



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!

October 2020

Wisdom of the Fathers

If you suffer some misfortune, then think: "The Lord sees my heart, and if it pleases Him, it will be well both for me and others." And thus your soul will always be at peace. But if someone murmurs, "This is bad, and that is bad," then he will never have peace in his soul, even though he fasts and prays a lot.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, IV.1)

Church School

St. Andrew's Church School will proceed without meeting in person. Parents are asked to teach their children at home using resources sent out by teachers. Online resources are also being made available. Please contact Joy Smith, church school director, at joy@niden.net if you have any questions.

Thank you!

... **To all who contributed to the Pregnancy Care Center** recently. Over \$250 was received. May God bless you for your contributions to this excellent ministry. Any further contributions received will be sent in at a later date.

... **To all the men who have signed up to clean the church** in the coming weeks. Many hands make light work! Any men who would like to join the rotation should contact Steve Metaxas at stephenmetaxas77@gmail.com.

... **To all who contributed to our Iconography Project.** We anticipate that the recessed ceiling will be completed by February or March.



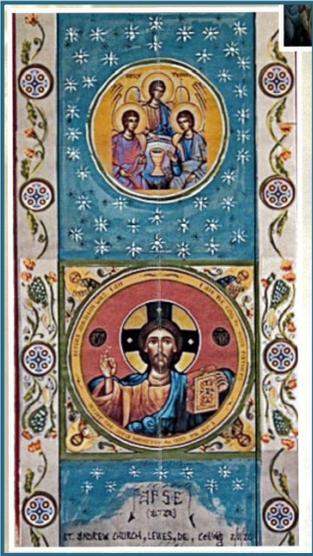
**We miss you! Church services are on!
We look forward to seeing you soon!**

Did you know?

- **Sharon Metaxas** was received into the Holy Orthodox Church by Chrismation on Saturday, September 19. May God grant her many years!
- **We welcome our Bishop Thomas** October 3-4. Because of the virus situation, we will not be able to meet and fellowship with him in our usual manner, but we look forward to his presence with us at the Divine Services and his encouraging words. Come receive the blessing! (Signups for services will be offered as usual.)
- **When making a contribution** to St. Andrew's, please remember to write the purpose of your donation on the check or offering envelope, so your generosity can be properly applied. Thank you!
- **St. Andrew's Pre-Advent Retreat** is scheduled for Saturday, November 7! See page 2 for more details.
- Construction continues on **Mackenzie Road. Paving** is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.
- **Post-Communion Prayers** are being read immediately following every Divine Liturgy, while the faithful are being dismissed. Please remember to save your greetings until you exit the nave, proceeding quietly and respectfully. You are encouraged to return to your seat to pray with us in thanksgiving for the Holy Gifts.

Annual Meeting Announcement

Our Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Elections will take place on Sunday, October 25, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Supporting members are encouraged to attend. There will be a separate signup for the meeting.



Thank you for your support of our Iconography Project. By God's grace, we anticipate installation to occur in the first few months of 2021.

All iconography has been sponsored. All that remains to be covered are shipping, travel, and installation costs. Your continued support is appreciated.

The Twelve Great Feasts of Orthodoxy

September 8, The Nativity of the Theotokos
September 14, The Elevation of the Holy Cross
November 21, The Presentation of the Theotokos
December 25, Christmas, the Nativity of Christ
January 6, Theophany, the Baptism of Christ
February 2, The Meeting (Presentation) of the Lord.
March 25, The Annunciation
The Sunday before Pascha, Palm Sunday (4/25/21)
Forty Days after Pascha, The Ascension of Christ (6/10/21)
Fifty Days after Pascha, Pentecost (6/20/21)
August 6, The Transfiguration
August 15, The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos

THE GREAT FEAST OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION STANDS ABOVE ALL THE OTHERS. WE LIVE FROM PASCHA TO PASCHA!

May 2, 2021

God bless all our Faithful Stewards!

Thank you for continuing to send in your generous offerings during this unusual time. Your support continues to be needed as we bear witness to Christ in our community and provide a place of worship for the Orthodox faithful.

Stewardship in Action

Many thanks to all who are ushering and disinfecting during and after our services, and to the Men's Fellowship for weekly cleaning!

