

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

July 9, 2017

Saints Commemorated today: Holy Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Tauromenium in Sicily; St. Dionysios the Orator; St. Paternuthius the Monk; St. Metrophanes of Mt. Athos; St. Euthymios of Karelia; St. Methodios the Hieromartyr, Bishop of Lampis and St. Michael Paknanas the Gardener

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) 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, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he 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.

FOURTH MODE

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.



40-DAY MEMORIAL: METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS OF CHICAGO

We are offering (as are all the Metropolis of Chicago parishes) a 40-day Memorial morning for our beloved spiritual father, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago.

His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago was elected to the episcopacy of the Greek Orthodox Church by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 1969.

Beginning his higher education in Athens, Greece and continuing his studies and service in the Boston area, Metropolitan Iakovos was appointed Archdiocesan Vicar of the Diocese of Detroit by Archbishop Iakovos in February, 1968. One year later he was elevated to the rank of Bishop by the Holy See of Constantinople. He was consecrated Bishop of Apameia (an Auxiliary Bishop of Archbishop Iakovos) on Christmas Day of 1969, and appointed to the Archdiocesan District of Detroit.

In 1971 he was appointed President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts, while remaining as administrative overseer of the District of Detroit. He simultaneously served as the Bishop of the New England area during his five-year tenure as President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology.

He was enthroned by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America on May 1, 1979 as the Bishop of Chicago at the Annunciation Cathedral. In November, 1997, the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate elected His Grace Bishop Iakovos of Chicago as the active Metropolitan of Krinis and Exarch of Ionias. In this capacity, His Eminence

continued to serve the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago as its Presiding Hierarch. In 2002, His Eminence was elected the first Metropolitan of the newly-elevated Metropolis of Chicago. For nearly 40 years, His Eminence has faithfully guided the Holy Metropolis of Chicago and the Flock entrusted to his archpastoral care. In addition to numerous honors and awards, His Eminence earned and held the admiration, friendship and respect of civic and religious leaders in one of the most ethnically and religiously diverse cities in the world.
MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL

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 NEED parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee.** If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. **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.**

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.

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

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.

The Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **the Philoptochos**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 10 Bulletin Info Deadline

Sunday, July 16 Sunday of the Holy Fathers
 9:00 Orthros
 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, July 23 Seventh Sunday of Matthew
 9:00 Orthros
 10:00 Divine Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, Sept 10 Greek Festival Volunteer Luncheon following Liturgy

2017 Financial Report
 (Does not include Festival)

June 17 Income	June 17 Expenses	Monthly Balance	June 16 Income	June16 Expenses	June 16 Balance
\$15,534.46	\$31,373.97	--\$15,839.51	\$14,170.05	\$28,340.75	--\$14,170.70

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$154,505.96	\$172,242.60	--\$17,736.64	\$147,008.60	\$165,555.30	--\$18,536.70

Stewardship Report

June Pledge Income	June Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$9,720.00	\$16,500.00	--\$6,780.00	\$94,036.00	\$143,000.00	--\$48,964.00

*Year-to-date as of June 30, 2017

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