



## SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

# Christ is The Word LOGOS

*The mission of Saint Andrew the Apostle Orthodox Church  
is to glorify our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ through our words and actions according to the Holy Traditions and Sacred Teachings of our  
Holy Orthodox Christian Faith*

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!**

**April 2023**

### Wisdom

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

*Proverbs 3:3-10*

### Our April Lenten Schedule

**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
Wednesday, April 5, 6 pm  
(Fast from a light lunch.)

**Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy**  
Saturday, April 8, 10 am  
Followed by youth confessions  
& preparation of palms

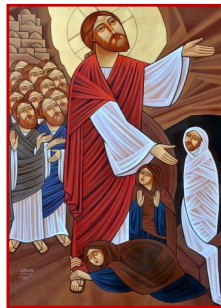
**Palm Sunday services:**  
Saturday, April 8, 6 pm - **Vespers & Artoklasia**  
Sunday, April 9, 9 & 10 am - **Orthros & Liturgy**

Check our online calendar at [www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar](http://www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar) for additional weekday services and the most up-to-date schedule.

### Confessions

If you have not come for confession recently, Great Lent is an appropriate time to do so. Fr. Herman is available for confessions at 5:15 pm on Saturday, and before and after most services (advance notice is appreciated).

**Return your Food for Hungry People boxes  
after Pascha.**



### Our Holy Week & Pascha Schedule

**Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday, April 9, 10, & 11:**  
Bridegroom Orthros, 6 pm

**Wednesday, April 12:**  
Holy Unction, 6 pm

**Thursday, April 13:**  
Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 3 pm  
Lenten Potluck Supper  
Twelve Gospels Matins, 6 pm

**Great Friday, April 14:**  
Royal Hours, 10 am  
Vespers of Burial, 3 pm  
Lenten Potluck Supper  
Lamentations Matins, 6 pm

**Great Saturday, April 15**  
Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 am

**PASCHAL SERVICES, 10:30 pm**  
**Christ is risen!**  
Followed by blessing of baskets  
& Breaking of the Fast Fellowship

**Sunday, April 16**  
Agape Vespers, 3 pm  
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



**"AND THE DISCIPLES WERE FIRST CALLED CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH" (Acts 11:26)**

**MISSION MOMENT - CITY OF ANGELS**

by Mary Ann Bulko

Recently my daughter invited me to join her for a cruise to Mexico and Honduras. The seven-day adventure offered a host of optional excursions in the three ports of call. One could visit the island of Cozumel situated just off the Yucatan Peninsula. Another explored the replicas of huge Mayan Ruins and listening to the sounds of the rhythmic Mariachis. Yet another offered scuba diving and snorkeling opportunities near the Palancar Reef ...all tourists' delights! One excursion that drew my attention and curiosity was a visit to the 'Ciudad de Angeles' - an orphanage for children.

As I read the brochure's description of the facility, which offers a permanent, total-care home for children in need, I was both curious and intrigued. Its services include physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual support for each child. In fact, it 'provides a safe and healthy environment based on Christian principles for orphaned, abandoned, abused, and needy children living in Mexico.' Having visited/served in two Orthodox Christian children's homes (Guatemala and Albania) and teaching young adults in Tanzania, I was eager to make a comparison.



As our group disembarked the ship, we met up with a Guide at an assigned location to board our transport. The Guide's name was Chris - (or Christopher just like my first-born son). We drove through the streets of the town, occasionally stopping to visit outdoor markets filled with produce, fish, and handmade crafts. Eventually we reached the gates of our destination.

The grounds were beautifully maintained ...palm trees, shrubbery, flowers here and there. In the center stood a large church and across the road was a building with clothing/non-perishables made available for those in need. We walked to another building where we met the Headmistress and a nine-year-old boy who had just been welcomed to his 'new home.' Seated next to the child was a man and woman assigned to 'foster' him. The little boy looked rather solemn. The other twenty-plus resident children were at school. Hopefully, the young lad would adjust and fit in...

As we continued to walk the grounds, we came across an outdoor church in a pavilion setting. There were two women carefully decorating the altar area with flowers. (Our own Irene C. and Maria K. came to mind as I watched them tend to their task.) We took some group photos and noticed several tree branches and bushes that were covered with white ribbons. We were told that children write their hopes and prayers on these, tying them to branches, offering them to God. At the base of the trees were several potted plants. The Headmistress told us that regardless of heavy rains or occasional hurricanes, those plants surrounding the base of the trees with ribbons are never damaged or destroyed, unlike others nearby! Fortunately, this day of our visit was lovely, sunny, calm, and beautiful!

