

THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

June 25, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist; Righteous Martyr Febronia; Methodios of Nevritos; Prokopios the New Martyr; Dionysius & Dometios the Righteous of Mount Athos; Orentios, Pharmakios; Eros, Phirmos, Kyriakos & Longinos the Martyrs & Brothers

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man - though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 2ND MODE

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens were crying out. O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee

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.

PLEASE WELCOME FR. THEOFANIS!

Fr. John is in St. Louis for his little sister's wedding. Please welcome Fr. Theofanis Rauch, Associate Priest at St. Demetrios in Elmhurst, Chicago to our parish this Sunday.

TASTING ODYSSEY TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Come join us on August 26th, 6 - 8 p.m., for a fun evening of tasting wine, beer and spirits along with Greek hors d'oeuvres. There will be music and a live/silent auction. More information about items auctioned will be coming soon! Ticket sales are limited so purchase yours now. Tickets are \$65.00 each and can be purchased at givegrove.com/odyssey. All money collected supports our St. Andrew SAREF fund. We would also appreciate any help in getting the word out about this event. Please share on your social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook). There will be copies of the flier available in the fellowship hall after Liturgy. Please take a few and share with your friends, and please post wherever you see a public bulletin board. Thank you everyone, and we hope to see you there!



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 135 parishioners who have submitted their pledges (totaling \$235,186 with \$137,652 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, 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 Acolyte.

Rose Rorres 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

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
Sat Jul 1	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jul 2	Fourth Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon Jul 3 - Fri Jul 7	Office Closed	
Sat Jul 8	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jul 9	Fifth Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Fri Jul 14	Paraklesis at Holy Dormition	9:30am
Sat Jul 15	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jul 16	Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thu Jul 20	The Prophet Elias	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

Sat Jul 22	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jul 23	Seventh Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jul 25	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30-7:30pm
Thu Jul 27	St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jul 29	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jul 30	Eighth Sunday of Matthew	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
 Kapsaskis, Christopher
 Karagiannis, Kathy
 *Karamitsos, Tony & Jennifer
 *Katriss, Nitsa
 *Kirgios, Hristos & Claudia
 *Konstantopoulos, Mariam
 *Kotziampasis, Dimiti
 *Krekelas, Spiro
 *Kulwicki, Daniel & Athena
 *Lambrou, Kosta & Miranda
 *Lampos, Janice
 *Leonakis, Catherine
 Limberopoulos, 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
 *Stavropoulos, Connie
 *Stavros, Jim & Terri
 *Strafford, Chris & Maria
 *Taluzeck, 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

*Kanalos, Dean & Anthoula
 Karagiannis, John & Tressa
 *Karamalegos, Nicolas
 *Katriss, Chris
 *Katsaris, Alik Antonis
 *Konstantopoulos, Fr. George & Pres. Elaine
 *Konstantopoulos, Stefan
 *Koucouthakis, Manuel
 *Kristos, Elena
 *Kurtis, Christ & Pam
 *Lampos, Bill & Linda
 *Lenzo, Nicholas & Christina
 *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

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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Live/Silent Auction
Greek hors d'oeuvres
Music!

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