Pre-Advent Retreat

Saturday, November 7
 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

The Incarnation of Christ our God:

Its Meaning and its Consequences for our Lives
Presented by Brian Ephrem Fitzgerald, PhD



First Presentation: *Trinitarian Theology and Early Christology: The Problem of Nicaea*

Second Presentation:
Maturing Orthodox Christology: The Problem of Chalcedon

Third Presentation: *The Iconoclastic Controversy and other Consequences of Orthodox Christology*

Fourth Presentation: *Free Discussion and Q&A Session*

For registration & more information, visit our website at www.orthodoxdelmar.org/retreats (from the home page, under the Calendar & Events tab).

On most of these Feasts, St. Andrew's will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 10 am. **Mark your calendar now**, so you will avoid scheduling other activities on these dates and will be free to celebrate the Feasts in church!

Also on our calendar: Feast of St. Andrew, November 30.



Special prayer for deliverance from the coronavirus epidemic by the Romanian Patriarchate

Lord, our God, Who are rich in mercy, and with your wise providence govern our life, hear our prayer, receive our repentance for our sins, stop the new infectious disease, as You once ceased the punishment of Your people in the time of King David.

You, Who are the Physician of our souls and bodies, grant recovery to the sick, raising them hastily from the bed of suffering so that they may glorify You, our Merciful Saviour, and protect the healthy ones from any disease.

Bless, O Lord, strengthen, and protect with Your grace all those who with philanthropy and sacrifice take care of the sick at their homes or in hospitals.

Remove all disease and suffering from among the people and teach us to value life and health as Your gifts.

Give us, O God, Your peace and fill our hearts with steadfast faith in Your protection, with hope in Your support and with love for You and our neighbour.

For it is Yours to have mercy on us and save us, our God, and to You we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Lord Have Mercy,
 Lord Have Mercy,
 Lord Have Mercy!*

October 2020

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.

October 4 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Vladimir, Prince of Novgorod and his mother Anne (Russia, 1051)
Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st cent.); Paul the Simple (Egypt, 340)

Tone 8
Eothinon 6 (St. Luke 24: 36-53) Epistle: 2 Cor. 6: 16 - 7: 1
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6: 31-36

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!

October 11 Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council (Nicea, 787)
Philip the Deacon (1st cent.); Theophanes, Bishop of Nicea, (847)

Tone 1
Eothinon 7 (St. John 20: 1-10) Epistle: Titus 3:8-15
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8: 5-15

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!

TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst draw us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to thee!

October 18 Evangelist Luke

David of Serpukhov, abbot (1520)
St. Julian the Hermit of Mesopotamia (4th cent.)

Tone 2
Eothinon 8 (St. John 20: 11-18) Epistle: Colossians 4: 5-18
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 10: 16-21

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!

October 25 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (1st cent.)
Reader Marcianus & Subdeacon Martyrius, martyrs (Constantinople, 355)

Tone 3
Eothinon 9 (St. John 20: 19-31) Epistle: Galatians 1: 11-19
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8: 27-39

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!

Regular Schedule

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

Be sure to **visit our website** at www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar for special services and the most up-to-date schedule.

Other October Services:

Soul Saturday, October 24

Akathist for the Departed & Memorial
9 am

St. Demetrius

Monday October 26
Divine Liturgy 10 am



Check our online calendar at www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar for additional weekday services.

The Seven Ecumenical Councils

- 1. First Council of Nicaea (325)** – affirmed that Jesus is true God, of one essence with the Father; set forth the first portions of the Creed.
- 2. First Council of Constantinople (381)** - affirmed that the Holy Spirit is true God, one of the Trinity; completed the Nicene Creed with statements about the Holy Spirit, baptism, resurrection, and the age to come.
- 3. Council of Ephesus (431)** - proclaimed the Virgin Mary as the Theotokos
- 4. Council of Chalcedon (451)** - affirmed the two natures of Christ, human and divine
- 5. Second Council of Constantinople (553)** - reaffirmed decisions and doctrines explicated by previous Councils
- 6. Third Council of Constantinople (680-681)** - affirmed that Christ had both human and divine wills
- 7. Second Council of Nicaea (787)** - restored the veneration of icons

Make note of our regular service times:

Saturday Confessions 5:00 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 the Saint Andrew Orthodox Church

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