

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

May 7, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: Commemoration of the Precious Cross that appeared in the sky over Jerusalem in 351AD; Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem; Akakios the Centurion of Jerusalem; Repose of St. Nilus, Abbot of Sora; Pachomios the New Martyr of Patmos

EPISTLE READING

Acts 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 3RD MODE

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath trampled upon death by death. He hath become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

APOLYTIKION OF OUR PARISH

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

The 2 national commitments we are supported in April:

1) **Saint Basil Academy – Sisterhood Fund**

The Sisterhood of Saint Basil Academy Fund provides for the day-to-day needs of the children who have made Saint Basil Academy home, including clothing, furnishings, equipment and other essentials for dormitories, graduation, awards and gifts.

2) **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**

IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need world-wide, without discrimination, to enable them to continue to improve their own lives and communities and to have means to live with dignity, respect and hope. The mission and focus of IOCC, of helping those in great need, is deeply aligned with the work of Philoptochos.

Our **next fundraiser is a Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken sale on June 17**, at the Marathon gas station on the corner of Grape and Edison Rds. We will soon be distributing pre-sale tickets to all parishioners to sell to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We've been advised by Nelson's that the more tickets we pre-sell the more profit we will make from our event. So in advance, we will appreciate your support. Remember that we are available to make kollyva and provide Greek pastries for parties and other special events.

FEED THE HUNGRY

As previously communicated, we have established a parish project to serve dinner at Hope Ministries in South on the 4th Tuesday of every month. This month we are serving on Tuesday, May 23, 5:30pm-7:30 pm. If you'd like to participate please call or text Spyro Sinis-Terezis at 574-404-1184. Thank you in advance for offering a helping hand to those in need within our home community.

Dates for the remainder of the year are June 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28 and Dec 26. We arrive at 5:30pm, bring some simple desserts to add to the donated food, and are finished no later than 7:30. This past week we actually finished at 7 pm. A good number of volunteers is 4-5 based on our first experience.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023

Our Stewardship pledges and committed payments are the lifeblood of our church. Stewardship is our generous offers of time, our God-given talents and our treasure. Thank you to those who have volunteered to consistently give their time every week to clean the part of the church that our cleaning service is not cleaning, based on what our budget can support. If we had a few more parishioners volunteer to clean the rest of the church, we could save over \$10,000 per year.

It's now that time of year to get serious about building the raised beds which will form our Unity Garden. If you like gardening and have time, we'd love to have you join the garden team. Contact the church secretary or Kurt Metros, our Garden Master, if you're interested.

Thank you to the 123 parishioners who have submitted their pledges (totaling \$207,536 with \$77,082 received) for 2023. As a reminder: Even if you don't intend to change your pledge amount from 2022, you must still fill out a 2023 stewardship pledge card and submit it to the office. Scan the QR Code to renew your stewardship now!



Please keep in mind that pledging is the first step of the treasure part of Stewardship. The second and most important component is actually making the payment you committed on the timing you committed. This is an area that we currently see some opportunity, so thank you for your understanding and cooperation in meeting your pledge commitments. And lastly, thank you to the anonymous donor who has offered to fill in the big pot holes in our parking lot. As you know, the church has ongoing annual operational expenses,

but as homeowners know, something always breaks at home. So our church budget needs to be prepared to address those incidentals.

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: Janice Lampos (Welbrooke Rehabilitation Center), Chester Kozyra (home), Makarios Ngure (home), Vasilios Spentzos (home).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Anna Napoleon, Leon Andrews, Liz Farr, 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 Acolyte.

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 a member of **the Hibshmans**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Sat May 6	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun May 7	Sunday of the Paralytic	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed May 10	Mid-Pentecost at Holy Dormition in New Carlisle, IN	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat May 13	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun May 14	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Fri May 19	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition in New Carlisle, IN	9:30am
Sat May 20	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun May 21	Sunday of Blind Man and Sts. Constantine & Helen	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue May 23	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Wed May 24	Leavetaking of Pascha	9:30 Divine Liturgy

Wed May 24 Ascension of our Lord	5:00pm Great Vespers
Thu May 25 Ascension of our Lord	8:30 Matins
	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun May 28 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Synod	8:20 Matins
	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jun 27 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Tue Jul 25 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Tue Aug 22 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Sat Aug 26 Tasting Odyssey	
Tue Sep 26 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Tue Oct 24 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Tue Nov 28 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Tue Dec 26 Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm

2023 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.

