

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

August 8, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: Emilian the Confessor & Bishop of Cyzikos; Holy Father Myronius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Crete; Holy New Martyrs Triantaphyllus of Zagoras & Anastasius of Thessolonia; Gregory of Sinai & Mt. Athos; Kallinikos, Metropolitan of Edessa & Pella; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ; Anastatios the Martyr from Bulgaria

EPISTLE READING

Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL OF THE SECOND MODE

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou has despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou who art risen from the dead, 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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METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO ASKING FOR NOMINATIONS

The Metropolis of Chicago is asking for nominations of parishioners to be considered for the Archdiocesan Council, Metropolis Council and/or Audit Committee. If you would like to nominate one of our parishioners, please contact Fr. John by **Sunday, August 8**. The nominations will be forwarded to the Metropolis and on the Clergy/Laity Congress in October. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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 Whirlledge 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. Flyer below.

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.

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

Memorial: A three year Memorial for **Pavlos Karagiannais** is offered this morning by his son, John and family. May his memory be eternal.

THIS WEEK

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. Herman 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 <u>at St. Andrew</u>	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

LOOKING AHEAD

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. Irenaeus 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)

2021 Active Stewards

Allen, Anastasios & Colleen*

Anagnos, Nick & Katina*

Anagnostou, Manolis*

Andrews, Leon & Jennie*

Angelos, Maria*

Antsaklis, Panagiotis & Melinda*

Arvanitis, Esther*

Arvanitis, Panayotis & Beth*

Assimos, Fotine*

Bechaka, Leah*

Bechaka, Terry*

Bilionis, George & Chrysoula*

Bilionis, Ilias & Maria*

Bilionis, Joanna*

Bilionis, Joanne*

Bilionis, Peter & Laura*

Bilionis, Tasos & Jamie*

Blatter, Constance*

Bonnell, Larry & Maria*

Bouris, Peter*

Callas, Christine*

Callas, George*

Carroll, Ruth*

Christ, Christine*

Christodoulakis, Chris & Maria*

Crawford, Dain & Cindy*

Christodoulides, Andreas & Jessica*

Christodoulides, Christos*

Christodoulides, Costa*

Christodoulides, George*

Christodoulides, Stelios & Joanne*

DiPietro, Gerald*

Domer, Paul*

El-Zind, Samira

Farr, Elizabeth*

Fotiou, James & Evangelia

Fotopoulos, Nicholas & Kelsey

Gachumi, Stephen & Ngure, Sophia

Gevas, Nicholas & Ephie*

Giannakakis, Nikolaos & Maria*

Giannakakis, Vasilios & Chrisanthi*

Gikopoulos, Bill & Patty*

Hahn, Alexander & Marianthi

Hartlep, Zachary

Hawthorne, Krista*

Hendricks, Maxine*

Himonas, Alexandrou*

Hoke, Artemis*

Hostetler, William & Catherine*

Iuston, Natasha

Kalafat, George & Peggy

Kamiotis, George & Athina*

Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula*

Karagiannis, John & Tressa

Karagiannis, Kathy

Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer*

Karaszewski, Terrence*

Katris, Chris & Sandra*

Katris, Gus & Nitsa*
Katsampes Graham, Rita*
Katsaris, Alikí*
Kirgios, Erika*
Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia*
Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine*
Konstantopoulos, Mariam*
Kotziampasis, Dimitri*
Koucouthakis, Manuel & Inna*
Koucouthakis, Gus*
Kozyra, Chester*
Krekelas, Spyredon*
Kristos, Elena*
Kurtis, Christ & Pamela*
Lambrou, Kosta & Miranda*
Lampos, Janice*
Lampos, William & Linda*
Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina*
Leonakis, Catherine*
Leonakis, Thomas & Deb*
Limberopoulos, George & Billie*
Limberopoulos, Nick & Joanna*
Limberopoulos, Nickolaos & Rachel*
Lykoudis, Michael & Theresa
Madias, John & Kathy*
Magrames, Angela*
Manos, Andrew*
Martino, Jim & Cleo
Matchette, Matthew
Mattheos, Mattheos*
Mattheos, Pete & Nektaria*
McCormick, Paul & Helene
Metros, Kurt & Lisa*
Mighion, George & Christine*
Mihail, Andrew & Christine*
Moskolis, Samuel*
Mudis, Eleas & Christa*
Muffoletto, Tony & Helen*
Napoleon, Dimitri*
Napoleon, Thomas & Anna*
Niarchos, Panos & Georgeann*

