



**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*

February 2020

Wisdom of the Fathers

The Lord wants us to love one another. Here is freedom: in love for God and neighbor. In this freedom, there is equality. In earthly orders, there may not be equality, but this is not important for the soul. Not everyone can be a king, not everyone a patriarch or a boss. But in any position it is possible to love God and to please Him, and only this is important. And whoever loves God more on earth will be in greater glory in His Kingdom.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, VI.23)

Home Blessings

It is customary for Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed following the Feast of Theophany. Please email or call Father Herman to schedule your home blessing before Lent begins.

Valentines Day Pasta Luncheon Fundraiser

Sunday, February 16, following Liturgy.

\$15 requested donation for adults; kids eat free.
Luncheon proceeds benefit Sussex Pregnancy Care
(<http://sussexpregnancy.com>)

BONUS! Basket Raffle!

Red & White themed kitchen basket will be raffled.
Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.
Purchase tickets in advance or for a limited time Feb. 16.
Raffle proceeds benefit the Mortgage Elimination Fund

Save the Dates!

- February 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**
Divine Liturgy 10 am
Antiochian Women Meeting
- February 7 SAY (St. Andrew Youth) Gathering**
6 pm
- February 16 Pasta Luncheon Fundraiser**
Benefits Pregnancy Care Center
Basket Raffle benefits Mortgage Elimination
- February 23 Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon**
Following Liturgy—Everyone invited!
- March 2 GREAT LENT BEGINS**
- March 25 ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS**
Divine Liturgy 10 am

The Bible

The Bible is the book of sacred writings of God's People of the Old and New Testaments.

The People of God of the Old Testament were the Jews, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, whose name was changed by God to Israel (Genesis 32:28). These people are also called the Hebrews. They remain forever as God's chosen people for from them "according to the flesh" Christ, the Son of God, was born (Romans 9:5). This Son of God is Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah-King of Israel and the Savior of the world. (See Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2, Romans 8:3, Galatians 4:4, Hebrews 1-5.) The Old Testamental writings of the People of Israel remain forever as the Word of God for all who believe in God and wish to know His divine Truth and to do His divine Will.

The People of God of the New Testament are the Christians, those who believe in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God" and who belong to the Church which He has founded upon faith in Himself. (See Matthew 16: 13-20.) The People of God of the New Testament also have their holy writings, which bear witness to Christ and which are affirmed to be the Word of God.

Thus, the Bible as a book, or a collection of many books, has two main parts. It has the Old Testament writings which prepare the world for the coming of Christ, and, it has the New Testament writings which testify to the fact that Christ has come and has saved the world.

Fr. Thomas Hopko - Bible and Church History

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

Church Schedule for February 2020

Every Saturday: 5 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Confession
6 pm Vespers

February 2 Presentation of Our Lord

New Martyr Gabriel at Constantinople (1676)
St. Anthimus of Chios (1960)

Tone 8 Epistle: Hebrews 7: 7-17
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 2: 22-40



RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

February 9 Pharisee & Publican

Martyr Nicophorus (Syria, 3rd c.)
St. Teilo, Bishop of Llandaff in Wales (6th c.)

Tone 1 Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15
Eothinon 1 (St. Matthew 28: 16-20) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18: 10-24

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!

February 16 Prodigal Son

Pamphilus and his eleven companions, martyrs (Egypt, 309)
Saint Nicholas, Enlightener of Japan (1912)

Tone 2 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
Eothinon 2 (St. Mark 16: 1-8) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 15: 11-32

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

February 23 Sunday of Judgment (Meat Fare)

Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (167)
Georgonia, sister of Gregory the Theologian, philanthropist (372)

Tone 3 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8 - 9: 2
Eothinon 3 (St. Mark 16: 9-20) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 31-46

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

Coffee Hour Refreshments

Please consider bringing some food to share for Sunday coffee hour. It can be something you picked up on the way to church, or a recipe you've been wanting to try. Every contribution is greatly appreciated!

God bless all our
Faithful Stewards!

Thank you for your pledges to support Christ's work through Saint Andrew's in the Year of our Lord 2020.

Pledges as of January 20, 2020: 41
Total Pledged: \$86,375

MYTH: I regularly leave money in the collection plate, and that's the same thing as pledging.

THE REALITY IS... Every dollar in the collection plate is a wonderful gift. These gifts help in many ways and are deeply appreciated. However, that is not a pledge. A pledge is used to plan for St. Andrew's ministries and day-to-day operating expenses for the coming year. Effective planning is not possible without each person's pledge, no matter how large or small.

Prayer Requests

Please consider joining St. Andrew's Prayer Team. Prayer requests are sent via email to the team to pray on their own time for a friend or loved one in need. If you would like request prayers for someone or participate in this ministry, please contact Pam Smith at rosehill89@aol.com

SAY - Saint Andrew Youth

Gathering the First Friday of every month.

Prayer - Reflection - Pizza - Games - Planning future events

A Guide to Parish Etiquette

Post-Communion Prayers

Following Divine Liturgy, while the congregation is being dismissed, several readers will be reading the post-communion prayers aloud. In order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere in the church as the faithful are coming forward to venerate the cross, please refrain from talking or greeting one another. Please save your greetings for coffee hour. You may also return to your seat after dismissal to pray along.

Saturday Confessions 5:00 pm
Saturday Vespers 6:00 pm

Sunday Orthros/Matins 9:00 am
Sunday Diving Liturgy 10:00 am

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