

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

December 3, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: The Holy Prophet Sophonias (Zephaniah); Our Righteous Father John, Bishop and Hesychast; Holy Martyrs Agapius & Seleucius; Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria; Angelis the New Martyr; Karpos the Hieromartyr

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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.

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 ([or go to this link](#)) and fill out the form.



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Philoptochos will be hosting its annual Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, December 17, from 12 to 5 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Social Hall. While baked goods can be purchased on the day of the sale, we encourage parishioners to pre-order their pastries by scanning the QR code or visiting [the website](#).



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 **today (December 3rd) following Divine Liturgy** in person. See you soon!

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

Thank you to all who contributed to Philoptochos’ November Philanthropy Project. Through your donations, St. Andrew’s collected beautiful coats to donate to the men, women, and children of the YWCA, a leading community provider of domestic violence services.

December’s Philanthropy Project, is a Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting lotion, socks, crossword puzzle books, shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap, washcloths, and individually wrapped snacks for the residents of Wellbrook of South Bend, a senior living community. We ask that you leave any

donations you may have in the blue containers found in our Fellowship Hall. May your offerings bring you many blessings during this time of love and giving.

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.

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, December 26, 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: Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28, Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24 (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: Janice Lamos (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.

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 Giannakakis Family**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

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
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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

PARISH COUNCIL BALLOT
St. Andrew South Bend
DECEMBER 3, 2023
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY UNTIL 12:30P.M.

Our Archdiocese and Parish by-laws require an annual election of Parish Council Members who will serve a two-year term.

PLEASE NOTE: The Council has six (6) carry-over members: Esther Arvanitis, George Callas, Hristos Kirgios, Dimitri Napoleon, Chris Strafford, Spyro Sinis-Terezis

Listed alphabetically below are five candidates seeking election to the Parish Council for a two-year term: 2024-2025.

Please mark your ballot with an **X** for the candidate(s) of your choice. You may vote for 1 candidate, 2 candidates, etc., up to five candidates.

NOTE: Any ballot improperly completed will be “**INVALID**”.

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CHRIS KURTIS

JOHN MADIAS

KURT METROS

PERI STANGAS

THANASIS TEREZIS

SAREF BALLOT
St. Andrew South Bend
DECEMBER 3, 2023
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY UNTIL 12:30P.M.

Our St. Andrew Renovation and Endowment Fund (SAREF) by-laws and practice require an annual election of two (2) Directors who will serve a two-year term.

PLEASE NOTE: SAREF has two carry-over Directors (Nick Giannakakis and Christ Kurtis) and one Director appointed directly by the Parish Council President, per the bylaws (Mary Scott).

Listed alphabetically below are three candidates for two Director spots seeking election to SAREF for a two-year term: 2024-2025.

Please mark your ballot with an **X** for the candidate(s) of your choice. You may vote for one or two candidates

NOTE: Any ballot improperly completed will be “**INVALID**”.

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CONNIE KUZYDYM

TOM LEONAKIS

JOHN MADIAS

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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South Bend IN 46635