

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

November 21, 2021

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL OF THE FIRST MODE

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit and from a Virgin was born for our Salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend to the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Our annual feast day luncheon has been CANCELLED but we still look forward to hosting His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael.

We will be refunding everyone. Those who paid through Tithely will receive their refunds in 5-10 days. Please contact the office if you have not seen your refund by then. Thank you.

PHILANTHROPY AT SAINT ANDREW

Thank you to all the chapter members who helped organize **Philoptochos Sunday** and to everyone who donated to our chapter. We extend a heartfelt thank you for helping your church execute its philanthropic ministry. If you enjoyed the sweets offered during coffee hour - they were sourced from Chicago Sweet Connection. Please keep us in mind for all your holiday and "just-because" baking needs. Offering these baked goods at anytime of the year is one of our key fundraisers, so we thank you in advance for your support. Our **annual winter coat drive** continues, as we accept gently used winter coats, hats, gloves and

scarves for children and adults, to be distributed to a local community shelter. Collection bins are located in the church foyer. If you'd like to include your family's holiday wishes in the annual **parish Christmas card**, please fill out the attached form and return it to a Philoptochos member or to the church office no later than _____. Payment must be included with the form in order for entries to appear in the Christmas card. We accept, cash, checks or credit card. Call the church office to pay by credit card. The **Philoptochos Christmas dinner** is scheduled for December 8. We are still working on the time and location, but we extend a warm welcome to anyone who may be interested in joining the Saint Andrew Philoptochos chapter. No better time to join than during the season of giving! If you'd like to join us for the event, please email us at Philoptochos.sb@gmail.com, or contact the church office, or call or text 574-404-1184. **And finally we wish everyone in our church family a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving!**

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. We ask that parishioners submit their pledges 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, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis. 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.

Kurt Metros prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

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

MEMORIAL: A 5 year Memorial for **Vasilios** and 7 year for **Vasiliki Kanalos** is being offered this morning by their loving son, Dean and family. May their memory be eternal.

THIS WEEK

Sat Nov 20	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Nov 21	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple	8:20 Matins 9:30 Liturgy
Mon Nov 22	St. Iakovos of Evia	9:30 Liturgy
Wed Nov 23	Office Closed	
Thu Nov 24	Office Closed	
Fri Nov 25	Office Closed	
Sat Nov 27	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Nov 28	Thirteenth Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon Nov 29	St. Andrew the First-Called Great Vespers	6:30pm
Tue, Nov 30	St. Andrew the First-Called	8:30 Matins 9:30 Liturgy

SAINT ANDREW
PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We invite you to participate in the annual parish Christmas Card project sponsored by the Saint Andrew Philoptochos Society - the parish philanthropic organization.

Proceeds will benefit our various national and local philanthropic endeavors. Please fill out this form and submit along with \$15 to the Church office NO later than **December 1, 2021**. Make checks payable to Saint Andrew Philoptochos. Payment **must** accompany this form. Otherwise this form will be considered incomplete and your name(s) **will not appear** on the Christmas card.

Thank you for supporting your parish's philanthropic outreach efforts while sending Christmas wishes to your church family members!

Name (s) as you want it to appear in the Christmas Card:

Phone number: H: _____ C: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to Saint Andrew Philoptochos
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