

April 3, 2020

Greetings to all the faithful of St. Andrews,
Glory to Jesus Christ!

We are living in a difficult period; we feel it as individuals and as the Church.
I hope that we can keep our spiritual heads above water and not give in to sadness.

Although we are not presently encouraging Church attendance, we still pray for each other and help each other. Every one of us is feeling the strain of this virus in one way or another, as individuals and as a congregation of believers here at St. Andrews. One of these ways is financially. Individuals are experiencing a diminishment in their income and St. Andrew's Church is currently experiencing a financial shortage as well. I ask that those of you who are able do so, to please keep up with your charitable giving and offerings to St. Andrew's even though we are temporarily not gathering for worship. This trial will pass, and we look forward to being back together for prayer and worship as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then we will be grateful and appreciative of any gifts you can give to help us to stay abreast of our obligations here at St. Andrew's during this crisis.

You may mail your checks to

St. Andrew The Apostle Orthodox Church
33384 Mackenzie Way
Lewes DE 19958

Or if you wish you may drop a check off in our locked mailbox on Plantation Road (at the beginning of Mackenzie Way).

In addition, because prayer for each other is so important for us, and in keeping with the Lenten Season in which we seek to increase our devotion to prayer, I offer the following idea for those who would like to participate. If you wish to do so, send me a list of your loved ones for whom I could light a candle. Send me the list via email and I would be glad to light a candle and pray for these individuals. When you send the names do so in two lists, one for the living and one for the departed. I look forward to praying for them. Any candle donation can be sent to the above address or you may bring the donation when we return to Church.

Just a reminder, if you missed a previous message or would like to refresh your memory, you may find my messages and the communications from our Metropolitan Joseph on our website: www.orthodoxdelmar.org/messages. At this link you will also find resources for education and edification, as well as links to online services, both streamed and prerecorded.

Prayer and patience are needed by all of us at this time, but we will get through this together.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Herman

