

## THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

July 11, 2021

**Saints Commemorated today:** Euphemia the Great Martyr; the All-Praised Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Princess of Kiev; Nektarios the New Martyr; Sophrony the Athonite of Essex; Nicodemus the New Martyr of Mt. Athos

### EPISTLE READING

**II Corinthians 6:1-10**

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 6:22-33**

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

### 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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### **VISIT OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW**

As many of you know, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was scheduled to visit us at St. Andrew in May of 2020. Because of COVID-19, his visit to the United States was delayed.

Fr. John has mentioned this a few times in church, but we are blessed and excited to announce that His All-Holiness will be visiting our parish the morning of Thursday October 28th. Please mark your calendars for this amazing occasion and plan to join us. Fr. John has been in contact with members from His All-Holiness' team and more details will be forthcoming soon.

### **ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP HOSTED AT ST. ANDREW**

We're excited to announce that this October, a local Orthodox Christian iconographer Brian Whirledge will be hosting an iconography workshop at St. Andrew. If you're artistically talented OR just want to learn about the foundations of this sacred art, please consider joining the class. Brian has graciously offered a 20% discount for parishioners. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- HOLY DORMITION PICNIC**

Sunday, August 15 at Holy Dormition Chapel, New Carlisle. More details to follow.

### **METROPOLIS CHOIR FEDERATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCT 7-10**

Saint Andrew is honored to be hosting the Metropolis Choir Federation Annual Conference on October 7-10, 2021 (recall it was scheduled for 2020 but cancelled due to the pandemic). We expect about 100 attendees from the various churches within our Metropolis, who will be attending workshops, choir practices and other relevant meetings, all culminating with participation in our divine liturgy on Sunday. The event is a fundraiser for both the choir federation and Saint Andrew, as profits from the event will be split 50/50 between our two organizations. To maximize income for the church, it's important to note the source of income: participation in the conference ad book, attendance at the dinners scheduled for Friday and Saturday in the Good Samaritan Hall, and the offer of ideas and involvement in other fundraising activities that we incorporate in the event.

Attached to the end of this bulletin is the ad book purchase form.

Please consider advertising your business, or purchasing a memorial ad for the conference ad book. You can email your form to Mary Jo Tirikos no later than Fri, Sep 10 - [email](#), (330)881-6032, or submit to the church office, or place in the Choir Conference mailbox in the church work room.

Look forward to more details about this event, and thank you in advance for your participation!

### **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, Anna Napoleon, 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. Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **Mary Jo Tirikos**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

### THIS WEEK

|                  |                                                           |                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday July 10 | Great Vespers                                             | 5:00pm                          |
| Sunday July 11   | 3rd Sunday of Matthew                                     | 8:30am Matins<br>9:30am Liturgy |
| Monday July 12   | St. Paisios of Athos                                      | 9:30am Liturgy                  |
| Friday July 16   | Small Paraklesis at <b>Holy Dormition in New Carlisle</b> | 9:30am                          |
| Saturday July 17 | Great Vespers                                             | 5:00pm                          |
| Sunday July 18   | Sunday of the Holy Fathers                                | 8:30am Matins<br>9:30am Liturgy |

### LOOKING AHEAD

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|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday July 20  | Elias the Prophet                                           | 8:30am Matins<br>9:30am Liturgy |
| Thursday July 22 | St. Mary Magdalene at <b>Holy Dormition in New Carlisle</b> | 9:30am Liturgy                  |
| Saturday July 24 | Great Vespers                                               | 5:00pm                          |
| Sunday July 25   | 5th Sunday of Matthew                                       | 8:30am Matins<br>9:30am Liturgy |
| Tuesday July 27  | St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr                            | 8:30am Matins<br>9:30am Liturgy |
| Friday July 30   | Small Paraklesis at <b>Holy Dormition in New Carlisle</b>   | 9:30am                          |
| Saturday July 31 | Great Vespers                                               | 5:00pm                          |

**Orthodox Christian Stewardship** is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

A steward is one who manages another's property or resources; the Christian, therefore, is a steward of everything he is and has, including his own body and soul, for according to the mystery of salvation, we possess nothing from ourselves, not even our own life and being; all belongs to God and is given to us by the Father through His Son because of the richness of His love and mercy.

from *The Theology of Stewardship in Light of Orthodox Tradition* by Fr Paul Wesche (Light and Life Publishing)

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