We proceeded to enter a large indoor church which still displayed a life-size Nativity Scene just beyond the sanctuary, next to a grated window. Shortly after our Guide spoke about the significance of the faith of children, a gust of wind came through the window blowing down a number of the life-size figures! It was a bit startling to say the least.

Whether it is here in Mexico, or in Guatemala, Albania, or Tanzania, there are folks who truly want to help the innocent and 'the least of these' - young children. While laws vary from country to country, in Albania the government requires children be 'let go' at age 15 from such facilities. In this orphanage, facilitators try to function without government assistance, housing children until fully grown/enabled with no restrictions on age. (In fact, one man that was raised on the premises, now offers his services as an adult, working at this home!) In Guatemala, the government has limited or prohibited the adoption of its orphaned children, allowing few exceptions. (That's my understanding, as of several years ago)



"The City of Angels" seeks foster parents who will sponsor a child in order to help feed, clothe, and educate each and every one. In fact, one couple from Texas and another woman from the States within our group, were hoping to visit with the children they support through regular donations. Unfortunately, we were there on a weekday when all the children were in the public school.

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### MISSION MOMENT, cont'd

There is one more service offered at this particular orphanage. I had taken photos of a glass-enclosed structure that had huge depictions of the Blessed Mother, Jesus Christ, and Pope John Paul II on the interior glass walls, which were built in squares. Initially, I wasn't sure of the building's purpose. Then I noticed the numbers and letters on the fringe of the huge images. After inquiring, I discovered it was a mausoleum that contained the remains of children. Its purpose is to help the most indigent in the surrounding area who could not otherwise afford a traditional funeral/burial for their children. How sad, yet poignant!

There are ways and means in which we as Orthodox Christians can help and support children in our Orthodox communities around the world - please contact the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (*OCMC.org*), in St. Augustine, FL for more information.

### SPRING FEST! (see the flyer on page 5)

We need your help! **Please sign up** on the signup sheets in the foyer.

- Yard Sale - Cashiers - Baggers - Condiment Table Prep**
- Food Order Takers/Runners - Dining Table Maintenance**
- Bake Sale - Parking Oversight - Car Wash - Plant Sale**

We also need lots of **baked goodies** for our bake sale! International specialties, gluten-free, sugar-free, vegan, plain old American favorites. If you can bake it, we will be happy to have it! Please sign up in the foyer.

Plant Sale - Can you start extra seeds? Propagate or dig up unwanted plants from your yard? Do you have hostas or bulbs you want to thin out? See Kh. Vera.

Honestly, folks, if we can't count on enough help, we can't make it happen. **Please sign up for as many tasks and time slots as you can fit into your schedule.**



## Charitable Works

### Lunchbox Tuesday

**SUCCESS on Tuesday, March 28! Nineteen people joined together** to make sandwiches and assemble more than 150 lunch bags for the homeless. Thanks to all!

**Please join us next time**, on Tuesday, April 25, at 4 pm when we do it again.

Please see Lisa Wolak for details and to inquire about donations needed.



### Essential items for the homeless

We are continuing our collection of essential items for the homeless, to be distributed through the Shepherd's Office in Georgetown. **Always needed and welcome are personal hygiene items, new socks and undergarments, and gently used tents, tarps, and camping goods.**



In addition, we are collecting **different categories of items each month**, in keeping with the season. **In April, please bring in new or gently used shirts, blouses, and pajamas.** Keep in mind that both adult and children's sizes are needed. Your donated items will be delivered at the end of the month. (May's category will be sneakers and sturdy sandals.)

### Ongoing collection of non-perishable foods

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and paper goods for the food pantry at the Christian Storehouse in Millsboro. Please do not donate anything beyond its expiration date.

Your February donations for earthquake relief:  
**\$2108.**  
**MANY THANKS!**

**April 2023**

**Every Saturday:** 5:15 pm Confession 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
6 pm Vespers

**TROPARION OF ST. ANDREW** - Tone 4 – As the first-called Apostle and brother of their leader, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy.