Nolan, Robert & Amelia*
Pagedas, Athena*
Poledor, Theodore*
Pomrening, Norman & Anthoula*
Popyk, Mattheos*
Popyk, Michael & Kalliopi*
Rogers, Geoffrey & Patricia*
Rorres, Rose*
Samoilis, Sam & Elaine*
Schlitt, Michael & Jasmine*
Scott, Michael & Mary
Sinis, Orestis & Maria*
Skotadis, Pete & Peggy*
Solomon, William & Mary Lou*
Spentzos, Vasilios
Stangas, Deanna*
Stangas, Elaine*
Stangas, George & Nancy*
Stangas, Peri*
Stavropoulos, Connie*
Stavros, James & Teresa*
Strafford, Alaina*
Strafford, Christopher & Maria*
Strambu, Florina & Fota, Eugen
Strickler, Joseph & Christina
Swarts, Jonathan & Karakatsanis, Neovi*
Symeonides, Nathanael
Talia, Faneromeni*
Taluzek, Jeremy & Taluzck, Eleni*
Terezis, Thanasis & Sinis-Terezis, Spyro*
Terezis, Theodore*
Thanos, Nick & Sigrid*
Thrapsimis, Angelos*
Tirikos, Frazier*
Tirikos, Mary Jo*
Torrance, Fr. Alexis & Pres. Eugenia*
Tripodis, Dino*
Tsikalas, Fr. John & Pres. Kahlee*
Tsiumas, Sam*
Tucker, Zachary & Gabriella
Tyler, Gregory & Soula*

Verhamme, Phil & Katherine*

Walsh, Eirene*

Ward, Moses & Marie

Watkins, Charles & Marina*

Wedrychowicz, Christopher & Savvopoulou, Anna*

Whittenberger, Lynn*

Williams, James & Tina

* = Pledged Stewards

In compliance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America: Our parish of St. Andrew has adopted an *annual* stewardship pledge as the means of fulfilling a parishioner's financial obligations to the Parish and determining good standing in the Parish.

For the purpose of determining a parishioner's ability to vote at any General Assembly meetings, participate in parish council elections or receive letters of good standing to participate in sacraments, the office should have a pledge card on file each year.

The parish priest may waive a parishioner's financial obligation.

Dear St Andrew Sunday School Parents,

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[Sunday School Registration Form](#)

NEW STAFF AND CLASSROOMS:

Preschool: Mrs. Anna Napoleon

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Mrs. Cindy Giannakakis

2nd & 3rd Grades: Mrs. Elaine Samoilis & Mrs. Pam Kurtis

4th & 5th Grades: Presbytera Stacey Christensen

Middle School (Grades 6-8): Presbytera Eugenia Torrance

High School (Grades 9-12): Mr. Hristos Kirgios

NEW CHURCH AND CLASS TIMES: Students are expected to arrive on time for Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am and leave for class after communion (approximately 10:45). The Middle School and High School students will stay in church after communion until the end of Divine Liturgy. They are dismissed when their teachers, Pres. Eugenia and Hristos, are finished chanting. Sunday School will be **dismissed at 11:30**.

CLASSROOM OFFERING: Just a reminder that there is an offering bowl in each classroom for students to make weekly donations and open their hearts to giving.

SNACKS: If your child has any allergies, dietary restrictions or specific food preferences, please feel free to bring in a set of snacks for him/her. We can store them in the snack cabinet or their classroom.

WISHLIST: Please check Amazon for our ongoing wish list. Go to <http://a.co/1qTxaeS> or search *St Andrew Greek Orthodox Sunday School* under "Lists and Registries" to view.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: We would like to have parents help coordinate events and projects and help in the classrooms. If you are interested, please talk to the teacher in the classroom or to the coordinators. We need your help to make Sunday School a success!

CALENDAR: Please see attachment for the complete Sunday School calendar.

If you know of anyone who is not currently on the Sunday School email list, please feel free to forward this email to them. You can also submit their email address to the church office or email the Sunday School at standrewsundayschool@comcast.net

Blessings to all of you,

Rachel Limberopoulos and Cindy Giannakakis

Sunday School Coordinators