



**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*

December 2019

## Wisdom of the Fathers

*Cleanse your mind from anger, remembrance of evil and shameful thoughts, and then you will find out how Christ dwells in you.*  
~St. Maximus the Confessor

### Sunday School Pageant

The Eighth Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held following Diving Liturgy on Sunday, December 22.

### Angel Tree

St. Andrew's will sponsor an Angel Tree again this year to benefit residents of a nursing home who have no family to provide them with a gift for Christmas. Please reach into your heart and share your love this year with someone who would otherwise be overlooked. Names with ideas for each will be available on **December 1**, and gifts are due in church by **December 15**. Choose one item, or as many as you would like to give. Please do not wrap the gifts. Gift bags are acceptable. Thank you for your generosity!

### Food Donations

There are boxes in the foyer for non-perishable, unexpired food donations for the needy. Please give!

### Save the Dates

- December 1-24 Advent Fast continues
- December 4, 11, 18 – 6 pm  
Psalms, Prayers &  
Bible Study
- December 7 Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast, 9 am  
Ocean Grill, Lewes
- December 21 Sunday School Confessions &  
Pageant Dress Rehearsal
- December 22 Christmas Pageant

### Parish Council and Ministries 2020 - 2022

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## Church Schedule for December 2019

**Every Saturday**      **5 pm Choir Rehearsal**  
**5 pm Confession**  
**6 pm Vespers**

**Sunday, December 1**      **9 am Orthros/Matins**  
**10 am Divine Liturgy**  
24<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost; 14<sup>th</sup> of Luke  
Tone 7                      Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22  
Eothinon 2                Liturgy Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

*RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION* – 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!

**Sunday, December 8**      **9 am Orthros/Matins**  
**10 am Divine Liturgy**

25<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost; 10<sup>th</sup> of Luke  
Tone 8                      Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7  
Eothinon 3                Liturgy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17  
*RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION* – 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!

**Sunday, December 15**      **9 am Orthros/Matins**  
**10 am Divine Liturgy**  
Hieromartyr Eleutherios; Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ  
Tone 1                      Epistle: II Timothy 1:8-18  
Eothinon 4                Liturgy Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

*RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION* – 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!

**Sunday, December 22**      **9 am Orthros/Matins**  
**10 am Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)  
Tone 2                      Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40  
Eothinon 5                Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

*RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION* – 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!

**Tuesday, December 24**      **6 pm Christmas Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 29**      **9 am Orthros/Matins**  
**10 am Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday after the Nativity  
Tone 3                      Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19  
Eothinon 6                Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

*RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION* – 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 depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

## Stewardship and Pledges

The true motivation for giving is grace. Giving is an act of worship in response to the generosity of God. “You are to give,” says Saint Paul, “as God has prospered you.” His Second Letter to the Corinthians teaches us clearly, “He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

Pledges as of 11/17      18      \$31,200

## Prayer Requests

Please consider joining St. Andrew’s Prayer Team. Prayer requests are sent via email to the team to pray on their own time for a friend or loved one in need. If you would like request prayers for someone or participate in this ministry, please contact Pam Smith at [rosehill89@aol.com](mailto:rosehill89@aol.com)

## Coffee Hour Refreshments

Please consider bringing some food to share for Sunday coffee hour. It can be something you picked up on the way to church, or a recipe you’ve been wanting to try. Every contribution is greatly appreciated!

## Summer Camp at Antiochian Village

- For ages 9-17
- Registration opens on December 10.
- Register early to ensure a place! See Kh. Vera with questions.

## A Guide to Parish Etiquette

### Cell phones and texting

The use of cell phones and texting are never allowed in church. If you have a professional reason to carry a cell phone for emergencies, please keep it on vibrate and sit near the exit so that leaving for an emergency will not be a distraction to others.