

HOLY PENTECOST

June 4, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: our Father Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople; Mary & Martha, sisters of Lazarus, Sophia of Thrace, the Mother of Orphans

EPISTLE READING

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

FEAST DAY HYMN OF PENTECOST

Blessed are you, Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them and who, through them, have united the world. Glory to You, O Lover of Mankind!

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST

When the most high came down and confused the tongues (in Babel), He divided the nations; but when he distributed the tongues of fire at Pentecost, He called all to unity. Wherefore we glorify the Holy Spirit with one accord.

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.

UNITY GARDEN

St. Andrews Garden is a collaborative effort between St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church and Unity Gardens, a network of gardens that provide healthy, locally grown food to people at no charge and without proof of need. St. Andrew's Garden will be located on the north side of the church. This past weekend several volunteers planted tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, carrots, onions and more! Maintenance will be completed every Saturday morning at 9:00 am. If you are interested in contributing your time or talents, please reach out to Amber at the church office.



FEED THE HUNGRY

We will be serving dinner at Hope Ministries on June 27, 5:30 - 7 pm. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Spyro at 574-404-1184 or corfu1000@gmail.com.

Hope Ministries is located in downtown South Bend, and helps many people who have less than us, who can use a helping hand to turn their lives around and thrive. "Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" Matthew 25-40

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 134 parishioners who have submitted their pledges (totaling \$235,686 with \$111,282 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 (home), 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.

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

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

THIS WEEK

Sat Jun 3	Saturday of Souls	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jun 3	Great Vespers	5p
Sun Jun 4	Holy Pentecost	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers of the Holy Spirit

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon Jun 5	Monday of the Holy Spirit	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jun 11	The Sunday of All-Saints	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jun 18	Second Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jun 25	Third Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jun 27	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Thu Jun 29	Sts. Peter & Paul	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

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	*Bonnell, Larry & Maria
*Bouris, Peter	*Callas, Christine
*Callas, George	*Carroll, John & Kandyn
*Carroll, Ruth	*Choflet, Joseph & Adrienne
*Christ, Christine	*Christodoulakis, Chris & Maria
*Christy, Luke	*Crawford, Dain & Cindy
Deak, Arthur & Esther	Demetriou, Athanasios & Melissa
*DiPietro, Jerry	El-Zind, Samira
*Farr, Elizabeth	Fotopoulos, John & Eleni
*Friedline, Bruce & Mary Frances	*Gachumi, Stephen & Sophia
*Gergis, George & Monique	*Gevas, Nick & Ephie
*Giannakakis, Nikolaos & Maria	*Giannakakis, Vasilios & Chrisanthi
*Hahn, Alex & Marianthi	*Hartlep, Zachary
*Hawthorne, Krista	*Heinbokel, Timm
*Hendricks, Maxine	*Hibshman, Justus & Grace
*Himonas, Alex & Nahid	*Hostetler, Bill & Catherine
Hutchinson, Tim	*Iuston, Natasha
*Kamiotis, George & Athina	*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula
Kapsaskis, Christopher	Karagiannis, John & Tressa
Karagiannis, Kathy	*Karamalegos, Nicolas
*Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer	*Katriss, Chris
*Katriss, Nitsa	*Katsaris, Alikis Antonis
*Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia	*Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine
*Konstantopoulos, Mariam	*Konstantopoulos, Stefan
*Kotziampasis, Dimitri	*Koucouthakis, Manuel
*Krekelas, Spiro	*Kristos, Elena
*Kulwicki, Daniel & Athena	*Kurtis, Christ & Pam
*Lambrou, Kosta & Miranda	*Lampos, Bill & Linda
*Lampos, Janice	*Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina

*Leonakis, Catherine
Limberopulos, Efigenia
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Rachel
*Low, Kevin & Laura
*Magrames, Angela
*Martino, Cleo
*Mattheos, Mattheos
*McCormick, Paul & Helene
*Metros, Kurt & Lisa
*Mihail, Andy & Christine
*Moskolis, Sam
*Muffloletto, Tony & Helen
*Napoleon, Tom & Anna
*Niarchos, Panos & Georgeann
*Popyk, Mattheos
Rogers, James & Rita
*Samoilis, Sam & Elaine
*Sinioris, Athanasios & Marie
Smith, Justin & Juliana
*Spentzos, Vasilios
*Stangas, George & Nancy
*Stangas, Peri
*Stavropulos, Connie
*Stavros, Jim & Terri
*Strafford, Chris & Maria
*Taluzek, Jeremy & Eleni
*Thanos, Nick & Sigrid
*Thrapsimis, Angelos
*Torrance, Fr. Alexis & Pres. Eugenia
*Tselios, George & Pam
*Tucker, Zachary & Gabriella
*Tyler, Gregory & Sue
*Walsh, Eirene
*Ward, Moses & Marie
*Wilkinson, Matthew & Alexis

*Leonakis, Tom & Deb
*Limberopoulos, Nick & Joanna
*Limperopoulos, Tom & Joanne
*Madias, John & Kathy
*Manos, Andy
*Matchette, Matthew
*Mattheos, Pete & Nektaria
*Metros, Ellen
*Mighion, George & Christine
Monokroussos, Jessica
*Mudis, Eleas & Christa
*Napoleon, Dimitri
Nazaroff, George
*Pagedas, Athena
*Popyk, Michael & Kalliopi
*Rorres, Rose
*Schlitt, Michael & Jasmine
*Sinis, Orestis & Maria
*Solomon, David & Mary Lou
*Stangas, Deanna
*Stangas, Jim
Stauffer, Deandra
*Stavros, Demetre
*Strafford, Alaina
*Swarts, Jonathan & Karakatsanis, Neovi
*Terezis, Thanasis & Spyro
*Thorpe, Brian & Alicia
*Tirikos, Mary Jo
*Tripodis, Dino
*Tsikalas, Fr. John & Pres. Kahlee
*Turley, Adam & Connie
*Verhamme, Phil & Kathy
Ward, John & April
*Wedrychowicz, Christopher & Savvopoulou, Anna
*Williams, James & Tina