

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

March 21, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: James the Confessor; Thomas I, Patriarch of Constantinople and Philemon & Domninos

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH PLAGAL TONE

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three-day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, * glory be to Thee.

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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METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL'S LENTEN MESSAGE

Please click [HERE](#) to read Metropolitan Nathanael's Lenten encyclical. His Eminence offers helpful reflection points and practical ways to approach the Fast.

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Please bring an Icon from home Sunday morning for the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

SATURDAY OF SOULS

Parishioners do not need to re-submit names for Saturday of the Souls if you submitted names the previous week(s). Fr. John will read all the names for each Saturday.

PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

Our first annual Lenten giving project continues. We are supporting the [Dress for Success](#) cause -a national program focused at empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. We are accepting donations of new or gently used items which comprise a woman's business outfit (suits, dresses, blazers, skirts, pants, cardigans, handbags, totes, jewelry, belts, scarves, business appropriate shoes, new toiletries, new hosiery, etc). More details on acceptable donations are in the church foyer along with collection bins for the non-clothing items. Please bring cleaned clothing on hangers so they are appropriately presentable for donation and use.

Operation Classroom: As we plan the renewal of the child care room at the Brown Community learning center of the South Bend School Corporation, we will appreciate offers for help to actually set-up the room once we have all necessary items collected. We are also working to acquire toys and games for children ages 4-12, 4-5 bean bag chairs, a couple of tables for playing games and doing other activities, coloring books and pencils, super hero themed action figures and other accessories to decorate with or to be used as toys (room theme is super heroes), and a fireproof covering for one window (curtain or adhesive cover). If you have any of these items that you'd like to donate or purchase, please do so no later than April 9. Please bring small items to church, or let us know if you have any of the large items so we can have them delivered directly to the facility. We are working to complete the project by the end of May. Many thanks to Eleni Taluzek's mom Antonia, who will be painting a wall mural in the room.

Pastries and Olive Oil Sales: Our olive oil sales are off to a great start! Please share the online order form with your family, friends and coworkers. The deadline for pre-paid orders is March 26, with pickup scheduled for April 3, 10am-Noon, in time for western Easter. Links to purchase are: [Philoptochos Virtual Bake Sale](#) and [Philoptochos Facebook](#).

We wish all of our Saint Andrew family a most Sarakosti!

STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET

"A successful Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program should provide for the entire Parish Ministries and Operating Budget as well as the growth of those ministries. The parish, in time, will not find it necessary to depend on festivals and other events to meet its financial responsibilities. When a parish first enters into the Orthodox Christian Stewardship Program, proceeds from such events supplement Stewardship revenue shortfalls in order to meet the parish budget. After a few years of concentrated effort and a positive attitude, Stewardship revenues should completely support and provide total coverage and even allow for growth of the budget. Once this has been achieved, festivals and other events may be seen as community events and outreach opportunities, with proceeds going to capital improvements and/or the philanthropic work of the Church." - from the Archdiocese Stewardship Handbook

We wish a blessed Sarakosti to all the Saint Andrew stewards!

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 local parishioners (individuals, and families) that have encountered financial hardship. 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: Vasilios Spentzos (home), and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

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

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, George Mighion, Chris Strafford, Pete Arvan. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Altar Boy.

Mary Jo Tirikos prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

THIS WEEK

Friday March 19	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday March 20	Saturday of Souls	9:30am Liturgy
Saturday March 20	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday March 21	Sunday of Orthodoxy	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy
Sunday March 21	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers	6:00pm
Monday March 22	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Wednesday March 24	Great Vespers for the Annunciation	6:00pm
Thursday March 25	Annunciation of the Theotokos	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy

Friday March 26	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday March 27	Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Saturday March 27	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday March 28	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday March 29	Great Compline	6:00pm
Wednesday March 31	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm

2021 EASTER LOVE DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Kassiani Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)
Mystical Supper Icon Frame	Needed (\$65)