*Alexandrou, Aris	*Allen, Tom & Colleen
*Anagnos, Katina	*Anagnostou, Manolis
*Andrews, Leon & Jennie	*Antonakakis, Kathleen
*Antsaklis, Lily	*Antsaklis, Panagiotis & Melinda
*Arvanitis, Esther	*Arvanitis, Pano & Beth Ann
*Assimos, Tina	*Bechaka, Leah
*Bechaka, Terry	*Bilionis, George & Chrysoula
*Bilionis, Louie & Maria	*Bilionis, Joanne
*Bilionis, Peter & Laura	*Bilionis, Tasos & Jamie
*Blatter, Constance	*Bouris, Peter
*Callas, Christine	*Callas, George
*Choflet, Joseph & Adrienne	*Christ, Christine
*Christodoulakis, Chris & Maria	*Christy, Luke
*Crawford, Dain & Cindy	*DiPietro, Jerry
*Farr, Elizabeth	Fotopoulos, John & Eleni
*Friedline, Bruce & Mary Frances	*Gachumi, Stephen & Sophia
*Gergis, George & Monique	*Giannakakis, Nikolaos & Maria
*Giannakakis, Vasilios & Chrisanthi	*Hartlep, Zachary
*Hawthorne, Krista	*Heinbokel, Timm

*Hendricks, Maxine
*Himonas, Alex & Nahid
Hutchinson, Tim
*Kamiotis, George & Athina
Kapsaskis, Christopher
*Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer
*Katriss, Nitsa
*Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine
*Konstantopoulos, Stefan
*Koucouthakis, Manuel
*Kristos, Elena
*Kurtis, Christ & Pam
*Lampos, Janice
*Leonakis, Catherine
Limberopulos, Efigenia
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Rachel
*Madias, John & Kathy
*Manos, Andy
*Matchette, Matthew
*Mattheos, Pete & Nektaria
*Metros, Ellen
*Mighion, George & Christine
*Moskolis, Sam
*Muffloletto, Tony & Helen
*Napoleon, Tom & Anna
*Pagedas, Athena
*Popyk, Michael & Kalliopi
*Rorres, Rose
*Schlitt, Michael & Jasmine
*Sinioris, Athanasios & Marie
*Solomon, David & Mary Lou
*Stangas, Deanna
*Stangas, Jim
*Stavropulos, Connie
*Stavros, Jim & Terri
*Strafford, Chris & Maria
*Taluzeck, Jeremy & Eleni
*Thanos, Nick & Sigrid
*Thrapsimis, Angelos
*Torrance, Fr. Alexis & Pres. Eugenia
*Tsikalas, Fr. John & Pres. Kahlee
*Turley, Adam & Connie
Ward, John & April
*Wedrychowicz, Christopher & Savvopoulou, Anna
*Williams, James & Tina

*Hibshman, Justus & Grace
*Hostetler, Bill & Catherine
*Iuston, Natiasha
*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula
Karagiannis, Kathy
*Katriss, Chris
*Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia
*Konstantopoulos, Mariam
*Kotziampasis, Dimiti
*Krekelas, Spiro
*Kulwicki, Daniel & Athena
*Lampos, Bill & Linda
*Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina
*Leonakis, Tom & Deb
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Joanna
*Limperopoulos, Tom & Joanne
*Magrames, Angela
*Martino, Cleo
*Mattheos, Mattheos
*McCormick, Paul & Helene
*Metros, Kurt & Lisa
*Mihail, Andy & Christine
*Mudis, Eleas & Christa
*Napoleon, Dimitri
*Niarchos, Panos & Georgeann
*Popyk, Mattheos
Rogers, Rita
*Samoilis, Sam & Elaine
Sinis, Orestis & Maria
Smith, Justin & Juliana
*Spentzos, Vasilios
*Stangas, George & Nancy
*Stangas, Peri
*Stavros, Demetre
*Strafford, Alaina
*Swarts, Jonathan & Karakatsanis, Neovi
*Terezis, Thanasis & Spyro
*Thorpe, Brian & Alicia
*Tirikos, Mary Jo
*Tripodis, Dino
Tucker, Zachary & Gabriella
*Tyler, Gregory & Sue
*Ward, Moses & Marie
*Wilkinson, Matthew & Alexis