

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

September 5, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: Prophet Zacharias, Father of the Venerable Forerunner; Elizabeth, Mother of the Forerunner; Urban, Theodore, & Medimnos the Hieromartyrs & their 77 Companions at Nicomedeia

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

After a long and tough Covid-19 break, we are looking forward to finally getting back to having Sunday School again! We will begin on SEPTEMBER 12th. We are very excited about the new school year and are looking forward to welcoming our students back!

REGISTRATION: We will be doing registration online ([click here](#)) again this year. We will have a computer available at church for the first few Sundays after Divine Liturgy and can assist you with the process if you experience any difficulties. We ask that you please register your children ASAP so we can prepare the classroom and rosters.

SOCIALLY DISTANCED SECTION

We kindly remind everyone that we have set aside a section of pews for those who wish to wear masks and continue to socially distance. Masks and distancing are required in this section, as per the Metropolis of Chicago. We ask that if you are not wearing a mask and distance, that you sit in another section. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

ST. IAKOVOS 15th ANNIVERSARY TELETHON

Celebrate 15 years of the St. Iakovos Retreat Center and participate in the recording of a hour long special on Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 7 PM to 10 PM at the [Cubby Bear](#) in Chicago, IL!

Registration includes drinks and appetizers. Registration opened on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 9 AM CST [here](#).

The in-person event will be broadcasted via Facebook and YouTube on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 7 PM CST. All event proceeds benefit the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

PHILANTHROPY AT ST. ANDREW

We are delighted to welcome 2 new members to Philoptochos! - Janice Lamos and Jasmine Schlitt. So happy to have you ladies in our group, helping us bring to life our church's philanthropic ministry! This Saturday, 9/4, 10-12, is the pick-up for pastries bought on our Facebook store. We will also be selling them on Sunday after liturgy! Please keep us in mind as the holidays approach and we all start having parties and other special occasions. Our pastries deliver every Thursday to South Bend, so it's an ongoing and very reliable supply. This coming Thursday, Sep 9, we are hosting a fellowship dinner for students of the OCF at Notre Dame. What a wonderful way to reach out and make the students know that Saint Andrew can be their home away from home. On Sep 18, in Indianapolis, Metropolis Philoptochos is hosting the annual September fundraiser luncheon to benefit the Metropolis Philanthropy fund. The philanthropy fund is considered the "heartbeat of Philoptochos", as its money designated to help Orthodox Christians of all metropolis parishes who may be negotiating a challenging time and could use a helping hand. We welcome your donations towards this very important effort (which has yes, helped several of our own parishioners). You can also purchase a raffle ticket also supporting this cause at the Philoptochos table in the church foyer. Thank you to those who are supporting the Metropolis Choir Conference which we are hosting Oct 7-10, by purchasing ads for the ad book and indicating interest to attend the Friday and Sunday dinners. We have an amazing line up of entertainment! - The Notre Dame Glee Club, Motown Machine, The Olympic Dance Troupe and a first-ever performance for our parish by our very own byzantine choir member Eleni Taluzek, a lyric Mezzo-Soprano from Chicago, IL. Deadline for ad and dinner ticket purchases is Sunday, Sep 12. We'd like to share with you that the National Philoptochos Society distributed \$40,000 to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for the Greece Fires Relief Fund. Thank you for your donations which also support unforeseen humanitarian needs such as this one. As we begin the new ecclesiastical year, our chapter will now be considered a "steward" of the church, and as such, will submit 10% of our balance to the church general fund. And lastly, don't forget the authentically Greek olive oil we are selling - 3L cans for \$33. You can contact Tina Assimios at 574-250-

6621, or the church office, or purchase after liturgy on Sundays. Thank you for helping our church spread Christ's love!

