

## SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE

February 18, 2024

**Saints Commemorated today:** Leo the Great, Pope of Rome; Agapetus the Confessor, Bishop of Sinai; Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

### EPISTLE READING

**II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 15:21-28**

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH MODE

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spake to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto 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.

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### BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY!

Continuing 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!

### MEATFARE (APOKREATIKO) GLENDI - MARCH 3

Let's celebrate Apokries (Meatfare Sunday) together on Sunday, March 3rd, immediately after liturgy. Meatfare Sunday is on March 10th, but we're celebrating it on March 3rd! The menu will include ribs, greek meatballs and sausage, oven roasted potatoes, green beans and a salad. The kids plate will be sloppy joes, hot dog with Mac and cheese. And ofcourse an assortment of delectable desserts. Adult tickets are \$25/\$30 at the door, \$15 for children 12 and over, and children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold on

Sundays after Liturgy, or you can contact Tina Assimos at (574)250-6621. Looking forward to celebrating as a church family before the start of Lent.

### **WEDDING INVITATION**

On Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 pm, Nahid and Alex Himonas Alexandrou invite the St. Andrew community to join for the wedding of their daughter, Eirene Alexandrou, to André Souza Moreira. There will be light refreshments following the ceremony. They look forward to sharing this special day with each and every one of you.

### **ZOE FOR LIFE**

Please consider grabbing a baby bottle from the basket in the Fellowship Hall to support the pan-Orthodox ministry, *Zoe for Life!* Drop spare change into your bottle. When it's full, you may give the change to a Philoptochos member. Philoptochos will write a check in the amount collected and send it to the agency whose ministry supports women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by maximizing the birth mother's options. *Zoe for Life!* provides pregnancy testing, emotional support, referrals for professional counseling, Orthodox Christian adoption options, baby clothing, layette items, spiritual support, peer mentoring, post abortion recovery, and much more. To learn more about *Zoe for Life!*, visit their [website](#).

### **KOLLYVA FOR SATURDAY OF SOULS**

Philoptochos will make kollyva for parishioners who would like to commemorate a loved one who has fallen asleep in the Lord. Because quantities are smaller for Saturday of Souls than they are for Memorial Services that follow Divine Liturgy, the cost is only \$35.00. The kollyva will be brought to church on one large tray for the commemoration. If you would like kollyva made for your loved one, please call Anthoula Kanalos at (574) 220-9915.

### **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!

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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.

**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 **the Philippou and Kotsis families**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

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

### LOOKING AHEAD

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 <b>at Hope Ministries</b>	5:30pm-7pm
Sat Mar 2	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 3	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Mar 3	Meatfare (Aprokreatiko) Glendi	following Liturgy
Tue Mar 5	SAREF Meeting	6:30pm
Sat Mar 9	Saturday of Souls	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Mar 9	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 10	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Mar 10	Good Samaritans meeting	following Liturgy
Sat Mar 16	Cheesefare Saturday	9:30 Liturgy
Sat Mar 16	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 17	Forgiveness Sunday	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Mar 18	Forgiveness Vespers followed by Ice Cream Social	5pm
Mon Mar 18	Clean Monday-Lenten Hours	9:30am
Wed Mar 20	Presanctified Liturgy	6:30pm
Wed Mar 20	Potluck Dinner hosted by Sunday School families	following service
Fri Mar 22	Small Compline with Akathist Hymn	6:30pm
Sat Mar 23	The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sat Mar 23	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 24	Sunday of Orthodoxy	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Mar 25	Annunciation of the Theotokos	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Mar 27	Presanctified Liturgy	6:30pm
Wed Mar 27	Potluck Dinner hosted by Good Samaritans	following service
Fri Mar 29	Small Compline with Akathist Hymn	6:30pm
Sat Mar 30	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 31	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

# Ionian Village/Crossroad

Two life changing programs that our youth should know about and have an opportunity to participate in are Ionian Village and CrossRoad. Here is some information on registering for both for parents and teens to pursue. Please help us spread the word. Ionian Village is a Summer Camp and CrossRoad is an Institute. Both are also so much more so, please take a moment to learn about them.

Important Note: From past experience when registering for Ionian Village it is important to be at the computer and ready the moment registration opens. It has been known to fill all openings for campers within moments of opening registration. If you are not registering at the very moment it opens, you may not make it in.

Registration for all summer programs of the Ionian Village will open on Thursday, February 1st at 11:00 am ET. Ionian Village will once again offer three programs, catering to high school students and young adults. Registration will be available online at [ionianvillage.org](http://ionianvillage.org). Need-based scholarships are available through contacting the office at [ionainvillage@goarch.org](mailto:ionainvillage@goarch.org). Spots are limited and fill quickly, and are offered on a first-come first-served basis. Don't miss your chance to participate in this life-changing ministry!

## Summer 2024

IV Next: June 6 - June 17

· Young adults who have completed one year of college or vocational school until 25 years of age

Session One: June 25 - July 14

· Students who are currently in grades 9 - 12

Session Two: July 23 - August 11

· Students who are currently in grades 9 - 12

For more information or to read about our programs, visit: [ionianvillage.org](http://ionianvillage.org), or the Frequently Asked Questions page at [ionianvillage.org/faq](http://ionianvillage.org/faq).

## CrossRoad

The early registration has passed, but there is time to make the February 20th deadline. The website below will give you all the information on the program, the dates and also locations offered.

Here is what you need to apply:

- Contact information
- Two short essays (can be written or a video submission)
- Two recommendations (one from your priest and another from a non-family member)
- A selection on your session preference (you have FOUR to choose from!)

Do you know of an Orthodox junior or senior in high school who might love CrossRoad? Please share with them how to apply!

- Early Application Deadline: January 16, 2024
- Regular Application Deadline: February 20, 2024

**To learn more and to apply visit: [crossroadinstitute.org](http://crossroadinstitute.org)**