

SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

September 18, 2022

Saints Commemorated today: Eumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortynia; Ariadne the Martyr

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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.



RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Below are some updates regarding our Fellowship Hall renovation. *Please be patient and understanding as we go through this exciting time. Things are not as put together or as tidy as they normally would be.... and that's OK!*

- Construction will last approximately 3 more weeks and will not impact weekend services or access to the restrooms at St. Andrew. However, please keep an eye on the calendar and the weekly bulletin for updates to services during the week.
- Amber will be able to be reached via telephone and email during her normal office hours of 8:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday.
- During construction, there will not always be someone to let you in the church building. Amber will be at the Church office **only Tuesdays and Fridays** for the duration of the renovation. If you would like to make an appointment with Fr. John, please call or email Amber. She will be working remotely.

- The Bookstore and the Library will be closed during construction.

ONLINE CALENDAR

Especially during construction, but also without a full-time chanter, our liturgical calendar is in flux. For the latest and most up-to-date service information please see our website www.saintandrewgoc.org. The online calendar will always be updated and listed.

RIDES NEEDED FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have college students who need help getting to church on Sunday! Please let Fr. John know if our college students can reach out to you for a ride. Currently, we have a list of parishioners who have volunteered and we would just add your name and phone number to the list. It's OK if you're not available to take them every Sunday; we're trying to give our students as many options as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We will be registering online for Sunday School this year. Sunday School has begun.. All the children are asked to arrive at church for the beginning of Liturgy at 9:30 and pray the Divine Liturgy with their families. The example of prayerful parents who prioritize consistently worshiping with their family is invaluable to our children's spiritual growth. Without our families prioritizing the Divine Liturgy and our Christian Faith, Sunday School will become simply another secular activity.

Following Holy Communion, the Elementary School children will be dismissed to their classrooms. The Middle School and High School students will stay in church after communion until the conclusion of Divine Liturgy. They are dismissed when their teachers (Pres. Eugenia and Hristos) are finished chanting. Sunday School will be **dismissed at 11:30am**. [Sunday School Registration Form](#)

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Alexis will begin a Bible Study on Wednesday September 21st at 6:30pm and will continue each Wednesday through October 19th. The Bible Study will be held in a Sunday School classroom during the construction. There will **not** be a virtual option for this Bible Study.

PHILANTHROPY AT ST. ANDREW

Philoptochos is back after our summer break! Very happy to be back and moving forward Saint Andrew's philanthropic mission serving both our church family and our local community.

Our first project on the "docket" is a diaper drive to support the Women's Care Center in South Bend. Please see [their website](#) to learn about this local organization which helps women faced with unexpected pregnancies or pregnancy related challenges in general.

Because of recent changes in both Federal and State policy and because we as Orthodox Christians uphold the sanctity of human life, we'd like to support women faced with unexpected pregnancies. The Women's Care Center is always in need of baby diapers, in all sizes. You will see two blue bins in the church foyer to the right of the kitchenette in the fellowship hall. Please help support this effort with new and unopened packages of diapers for this organization. You can start bringing them to church this Sunday. If you can't come to church but would still like to donate, please bring to the church on Tuesdays or Fridays, when Amber will be working at church during the renovation phase. Or you can bring it to Spyro's house anytime you wish. Call me at 574-404-1184 to coordinate. Whatever makes it easiest for you. Our goal is to collect at least 100 packages of diapers by Sep 30th.

Thank you in advance for helping these Mom's and their babies thrive in this challenging world!

Philoptochos is now available to make Kollyva for memorials or Saturday of the Souls. This will be a fundraiser for our group, as we bring to life Saint Andrew's philanthropic ministry. If you'd like us to make

kollyva for you, please [email](#) or call 574-404-1184. We would like at least 2 weeks notice if possible, but minimum 1 week.

The cost is \$100 for one large tray and that includes preparing them after the memorial service to serve during coffee hour.

Thank you for all you do to support our church's philanthropic outreach.

