

SUNDAY OF HOLY CROSS

April 4, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: George the Righteous of Maleon; Righteous Plato the Studite; Nicetas the Hieromartyr, Struggler of Sevrail; Righteous Zosimas; Theonas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki, Founder & Renovator of the Sacred Monastery of St. Anastasia of Pharmakolytria, Halkidiki and Theodoulos & Agathopoulos of Thessaloniki

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 2ND TONE

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens were crying out. O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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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PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

Covid Vaccines - Help to schedule and transport - Tina Assimos has very graciously offered to help our parishioners to schedule their Covid vaccinations and also provide transportation to the vaccination site if needed. If you could use this assistance, contact Tina directly at tinaassimos@att.net or (574)288-4105.

Dress for Success - Thank you to everyone who has already brought in items for this year's Lenten giving project. We will be accepting donations throughout lent, and the donation bins are in the church foyer. Please bring suits and other clothing items on hangers so that they are presentable as business attire. As you spring clean your homes and closets, look for any items that are part of a woman's business outfit - suits, pants, skirts, tops, shoes, belts, purses and other professional accessories. During this holy Lenten season, we thank our parish family for supporting Saint Andrew's philanthropic outreach to both "our own" and our local community. Let us remember the three key components of spirituality that we learned about during Father John's book study - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

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.

Maria Angelos prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

THIS WEEK

Friday April 2	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday April 3	Divine Liturgy	9:30am

Saturday April 3	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 4	Sunday of the Holy Cross	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday April 5	Great Compline	6:00pm
Wednesday April 7	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Friday April 9	Salutations	6:00pm
Saturday April 10	Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Saturday April 10	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 11	Sunday of St. John of the Ladder	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

LOOKIN AHEAD

Monday April 12	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Tuesday April 13	Parish Council	7:00pm
Wednesday April 14	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Thursday April 15	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	6:00pm
Friday April 16	The Akathist Hymn	6:00pm
Saturday April 17	The Akathist Hymn	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday April 17	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 18	Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday April 19	Great Compline	6:00pm
Tuesday April 20	Discoveries in Orthodoxy: Exploring Holy Week	7:00 pm via Zoom
Wednesday April 21	Presanctified Liturgy	6:00pm
Saturday April 24	Lazarus Saturday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Saturday April 24	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 25	Palm Sunday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sunday April 25	Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Monday April 26	Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Monday April 26	Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Holy Unction	3:30pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Matins of Holy Thursday	6:00pm
Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:00am
Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Matins of Holy Friday and Passion Service	6:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Royal Hours	8:30am
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Descent from the Cross	2:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Matins of Holy Saturday and Lamentations	6:00pm
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy First Resurrection	9:00am
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Canon & Great and Holy Pascha at Midnight	11:15pm
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha-Anastasi/Resurrection Service	12:00am
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha Agape Vespers	12:00pm

Easter Love donations needed:

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