

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is the Orthodox tradition to offer up prayers of Thanksgiving for the grace of God given us through the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. In keeping with this tradition, from now on, after the dismissal of every Divine Liturgy, during the veneration of the cross, the Post Communion Prayers will be prayed aloud by choir members or volunteers from the congregation or those appointed by the priest.

As everyone comes forward to venerate the cross on their way to coffee hour, these prayers of Thanksgiving will be offered. During this time, the only voices that should be heard are those who are reciting these prayers and the voice of the Priest as each receives his blessing as they venerate the Cross.

Again, at this time, indeed throughout the service itself, there should be no talking and visiting with friends and loved ones. This should be done during coffee hour and not during any Divine Service.

I pray that God will help make easy for us this attitude of worship and reverence for his glory and our salvation.

It is a great blessing for me to worship God with you at St. Andrew's Church and may God grant us all to grow spiritually with an attitude of reverence and Thanksgiving in His House of prayer.

Wishing you all the very best in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Herman

**Upcoming events:**

**Wednesday, January 22, 6 pm**

Psalm Reading and Bible Study

**Friday-Monday, January 24-27**

Fr. Herman & Kh. Vera will be out of town.

Please kindly welcome Fr. Thomas Underwood, who will be serving the Divine Services this weekend.

Don't forget to contact me to **schedule a home blessing** now through the end of February.