

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

(Cheesefare)

February 18, 2018

Saints Commemorated today: St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome; St. Agapetus the Confessor, Bishop of Sinai and St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:11-14:4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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.



PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS AND LENTEN MEAL

Join us **Sunday, February 25, 2017 6:30 p.m.** at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church for the Pan-Orthodox Vespers to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy. The homily will be delivered by Father Gregory Owen, St. Joseph Orthodox Church. Please feel free to bring an icon from home for the procession. Please join us afterwards in our Good Samaritans Cultural Center for a Lenten Meal graciously provided by Callahan's Catering. **RSVP to the Church Office by Wed, Feb 21 for the Lenten Meal**

LADIES FROM SAINT JOHN MONASTERY

The ladies from Saint John Monastery will be visiting St. Andrew on Sunday, March 11. They will have Lenten foods and Pascha gift items.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES

We are in need of coffee hour hosts/hostesses over the next few months. Please see the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please provide snacks for approximately 80 adults and snacks and juice for approximately 80 children. If you have any questions please see Lynn Whittenberger or contact the church office.

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: **Pan-Orthodox Vespers, Easter Love Donations, 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!**

OUR 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), and Jim Zeinis (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Esther Magrames (Waterford), Mary Manos (Wellbrooke), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Terry Karaszewki, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, 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**.

Cindy Crawford 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.

MEMORIAL: A 40-day Memorial for **Diana Katsianis** is offered this morning by her loving cousins, the Angelos, Crawford and Kuzydym families. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 19	GREAT LENT BEGINS CLEAN MONDAY Great Canon I 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 20	CLEAN TUESDAY Great Canon II 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 21	CLEAN WEDNESDAY Great Canon III 9am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Meal hosted by Church School
Thursday, February 22	CLEAN THURSDAY Great Canon IV 6:30pm
Friday, February 23	CLEAN FRIDAY Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30pm 1 st Salutations to the Theotokos 7pm
Saturday, February 24	CLEAN SATURDAY Third Saturday of Souls 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, February 25	Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Pan-Orthodox Vespers 6:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, February 28	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Meal--Good Samaritans
Thursday, March 1	Compline Service 6:30pm
Friday, March 2	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 5:30pm 2 nd Salutations to the Theotokos 7pm
Saturday, March 3	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, March 4	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Solemn Vespers 7pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, March 7	Lenten Meal--Philoptochos
Wednesday, March 14	Lenten Meal--St. Andrew Parish
Wednesday, March 21	Lenten Meal--Hellenic Dance Troupe
Wednesday, March 28	Lenten Meal--Parish Council
June 8-10, 2018	43 rd Annual Greek Festival
August 19, 2018	15 th Annual Holy Dormition Picnic

2018 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

Feb 18 Income	Feb 18 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Feb 17 Income	Feb 17 Expenses	Feb 17 Balance
\$8,933.00	\$16,350.00	--\$7,417.00	\$26,834.21	\$25,267.46	\$1,566.75

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	16 YTD Inc	16 YTD Ex	16 YTD Bal
\$37,069.00	\$44,732.90	--\$7,663.90	\$57,076.22	\$52,088.29	\$4,987.93

Stewardship Report

Feb Pledge Income	Feb Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$6,395.00	\$22,500.00	--\$15,605.00	\$31,360.00	\$48,500.00	--\$17,140.00

*As of **February 16, 2018**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!

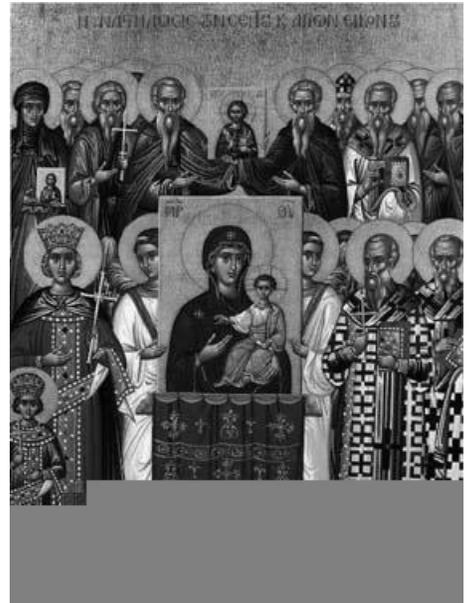
ORTHODOX CHURCHES OF MICHIANA

INVITE YOU TO

CELEBRATION OF THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY

This is the faith of the Apostles! This is the faith of the Fathers!
This is the faith of the Orthodox! This is the faith which has established
the universe!

A feast of joy and gladness is today. For the teachings of the true
Faith shine forth in all their glory, and the Church of Christ is bright with
splendor, adorned with the holy icons which have not been restored....



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017
6:30 P.M.

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
52455 N. Ironwood
South Bend, Indiana
574-277-4688

The homily will be delivered by
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2018 EASTER LOVE DONATIONS NEEDED

Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Frame	Needed (\$70)
Sunday of the Holy Cross Flowers	Needed (\$175)
St. Mary of Egypt Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)
St. Lazarus Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)
Bay Leaves for Palm Sunday	Needed (\$100)
Palm Trees for Palm Sunday	Needed (\$65)
Bridegroom Frame for Palm Sunday eve. & Holy Monday Eve.	Needed (\$85)
St. Kassiani Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)
Holy Friday Solea Floral Wreathes	2 Needed at (\$100 each)
Crucifixion Cross Garland	Needed (\$100)
Kouvouklion Flowers	Needed (\$560)
Rose Petals, Rose water	Needed (\$50)
Lily Plants (12)	Needed (\$20 each)
Altar Candles (4)	Needed (\$25)
Easter Candles	Needed (\$300)
Holy Unction Articles (olive oil, cotton balls, flour, Q-tips)	Needed (\$50)
Easter eggs and Red dye	Needed (\$75)
Incense and charcoal	Needed (\$100)