



Share the Good News!

January 2019

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

How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: "I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people." (II Cor. 6:16) What can be lacking to them? Nothing, nothing at all! For they have the greatest good in their hearts: God Himself!

~ St. Nektarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness

Sunday School Pageant

The Seventh Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant was held on December 16. Many thanks to Joy Smith and all the students, teachers, helpers and parents for a wonderful program, and for their dedication to our young people and their education in the Faith.



Home Blessings

It is customary for Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed following the Feast of Theophany. Please email or call Father Herman to schedule your home blessing.

Fr. Herman and family thank you all for your joyous Christmas greetings and generous gifts. May God bless you all in this Holy Season and in the coming year.

Save the Dates!

- January 6** Following Divine Liturgy ~
~ Great Blessing of Water
~ Installation of Parish Council officers and introduction of all Parish Council members and 2019 Ministries leads
- January 13** Antiochian Women Meeting and Elections
- February 2** Presentation of Christ
- March 25** Annunciation to the Theotokos

Increase Your Orthodox Word Power

Incarnation

God became flesh, born of the Virgin Mary

Vasilopita

"Saint Basil's bread" offered around January 1st, recalling the generosity of Saint Basil.

Theophany

An appearance of God in his glory. For example, when Jesus was baptized at the Jordan, the Trinity was revealed: The Father spoke, the Son appeared in person, the presence of the Holy Spirit was shown by the descent of a dove.

Epiphany

Sometimes used inter-changeably with "Theophany," Epiphany means "manifestation" or "breaking through from above."

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St. Andrew's – Schedule for January 2018

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

Tuesday, January 1 **10 am Divine Liturgy**
Circumcision of Christ/Saint Basil the Great

Sunday, January 6 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Theophany (Epiphany) of Christ

Tone - Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Eothinon - Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

THEOPHANY APOLYTIKION - When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Sunday, January 13 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday after Theophany

Tone 8 Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Eothinon 11 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

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, January 20 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Euthymios the Great; 12th of Luke (Ten Lepers)

Tone 1 Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15

Eothinon 1 Liturgy Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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, January 27 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

John Chrysostom; 14th of Luke

Tone 2 Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8.2

Eothinon 2 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!

Stewardship in Action

Many thanks to all those who generously gave to those in need through Angel Tree donations!

God Bless You!

Pledges 2019

Number Received: **55**

Amount Pledged: **\$62,870**

Church Improvement Fund

Pledged: **\$5,605**

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 opened in December.

Register early to ensure a place!

See Kh. Vera with questions.

Please consider supporting the camp scholarship fund!

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

Leaving the Holy Church

The respectful protocol is to leave the church only following the final blessing, the veneration of the Cross, and the kissing of the hand of the Bishop or Priest at the end of the Liturgy. Socializing should not begin until after you have left the nave and entered into the social hall.

A Guide to Parish Etiquette

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