FANARI 50th ANNIVERSARY

This year our Metropolis' Fanari Camp celebrates its 50th Anniversary and you are invited to become a part of the celebration. Fanari are asking for both corporate and private donations for their 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration on Sunday, October 9, 2022. All donations will help Fanari Camping Ministries by: (1) allowing the development of more programs; (2) reducing registration fees to include more participants; and (3) offering registration aid to families who can't afford the fees. You can make a donation [online](#) or by check made out to 'Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago – Fanari'. You can also purchase tickets for the October 9 dinner online at [their website](#). Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022

We have great news to report regarding our stewardship pledges! Comparing August 2021 with August 2022, our stewardship pledges have increased from \$186,000 to \$223,000! An increase of \$37,000. A wholehearted thank you to our Saint Andrew Family who is stepping up and giving even more generously to support the annual operating expenses of our church. We are certainly closing the gap between the approximately \$300,000 needed annually to operate the church and what pledges have been in the past. Now the key is to back your pledges with actual payments. Based on the significant increase in pledges we hope to see a corresponding increase in offerings, and we have faith everyone will come through with their commitments. Thank you again for this tremendous effort. Remember that Stewardship is not only money – it's time and talent too! Think about how important the church is in your life, and give of your time, talent and treasure in a way that reflects the precious role Saint Andrew fulfills for each and every one of us.

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 (home), 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 Stafford, 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.

Kurt Metros prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May 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 16	Small Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Sep 17	St. Sophia and her daughters, Sts. Faith, Love & Hope	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Sep 17	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Sep 18	Sunday after the Holy Cross	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Fri Sep 23	Small Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30am
Sat Sep 24	St. Silouan the Athonite	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Sep 24	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Sep 25	1 st Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon Sep 26	St. John the Theologian	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Oct 1	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 2	2nd Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thu Oct 6	St. Thomas the Apostle	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Fri, Oct 7	Small Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30am
Sat Oct 8	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 9	3rd Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Oct 12	St. Symeon the New Theologian	7:30am Divine Liturgy
Sat Oct 15	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 16	Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Synod	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Oct 17	Hosea the Prophet	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Oct 22	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 23	6th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Oct 25	Vigil of St. Demetrios	6:30pm Vespers 7:15pm Matins 8:00pm Liturgy
Fri Oct 28	Holy Protection of the Theotokos	9:30 Divine Liturgy

Sat Oct 29 Great Vespers
Sun Oct 30 5th Sunday of Luke

5pm
8:20 Matins
9:30 Divine Liturgy

2022 Active Stewards

* = 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.

*Allen, Tom & Colleen	*Anagnos, Anthony & Staci
*Anagnos, Nick & Katina	*Anagnostou, Manolis
*Andrews, Leon & Jennie	*Antonakakis, Kathleen
*Antsaklis, Lily	*Antsaklis, Panagiotis & Melinda
*Arvanitis, Esther	*Arvanitis, Panayotis & Beth
*Assimos, Fotine	*Batalis, Arlene
*Bechaka, Leah	*Bechaka, Terry
*Bilionis, George & Chrysoula	*Bilionis, Ilias & Maria
*Bilionis, Joanne	*Bilionis, Peter & Laura
*Bilionis, Tasos & Jamie	*Blasko, William & Ioanna
*Blatter, Constance	*Bonnell, Larry & Maria
*Bouris, Peter	*Callas, Christine
*Callas, George	*Carroll, John & Kandyn
*Carroll, Ruth	*Choflet, Joe & Adrienne
*Christ, Christine	*Christodoulakis, Chris & Maria
*Christodoulides, Andreas & Jessica	*Christodoulides, Christos
*Christodoulides, Costas	*Christodoulides, George & Ashley
*Christodoulides, Stelios & Joanne	*Christos, Stavrani
*Crawford, Dain & Cindy	*DiPietro, Gerald
*Efthimiou, Nick & Anna	El-Zind, Samira
*Farr, Elizabeth	*Fotopoulos, John & Eleni
*Fotopoulos, Niko & Kelsey	Gachumi, Stephen & Sophia
*Gergis, George & Monique	*Gevas, Nick & Ephie
*Giannakakis, Nikolaos & Maria	*Giannakakis, Vasilios & Chrisanthi
*Hahn, Alex and Marianthi	Hartlep, Zachary
*Hawthorne, Krista	*Hendricks, Maxine
*Hibshman, Justus & Grace	*Himonas, Alex & Nahid
*Hoke, Artemis	*Hostetler, Bill & Catherine
Hutchinson, Tim	*Iuston, Natasha
*Kamiotis, George & Athina	*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula
*Kapsaskis, Christopher	*Karagiannis, John & Tressa
Karagiannis, Kathy	Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer
*Katriss, Chris & Sandra	*Katriss, Gus & Nitsa
*Katsampes Graham, Rita	*Katsaris, Alik Antonis

