

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

December 11, 2022

**Saints Commemorated today:** Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople; Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon; Martyrs Acepisus & Acithalas; Holy Martyrs Miracus & Barsabas; Leontios the Righteous of Monemvasia; Glorious King Nikephoros Phokas

### EPISTLE READING

**Colossians 3:4-11**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 14:16-24**

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: 1ST MODE

When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

### 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 ST ANDREW

Our **Christmas Pastry Sale** has started, and our new item is Moussaka. We have several pans at church for immediate sale, for \$40 (6 lb trays of 15 servings each).

The bake sale order form is attached below. If you'd like to order pastries, please fill out the form, email it to [Philoptochos.sb@gmail.com](mailto:Philoptochos.sb@gmail.com) with "I want Greek Pastries" in the subject line, and we will contact you to either pay by credit card over the phone, or you can mail a check to the church made out to Philoptochos. Or you can call 574-404-1184 to place your order. There are also order forms on the Philoptochos table in

the church foyer. Order deadline is Sun, Dec 18. Order pick up is Sat, Dec 24, 10 am-12 noon, behind the church. Your purchase supports Saint Andrew's philanthropic ministries. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about this pastry sale.

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD DEADLINE EXTENDED**

**We are extending the deadline for the Parish Christmas card by one week to Sun, Dec 11.** This is one of the major annual Philoptochos fundraisers which helps fund the philanthropic ministry of Saint Andrew. Please consider wishing your Saint Andrew family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year through this project. The cost is only \$15. Forms are on the Philoptochos table in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your support and for spreading holiday good cheer to your orthodox family.

### **METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO – LIVING WATER PRODUCTIONS**

Through the guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, the Metropolis of Chicago has released a religious education initiative called Living Water Productions. The Metropolis will produce videos, podcasts, and other media forms to help the faithful grow in our Orthodox Christian faith. For more information and for announcements on the first video series (featuring our own Fr. Alexis), click [HERE](#).

### **ORTHODOX VOLUNTEER CORP**

The Orthodox Volunteer Corps is a one-year service opportunity for young adults who may not know exactly what to do in life. Volunteers spend a year living together in a common house, engage in extended community service, and learn about our Christian faith. If you or a young adult you know might be interested for next year's group, please visit their website [HERE](#)

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The final session of the year will be on December 15th at 6:30pm. Please see the online calendar for information on the January/February 2023 Bible Study.

### **ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

For the second year in a row, we're pleased to offer an iconography workshop that will be held at St. Andrew. Brian Whirledge is a local iconographer and will be offering the classes from January 9th-13th, 2023. There is a cost to attend, but Brian offers a discount to St. Andrew parishioners. To see information on the workshop click [HERE](#). To visit Brian's website, go to [www.brianwhirledge.com](http://www.brianwhirledge.com).

### **ADULT CATECHISM: RESPONSE REQUESTED**

Fr. John will be offering an adult catechism sometime in 2023 that will introduce the Orthodox Christian faith. Emphasis will be placed on the New Testament, some Church History, and practical knowledge/lessons that will be helpful for the 21st century family.

While anyone will be able to attend, the class will be geared toward families with a "mixed" marriage (one spouse is an Orthodox Christian and the other spouse is not). This class will be required to be received into the Orthodox Church, but both members of the marriage will be encouraged to attend! Several people have expressed interest in such a course and Fr. John is trying to organize it. If you are interested, even if you have spoken with Fr. John, please email [fr.john@saintandrewgoc.org](mailto:fr.john@saintandrewgoc.org) and he will be in touch to work out logistics.

### **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.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023

As we look forward to the new year arriving in just under a month, let's put at the top of the list our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our spiritual home of Saint Andrew. All that we have to be thankful for comes from the Father above, so let's reflect our recognition of that by being generous stewards of Saint Andrew, devoting time, talent and treasure to keep our church alive for the ages to come. Thank you to everyone for helping us increase stewardship income in 2022, and in offering time and talent to maintain and grow our various church ministries. Although time and talent are extremely critical and valuable to the church, if we aren't generous with the donation of our treasure, there will be no Saint Andrew church to need our time and talent! We are getting close to covering our church operating budget solely with stewardship, but we still have room to grow. If all of us gave just a little bit more, we'd be golden. Maybe one fewer dinner out, or 2 fewer Starbucks coffees per week, or one fewer trip to the mall would free up some funds that can go toward stewardship. Or maybe offer your time to accomplish a task that the church is currently paying for. Look at the church budget. What are we paying for? Do you maybe have the skills and time to do that work so we don't have to hire it out? There are many creative ways to look at stewardship and how we can lower church costs and cover the budget strictly with stewardship. Scan the QR Code to renew your stewardship now! Below is some inspiration regarding stewardship from the Archdiocese:



Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

## 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).

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.

**Neovi Karakatsanis** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

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

**MEMORIAL:** A 6-month Memorial for **Peter Limberopoulos** is being offered this morning by his loving wife, Efigenia and family. May his memory be eternal.

### THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 10	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Dec 11	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 12	St. Spyridon	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 12	Parish Council	6:00pm
Thu Dec 15	St. Eleutherios the Hieromartyr	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thu Dec 15	Bible Study	6:30pm
Sat Dec 17	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Dec 18	Sunday before Nativity	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tue Dec 20	Holy Unction	6:30pm
Fri Dec 23	Great Hours for the Nativity	9:00am
Sat Dec 24	Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	5:00pm Vespers 6:00pm Matins 7:00pm Divine Liturgy
Sun Dec 25	Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	8:15 Matins 9:15 Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 26	Office Closed	
Tue Dec 27	Office Closed	
Wed Dec 28	Office Closed	
Sun Jan 1	Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thu Jan 5	Eve of Theophany	8:00am Great Hours of Theophany & Vespers 9:30am Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Waters
Fri Jan 6	Theophany of our Lord	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy followed by the Great Blessing of Waters
Sat Jan 7	Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner	9:30 Divine Liturgy

Sun Jan 8	Sunday after Theophany	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jan 14	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jan 15	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jan 17	St. Anthony the Great	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jan 21	St. Maximos the Confessor	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jan 22	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jan 24	St. Xenia of St. Petersburg	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jan 28	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jan 29	Sunday of the Canaanite	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Jan 30	Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs	8:30 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, Costas  
\*Christodoulides, Stelios & Joanne  
\*Crawford, Dain & Cindy  
\*DiPietro, Gerald  
El-Zind, Samira  
\*Fotopoulos, John & Eleni  
Gachumi, Stephen & Sophia  
\*Gevas, Nick & Ephie  
\*Giannakakis, Vasilios & Chrisanthi  
Hartlep, Zachary  
\*Hendricks, Maxine  
\*Himonas, Alex & Nahid  
\*Holland, Stephen & Stephanie  
Hutchinson, Tim  
\*Kamiotis, George & Athina  
\*Kapsaskis, Christopher  
Karagiannis, Kathy  
\*Katriss, Chris  
\*Katsampes Graham, Rita  
\*Kirgios, Erika  
\*Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine  
\*Konstantopoulos, Stefan  
\*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

\*Christodoulides, Christos  
\*Christodoulides, George & Ashley  
\*Christos, Stavrani  
Demetriou, Tom and Melissa  
\*Efthimiou, Nick & Anna  
\*Farr, Elizabeth  
\*Fotopoulos, Niko & Kelsey  
\*Gergis, George & Monique  
\*Giannakakis, Nikolaos & Maria  
\*Hahn, Alex and Marianthi  
\*Hawthorne, Krista  
\*Hibshman, Justus & Grace  
\*Hoke, Artemis  
\*Hostetler, Bill & Catherine  
\*Iuston, Natasha  
\*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula  
\*Karagiannis, John & Tressa  
Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer  
\*Katriss, Gus & Nitsa  
\*Katsaris, Alikis Antonis  
\*Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia  
\*Konstantopoulos, Mariam  
Koucouthakis, Gus  
\*Kristos, Elena  
\*Lampos, Bill & Linda  
\*Lampos, Levi & Gabrielle  
\*Leonakis, Catherine  
\*Lepeniotes, 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, George & Nancy  
\*St. Andrew Philoptochos  
\*Stavros, Demetre  
\*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  
Tyler, Gregory & Sue  
\*Verhamme, Phil & Kathy  
Ward, Moses & Marie  
\*Wedrychowicz, Christopher & Anna  
\*Williams, James & Tina

\*Stangas, Peri  
\*Stavropulos, Connie  
\*Stavros, Jim & Terri  
\*Strafford, Chris & Maria  
Symeonides, Nathanael  
\*Terezis, Thanasis & Spyro  
Thorpe, Brian & Alicia  
\*Tirikos, Mary Josephine  
\*Tripodis, Dino  
\*Tsiumas, Sam  
\*Turley, Adam & Connie  
\*Vassios, Amy  
\*Walsh, Irene  
\*Watkins, Charles & Marina  
\*Wilkinson, Matthew & Alexis

Table 1

**SAINT ANDREW PHILOPTOCHOS BAKE  
SALE ORDER FORM**

Customer Name:				
Email:				
Phone Number:				
To place an order, email us at philoptochos.sb@gmail.com. In the subject line write "I want Greek pastries". We will respond to take your pre-paid order over the				
Order deadline is Dec 18. Order pick up is Dec 24, 10-12, behind the church.				
<u>Item</u>		<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Baklava 6 pieces	Layers of filo dough, with walnut filling and drenched in honey syrup	\$15.00		
Galaktobouriko 4 pieces	Like baklava, but with custard filling	\$13.00		
Vasilopita Orange Flavor 12"	New Year's Cake with lucky coin baked inside	\$30.00		
Vasilopita Walnut Flavor 12"	New Year's cake with lucky coin baked inside	\$30.00		
Cannolis 4 pieces	The Italian icon	\$12.00		
Chocolate Napoleons 4 pieces	Flaky, buttery puff pastry layered between vanilla custard and topped with	\$13.00		
Mille-feuille 4 pieces	Like a Chocolate Napoleon but topped with powder sugar (no chocolate)	\$13.00		
Chocolatina 4 pieces	Very moist chocolate cake	\$13.00		
Tiramisu pastry 4 pieces	The other italian icon	\$13.00		
Eclairs 3 pieces	Log shaped pastry filled with cream and topped with chocolate icing	\$9.00		
Ergolavos 6 pieces	Almond cookies with apricot jam in between	\$9.00		
Kourambiethes cookies 6 pieces	Almond cookies drenched in powder sugar	\$9.00		
Amygthalota cookies 6 pieces	Almond cookies	\$9.00		
Melomakarona cookies 6 pieces	Walnut cookies drenched in honey syrup	\$9.00		
Paximathia 6 pieces	Like Italian biscotti	\$9.00		
Tsoureki (sweet bread) 1 loaf	Sweet bread with almonds on top	\$15.00		
8" Flourless Chocolate Cake	Dense cake made from aerated chocolate custard	\$32.00		
10" Flourless Chocolate Cake	Dense cake made from aerated chocolate custard	\$44.00		
Pastichio 6 lb tray of 15 servings	Greek Lasagna - casserole - layers of meat sauce and pasta covered in beschamel sauce	\$35.00		
Moussaka 6 lb tray of 15 servings	Casserole -Layers of meat sauce, eggplant and potatoes, covered in beschamel sauce	\$40.00		
				\$0.00
Payment type:				