

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**September 25, 2022**

**Saints Commemorated today:** Euphrosyne of Alexandria; Paphnoutios the Martyr & his Companions in Egypt; Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of Evangelistria, Mochos; Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh; Finbar the Confessor, First Bishop of Cork

### **EPISTLE READING**

#### **I Corinthians 4:6-15**

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Luke 5:1-11**

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL OF THE SECOND MODE**

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou has despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou who art risen from the dead, 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.

## 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 is **back in the office** during her normal office hours of 8:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday.
- 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](http://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.

## BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Alexis began a Bible Study that will continue each Wednesday through October 19th. The Bible Study will be held in a Sunday School classroom during the construction. If you would like virtual access, please discuss with Fr. Alexis.

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

This year our Metropolis' Fanari Camp celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and you are invited to become a part of the celebration. Fanari are asking for both corporate and private donations for their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **FREE GREEK LANGUAGE CLASSES**

The Organization for the Promotion of the Greek Language (ODEG) along with the International Hellenic Association (IHA) is offering free Greek Language classes for children and adults. This is one-to-one tutoring based on the student's language level and schedule. If you are interested in classes (or in volunteering to teach) please contact Dimitris Voggolis [via email](#).

### **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).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Anna Napoleon, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis, Liz Farr. 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.

**Sigrid Thanos** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

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

### THIS WEEK

Sat Sep 24	St. Silouan the Athonite	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Sep 24	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Sep 25	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Sep 26	St. John the Theologian	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Sep 28	Bible Study	6:30pm
Sat Oct 1	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 2	2nd Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Oct 5	Bible Study	6:30pm
Thu Oct 6	St. Thomas the Apostle	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Fri, Oct 7	Small Paraklesis <b>at Holy Dormition</b>	9:30am
Sat Oct 8	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 9	3rd Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tue Oct 11	Parish Council	6pm
Wed Oct 12	St. Symeon the New Theologian	7:30am Divine Liturgy
Wed, Oct 12	Bible Study	6:30pm
Sat Oct 15	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 16	Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Synod	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Oct 16	Fall Parish Assembly	Following Liturgy
Mon Oct 17	Hosea the Prophet	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Oct 19	Bible Study	6:30pm
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 at <b>Holy Dormition</b>	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Oct 29	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Oct 30	5th Sunday of Luke	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	*Holland, Stephen & Stephanie
*Hostetler, Bill & Catherine	Hutchinson, Tim

\*Iuston, Natasha  
 \*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula  
 \*Karagiannis, John & Tressa  
 Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer  
 \*Katrīs, Gus & Nitsa  
 \*Katsaris, Alikī Antonīs  
 \*Kīrgios, Hristos & Claudia  
 \*Konstantopoulos, Mariam  
 \*Krekelas, Spyredon  
 \*Kurtis, Christ & Pam  
 \*Lampos, Janice  
 \*Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina  
 \*Leonakis, Thomas & Deb  
 \*Limberopoulos, George & Billie  
 Limberopoulos, Peter & Efīgenia  
 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

\*Kamiotis, George & Athina  
 \*Kapsaskis, Christopher  
 Karagiannis, Kathy  
 \*Katrīs, Chris  
 \*Katsampes Graham, Rita  
 \*Kīrgios, Erika  
 \*Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine  
 \*Konstantopoulos, Stefan  
 \*Kristos, Elena  
 \*Lampos, Bill & Linda  
 \*Lampos, Levi & Gabrielle  
 \*Leonakis, Catherine  
 \*Lepeniotis, George & Amanda  
 \*Limberopoulos, Nick & Rachel  
 \*Limperopoulos, 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  
 \*Stavropulos, Connie  
 \*Strafford, Alaina  
 \*Swarts, Jonathan & Karakatsanis, Neovi  
 \*Taluzek, 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