14 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Dec 13 Income	Dec 13 Expenses	Dec13 Balance
\$32,858.85	\$22,751.71	\$10,107.14	\$28,080.64	\$35,070.41	--\$6,989.77

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	13 YTD Inc	13 YTD Ex	13 YTD Bal
\$259,881.42	\$325,955.87	--66,074.45	\$265,476.83	\$325,037.77	--\$59,560.94

Stewardship Report

Dec Pledge Income	Dec Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$19,277.00	\$15,500.00	\$3,777.00	\$153,219.00	\$175,000.00	--\$21,781.00

\*Year-to-date as of December 31, 2014

**2015 Financial Report**  
(Does not include Festival)

Jan 15 Income	Jan 15 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Jan 14 Income	Jan 14 Expenses	Jan 14 Balance
\$14,323.00	\$12,515.64	\$1,807.36	\$24,576.62	\$36,481.11	--\$11,904.49

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\$14,323.00	\$12,515.64	\$1,807.36	\$24,476.62	\$36,481.11	--\$11,904.49

**Stewardship Report**

Jan Pledge Income	Jan Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$13,717.00	\$22,000.00	--\$8,283.00	\$13,717.00	\$22,000.00	--\$8,283.00

\*Year-to-date as of January 16, 2015

Our monthly stewardship goal in January is \$22,000; we have received \$13,717

Our ***current bank balance is \$6,412.75 (As of 1-16-15).***

**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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2014 PLEDGED AND NON-PLEDGED STEWARDSHIP ANALYSIS

123 pledges (individual & family) totaling \$122,106 were received.  
Actual stewardship from pledges received was \$124,818:  
70 pledges gave exactly their pledge amount to total \$66,626  
30 pledges gave more than their pledge amount (\$32,205) by \$8,153 to total \$40,358  
23 gave less than their pledge amount (\$23,275) by \$5,441 to total \$17,834

The minimum pledge was \$25  
The maximum pledge was \$6,000  
Average pledge: \$989.68

41 non-pledged givers (individual and family) gave \$28,401.

Total Stewardship giving: \$153,219  
PLEDGED GIVING BY AMOUNT:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u> <u>(Husbands &amp;</u> <u>Wives)</u>	<u>Families with</u> <u>Children</u>	<u>Orthodox</u> <u>Spouse</u> <u>with(out)</u> <u>Children</u>	<u>Stewardship</u> <u>Given</u>
\$1-100	6	1	2	3	\$1,070.00
\$101-200	8	0	1	1	\$1,761.00
\$201-300	6	4	2	1	\$3,655.00
\$301-400	3	1	1	1	\$2,259.00
\$401-500	7	4	3	1	\$7,390.00
\$501-600	2	1	1	1	\$2,820.00
\$601-700	2	1	0	0	\$1,995.00
\$701-800	2	1	1	1	\$3,850.00
\$801-900	0	2	0	0	\$1,735.00
\$901-1,000	4	2	2	1	\$8,940.00
\$1,001 and up	13	9	8	8	\$89,343.00
Total	53	26	21	18	\$124,818

PLEDGED GIVING BY AGE:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Individuals/Families</u>	<u>Stewardship Given</u>
18-29	3	\$350.00
30-39	12	\$4,479.00
40-49	20	\$29,415.00
50-64	29	\$32,097.00
65 and over	49	\$45,268.00
Unknown	10	\$13,209.00
Total	123	\$124,818.00

NON-PLEDGED GIVING BY AMOUNT:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families (Husbands &amp; Wives)</u>	<u>Families with Children</u>	<u>Orthodox Spouse with(out) Children</u>	<u>Stewardship Given</u>
\$1-100	4	3	3	3	\$925.00
\$101-200	2	0	0	1	\$460.00
\$201-300	0	2	0	1	\$763.00
\$301-400	0	0	1	0	\$370.00
\$401-500	0	3	0	3	\$2,830.00
\$501-600	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
\$601-700	0	0	1	0	\$625.00
\$701-800	0	0	0	1	\$750.00
\$801-900	0	1	0	0	\$900.00
\$901-1,000	0	1	2	2	\$5,000.00
\$1,001 and up	0	3	2	2	\$15,778.00
Total	6	13	9	13	\$28,401.00

NON-PLEDGED GIVING BY AGE:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Individuals/Families</u>	<u>Stewardship Given</u>
18-29	0	\$0.00
30-39	1	\$1,500.00
40-49	2	\$135.00
50-64	13	\$11,060.00
65 and over	11	\$9,250.00
Unknown	14	\$6,456.00
Total	41	\$28,401.00