EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE November 14, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: Philip the Apostle; Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki; Holy Great New Martyr Constantine of Hydra; Justinian the Emperor & his wife Theodora

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10-25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH TONE

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spake to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

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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SAINT ANDREW FEASTDAY LUNCHEON

As we look forward to celebrating our church patron, Saint Andrew the First-Called, we'd like to announce that our annual feast day luncheon is scheduled for November 28, 2021, in the Good Samaritan Cultural Center, immediately after liturgy. Tickets are now on sale for \$25 per person and \$10 for a child's plate, for children of

ages 10 and under. Please <u>register here</u> or after church today, so we can give the caterer an accurate headcount. We will be very fortunate to also have His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael joining us for Liturgy and the luncheon on that day. We look forward to getting together as an Orthodox Christian family on this very special day.

GOOD SAMARITAN SPANAKOPITA SALE

Spanakopita orders are ready. Please pick up in the Good Samaritan Cultural Center following Liturgy today. Thank you for your support!

PHILANTHROPY AT SAINT ANDREW

The Saint Andrew Chapter of Philoptochos operates under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, headquartered in New York. We support the mission of this organization which is to help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters. The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that has offered over 90 years of philanthropy through a multitude of programs that make a difference in the lives of people in the United States and throughout the world. This organization is the largest Christian women's charity in the United States, which also holds a seat in the United Nations. Here are the links to websites of our Archdiocese and Metropolis parent organizations so you can become familiar with the overall mission and projects of this critical mission of our church.

On Nov 16, 2019, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros designated the Sunday of the Good Samaritan each year as Philoptochos Sunday. So this Sunday we turn our focus to this ministry of the Greek Orthodox Church, and more specifically of our local chapter. Here is a summary of our donations for 2021 year to date (Jan - Oct): 1) \$2,990 for our national commitments 2) \$712 to Metropolis commitments 3) \$1,858 to support the Michiana community and 4) \$1,833 to support our parish.

Each year we strive to increase our giving and expand our reach. Some of our new initiatives for 2022 are 1) the chapter to become an official steward of the church and submit an annual stewardship payment 2) increase the number of fundraisers we execute each year and 3) begin to support the national programs addressing opioid abuse and human trafficking. Follow this <u>link</u> for detailed documents regarding our chapter.

This Sunday we will accept your generous donations to help fund the philanthropic outreach of our local chapter. A heartfelt thank you to everyone in our Christian family who is supporting Saint Andrew's expanding philanthropic ministry.

And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me".

Matthew 25-40

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022

We are once again at the time of year when we must all submit our stewardship pledges for 2022, in support of our church. Stewardship Sunday this year is scheduled for this Sunday, November 14, the same day as Philoptochos Sunday. Due to the large number of major activities our parish has managed over the past few months, scheduling has been a challenge, hence the focus on two important concepts on the same Sunday. We appreciate your understanding, and ask for your cooperation to extend your support to both very important ministries of our church on the same day. As we proceed toward November 14, we ask that all parishioners have their pledges submitted either through the mail or online as soon as possible! The Parish Council needs this data early enough in the process such that we can plan for the church budget for 2022. This year's stewardship theme established by the Archdiocese is "Our Church - Our Spiritual"

Home". Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us that everything we have is a loan from Him. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that one day He will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania has noted that "we find ourselves by offering ourselves." Have we learned the blessedness of generously giving to others of all we have?

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 distancing, that you sit in another section. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals, and families) who 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 Orthodox Christianity 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 <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.

Ted Poledor prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **Philoptochos**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

MEMORIAL: A 40 day Memorial for **Maria Angelos** is being offered this morning by her loving children, John, Cindy and Connie and family. May her memory be eternal.

THIS WEEK

Sat Nov 13	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sun Nov 14	Eighth Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Liturgy
Sun Nov 14	Stewardship Sunday Philoptochos Sunday	.
Tue Nov 16	St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist	7:30am Liturgy
Wed Nov 17	Discoveries in Orthodoxy	7:00pm
Fri Nov 19	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30am
Sat Nov 20	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Nov 21	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple	8:20 Matins 9:30 Liturgy
	LOOKING AHEAD	7.50 Lituigy
Mon Nov 22	St. Iakovos of Evia	9:30 Liturgy
Sat Nov 27	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Nov 28	Thirteenth Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins
Mon Nov 29	St. Andrew the First-Called Great Vespers	9:30 Liturgy 6:30pm
Tue, Nov 30	St. Andrew the First-Called	8:30 Matins 9:30 Liturgy