



## 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!**

**July 2024**

### Wisdom

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

*Hebrews 10:22-25*

### Memorial Procession and Service

We have established an annual event dedicated to loved ones whose names appear on the Wall of Eternal Memory. This service will take place for the first time on **Sunday, July 7th**. If you are not aware of, or are unfamiliar with, the Memorial Chapel and Wall of Eternal Memory at St. Andrew, visit the 2nd foyer at the handicapped entrance, which is now our Memorial Chapel. Informational brochures are available there. Not only is this a tangible and visible way to continually express our remembrance of loved ones who have gone to their rest, but this annual event will now ensure that their names are formally raised in prayer during a memorial service each year.

### St. Andrew's 2024 Get-Away Fundraiser

**Hurry and get your tickets today!** The drawing will take place at 12 noon on Sunday, July 21st, during coffee hour. In-house ticket sales will be open from the conclusion of liturgy until noon on that day.



This is your opportunity to **win a fabulous 7-Night Vacation** at the new and beautiful Hilton Grand Vacations Club hotel: Ocean 22, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, **PLUS \$500** for expenses. Vacation Dates: Saturday, August 24 – Saturday, August 31, 2024. **See the display in the church foyer** for all the details!

### A New Way to Give

By popular request, we have established a method of online giving - a Donate button on our website ([www.orthodoxdelmar.org](http://www.orthodoxdelmar.org)). You can find it on the Home page, the Stewardship page, and the Contact page in the "Contact the Treasurer" area. Thanks to all for your generous support!

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### REVERENCE IN CHURCH

#### How to Dress for Church

- ✦ Wear clean clothes.
- ✦ Wear modest clothing.
- ✦ Save "beach" wear, tank tops, and muscle shirts for the beach.
- ✦ Avoid clothing with slogans or advertisements.
- ✦ Long pants for men, skirts or slacks for women. (Shorts for small children only.)
- ✦ "Sunday Best" still has meaning for us.
- ✦ Be strict with yourself, be lenient with others.



#### Turn off your cell phone!

Please turn off your cell phone or put it into silent or vibrate mode **BEFORE** stepping into Church. If your cell phone does ring, do not answer it in church. Immediately silence it and, if you must answer it, quietly and calmly step out to the foyer to speak. Usually one incident like this will make you remember to always switch off your phone before stepping into church! And of course, texting or other activity on your phone is not appropriate during services.

#### Bible Study: The First Five Books - Genesis

**St. Andrew's adult study continues!** Wednesdays at 10 am and 6 pm. The foundation of all of the Scriptures is the first five books, commonly called the Books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. We have begun with the Book of Genesis. The morning and evening sessions will run more or less parallel, depending on participation and discussion. **Please join us!**

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

## Charitable Works

### Lunchbox Wednesday

We gather together on the **second and last Wednesday of each month at noon** to make 300 sandwiches and bag them with other goodies for the homeless. **Please join us on WEDNESDAYS, June 10 and 31, at NOON**, 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. **Any new or gently-used clothing or shoes are welcome. Always needed and welcome are personal hygiene items, new socks and undergarments, and gently used tents, tarps, and camping goods.**

### 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.



## Financial Update

**Operating expenses** are those that are necessary for the functioning of the church, such as utilities and maintenance. Stewardship and undesignated offerings are routed to the General Fund for Operating Expenses. **These do not include** purchases/projects covered by donations to **special funds**, such as Charitable Ministries, Iconography, Camp, etc. Offerings given specifically for Designated Funds are kept for those uses only.

Details can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway. You may contact the church treasurer (StAndrewTreasurer@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Many thanks to all who support the work of God through St. Andrew's! May God bless you for your generosity!**

<u>Operating Revenue &amp; Expense</u>	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>YTD 2024</u>
Operating Revenue	\$24,861	\$90,529
General & Administrative Expenses	\$14,642	\$71,527
Net Income (Loss)	\$10,219	\$19,002

## Lord Have Mercy

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

And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things

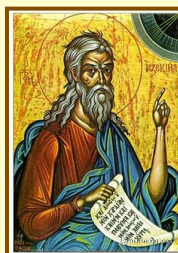


at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God." *1 Kings 18:36-39*

**The Holy Prophet Elijah is commemorated on July 20**

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. *Ezekiel 16:49*

And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it. *Ezekiel 17:24*



**The Holy Prophet Ezekiel is commemorated on July 21**

## Peace Be With You All

by Mary Ann Bulko

If one listens to the news on any given day, aside from references for a solution to wars in various countries, there is very little talk about peace. Living in an urban area such as New York City, or even in suburbia, amidst noisy subways, traffic and shopping areas, there is little peace to speak of- on the contrary. In our homes the intrusion of television, radios, boom boxes and the like upset any hope of tranquility. Today even an occasional cell phone can disrupt the solemnity of liturgical services, not to mention the misplaced chatter of individuals.



