

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

December 17, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: Daniel the Prophet and Ananias, Azarias & Misail the Three Holy Youths; Dionysius of Zakynthos

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

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 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.

TRIP FOR TWO TO GREECE RAFFLE

Some volunteers are spearheading a raffle for a trip to Greece! We have tickets we're hoping to sell to friends and family members. For questions about this unique opportunity or to purchase tickets, please speak with George Mighion: gmighionfamily@comcast.net

2024 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS

We have 2024 ecclesiastical calendars for your taking! They will be at the Candle Stand on Sunday and please, if there's someone not able to physically be present at church, call Amber in the office and she will mail it to them. Please take one per family!

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO VISION FOR GROWTH

The Metropolis of Chicago and specifically Metropolitan Nathanael recently released a Vision for Growth. This vision can be found at www.chicago.goarch/vision and there is a flier hanging in our Fellowship Hall

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

Please remember to pick up your pre-ordered baked goods after Divine Liturgy in the Good Samaritan Social Hall today (December 17). If you forgot to pre-order baked goods, Philoptochos will have a limited supply of baklava, kataifi, melomakarona, kourambietes, galaktoboureko, tsourekia, and vasilopita for purchase. Please stop by the Social Hall between 12 to 5 p.m. to purchase any of these items (while supplies last).

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS

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 Wellbrooke 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.

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.

Maria Giannkakis prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

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

THIS WEEK

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
LOOKING AHEAD		
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	St. Stephen	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 27	Office Closed	
Sun Dec 30	Sunday after Nativity	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Jan 1	Circumcision of our Lord & St. Basil the Great	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Jan 1	Office Closed	
Fri Jan 5	Eve of Theophany	8:00am Great Hours of Theophany, Vespers, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Fri Jan 5	Office Closed	
Sat Jan 6	Theophany of our Lord	8:30 Matins 9:30am Great Blessing of Waters & Divine Liturgy
Sat Jan 6	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jan 7	Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner & Baptist	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jan 9	SAREF meeting	6:30pm
Sat Jan 13	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jan 14	Leavetaking of Theophany	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jan 14	Vasilopita Sunday Luncheon	following Liturgy
Mon Jan 15	Office Closed	
Tue Jan 16	Office Closed	
Tue Jan 16	Blood Drive (Good Samaritan Cultural Center)	2pm-6:30pm
Wed Jan 17	St. Anthony the Great	8:30am Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Jan 17	Office Closed	
Thu Jan 18	Sts. Athanasios & Cyril	9:30 Divine Liturgy

Thu Jan 18	Office Closed	
Fri Jan 19	Office Closed	
Sat Jan 20	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jan 21	12th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Jan 21	"Addiction, Resources and Hopes in God" Alicia Wells	11:45am-12:45pm
Tue, Jan 23	Parish Council	6pm
Tue Jan 23	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30pm-7pm
Wed Jan 24	St. Xenia the Fool-for-Christ	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thu Jan 25	St. Gregory the Theologian	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Jan 27	Great Vespers	4:30pm
Sat Jan 27	Winter Family Fun Night	5pm-7:30pm
Sun Jan 28	15th Sunday of Luke	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Jan 30	Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Jan 31	Bible Study	6:30pm



DECEMBER 2023

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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The Metropolis of Chicago **Vision for Growth**:
“Unity in Christ cultivates relationships with family,
friends, and neighbors bearing fruit for vibrant
communities and a flourishing Church.”



At the 2023 Clergy-Laity Assembly, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael unveiled the Metropolis of Chicago’s Vision for Growth, an expression of what our faith community wants and wishes to achieve.



The Vision for Growth has five core priorities - **Develop Clergy, Support Parishes, Expand Philanthropy, Increase Engagement, and Fuel Growth** - and the Vision Fund was created to support and advance them. Help us make our Vision for Growth a reality!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

INVITE A FRIEND!



VASILOPITA LUNCHEON

January 14th
following Liturgy

BLOOD DRIVE

January 16th: 2-6:30pm
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ADDICTION, RESOURCES & HOPE IN GOD

January 21st
following Liturgy
with Alicia Wells

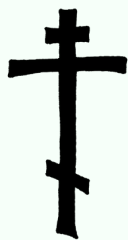



FAMILY NIGHT

January 27th
5:30pm
Youth Activities,
Dinner, Fun!

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January
31st @ 6:30pm



St. Andrew Greek
Orthodox Church

South Bend, Indiana





Save The Date

WINTER

PARISH FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JAN

27th

2024

FREE ENTRY /FOLLOWING 4:30 VESPERS/
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

*HOSTED BY SAINT ANDREW'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL*

DINNER/ HOT COCOA BAR/LESSON FROM
FATHER JOHN/CRAFTS/GAMES/TEEN
ZONE/TINY TOT AREA/SERVICE
PROJECT/INDOOR SNOWBALL FIGHT

RSVP Coming Soon/See Cindy
Giannakakis or Kate Griffin If You'd Like
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