

SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE PROPHET, BAPTIST & FORERUNNER

January 7, 2023

Saints Commemorated today: Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ; Ced, Bishop of Scotland; Fursey, Abbot of Lagny

EPISTLE READING

Acts 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL SECOND MODE

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. Thou has despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us. O Thou who art risen from the dead, 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.

ST. ANDREW VASILOPITA SUNDAY LUNCHEON

The St. Andrew's Vasilopita Sunday Luncheon has been scheduled for Sunday, January 14, following Divine Liturgy. In addition to a Vasilopita blessing and luncheon, each table will have its own vasilopita with a coin inside to cut! Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 For adults, \$15 for children 12 and over, and children under 12 are free.

The luncheon buffet will include Polish Sausage w/Kraut, Baked Chicken Quarters, Homestyle Noodles, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Caesar Salad, and Bread with Butter.

We are hoping that the entire St. Andrew's family will come together for this festive occasion. Tickets will be on sale after Divine Liturgy. If you are unable to purchase tickets in person but would like to reserve

your seats for the luncheon, please email or text Neovi Karakatsanis at nkarakat@iusb.edu or (574) 323-0835.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

For the third year in a row, we're pleased to offer an iconography workshop that will be held at St. Andrew. Brian Whirledge is a local iconographer and will be offering the classes from January 8th-12th, 2023. There is a cost to attend, but Brian offers a discount to St. Andrew parishioners. To see information on the workshop click [HERE](#). To visit Brian's website, go to www.brianwhirledge.com.

THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

It's a blessed tradition to have our homes blessed during the Theophany season. To schedule a house blessing with Fr. John during the month of January, please contact Amber who has the dates Fr. will be doing the house blessings.

WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Please join us for our Winter Parish Fun Night on Saturday January, 27- an evening hosted by the St. Andrew Sunday School for all members of our community, from the littlest church goers to the most senior. The night will begin with Vespers at 4:30, followed by dinner and then activities ranging from cooking decorating and a bounce house to a service project and a teen area. All are welcome to come, share food, and enjoy an evening together! We cannot wait to see you there!

Please sign up [here](#) to help us plan for food and crafts. Also, if you'd like to help, we could still use volunteers to help at the different stations (e.g. cooking, decorating, crafts). Just click [here](#)

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Andrew is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, January 16, 2 - 6:30 pm, in the Good Samaritan hall. This event is open to parishioners and members of the Michiana community. To sign-up to donate blood, you have 3 options: 1) Scan this QR code and enter your information. 2) Call (317) 916-5150 or 3) just walk-in on the day of the blood drive. You can also sign up on Sundays after liturgy. Thank you for giving health and life to those who need it.



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!

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.



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.

The Saint Andrew Stewardship Team wishes all of you a very blessed New Year, with faith, love, health and joy gracing all your days. As we all think about our new year resolutions, maybe one could be that we strive to be better stewards of our church which gives us the opportunity and the way to the best gift of all - eternal salvation.

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

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, January 23, 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: 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.

Cindy Crawford prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **Spyro Sinis-Terezis**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Fri Jan 5	Eve of Theophany	8:00am Great Hours of Theophany 9:30am Vesperal 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
Mon Jan 8	Iconography Workshop	9am-1pm
Tue Jan 9	Iconography Workshop	9am-1pm
Wed Jan 10	St. Gregory of Nyssa	
Wed Jan 10	Iconography Workshop	9am-1pm
Thu Jan 11	Iconography Workshop	9am-1pm
Fri Jan 12	Iconography Workshop	9am-1pm
Sat Jan 13	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Jan 14	Leavetaking of Theophany	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Jan 14	Vasilopita Sunday Luncheon	following Liturgy
Mon Jan 15	Office Closed (Amber will be finishing 2023 financials)	
Tue Jan 16	Office Closed (Amber will be finishing 2023 financials)	
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 (Amber will be finishing 2023 financials)	
Thu Jan 18	Sts. Athanasios & Cyril	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Thu Jan 18	Office Closed (Amber will be finishing 2023 financials)	
Fri Jan 19	Office Closed (Amber will be finishing 2023 financials)	
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 Hope 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
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

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

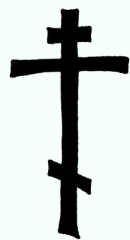
January 21st
following Liturgy
with Alicia Wells

FAMILY NIGHT

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

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January
31st @ 6:30pm



St. Andrew Greek
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Giving



WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD



Save The Date

WINTER

PARISH FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JAN

27th

2024

FREE ENTRY / FOLLOWING 4:30 VESPERS/
IN THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

*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
To Volunteer To Help



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JANUARY 2024

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Patriarch Bartholomew's Patriarchal Encyclical
for Christmas (2023)

Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Feast
of Christmas (2023)

Metropolitan Nathanael's Archpastoral
Christmas Encyclical 2023

12/20 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
receives Hierarchical dedication and blessing as
the parish begins a new chapter in its spiritual life

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/13 Orthodox Roots: Married Couples
Evening Retreat, *Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos*
Greek Orthodox Church

1/14 63rd Annual Metropolis-Wide Vasilopita
Celebration, *Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos*
Greek Orthodox Church

2/16-19 YAL Chicago Conference 2024
Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago (Rosemont, IL)



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