Is it possible to have peace in our lives and world, and if so, how does one attain it?

After the crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord Jesus Christ, the apostles had a difficult time believing He had indeed risen from the dead. They were terrified and afraid despite His comforting words to them of “Peace be to you!” We read in Luke 24:36-43 that the Lord even eats in their presence assuring them that it is He, while at the same time opening their minds to understanding what has happened and helping them to comprehend the Scriptures regarding these events.

During the Divine Liturgy, we see the celebrant turn to the people gathered saying, “Peace be with you all” five times during the service and referring to Peace in other supplications at least a dozen more times. Twice we hear the petition for an “Angel of Peace, the faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies” from the Lord. What is this seemingly elusive peace that we strive for time and again?

The peace that is prayed for is first of all a peace that comes from the Holy Spirit Himself, for it is He Who intercedes for us in prayer. The doxology is always said first - “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” It is by and through these words that we set our needs aside and rather focus and acknowledge first and foremost the glory and power of the triune God. It is only after giving glory to God that we can then ask for His peace in order that we might pray appropriately. Nicholas Cabasilas writes in *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy*, “The man who is discontented with his lot in life cannot have peace within him, but only he who is grateful and 'in everything gives thanks' (1 Thess. 5:18) according to the teaching of the blessed Paul. Nor will he have a pure understanding, for a pure understanding is impossible without confession. So that he who prays in peace must first have a thankful and confessed soul” (p. 44).

Again we note that the first petition in the Liturgy is to ask for “peace from above and the salvation of our souls.” St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, “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.” He goes on to say that whatever is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, or praiseworthy, that it is on such things that we should meditate. St. Paul assures us that if we follow his lead and do all these things as he has done, the God of peace will be with us.

And so our understanding is that the peace of which we speak in liturgical services and Scripture is “the fruit of all good and all wisdom” (Cabasilas, p. 45). No one can possess this perfect peace if he lacks any of the virtues and the only means to attain perfect peace is through them all.



Cabasilas says we must first have peace with each other and be at peace with ourselves, for our own hearts can condemn us. If one dares to approach God while agitated or bearing ill feelings, his prayer is in vain. We are commanded time and again to pray in peace to God and then to ask for His peace from above. Only then can we pray for others. The goal is to ascend to that Kingdom that we first spoke of in the introductory doxology and to ultimately “depart in peace” at the end.

And so as we pass from Pascha to His Ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, let us meditate on the words of Jesus spoken to His Apostles and to us: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (Jn 14:27). While Jews greeted each other with “Peace” in their comings and goings, Christ rather offers salvation and reconciliation of mankind to God, bringing to us His perfect peace!

**July 2024**

**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.

**July 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

All Saints of North America; Great Martyr Kyriaki (Nicomedia, 289)

Tone 1 Epistle: Galatians 3:23 - 4:5  
Eothinon 2 (St. Mark 16:1-8) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4: 18-23

**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!

**July 14 Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council**

Saint Ananias the Iconographer (Russia, 16th cent.)

Tone 2 Epistle: Titus 3:8-15  
Eothinon 3 (St. Mark 16:9-20) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:14-19

**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!

**July 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Prophet Ezekiel (6th cent. BC)

Tone 3 Epistle: Romans 6:18-23  
Eothinon 4 (St. Luke 24:1-12) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 8:5-13

**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 depths of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

**July 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Saint Irene Chrysovolantou (10th cent.)

Tone 4 Epistle: Romans 10:1-10  
Eothinon 5 (St. Luke 24:12-35) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

**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!

**Regular Schedule**

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

Check our online calendar at  
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for the most up-to-date schedule.

**Other July Dates:**

**Friday, July 12**  
**St. Veronica**  
Divine Liturgy 10 am

**Saturday, July 27**  
**St. Panteleimon**  
Divine Liturgy 10 am

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**ON THE MOVE – COMING AND GOING**

If you've been away and missed a Sunday Liturgy, thank you for remembering that our Church offerings are still needed on a regular basis.

**Psalm 100**

A PSALM FOR GIVING  
THANKS.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with  
singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are  
his; we are his people, and the  
sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the LORD is good; his steadfast  
love endures forever, and his  
faithfulness to all generations.

**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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