

Fifth Sunday of Matthew

July 8, 2012

Saints Commemorated today: St. Prokopios the Great Martyr & his mother Theodosia the Martyr and St. Theophilios the Myrrhbearer of Pantokrator Monastery

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not been submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH TONE

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

The women disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous proclamation of the Resurrection, and the abolition of the ancestral sentence; and with pride they announced to the Apostles: Death is despoiled, Christ our God hath arisen, bestowing to the world the Great Mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHETICAL SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are in great need of three teachers for Catechetical School in the fall. Please see Father George if you are willing to teach or be an assistant teacher. 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 (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, July 9 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm	
Tuesday, July 10 th	Orthros 9am\ Vespers 4:30pm	
Wednesday, July 11 th	St. Euphemia 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	
Friday, July 13 th	Paraklesis to Theotokos 9a at Vespers 4:30pm	Holy Dormition Chapel
Saturday, July 14 th	Great Vespers 5pm	
Sunday, July 15 th	Sunday of the Holy Fathers 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, July 16 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, July 17 th	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, July 18 th	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 9a Vespers 4:30pm

Friday, July 20 th	St. Elias the Prophet 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, July 21 st	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, July 22 nd	Seventh Sunday of Matthew 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
MARK YOUR CALENDARS	
Wednesday, August 1 st	Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition Chapel
Thursday, August 2 nd	Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition Chapel
Friday, August 10 th	Supplications 7pm Holy Dormition Chapel
Saturday, August 11 th	Supplications 7pm at Holy Dormition Chapel
Tuesday, August 14 th	Great Vespers for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos 7pm Holy Dormition Chapel
Wednesday, August 15 th	Holy Dormition of Theotokos Orthros 9; Divine Liturgy 10 at Holy Dormition Chapel
Tuesday, October 16 th	Good Samaritan Salad Luncheon
Friday, October 26 th	Trivia Night
June 7-9, 2013	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.

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 - \$6,000
- 5) The Holy Icon of Christ as Angel - \$6,000
- 6) The Medallion of Christ - \$2,000

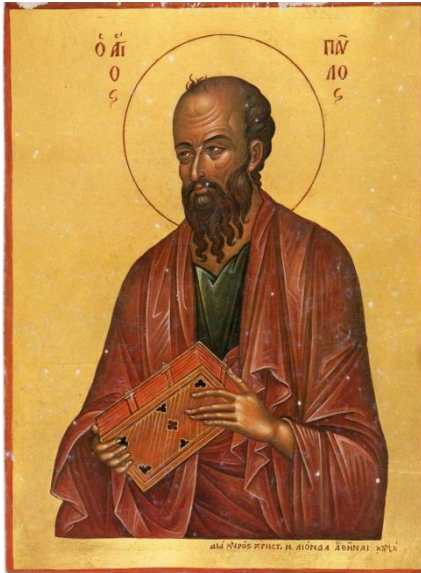
All of the Holy Icons for the first phase of Iconography were donated by parishioners either as individuals or as families. Donations for Phase II (or Phase III) are encouraged. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Our goal is to do in Phase II what we did in Phase I: collect enough private donations 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.

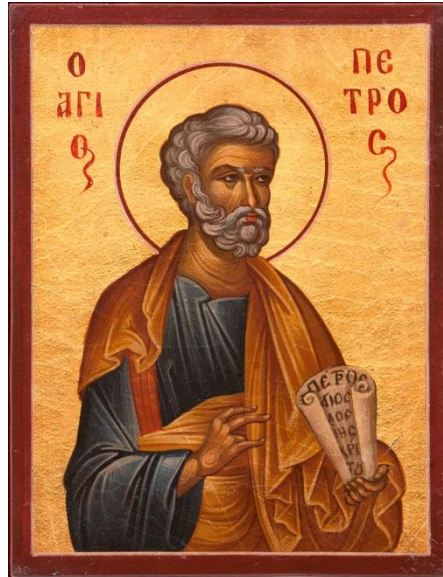
Sincerely,

The Parish Council

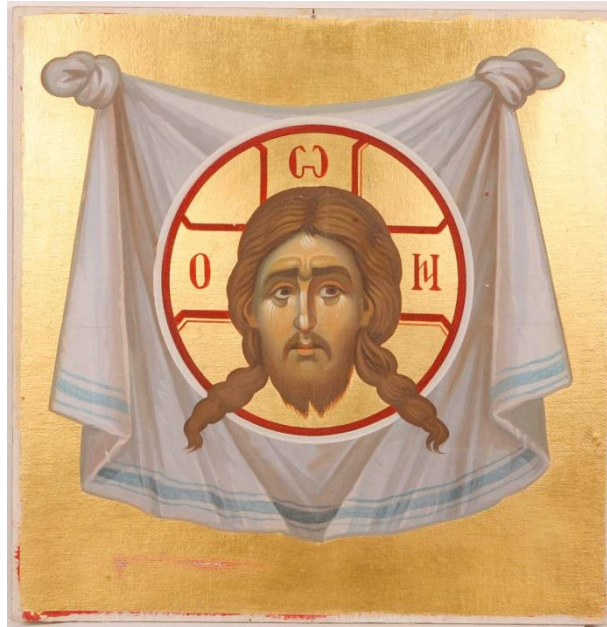
St. Paul



St. Peter



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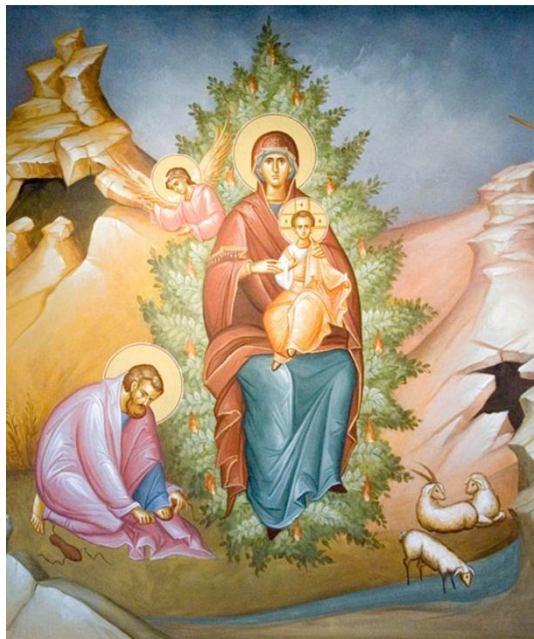


The Medallion of Christ

Moses / Burning Bush



The Holy Icon of Christ as Angel



The Koimisis (Dormition) of the Ever-Virgin Mary

