

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

February 25, 2024

Saints Commemorated today: Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Reginos, Bishop of Skopelos; Holy Martyr Alexander of Thrace; Markellos, Bishop of Apamea

EPISTLE READING

II Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

ENTRANCE HYMN: PLAGAL OF THE FIRST MODE

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit and from a Virgin was born for our Salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend to the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY

As a safety precaution: Please note that beginning this Sunday Feb. 25, Fr. John and the Sunday School have implemented a policy wherein **only** the Sunday School students, staff and teachers will be in the Sunday School hallway during class time. Obviously, the bathrooms and water fountain will be accessible, but please do not go past the bathroom area. The Sunday School staff has been instructed to inform wandering parishioners of this policy. This is for the safety of our children so please help us with this!

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY!

Continuing this Wednesday at 6:30pm at church, Fr. John will lead the final winter Bible Study session. 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 this last Wednesday. We'll pick up again after Pascha!

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2024

In what has been a longstanding custom here at St. Andrew, there is a list published of all the stewards for the current year. The list simply writes the names of our stewards and whether or not these stewards have submitted a pledge card. Several of you have offered critiques of the list suggesting that it's a form of shame and pressure. This is a fair critique.

With that said, seeing the progress we've made with our Giving efforts, the Stewardship Committee and Fr. John are **hoping** to permanently get rid of this list in order to create a more wholesome, habitual, and loving way of offering God our first fruits. However, we need your help!. Please submit your pledge card and offering!

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](#).

TRIP TO GREECE RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the raffle winners! Grand Prize winner: Sam Moskolis; 2nd Prize: Helen Stojcevski and 3rd Prize: Tina Assimos.

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!

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.



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, Leon Andrews, Liz Farr, Nick Giannakakis.. 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.

Effie Limberopoulos prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

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

THIS WEEK

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
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

LOOKING AHEAD

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. Need-based scholarships are available through contacting the office at 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, or the Frequently Asked Questions page at ionianvillage.org/faq.

Greece's Guilty Secret:

The FORGOTTEN CHILDREN of GREECE and Their Search for Roots, Reunion, and Identity



Linda Carol Trotter
The Eftychia Project

Linda Carol Trotter, a Greek-born adoptee, is the President of The Eftychia Project, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance and support, free of charge, to Greek-born adoptees searching for their roots and Greek families searching for their children lost to adoption. The Eftychia Project places a special emphasis on the thousands of Greek children adopted to the United States in the 1950s and 1960s. In addition to helping adoptees search for and reunite with their biological families, The Eftychia Project, in collaboration with MyHeritage, provides free DNA kits to Greek adoptees and Greek biological families. The Eftychia Project is also a fierce advocate on behalf of all Greek adoptees with the Greek state for their birth and identity rights, including transparency, unfettered access to birth and adoption records, and restoration of their Greek citizenship. Join us as Linda Carol Trotter sheds light on this sad period of Greek American history and South Bend's own connections to the forgotten children of Greece.

Saturday, April 6, 2024
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Refreshments will be served.



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