

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

November 26, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis; Nikon Metanoeite; Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia; George the New Martyr of Chios; Akakios of Sinai who is mentioned in the Ladder; Innocent of Irkutsk

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL 4TH MODE

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three-day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, * glory be to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANDREW

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.

NEW TO ST ANDREW?

New or visiting St. Andrew? To get on our email list, to contact the Office, to learn more about our faith or to have Fr. John reach out to you, scan this QR code and fill out the form.



PARISH FEAST DAY

We commemorate the memory of St. Andrew the first-called Apostle on the evening of November 29th and the morning of November 30th. Making time and effort to attend the divine services for our patron Saint is very important for Orthodox Christians. May St. Andrew always intercede for us and watch over our community!

ACCESS TO THE BUILDING

Just a reminder about procedure: The church is open Monday- Friday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm; during Matins, Vespers, Liturgies and other scheduled services. All visitors should ring the bell to the left of the door and the Parish Administrator (Amber) will grant entry. If any parishioners anticipate needing access to the church outside of normal office hours, please contact Amber in advance to arrange for access. Parishioners who have been assigned keys and security system access can enter the church as needed. Event leaders will be given keys and security system access during the planning and execution of their event (church fundraisers, etc). Thank you for your cooperation in planning ahead for church entry outside of office hours!

TRANSPORTATION HELP

Philoptochos has been assisting one of our fellow parishioners with rides to and from church on Sunday mornings by coordinating cab service and/or drivers from our parish for this purpose. Because some of our drivers have been doing this for many years and others prefer not to drive during the winter months, Philoptochos is seeking additional drivers able to offer a ride *from* church *to* Osceola after liturgy on Sunday mornings. If we get enough driver volunteers, each driver would only need to offer a ride once every 6 or 8 weeks. Please consider volunteering for this service of love and compassion. If you are able to help, please call or email Neovi Karakatsanis at 574-323-0835 or nkarakat@iusb.edu.

SPANAKOPITA FOR SALE

The Good Samaritans have a limited number of spanakopita for sale. A frozen 9x13 pan is \$25. Instructions for baking are included. Contact Terri Stavros to place your order. 574-261-9224

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

The time is once again here, for us to reflect on our 2024 stewardship pledge to Saint Andrew. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has chosen the theme for this year as “Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant,” from the Parable of the Talents. We are all blessed with certain gifts. This parable stresses the importance of developing our gifts, multiplying them, and offering them back in service to God. As it relates to our parish community, we should all reflect on how important Saint Andrew is to us. What does our church offer to us and our family? How does it help us? How would we feel if our church wasn’t here? Let’s all give generously of our time, talent and treasure, as God gives to us. The church is ours, and if not for our efforts and resources to sustain, it will not exist for us, our fellow Orthodox Christians living in Michiana, and for our families and generations to come. Let’s truly understand and internalize this reality, and give generously of ourselves to keep the light of Christ burning in our home and church community. We kindly ask all parishioners to submit their 2024 pledges. You can do so either by submitting a hard copy Stewardship Card or by clicking [here](#) to pledge online. Thank you in advance for your generosity. The parish council is hosting a special coffee hour on Sunday.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Our November Project: During the month of November, we will be collecting gently used coats of all sizes to donate locally. Please leave clean, gently used coats on the clearly marked table in our Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to clean out your closets while doing something positive for those in need. The collection will run through the end of November. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Kollyva: Philoptochos would like to remind parishioners that its members are able to prepare kollyva for Memorial Services. The cost is \$135.00. To place an order, please call or email Anthoula Kanalos at 574-220-9915 or at atkanalos@gmail.com. We ask that parishioners place their order at least 2-3 weeks in advance of their loved one’s Memorial Service.

CATECHISM CLASS CONTINUES

This Fall, Fr. John is leading a catechism about Orthodox Christianity to anyone interested in becoming an Orthodox Christian. The class will also be open to current parishioners. We began in September and will continue **December 3 following Divine Liturgy** in person. See you soon!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thank you to the parishioners that have signed up! We have a new and updated parish directory available online on the Tithely system. Follow this [link](#) to access it. Upon clicking the link, create an account by selecting "sign up". On this system you can 1) access the most updated parish directory 2) access the church website 3) see the parish ministries and electronically request to join 4) access your stewardship account info and electronically enter your stewardship pledge. Regarding the directory: each parishioner can update their contact information and also attach a picture to their info. We are asking all parishioners to begin using this directory as well as post a picture of yourself or your family. Questions about the system? Contact Amber in the church office.

FEED THE HUNGRY

We will be serving dinner at Hope Ministries on Tuesday, November 28, 5:30 - 7 pm. If you'd like to participate, contact Spyro at 574-404-1184 or corfu1000@gmail.com. Hope Ministries is located in downtown South Bend and helps many people who without many material means to turn their lives around and thrive. Dates for the remainder of the year are: Dec 26 (4th Tuesday of the month). Each volunteer is asked to bring 30 cookies to contribute to the kitchen's dessert supply. Thank you to everyone supporting this new and very important community outreach effort by Saint Andrew. "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me" Matthew 25-40

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: Manolis Anagnostou (home), 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.

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. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Sat Nov 25	St. Katherine the Great	9:00am Divine Liturgy
Sat Nov 25	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Nov 26	13th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Tue Nov 28	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30pm-7pm
Wed Nov 29	St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle	6pm Vespers
Thu Nov 30	St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle	8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sat Dec 2	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Dec 3	14th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Dec 3	Parish Council & SAREF Board Elections	following Liturgy until 12:30pm
Sun Dec 3	Catechism Session 7	following Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Tue Dec 5	Vigil: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	5:30 pm Vespers 6:30pm Matins 7:45pm Divine Liturgy
Sat Dec 9	Great Vespers	5pm
Sat Dec 10	10th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 12	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 15	St. Eleutherios the Hieromartyr	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Dec 16	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Dec 17	11th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 18	Parish Council	6pm
Tue Dec 19	Holy Unction	6pm
Sun Dec 24	Sunday Before Nativity	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Dec 24	Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	5pm Vespers
Mon Dec 25	Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	8am Matins 9am Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 25	Office Closed	
Tue Dec 26	Office Closed	
Tue Dec 26	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30pm-7pm

Wed Dec 27 Office Closed

Sun Jan 14 Vasilopita Sunday Luncheon

following Liturgy

SAINT ANDREW
PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We invite you to participate in the annual parish Christmas Card project sponsored by the Saint Andrew Philoptochos Society - the parish philanthropic organization.

Proceeds will benefit our various national and local philanthropic endeavors. Please fill out this form and submit along with \$20 to the Church office NO later than **December 3, 2023**. Make checks payable to Saint Andrew Philoptochos. Payment **must** accompany this form. Otherwise this form will be considered incomplete and your name(s) **will not appear** on the Christmas card.

Thank you for supporting your parish's philanthropic outreach efforts while sending Christmas wishes to your church family members!

Name (s) as you want it to appear in the Christmas Card:

Phone number: H: _____ C: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to Saint Andrew Philoptochos
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