

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

February 4, 2024

Saints Commemorated today: Isidore of Pelusium; Nicholas the Confessor; Hieromartyr Abramius; John the Righteous, Bishop of Irinopolis; Theodosios the Righteous; Joseph the New Martyr of Aleppo; Afterfeast of the Presentation of our Lord & Savior in the Temple

EPISTLE READING

II Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:35-46

At that time, a lawyer came up to Jesus and asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 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.

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY!

Beginning this Wednesday at 6:30pm at church, Fr. John will lead a winter Bible Study. Not only will we delve into and learn from Holy Scripture, Bible Study is also a forum to ask questions on matters of our Orthodox Christian faith and spirituality. Bible Study will last no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes so please join us these next few Wednesdays!

ST. ANDREW TEXT MESSAGING COMMUNICATION

We're excited to announce a new way to communicate with you all! To subscribe to SMS notifications from St. Andrew, text CHURCH to 888-310-2605. For now, we're only planning to use this for schedule changes and urgent announcements. Once parishioners sign up and become comfortable, we'll seek feedback on perhaps expanding the use of this service. Please remember everyone must text CHURCH to the number above to receive these messages!

AHEPA-DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Students who are graduating from high school and planning to attend a university, college, technical, trade, or vocational school or students who are currently attending such an institution are eligible to apply for an AHEPA-Daughters of Penelope District 12 Foundation Scholarship. The 2024 instructions, rules and application can be downloaded [here](#), and hardcopies of the application can be found on the table in the fellowship hall. The scholarships are open to all; being of Greek descent is not a requirement. Deadline: April 1, 2024.

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

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

There was a man who took a shovel into his backyard each day to dig up a box containing money that he had buried in the ground. Every day he would look at it, count it, and then bury it again. One day he dug in the usual spot and found his box and the money were gone. He let out a cry, which brought his neighbor to ask what was the matter. Upon hearing what had happened, the neighbor asked "What's all the fuss?" You weren't using it anyway. Maybe the person who has it now will use it to do something good". – Fr. Jim Kordaris

Thank you to all parishioners who have been generous givers of their time, talent and treasure to Saint Andrew. A few current needs for time and talent: 1) Ushers 2) gardeners for our Unity Garden 3) Helpers for Father John to hang some items on walls at church. If you're available, please contact Amber in the office, (574) 277-4688.

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY

We will be serving dinner at Hope Ministries on Tuesday, February 27, 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: 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), Vasilios Spentzos (home), Elizabeth.

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Anna Napoleon, George Mighion, Chris Strafford, Spyro Sinis-Terezis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Nave.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Acolyte.

Anthoula Kanalos 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 Feb 3	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 4	15th Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Feb 7	Bible Study	6:30pm
Sat, Feb 10	St. Haralambos	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Feb 10	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 11	16th Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Tue Feb 6	SAREF Meeting	6:30pm
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Wed Feb 14	Bible Study	6:30pm
Fri Feb 16	Small Paraklesis	9:30am
Sat Feb 17	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 18	Sunday of the Canaanite	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Feb 21	Bible Study	6:30pm
Fri Feb 23	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios	9:30am
Sat Feb 24	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 25	Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Feb 26	St. Porphyrios of Gaza & St. Fotini	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Feb 27	Parish Council	6pm
Tue Feb 27	Feed the Hungry at Hope Ministries	5:30pm-7pm