SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS July 18, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: Holy Martyr Emilian; Holy Martyrs Paul, Thea & Valentine; Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople; Holy Father John, Archbishop of Constantinople; Holy New Martyrs Elizabeth the Grand Duchess & the Novice Barbara; Theneva of Glasgow

EPISTLE READING Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."**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.

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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 <u>HERE</u> 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 - <u>email</u>, (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, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis. If you are <u>not</u> serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

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

Rose Rorres prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always. Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Saturday July 17	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday July 18	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	8:30am Matins 9:30am Liturgy
Tuesday July 20	Elias the Prophet	8:30am Matins 9:30am Liturgy
Thursday July 22	St. Mary Magdalene at Holy Dormition in New Carlisle	9:30am Liturgy
Saturday July 24	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday July 25	5th Sunday of Matthew	8:30am Matins 9:30am Liturgy
Tuesday July 27	St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr	8:30am Matins 9:30am Liturgy
	LOOKING AHEAD	
Friday July 30	Small Paraklesis at Holy Dormition in New Carlisle	9:30am
Saturday July 31	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday August 1	6th Sunday of Matthew	8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday August 2	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm
Tuesday August 3	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm
Wednesday August 4	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm

Thursday August 5	Great Vespers	6:00pm
Friday August 6th	Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ	8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday August 7	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday August 8	Seventh Sunday of Matthew	8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday August 9	St. Heman of Alaska	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday August 9	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm
Tuesday August 10	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm
Wednesday August 11	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm
Thursday August 12	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:30pm
Friday, August 13	Leavetaking of Transfiguration & St. Maximos the confessor	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday August 13	Paraklesis at St. Andrew	6:30pm
Saturday August 14	Great Vespers & Orthros at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	6:00pm
Sunday August 15	Dormition of the Theotokos at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday August 21	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday August 22	9th Sunday of Matthew	8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Monday August 23	Leavetaking of Dormition & St. Ireneus of Lyon	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Friday August 27	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition, New Carlisle e	9:30am
Saturday August 28	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday August 29	Beheading of St. John the Forerunner and Baptist	8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy

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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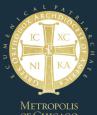
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