

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

September 3, 2017

Saints Commemorated today: St. Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia; Holy Father Theoctistus & his fellow struggler, St. Euthymius the Great; St. Polydorus the Martyr of New Ephesus; Translation of the relics of St. Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentopolis; St. Chariton the Martyr and St. Phoebe the Deaconess

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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.

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GLORY BE TO GOD AND TO HIS ALL-HOLY MOTHER AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

For their divine blessing upon our fellow Orthodox Christians and our very dear parish of Saint Andrew. We were blessed with wonderful weather for the 14th Annual celebration of the Feast Day of the Holy Dormition of the Theotokos and parish picnic. The parishioners who attended the Supplications (Paraklesis) have their faith strengthened by the grace of God and blessing from the Mother of God. My most sincere gratitude to the following brother and sisters in Christ: Nick & Maria Giannakakis, Alexis & Eugenia Torrance, Pres. Elaine Konstantopoulos, Maria Angelos, Anna Napoleon, Efigneia Limberpoulos, Themelis Karamalegos, Joseph Kashishian, George Bilonis, Jonathan Swarts, Julia Beck, Subdeacon Michael Zachariades, Stefan Konstantopoulos, Matthew Matheos, Dimitri Napolowon, Christ & Panagiotis Kurtis, Chris Katris and all of our ver generous parishioners that donated funds, flowers, candles, incense, etc. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Crhsit and th All-Holy Mother of God bless all of you and your families.

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 Tuesday, September 5. 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 **9/5**. Regards, Spyro Sinis-Terezis

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: **Church School Enrollment Forms, Women's Business Bazaar, 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 Eftimiou (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, 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**.

Ted Poledor prepared Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

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

THIS WEEK

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, September 11	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm Church School meeting 6pm
Tuesday, September 12	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Wednesday, September 13	Orthros 9am Vesper s4:30pm
Thursday, September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Friday, September 15	Paraklesis to Theotokos 10am at Holy Dormition Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, Sep 16	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, September 17	Sunday After Holy Cross 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Church School classes begin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, September 18	Parish Council 7pm
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
\$22,491.00	\$37,315.82	--\$14,824.82	\$15,630.11	\$23,272.23	--\$7,642.12

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$196,600.72	\$237,590.04	--\$40,989.32	\$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
\$11,515.00	\$19,500.00	--\$7,985.00	\$118,645.00	\$179,000.00	--\$60,355.00

*Year-to-date as of August 31, 2017

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