**April 2** **Mary of Egypt - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Venerable Titus the Wonderworker (Constantinople, 9th cent.)  
Saint George Matskevereli of Georgia (10th cent.)

Tone 1  
Eothinon 9

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14  
Liturgy Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

**April 9** **Palm Sunday**

Monastic Martyr Bademus (Vadim) of Persia (4th cent.)  
Saint Eleni (also called Susanna), New Martyr of Lesbos (1463)

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Liturgy Gospel: John 12:1-18

**TROPARION FOR PALM SUNDAY** - Tone 4 - O Christ God, when we were buried with thee in Baptism, we became deserving of thy Resurrection to eternal life. Wherefore, we praise thee, crying, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!"

**April 16** **GREAT & HOLY PASCHA**

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH,  
AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS, BESTOWING LIFE.**

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Liturgy Gospel: John 1:1-17

**April 23** **St. George & Second Sunday of Pascha (Thomas)**

Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (314)  
New Martyr Lazarus of Bulgaria (1802)

Eothinon 1

Epistle: Acts 12:1-11  
Liturgy Gospel: John 20:19-31

**TROPARION OF ST. THOMAS** - TONE 7 - While the Tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light! While the doors were closed, thou didst come in to thy disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy mercy!

**April 30** **Third Sunday of Pascha (Myrrhbearers)**

Martyr Conon of Isauria (2nd cent.)  
Virgin Martyr Irais (Rhais) of Antioe in Egypt (4th cent.)

Tone 2  
Eothinon 4 (St. Luke 24:1-12)

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7  
Liturgy Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

**TONE 2** - Pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure Body from the tree, and wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, prepared it, and laid it in a new tomb. But thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting to the world the great mercy!

**TONE 2** - Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment bearing women: "The ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ has been shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye, "The Lord is risen, granting to the world the great mercy!"

**Make note of our regular service times:**

Saturday Confessions 5:15 pm      Sunday Orthros/Matins 9:00 am  
Saturday Vespers 6:00 pm      Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Please contact Father Herman for information about becoming a member of St. Andrew Orthodox Church**

**Regular Schedule**

**Saturday** 5:15 pm Confession  
6 pm Vespers  
**Sunday** 9 am Orthros  
10 am Divine Liturgy

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**Other April Services:**

See the Lenten Schedule on page 1.

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**Rejoice in the Lord always.  
Again I will say, rejoice!**

**Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.**

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;**

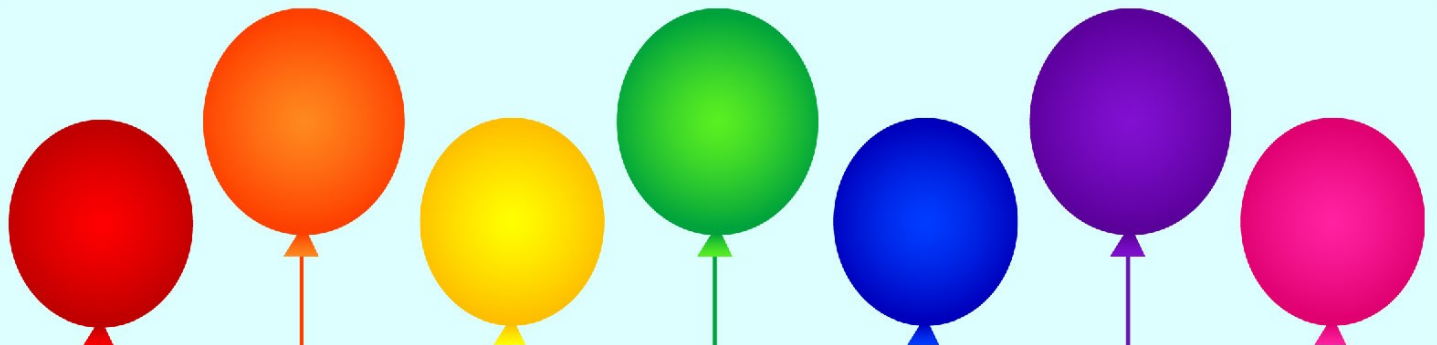
**and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

*Philippians 4:4-7*

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# SPRING FEST!

**Friday, May 5**

**9 am to 5 pm**

**Saturday, May 6**

**9 am to 4 pm**

**International Bake Sale! - Indoor Yard Sale!  
Car Wash! - Plant Sale! - Church Tours!**

*And More!*

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