

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

December 12, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous; Holy New Martyr Peter the Aleut; John (or Joachim), Bishop of Zichni

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:26-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH PLAGAL TONE

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three-day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O 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.



PHILANTHROPY AT SAINT ANDREW

Collection to benefit the Ecumenical Patriarchate - This Sunday we will be collecting parish donations to support the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople. This is one of our national commitments, and appreciate your generous support.

Christmas Pastry Sale - We have launched our Christmas pastry sale, which is one of our biggest fundraisers. Please go [online](#) to place your pre-paid order by Dec 12. Vasilopita is now also available.

Order pick-up is Sat, Dec 18, 10-12 in the Good Samaritan hall, unless you can pick up Thursday afternoon until 2 pm., or Friday during church office hours. Please share the link with friends, family and neighbors and also share on all your social media accounts. We are also able to offer a quantity discount if you want a whole tray of an item. Contact us at [via email](#) or 574-404-1184 for bulk pricing information. If you're uncomfortable ordering online, here's a paper order form you can use, but please call the office to pay by credit card. All orders must be pre-paid.

Winter Coat Drive - Thank you to everyone who supported our annual coat drive. We will donate all the winter items collected to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Wishing Tree - This year's Wishing Tree will support the **Children's Dispensary and Hospital** on Lasalle Ave. in South Bend. This organization, which may not be known to many, works to enhance the learning and enrich the lives of individuals with special needs. Please follow this [link](#) to learn more about this local organization. This facility needs new (not used) board games and craft supplies (coloring pencils, crayons, markers, craft paper, ribbons, etc. - and whatever else your imagination tells you is a good craft supply for this scenario). Basically items that they can use to make things with. And then of course craft boxes to maybe store these items in. Collection bins are in front of the small decorated Christmas tree in the church foyer. **Deadline for donations is December 19.** Thank you in advance for your generosity with this community outreach project.

We wish everyone a very blessed, healthy and happy holiday season, and thank you every chance we get for helping Saint Andrew spread Christ's light to our parish and our home community.

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 for time, talent and treasure through the mail or [online](#) by Dec 31. To date we have received 37 pledges, totaling \$79,342 (the 2022 annual church operating budget is Income \$344,300/Expense \$344,150). 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. Saint Paul instructs us: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23. When we see our work in this way, we are able to become stewards of our work and our church. Christian stewardship of work also teaches us that we are responsible to those with whom we work and those that may be served by our work. We are called to reflect the light of Christ in their lives, encourage them, support them and even love them. So remember that stewardship is not ONLY defined as dollars, although reality says that with no money, we have no church. But true stewardship involves offering your time AND work to keep your church alive and viable. Thank you for being devoted stewards to Saint Andrew.

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: Makarios Ngure, 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.

Mary Jo Tirikos prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by the **Spyro Sinis-Terezis**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 11	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Dec 12	Eleventh Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Liturgy
Mon Dec 13	St. Herman of Alaska	7:30am Liturgy
Tue Dec 14	Parish Council	6p
Wed Dec 15	Sts. Eleutherios & Anthia	8:30 Matins 9:30 Liturgy
Fri Dec 17	Daniel and the Three Youths & St. Dionysios	9:30 Liturgy
Sat Dec 18	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Dec 19	Sunday Before Nativity	8:20 Matins 9:30 Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon Dec 20	St. Ignatius of Antioch	7:30a Liturgy
Fri Dec 24	Eve of the Nativity of Christ	8:30a Great Hours & Vespers Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 24	Nativity of Christ	6p Orthros & Liturgy
Fri Dec 24	Office Closed	

Sat Dec 25	The Nativity of Christ	8:15a Matins 9:15a Liturgy
Sun Dec 26	Sunday after Christ's Nativity	8:20a Matins 9:30a Liturgy
Mon Dec 27	St. Stephen	9:30a Liturgy
Mon Dec 27	Office Closed	
Tue Dec 28	Office Closed	
Wed Dec 29	Office Closed	
Thu Dec 30	Office Closed	
Fri Dec 31	Office Closed	

Philoptochos Bake Sale

Greek pastries are back in time for Christmas!

Fill out the order form to place your pre-paid order. The last day to order is Dec 12, and pick up will be on Dec 18, from 10:00 - 12:00 behind Saint Andrew church. Thank you for supporting our philanthropic ministries with your purchase.

Items offered

- **Dulce de Leche Cake** - Two layers yellow cake and two layers caramel mouse, topped with caramel and white chocolate shavings. 10" cake \$35.00
- **Carrot Cake** - 10" – Classic Carrot cake. 10" cake \$35.00
- **Tres Leches Cake** - Yellow cake marinated in blended rich creams, topped with whipped cream, chocolate ganache and fresh fruit. 10" cake \$35.00
- **Tiramisu pastry** - The iconic Italian sweet 4 pieces \$12.00
- **Chocolate Napoleon** – Puff pastry layered with custard cream and topped with chocolate. 4 pieces for \$12.00
- **Ergolavos** - Almond cookies stuffed with apricot jam. 6 cookies \$8.00
- **Éclairs** - Pastry made with choux dough, filled with custard and topped with chocolate icing. 3 for \$7.50
- **Amygthalota** - Almond cookies- also known as Greek macaroons. 6 cookies \$8.00
- **Kourambietes** - Almond shortbread cookies covered with powdered sugar. 6 cookies \$8.00
- **Cannolis** - The Italian icon 4 for \$10.00
- **Napoleon (Mill-feuille)** - Puff pastry layered with custard cream and topped with powdered sugar 4 pastries \$12.00
- **Chocolatina** - Chocolate custard cake 4 pastries \$12.00
- **Galaktobouriko** - Greek custard pie drenched in sweet syrup 4 for \$12.00
- **Melomakarona** - Walnut cookies drenched in honey syrup. 6 cookies \$8.00
- **Baklava** - Phyllo pastry with walnut filling drenched in honey. 6 pack \$15.00
- **Tsoureki** – Traditional Greek sweet bread \$12.00
- **Olive Oil** – Imported Greek olive oil 3 Liter can for \$33.00

Philoptochos Bake Sale order form

Dulce de Leche Cake 10" \$35.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Carrot Cake 10" \$35.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Tres Leches Cake 10"
W/Chocolate Ganache \$35.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Tiramisu 4 pieces \$12.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Chocolate Napoleon 4 pcs \$12.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Ergolavos 6 cookies \$ 8.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Eclairs 3 pieces \$ 7.50 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Amygthalota 6 cookies \$ 8.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Kourambiethes 6 pieces \$ 8.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Cannolis 4 pieces \$10.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Napoleon 4 pieces \$12.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Chocolatina 4 pieces \$12.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Galaktobouriko 4 pieces \$12.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Melomakarona 6 cookies \$ 8.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Baklava 6 pieces \$15.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Tsoureki \$12.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____
Olive Oil \$33.00 x Qty _____ = \$ _____

*Cash or Credit accepted

Total = \$ _____

Credit card # _____ Exp date ____/____/____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____