

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

December 3, 2017

**Saints Commemorated today:** Holy Prophet Sophonios (Zephaniah); Holy Martyrs Agapius & Seleucius; St. Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria; Our Righteous Father John, Bishop & Hesychast; St. Angelis the New Martyr and St. Karpos the Hieromartyr

### EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 5:8-19**

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### ENTRANCE HYMN: 1ST TONE

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

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, and while the soldiers were guarding Thy Sacred Body, Thou, O Savior, didst rise on the third day and gave Life to the World. Wherefore the Powers of the Heavens cried to Thee, O Giver of Life; Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; Glory to Thy Kingdom; Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who alone are Merciful.

### 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.



### CHURCH SCHOOL NATIVITY ALMSGIVING

During the Saint Nicholas procession today, there will be an opportunity for students to carry a donation in an envelope. Church School will not be collecting gifts for Memorial Hospital this year. Instead, Church School will be joining efforts with the Philoptochos group to raise money for the hungry in our community. Money will go toward food gift cards and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. All donations that children bring to Church School on Sundays throughout the Nativity Fast will also go toward the cause.

### SAINT ANDREW FEASTDAY LUNCHEON

The St. Andrew Feastday Luncheon is today following Liturgy. We are blessed and thankful to have everyone joining us.

### SAINT BARBARA LITURGY

There will be a Divine Liturgy for the Feastday of St. Barbara tomorrow, December 4 at 9:00 am. There will be NO Matins/Orthros.

### LADIES FROM SAINT JOHN MONASTERY

The Ladies from St. John will be visiting Sunday, December 10 with Lenten items and lovely gift items.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

I have sent letters and emails regarding unreturned library books and received only two replies. Please look through the books in your house, you might find that unreturned library book hidden among them. Return the book to the church office. There is no shame in returning books late, only in keeping what is not yours. Thank you, Janice Lampos

## PHILOPTOCHOS PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD AND FOOD DRIVE

Hello Saint Andrew Family, Happy Fall! Coming to you with two long-standing Ladies Philoptochos initiatives - the Parish Christmas Card and the Food Drive. 1) Christmas Card - It's an opportunity for each of us to wish Merry Christmas to one another within the parish, while also helping those in need in our local community and within the realm of the national Philoptochos outreach initiatives. The participation form is on the table in the Fellowship Hall which we ask be returned to the church office **no later than December 3** along with your \$15 donation (both must be received by 12/3 in order for your name to be included in the Christmas card). 2) Food Drive - This is an opportunity for us to help our own during the upcoming holiday season. The help request is 2-fold: a) We ask that you confidentially submit to the church office names of families which could use help in the form of grocery store gift cards to be distributed before Christmas. b) All of us are encouraged to donate funds toward this effort. You can submit your donation by mailing to the church office Attn: Philoptochos, or drop in the large wooden box located in the fellowship hall. Part of the donated amount will also go to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. For perspective - \$1 donated to the Food Bank buys 9 meals of 11 lbs. of food. **Please submit names of those in need AND your monetary donation no later than December 1.** Finally, we invite all of you follow the link provided below to the national Ladies Philoptochos website to become familiar with this organization's scope and initiatives. This group is our church's far-reaching philanthropic arm which touches more lives in an amazing way than many us know. We are always in need of new members, so please consider joining. Simply reach out to Esther Arvanitis, the Philoptochos membership coordinator at [theaesta@aol.com](mailto:theaesta@aol.com). Thank you in advance for your support of the Saint Andrew Ladies Philoptochos society and it's philanthropic mission.

## 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: **Christmas Pageant, 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*: Sigrid Thanos (home), Artemis Hoke (home), Anna Efthimiou (home), Jim Zeinis (home), and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

*In nursing homes or home bound:* Diana Katsianis (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**.

**Maria Giannakakis** prepared Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

**NO Coffee Hour**

## THIS WEEK

Monday, December 4	St Barbara Divine Liturgy 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Tuesday, December 5	Orthros 9am Great Vespers for the Forefeast of St. Nicholas 7pm
Wednesday, December 6	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Friday, December 8	Paraklesis to Theotokos 10am <b>at Holy Dormition</b> Great Vespers for the Forefeast of the Conception of the Theotokos 7pm
Saturday, December 9	Conception of the Theotokos 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, December 10	Tenth Sunday of Luke 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Ladies from St. John visit Parish Council elections

## LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, December 11	Orthros 9am Vespers 4:30pm Parish Council 7pm
Tuesday, December 12	St. Spyridon the Wonder worker 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, December 13	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios 9am Vespers 4:30pm
Friday, December 15	Paraklesis to Theotokos 10am <b>at Holy Dormition</b> Vespers 4:30pm
Saturday, December 16	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, December 17	Eleventh Sunday of Luke 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Christmas Pageant/Luncheon

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, December 22	Orthros 8am <b>Holy Service of the Nativity Royal Hours 9am</b>
Saturday December 23	Great Vespers 5pm
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	<b>Sunday Before Nativity</b> <b>9:00 Orthros</b> <b>10:00 Divine Liturgy</b>

Monday, December 25

Holy Service for Holy Nativity  
8:30am Orthros  
9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

June 8-10, 2018

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Greek Festival

August 19, 2018

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Dormition Picnic

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

Nov 17 Income	Nov 17 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Nov 16 Income	Nov 16 Expenses	Nov 16 Balance
\$10,319.05	\$28,667.29	--\$18,348.24	\$19,384.91	\$26,204.21	--\$6,819.30

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$246,952.92	\$325,857.48	--\$78,904.56	\$237,160.48	\$310,713.04	--\$73,552.56

**Stewardship Report**

Nov Pledge Income	Nov Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$8,270.00	\$19,500.00	--\$11,230.00	\$150,768.00	\$240,500.00	--\$89,732.00

\*Year-to-date as of November 30, 2017

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Andrew's Philoptochos would like to express gratitude for all the generous donations that have been given throughout the years.

One of our methods of fundraising to serve the needs of many is the annual Christmas card. Please, forward the attached flyer to the church office by e-mail or hard copy or fax to 574-277-4689. Your \$15.00 donation may be made at the Church office as well by specifying the Parish Christmas Card on your payment.

**SAINT ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS CARD  
SPONSORED BY THE PHILOPTOCHOS**



It is time to put your name in the Saint Andrew's Annual Christmas Card. For \$15.00, you will be able to reach the entire parish; a value, considering the price of postage and cards if you were to send individual ones. You may forward your form to the church office by e-mail or hard copy or Fax to 574-277-4689.

Please sign the form below and return, with payment, to the Church office by December 3rd, 2017.

Make checks payable to **St. Andrew Philoptochos**  
and mark outside of the envelope: *Christmas Card*.

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**CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER FORM**

Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

Your full name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) as you want it to appear on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

# SAVE THE DATE!

## ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Pageant  
on Sunday December 17.

The pageant and a luncheon will be held in  
the Good Samaritan Center following the Divine Liturgy.  
All parishioners are welcome!

