



## 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!**

**January 2023**

### Wisdom

Every day I say to myself: “Today I will begin.”

*Father Anthony the Great  
Commemorated January 17*

### 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!

### New Year Prayer

Christ our Lord, You who provide the rains and fruitful seasons, and hear the prayers of those who humbly seek You, accept also our requests about our needs and concerns and deliver us from worry, danger, and sin.

Your mercies are as abundant as Your works. Bless all our activities, direct our steps by Your Holy Spirit, and forgive our shortcomings. Lord, bless the year with Your goodness and make it a year of grace for all of us. Give peace to the world, our nation and cities and, above all, our homes.

O Lord, Creator of all things, who by Your authority have established times and seasons, bless the beginning of our year with Your goodness; preserve Your people in peace, and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us.

*Adapted from <http://ww1.antiochian.org/message-new-year>*

### Lord Have Mercy

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

### 2022 Giving

Year-end giving statements will be distributed by the end of January. If you have moved in 2022, please be sure to give your new address to our treasurer, Priscilla Szlachtianchyn.

### 2023 Stewardship

As we think about our stewardship in the Church - how we “give back” to God for all His blessings - we ask that you consider making a commitment of financial support to St. Andrew’s. **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.



**Stewardship packets and brochures are available in the foyer.** Information is also posted on St. Andrew’s website at [orthodoxdelmar.org/stewardship](http://orthodoxdelmar.org/stewardship).

We ask that you also fill out the Ministries panel and the Contact Information panel of the Stewardship brochure, even if nothing has changed, for our records.



## Blessing of Homes

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 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, which means we live according to scriptural teaching.

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 of Holy Water at Theophany.

### The Service

When the priest arrives, he is to be greeted by all of the family members, each asking his blessing and reverencing his right hand or hand cross he is holding. All members of the household should be present for the House Blessing. If you live alone, please arrange for a friend or neighbor to join you for the prayers, for propriety's sake.

All who are present in the house should gather around the icon with the candle. They should, if they are able, join in saying the Trisagion Prayers and sing the Troparion of the Feast of Theophany. During the service everyone in the house prays together for the living and the dead, and all who live and have lived in the house. Then a family member leads the priest through the house with the candle. As he goes, he sprinkles holy water, and prays for a blessing upon each room and the activity that goes on there. When they have gone through the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present.

### Preparation

Traditions of the ceremony differ according to local custom, but these general guidelines should be observed:

1. A candle with an icon and a small bowl of Holy Water will be placed in a suitable place, such as kitchen or dining room table, or a home altar. This is where the service will begin. (Father will bring these items, or you may provide your own.)
2. Also, a clearly written list of the names of loved ones for whom prayers are to be offered, including members of the family and all those living in the house. Also, another list of the names of departed loved ones should be prepared. These two lists should be clearly marked as "Living" and "Departed."
3. The home atmosphere should be calm and peaceful. All televisions, radios, stereos, electronic devices, etc., in the home should be turned off.

### Some concluding thoughts

If you'd like to invite the priest for refreshments or a meal, please pre-arrange it. Please remember that all refreshments should observe the fasting rules appropriate to that day.

Please confirm your appointment with the priest via email or phone.

Please call or email Fr. Herman (frherman1@gmail.com; 302-645-5791) if you would like to schedule a home blessing.

May the blessing with Holy Water add to the peace and salvation of your home, and may the mercy and love the Lord Christ be with you and your family always.

*Fr. Herman*

**January 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.

**January 1** **Circumcision of Christ; St. Basil the Great**  
St. Emilia, mother of St. Basil the Great (4th cent.); Martyr Basil of Ancyra (4th cent.)

Tone 4 Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12  
Eothion 7 (St. John 20:1-10) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 20:-21; 40-52

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

**January 8** **Sunday after Theophany**  
Martyr Abo the Perfumer (Georgia, 8th cent.);  
Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia, 15th cent.)

Tone 5 Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13  
Eothion 8 (St. John 20:11-18) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

**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 15** **29th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Saint Ita, Hermitess of Killeedy (Britain, 570)  
Saints Salome of Ujarma and Perozhavra of Sivia (Georgia, 4th cent.)

Tone 6 Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11  
Eothion 1 (St. Matthew 28:16-20) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 17:12-19

**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 22** **32nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
St. Brihtwald of Wilton (Britain, 1045); 377 Martyred Companions in Bulgaria (815)

Tone 7 Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15  
Eothion 2 (St. Mark 16:1-8) 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 29** **17th Sunday after Pentecost; Zacchaeus**  
St. Gerasimus, Bishop of Perm (1441); Martyr Ashot Curapalati, King of Artanuji (8th cent.)

Tone 8 Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15  
Eothion 2 (St. Mark 16:1-8) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10

**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!

**Regular Schedule**

**Saturday** 5:15 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**  
**St. Basil**

**Sunday, January 1**  
Saturday & Sunday Services as usual  
New Year & Vasilopita Prayers

**Theophany**

**Friday, January 6**  
Divine Liturgy 10 am  
Great Blessing of Water

**St. Anthony the Great**

**Tuesday, January 17**  
Divine Liturgy 3 pm

**St. Agnes of Rome**

**Saturday, January 21**  
Divine Liturgy 10 am

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**BLESSING OF THE WATERS & THEOPHANY CROSS DIVE**

On Saturday, January 7, 2023, **Saint George Greek Orthodox Church** of Ocean City, MD, will again host the Annual Blessing of the Waters & Theophany Cross Dive. All are invited.

Orthros, 8:30am  
Divine Liturgy, 9:30am  
Procession to beach, 12:30pm  
8805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.  
For He says:

"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

*2 Corinthians 6:1-2*

**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**

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