

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

August 27, 2017

Saints Commemorated today: St. Anthousa the Martyr; St. Pimen the Great; Holy Martyr Phanurius; St. Monica; St. Poimen of Palestine; St. Hosisos the Confessor; and St. Liverios, Pope of Rome

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 3RD TONE

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

Let the Heavens rejoice, and let the Earth be glad, for the Lord hath shown strength with His arm: by death He hath trampled upon Death and became the First-Born of the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, and to the world hath granted 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.

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FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Hello Everyone, I hope all of you are enjoying the summer! As promised, our festival volunteer appreciation luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10**, immediately after liturgy. Coffee Hour will be served downstairs in the Good Samaritan Hall. This event is open to all those who actively participated in the planning and execution of the festival. In order to accurately order food, please **RSVP to Amber no later than Friday, August 31**. The plan for this event is to offer a big Thank You to all those who actively participated in the planning and execution of the 2017 festival, review festival financials in detail and collect feedback on the event, as well as ideas and suggestions for next year's event. Looking forward to a good volunteer turnout and please don't forget to RSVP by 8/31. Regards, Spyro Sinis-Terezis

BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

to Alexis and Eugenia Torrance who will be on sabbatical for the next year in Washington, DC. We thank them for their service to St. Andrew and look forward to their return. Sarah Jenks and Hristos Kirgios will be interim co-directors of the Byzantine Chorus. Anna Bush and Danielle Wiegel will be coordinators of the Church School. Thank you all!

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: **Holy Dormition Picnic, 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!

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), Anna Efthimiou (home), Jim Zeinis (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, 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 Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always. **The Coffee Hour** was lovingly prepared for our entire community by. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 28	Orthros 9am Great Vespers for the feast of the Beheading St. John 7pm Parish Council
Tuesday, August 29	Beheading of St. John 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, August 30	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, September 1	Ecclesiastical New Year at Holy Dormition 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 2	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, September 3	Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, September 4	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, September 5	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, September 6	Paraklesis to St Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos at Holy Dormition 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 9	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, September 10	Sunday Before Holy Cross 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Festival Volunteer Luncheon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 17	Church School Classes begin
Saturday, October 14	Women's Business Bazaar
June 8-10, 2018	43 rd Annual Greek Festival

2017 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

Aug 17 Income	Aug 17 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Aug 16 Income	Aug16 Expenses	Aug 16 Balance
\$17,874.00	\$37,315.82	--\$19,441.82	\$15,630.11	\$23,272.23	--\$7,642.12

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$191,983.72	\$237,590.04	--\$45,606.32	\$177,340.86	\$217,192.03	--\$39,851.17

Stewardship Report

Aug Pledge Income	Aug Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$7,555.00	\$19,500.00	--\$11,945.00	\$114,685.00	\$179,000.00	--\$64,315.00

*Year-to-date as of August 25, 2017

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