



Share the Good News!

December 2018

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

The mission of St. Andrew's 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.

Wisdom of the Fathers

It is only necessary to seek one thing: to be with Jesus. The man who remains with Jesus is rich, even if he is poor with regard to material things. Whoever desires the earthly more than the heavenly loses both the earthly and the heavenly. But whoever seeks the heavenly is Lord of the whole world.

~St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

Sunday School Pageant

The Sixth Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held following Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, December 16.**



Parish Council and Ministries 2019-2021

PARISH COUNCIL		Cell
Pastor	Fr. Herman Acker	215-527-8571
Class of 2021	Bill Kolyvas, Vice Chair	240-338-1278
	Don Ernakovich	302-245-0990
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Class of 2020	Pam Smith	914-720-5631
Class of 2019	Marty Smith, Chair	914-720-1393
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Appointed Members	Priscilla Szlachtianchyn, Treasurer	908-283-4703
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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 2**, and gifts are due in church by **December 16**. Choose one item, or as many as you would like to give. Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Dates!

December 2 Holiday Gift and Book Sale
December 15 Sunday School First Confessions & pageant dress rehearsal
December 16 Christmas Pageant
December 24 Christmas Eve Liturgy – 6 pm

MINISTRIES		Cell
Antiochian Women – Co-Chairs	Barbara Havrilla	215-601-2142
	Maria Kolyvas	240-388-1278
Building Improvement	Marty Smith	914-720-1393
Building Steward	Bill Kolyvas	240-338-1278
Choir	Joyce Black, Dir.	215-527-8250
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Gift Shop	Joy Smith	302-245-8302
Historian	Mary Ann Bulko	
Lending Library	Kh. Vera Acker	215-896-1453
Memorial Offerings	Maria Kolyvas	240-388-1278
Men's Fellowship	John Pockrus	484-388-1877
Order of St. Ignatius, Prayer Team, New Membership	Pam Smith, Ambassador	914-720-5631
Publicity	Lois Hamaty	301-775-3838
Stewardship	Don Ernakovich	302-245-0990
Sunday School	Joy Smith	302-245-8302
Sunshine	Myrna Vidos	302-249-9002
Veterans' Affairs	Peter Owens	302-727-9180

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Father Herman Acker, Pastor

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Please contact Fr. Herman for more information about becoming a member of our church family.

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St. Andrew's – Schedule for December 2018

Thursday, Dec. 6 & 13 **3 pm 9th Hour of Prayer/Bible Study**

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

Sunday, December 2 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

27th Sunday after Pentecost; 14th of Luke

Tone 2 Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Eothonon 5 Liturgy Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

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!

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

Conception of Theotokos; 10th of Luke

Tone 3 Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27

Eothonon 6 Liturgy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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!

Sunday, December 16 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Tone 4 Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Eothonon 7 Liturgy Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

Friday, December 21 **6 pm Advent Paraklesis**

Sunday, December 23 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Tone 5 Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Eothonon 8 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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.

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

Sunday, December 30 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday after the Nativity

Tone 6 Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Eothonon 9 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

We are pleased to report that this year's Fall Festival raised \$18,145 in support of our church ministries. Many thanks to all who participated.

PLEDGES 2019

Number Received: **34**
Amount Pledged: **\$42,390**
Church Improvement Fund
Pledged: **\$490**

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. If you would like to have prayers offered for someone in need, please contact Pam Smith at rosehill89@aol.com.

Summer Camp at Antiochian Village

Ages 9-17
Registration opens early December
Register early to ensure a place!
See Kh. Vera with questions.

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The website is updated regularly. Please let Kh. Vera know if there is anything you would like to see included.

Touching the Priest's Vestments

Touching the phelonion, the top vestment of the Priest, is symbolic of reaching out to the Lord for healing and asking that our personal prayers be carried to the Holy Altar. One should be careful not to step in front of the procession, not to pull or tug on the vestments, and not to push anyone away.

A Guide to Parish Etiquette

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)