*Kirgios, Erika
*Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine
*Konstantopoulos, Stefan
*Kristos, Elena
*Lampos, Bill & Linda
*Lampos, Levi & Gabrielle
*Leonakis, Catherine
*Lepeniotes, George & Amanda
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Rachel
*Limberopoulos, Tom & Joanne
*Madias, John & Kathy
*Manos, Andrew
Matchette, Matthew
*Mattheos, Pete & Nektaria
*Metros, Kurt & Lisa
*Mihail, Andrew & Christine
*Moskolis, Sam
*Muffoletto, Tony & Helen
*Napoleon, Thomas & Anna
*Niarchos, Panos & Georgeann
*Pagedas, Athena
*Popyk, Mattheos
*Rogers, Geoffrey & Patricia
*Rorres, Rose
*Schlitt, Michael & Jasmine
*Sinioris, Athanasios & Marie
*Skotadis, Pete & Peggy
*Spentzos, Vasilios
*Stangas, Elaine
*Stangas, Peri
*Stavropoulos, Connie
*Strafford, Alaina
*Swarts, Jonathan & Karakatsanis, Neovi
*Taluzeck, Jeremy & Eleni
*Thanos, Nick & Sigrid
*Thrampsimis, Angelos
*Torrance, Fr. Alexis & Pres. Eugenia
*Tsikalas, Fr. John & Pres. Kahlee
Tucker, Zachary & Gabriella
*Vassios, Amy
*Walsh, Irene
*Watkins, Charles & Marina
*Wilkinson, Matthew & Alexis

*Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia
*Konstantopoulos, Mariam
*Krekelas, Spyredon
*Kurtis, Christ & Pam
*Lampos, Janice
*Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina
*Leonakis, Thomas & Deb
*Limberopoulos, George & Billie
Limberopoulos, Peter & Efigenia
Lykoudis, Michael & Theresa
*Magrames, Angela
Martino, Cleo
*Mattheos, Mattheos
*McCormick, Paul & Helene
*Mighion, George & Christine
*Milak, Nikolas
*Mudis, Eleas & Christa
*Napoleon, Dimitri
*Nehl, Jeffery & Stephanie
*Nolan, Robert & Amelia
*Poledor, Theodore
*Popyk, Michael & Kalliopi
Rogers, Rita
*Samoilis, Sam & Elaine
*Scott, Michael & Mary
Sinis, Orestis & Maria
*Solomon, David & Mary Lou
*Stangas, Deanna
*Stangas, George & Nancy
*St. Andrew Philoptochos
*Stavros, Jim & Terri
*Strafford, Chris & Maria
Symeonides, Nathanael
*Terezis, Thanasis & Spyro
Thorpe, Brian & Alicia
*Tirikos, Mary Josephine
*Tripodis, Dino
*Tsiumas, Sam
Tyler, Gregory & Sue
*Verhamme, Phil & Kathy
Ward, Moses & Marie
*Wedrychowicz, Christopher & Anna
*Williams, James & Tina