

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA  
HRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!**

**April 16, 2017**

**Saints Commemorated today:** Sts. Agape, Chionia & Irene the Holy Martyrs and Sts. Leonidas, Charissa, Nike, Galene, Kallida, Nounenchia, Vasilissa & Theodora the Martyrs

**EPISTLE READING**

**Acts 1:1-8**

Brethren, in the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 1:1-17**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**EASTER/PASCHA APOLITIKION:**

Christ has risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death and to those in the tombs He has bestowed life.

**KONTAKION OF PASCHA**

Though you descended into the grave O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of Hades; and you rose as Victor, O Christ our God. To the Myrrh-Bearing Women You said; Rejoice! And to Your Apostles You granted Your peace, the One who grants Resurrection to the fallen ones.



**HRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!  
HE IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

**FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S AREA**

I'd like to communicate with you regarding the Children's Area during this year's festival.

As we've discussed before, this area is a real challenge for us, because it's been very difficult to recruit enough parishioner volunteers to staff it. We've discussed perhaps not having a kid's area, but always conclude that this is not feasible, because we MUST provide options for the children who come to our event. So even if we can't make a profit in this area, we need to offer it as a service to our guests. Last year we spent over \$700 to pay Notre Dame students to staff it. It's a shame that amount couldn't have gone into our profit, but again, very few of parishioners seem to have the desire or patience to work with the kids. Please note that we now have a tent over this area, so it's much more comfortable during the summer heat. Plus Abigail and Marty Mechtenberg have done a PHENOMENAL job planning, organizing, staffing

and majorly funding this area, so I'm hoping this will encourage more parishioners to help staff it during the event this year. So a couple of critical help requests:

1) Please volunteer to help in this area so we don't have to pay to run it. Contact Mary Jo Tirikos to volunteer - [mjtirikos@msn.com](mailto:mjtirikos@msn.com)

2) Donate or loan us outdoor children's games that may be collecting dust in your garage or basement - or that you may want to make specifically for the festival. We have decided NOT to rent games from Burns this year, in order save money, but will instead find or make games for this area over the next few months. Yes, we WILL rent the 2 bounce houses again because they both got LOTS of use last year.

Please bring games to the church office or give to Abigail or Marty Mechtenberg.

Thanks in advance for stepping up with this cause.. It will benefit festival profit and how important is that for our church's biggest fund raiser?! Regards, Spyro Terezis

### **FESTIVAL AD BOOK**

If everyone submits an ad or more the program will be more profitable. Get the ads or customers to Mary Jo Tirikos and she will do the rest. Keep in mind, anyone can put a message in the program such as a memorial or acknowledgement.. We would appreciate assistance on this project if anyone would like to help. This doesn't require physical work unless you are going to a business in person. The help needed would be making some calls to the previous businesses or individuals that placed an ad in the program. If anyone would like to help with the creative design of the program let Mary Jo know. The cover will match our festival theme and poster. The Festival Ad Form is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to serving the Lord and the community at our St. Andrew Festival. Mary Jo Tirikos:

[mjtirikos@msn.com](mailto:mjtirikos@msn.com) Ph: 574-258-6032 Fax: 574-217-8284 Cell: 330-881-6032

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

The Adult Bible Study class will on **Wednesdays at 5:15pm** during Lent. If you are a regular attendee and unable to make it to class, please contact Alexis. Thank you.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please note that the coffee helpers, *at Father George's direction*, do not start brewing the coffee until Father begins passing out the Antidoron. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

### **PROSFORO COMMITTEE**

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54). **We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee. Generally it means making the Prosforo for two Sundays during the year and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.**

### **DISCRETIONARY FUND**

The Discretionary Fund is to assist families that face financial crisis, students that need financial aid, single moms, philanthropic institutions in this city and overseas, people with catastrophic illnesses, and missions for the Archdiocese, etc. Thank you for your support. If you would like to help please contact Father George or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

### **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: **Festival Ad Book, Apollo Dance Troupe, Direct (Auto) Debit forms.** Please take what you need.

### **REQUEST FOR TRANSFERRING PARISHIONERS**

We are blessed to welcome new parishioners to Saint Andrews. We ask that you pick up a welcome packet from the table in the Fellowship Hall. You should call the office and schedule an appointment with Father prior to beginning to receive the Sacraments. *We also ask transferring parishioners to follow the Uniform Parish Regulations, Art 18, Sec 2: "A parishioner wishing to move from one Parish to another must present a letter of transfer from the Priest of the Parish from which he or she is moving stating that he or she is in good standing."*

### **CHURCH ETIQUETTE**

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.

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.

### 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.

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS

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!**

### ST. NEKTARIOS CHAPEL

Please remember that although the St. Nektarios Chapel does not have an Iconostasis, the altar is still the altar and as in the main church only the priest should be in the altar. When Metropolitan Iakovos consecrated the church of St. Andrew he also consecrated the Chapel and it should be treated with the same respect and reverence. Please consider all of the raised area in the Chapel the altar and do not enter it or touch anything on the altar table. Thank you.

### 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*: Artemis Hoke (home), Rose Rorres (home), Anna Efthimiou (home), Jim Zeinis (home), Anthoula Pefanis (home), Tom Allen (home), Nick Limberopoulos.

*In nursing homes or home bound*: Diana Katsanis (Golden View), Esther Magrames (Waterford), Mary Manos (Wellbrooke), Phyllis Leonakis (Wellbrooke), Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton), Joan Rekos (Signature), and Telesila Yustwan (home).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Terry Karaszewski, Leon Andrews, Bruno Zovich, Nick Giannakakis. 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**.

**Anthoula Kanalos** prepared Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

**No Coffee Hour.**

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, April 18	Parish Council 7pm
Wednesday, April 19	Adult Bible Study 5:30pm
Friday, April 21	Theotokos of the Life-Giving Font 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 23	Sunday of Thomas 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Wednesday, April 26	Adult Bible Study 5:30pm
Sunday, April 30	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sunday, May 7	Spring Parish Assembly
June 9-11, 2017	Greek Festival

**2017 Financial Report**  
(Does not include Festival)

Apr 17 Income	Apr 17 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Apr 16 Income	Apr 16 Expenses	Apr 16 Balance
\$10,339.76	\$18,701.48	--\$8,361.72	\$29,884.30	\$28,369.82	\$1,514.48

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$92,262.54	\$107,191.53	--\$14,928.99	\$98,604.20	\$110,730.14	--\$12,125.94

**Stewardship Report**

Apr Pledge Income	Apr Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$5,593.00	\$28,500.00	--\$22,907.00	\$58,594.00	\$103,000.00	--\$44,406.00

\*Year-to-date as of April 14, 2017

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