

## SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE

February 14, 2021

**Saints Commemorated today:** Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain; Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Teacher of the Slavs; Nicholas the New Martyr of Corinth and Abraham, Bishop of Carrhes in Mesopotamia

### EPISTLE READING

**II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 15:21-28**

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### ENTRANCE HYMN: 3RD TONE

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath trampled upon death by death. He hath become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

### 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.



### PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

We extend a big welcome to baby Patrick Symeon Tsikalas, and wish him a most blessed life.

Congratulations Father, Presvytera and family.

Here is our chapter's general plan for 2021:

**Fundraisers:** Virtual Greek Pastry Sales throughout the year; Parish Christmas Card; Annual Parish Collection on Philoptochos Sunday during Sunday of the Good Samaritan

**For Saint Andrew:** Continue to support Father's discretionary fund with 10% of our monthly checking account balance to assist parishioners in need; Plan church events and fundraisers as needed

**For the Community:** Donate funds to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana; Operation Classroom - provide needed help to the Brown Community Learning Center, servicing students and families of the South Bend School Corporation; Annual Winter Coat Drive to benefit a local shelter; Annual Holiday

Wishing Tree to support a local charitable organization; Feed the Hungry twice a year; Support local community requests for help as they arise and published in the local news media

**For the Metropolis:** Philanthropy Fund; Bishop's Welfare Fund

**For National Philoptochos - monetary support to the following organizations and**

**causes:** Vasilopita collection to benefit Saint Basil's Academy; Social Services, Cancer and other major illnesses fund; Autism Assistance Fund; Saint Photios Shrine; Orthodox Christian Mission and Support a Mission Priest fund; Hellenic College and Holy Cross Lenten Event; Sisterhood of Saint Basil; International Orthodox Christian Charities; 75th Anniversary Founder's Fund; Orthodox Christian Fellowship; Hellenic College and Holy Cross Scholarship Fund; Retired Clergy and Widowed Presviteres Benevolent Fund; Ecumenical Patriarchate; National Sisterhood of Presviteres Benevolent Fund; UNICEF; General Medical Fund

In support of our ongoing community assistance effort, we are donating \$100 to help with funeral expenses for Charles Miltenberger, III, shot and killed this past Saturday night. The local news media indicated the family's need for help with funeral expenses, so we are extending support. Here is the link for the details of this tragedy. [Here is the link for the details of this tragedy.](#)

Finally - We are thrilled to welcome Sophia Gachumi and Georgeann Niarchos to Philoptochos! Thank you both for volunteering your time, talent and treasure in support of our church's philanthropic ministry. We are always welcoming new members. Send us an [email](#), or contact the church office if you'd like to join the group.

### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe." Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices. Stewardship is about love and love is about stewardship.

Love and stewardship are inseparable when we consider God's blessings in our life. We use God's blessings with love and compassion for others and to honor, worship and give thanks to him.

Our parishes can be transformed, becoming beacons of Christian love as we care for one another, face challenges together, and serve our neighbors. We would be known as Christians by the love and compassion we embody as a parish family. We are called to be compassionate stewards, placing the needs of others before our own. Scripture is filled with passages of God's call for us to be generous, loving, compassionate givers. Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians tells us of God's call for us to "excel in the grace of giving." We are "hard-wired" to live as members of the Body of Christ and serve our larger community with compassion and love. The priority of compassionate stewardship is not to pay the bills. It is about how we, as a community, can do God's work with love and compassion. It is less about the parish's need to receive, and more about our need to give. It is our generosity with the gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us. Compassionate stewardship is an attitude and a way of life.

The following is an update of our 2021 stewardship pledges: 76 households have pledged \$134,062. So far this year, we have received actual stewardship income totaling \$42,641. Thank you.

### **PROSFORO COMMITTEE**

We are in need of 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 four Sundays during the year (2 every six months) and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. The more who sign up the less often each individual will need to cover a Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

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).

### **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 John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

### **VISITING SAINT ANDREW?**

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

### **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: Ted Poledor (home), Lynn Whittenberger (home), and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Andrew Manos (home), Aphrodite Pappas (Wellbrooke), Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros. 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 the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

### **THIS WEEK**

Sat, Feb 13	Great Vespers 5pm Bake Sale Pick-up 10am - 1pm
Sun, Feb 14	Sunday of Canaanite 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Mon, Feb 15	Parish Council 7pm
Wed, Feb 17	St. Theodore the Soldier 8:30am Orthros 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat, Feb 20	Great Vespers 5pm
Sun, Feb 21	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Triodion Begins 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Tue, Feb 23	St. Polycarp the Martyr and Bishop of Smyrna 9:30am Divine Liturgy
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Sat, Feb 27

Great Vespers 5pm

Sun, Feb 28

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

8:30am Orthros

9:30am Divine Liturgy