METROPOLIS CHOIR FEDERATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCT 7-10

The Metropolis Choir Federation conference is next month here at Saint Andrew, Oct 7-10. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased ads for the ad book and is considering attending the Friday and Saturday dinners. All profit realized by this event will be split evenly between the choir federation and Saint Andrew, so let's rally around this cause for both fellowship, entertainment and our church's financial health. Deadline to purchase ad and dinner tickets is Sun, Sep 12. Both will be sold at the Philoptochos table after liturgy. We have an amazing line-up of entertainment for the dinners! Friday we have the Motown Machine performing, a local sensation featuring the drumming of Billy Stix Nix, until his passing in 2017. Billy was a former Motown musician and an original member of Jr. Walker and the Allstars. Saturday, in addition to enjoying Chris Kurtis' delicious prime rib dinner, we will be serenaded by the world-renown Notre Dame Glee club (they will be wearing singers' masks) and then by our own byzantine choir member, Eleni Taluzek, who is a lyric mezzo-soprano from Chicago, IL. The night will end with a fabulous as always performance by our Olympic Dance Troupe. So how can you miss these events???? :) Thank you in advance for your support of this unique opportunity for our parish, and let's be amazing hosts to our guests who are traveling a great distance to have their conference at Saint Andrew.

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.

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.

Tressa Karagiannis 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

Fri Sep 3	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30am
Fri Sep 3	Office Closed at St. Andrew	
Sat Sep 4	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sun Sep 5	11th Sunday of Matthew	8:20am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Mon Sep 6	Office Closed	
Wed Sep 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wed Sep 8	Vespers and Bible Study	6:30pm and 7pm
Fri Sep 10	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30am
Sat Sep 11	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sun Sep 12	Sunday before Holy Cross	8:20am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sun Sep 12	Sunday School classes resume	

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon Sept 13	Great Vespers	6:00pm
Tue Sep 14	The Elevation of the Holy Cross	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Tue, Sep 14	Parish Council	6pm
Wed Sep 15	Vespers and Bible Study	6:30pm and 7pm
Fri Sep 17	St. Sophia & her daughters Sts. Faith, Hope, and Love at Holy Dormition	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sat Sep 18	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sun Sep19	Sunday after the Holy Cross	8:20am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wed Sep 22	Vespers and Bible Study	6:30pm and 7pm
Fri Sep 24	St Thecla and St. Silouan of Athos at Holy Dormition	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sat Sep 25	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sun Sep 26	St. John the Theologian	8:20am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wed Sep 29	Vespers and Bible Study	6:30pm and 7pm

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, John & Kandyn*

Carroll, Ruth*

Christ, Christine*

Christodoulakis, Chris & Maria*

Crawford, Dain & Cindy*

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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
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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
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Katriss, Chris & Sandra*
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Katsaris, Alikis*
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Krekelas, Spyredon*
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Lambrou, Kosta & Miranda*
Lampos, Janice*
Lampos, William & Linda*
Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina*
Leonakis, Catherine*
Leonakis, Thomas & Deb*
Limberopoulos, George & Billie*
Limberopoulos, Nick & Joanna*
Limberopoulos, Nikolaos & Rachel*
Limberopoulos, Peter & Efigenia
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*
Milak, Nikolas*
Moskolis, Samuel*
Mudis, Eleas & Christa*
Muffoletto, Tony & Helen*
Napoleon, Dimitris*
Napoleon, Thomas & Anna*
Niarchos, Panos & Georgeann*
Nolan, Robert & Amelia*
Pagedas, Athena*
Poledor, Theodore*
Pomrenning, 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*
Stavropulos, 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 & Eleni*

Terezis, Thanasis & Sinis-Terezis, Spyro*
Terezis, Theodore*
Thanos, Nick & Sigrid*
Thrapsimis, Angelos*
Tirikos, Frazier*
Tirikos, Mary Jo*
Torrance, Fr. Alexis & Pres. Eugenia*
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Tsikalas, Fr. John & Pres. Kahlee*
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* = 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.

A LOOK BACK A LOOK FORWARD: 15TH ANNIVERSARY WATCH PARTY

*JOIN US AS WE FILM THE TELETHON,
CELEBRATING THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF
THE SAINT IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER*

LIVE WATCH PARTY

WILL BE FILMED TO AIR AT VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY

SEPTEMBER 30 | 7-10PM

THE CUBBY BEAR | CHICAGO, IL

\$50 ADMISSION | OPEN BAR & APPS



VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY

OCTOBER 3 | 7PM

STREAMING ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE



**HOSTED LIVE AND IN PERSON BY HGTV'S
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SPECIAL GUEST

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL

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LIMITED TO 200 REGISTRANTS

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