



## 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*

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

**January 2021**

### Wisdom of the Fathers

*If a person wants to get an idea about the pyramids of Egypt, he must either trust those who have been in immediate proximity to the pyramids, or he must get next to them himself. There is no third option. In the same way a person can get an impression of God: He must either trust those who have stood and stand in immediate proximity to God, or he must take pains to come into such proximity himself.*

St. Nicholas of Serbia - Thoughts on Good and Evil

### Thank you!

Fr. Herman and family thank you all for your joyous Christmas greetings and generous gifts. May God bless you all in this Holy Season and in the coming year!

### 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.

### Why we bless our homes

As Christians, we are engaged in a struggle to reclaim our fallen nature for the Kingdom of God. We often talk about this in terms of our own salvation, but the Church, addressing all of creation in a holistic manner, also reaches out and reclaims a bit here and a bit there of creation in general. We do this in order that we might restore the usefulness of creation for working out our own salvation. Hence, we bless anything that might help us in our salvation - and by blessing it we reclaim it consciously for the Kingdom of God.

There are few things more vital to our lives than our homes. In our homes we pray, we work, we talk to others, we order our lives, we work out our marriages, etc. What more important place to reclaim for the Kingdom of God. We do not wish to live in a place which is occupied by the enemy. For the most effective working out of our salvation, we must drive the enemy out of our homes, and keep him at bay by our prayers, our righteous life, and the annual sprinkling by Holy Water at Theophany.

### Did you know?

- In celebration of the Nativity of Christ, there is **no fasting** (except for Communion) **until January 5**, which is a day of strict fast, in preparation for Theophany (January 6).
- On **Holy Theophany** (January 6), we will be celebrating the **Great Blessing of Water**. All are invited on that day, as well as throughout the year, to take Holy Water home with you. Small containers are available at the church, or you may bring your own dedicated container. Holy Water may be used to bless your home or any object, or may be sipped when ill.
- **Our mortgage has been fully paid off**, thanks to the generosity of Ray and Carol Wasilko. Upon her passing, Carol left a sizable bequest to St. Andrew's. The bulk of it will pay off our mortgage and the remainder will establish an unrestricted endowment fund in their names. May their memory be eternal!



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

## Time to think Stewardship!

Pledges for 2021 are now being received. To date, we have **received 24 pledges for a total of \$57,340** committed for support of St. Andrew's in 2021.

Remember, your pledge, communicated to us via the pledge form, **helps us to plan and budget** the church's finances for the coming year. If you give regularly but don't pledge, thank you! But it would be helpful for us if we know in advance what your planned giving will be. A pledge is not binding; no one will send you a bill. If your circumstances change, you are free to change your giving plan.

**MANY THANKS** for your pledges to support Christ and Orthodoxy through St. Andrew's. God bless you for your generosity!

If you have not received a stewardship packet, or have misplaced yours, please pick one up in the foyer or **visit the Stewardship page on our website:** [www.orthodoxdelmar.org/stewardship](http://www.orthodoxdelmar.org/stewardship). From the home page, click or hover over the Ministries tab, then click Stewardship. There you can also submit your pledge online.

## Stewardship in Action

Many thanks to all those who generously gave to those in need through **Angel Tree** donations! God bless you!

## God bless all our Faithful Stewards!

Thank you for continuing to send in your generous offerings during this unusual time. To facilitate your giving, **check with your bank** about setting up a recurring payment to St. Andrew's via **online bill-pay**. Set it up once, and **they mail the checks**, according to your schedule! Your support continues to be needed as we bear witness to Christ in our community and provide a place of worship for the faithful.

## Lord Have Mercy

Language	How to say it	As the natives read it
Greek:	Kyrie eleison	Κύριε ελέησον
Arabic:	Yarab burham	يا رَبُّ ارْحَمْ
Slavonic:	Hospodi pomilui	Господи, помилуй
Romanian:	Dwamne milu yeshte	Doamne Miluieste

### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

May your holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, be unto me for life eternal, and your precious Blood unto remission of my sins. May this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health, and gladness; and at your dread Second Coming make me, a sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of your glory: through the intercessions of your all-immaculate Mother and of all your Saints. Amen.

## Check your Orthodox Vocabulary

**Theophany:** An appearance of God in his glory. For example, when Jesus was baptized at the Jordan, the Trinity was revealed: The Father spoke, the Son appeared in person, the presence of the Holy Spirit was shown by the descent of a dove.

**Epiphany:** Sometimes used interchangeably with "Theophany," Epiphany means "manifestation" or "breaking through from above."

**Vasilopita:** "Saint Basil's bread" offered around January 1st, recalling the generosity of Saint Basil.

**Prosfora/Kurban:** Holy Bread offered for Holy Communion

**Artoklasia:** A service of "breaking of bread" when we remember how Christ multiplied the five loaves. Usually served for Great Feasts or special commemorations.

**Amen:** "So be it." "Let it be so."

**Alleluia (or Hallelujah):** "Praise God"

**Alpha and Omega:** A title for Christ, meaning "The Beginning and the End." The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.



## 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!*

## January 2021

**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.

### January 3 Sunday before Theophany

Prophet Malachi; Genevieve of Paris (512); Martyr Gordius (Asia Minor, 320)

Tone 5  
Eothion 8 (St. John 20:11-18)

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8  
Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 1:1-8

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

### January 10 Sunday after Theophany

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, mystic and theologian (394), and Theosba, his sister (385); Paul of Comel (Russia, 1429)

Tone 6  
Eothion 9 (St. John 20:19-31)

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13  
Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

### January 17 Sunday of Zacchaeus

Anthony the Great (Egypt, 356); Anthony of Dymsk (Russia, 224)  
Anthony of the Red Hill (Russia, 1481)

Tone 7  
Eothion 10 (St. John 21:1-14)

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13  
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

### January 24 The Publican and The Pharisee

Xenia the merciful & her two maid servants (Rome & Egypt, 450)  
Babylas & his two disciples, Timotheus & Agapius, martyrs (Sicily, 3rd c.)

Tone 8  
Eothion 11 (St. John 20:14-25)

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15  
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:10-14

**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!

### January 31 The Prodigal Son

Cyrus & John, Unmercenary Healers, with Athanasia & her 3 daughters, Theodotia, Theocista & Eudoxia, martyrs (Egypt, 311); Martyr Elias, a hair-dresser (Greece, 1686)

Tone 1  
Eothion 1 (St. Matthew 28:16-20)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32

**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!

## **FOLLOWING THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY**

**there is NO FASTING (except for Communion) until JANUARY 5, which is a day of STRICT FAST, in preparation for Theophany (January 6).**

### 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](http://www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar) for special services and the most up-to-date schedule.

### Other January Services:

**Circumcision of Christ**  
**Friday, January 1**  
Divine Liturgy 10 am

**Holy Theophany**  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia 10 am  
Great Blessing of Water

**St. Agnes of Rome**  
**Thursday, January 21**  
Divine Liturgy 10 am

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Now to Him who is able to keep you  
from stumbling,  
And to present you faultless before  
the presence of His glory  
with exceeding joy,  
To God our Savior, Who alone  
is wise,  
Be glory and majesty, dominion  
and power,  
Both now and forever. Amen.

*Jude 24-25*

### 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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