



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! Welcome to Saint Andrew's!

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ~ Joshua 24: 15b

Wisdom of the Fathers

Everyone who loves God shows himself patient and steadfast in times of suffering. Whoever bears them bravely becomes strong and obedient to God, and whoever enters the path of following the will of God conquers his natural weakness. On the other hand, whoever does not recognize his own powerlessness is proud and not inclined to submit himself to the will of the Lord. Whoever does not submit to it and hopes only in his own power does not receive the power and help of God and, not having been strengthened in spirit, cannot become patient. But whoever does not endure misfortune and afflictions has not faith, and whoever does not have faith, does not love God.

St. Alexis of Senaki

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

The mission of St. Andrew's is to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our words and actions, according to the Holy Traditions and Sacred Teachings of our Holy Orthodox Christian Faith.

Copies of the Fasting Guidelines are available on the table in the foyer.

Love was in the air!

Festive decorations adorned the Great Hall for our very successful February fundraiser. **\$856** was raised to support the work of the Pregnancy Care Center.



Thanks to everyone who participated!

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

On Sundays during Great Lent in the Orthodox Church, we pray the Liturgy of St. Basil rather than that of St. John Chrysostom. What are the differences between the two?

The difference between the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and that of St. Basil is mainly in the so-called "Silent Prayers," which for a long time had been recited in a low voice. But following the more ancient practice, many priests today, including Fr. Herman, say these prayers aloud. The prayers in the Liturgy of St. Basil, longer than those of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, carry a wealth of theology and spirituality very beneficial for our meditation, particularly during the period of the Great Fast.

The second major difference is in the Megalynarion, the hymn to the Theotokos which comes toward the end of the Anaphora after the formal Epiclesis or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. This beautiful Hymn, in the Liturgy of St. Basil, starts with the words, "In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices..." The equivalent Hymn for the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom starts with "It is meet and right to call you blessed, O Theotokos..." There is also a slight difference in the Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion.

St. Basil Liturgy is used only ten times a year, namely: The vigils of Christmas and Theophany, the feast of St. Basil on January 1, the first five Sundays of Lent, Holy Thursday, and Holy Saturday.

Daylight savings time begins at midnight on Sunday, March 11. Don't forget to adjust your clocks forward.

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St. Andrew's – Schedule for March 2018

Friday and Saturday Schedule:

Friday, March 2, 9, 16 6 pm – Presanctified Liturgy
 Friday, March 23 6 pm – Akathist

Saturday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 4 pm – Bible Study
 5 pm – Choir Rehearsal
 6 pm – Vespers

Sunday, March 4 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
 10 am Divine Liturgy
 12 pm Parish Council Meeting

Second Sunday of Lent
 Tone 6 Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
 Eothinon 6 Liturgy Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
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!

Sunday, March 11 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
 10 am Divine Liturgy

Third Sunday of Lent
 Tone 7 Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
 Eothinon 7 Liturgy Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
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, March 18 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
 10 am Divine Liturgy

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Tone 8 Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
 Eothinon 8 Liturgy Gospel: Mark 9:17-31
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, March 25 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
 10 am Divine Liturgy

Annunciation to the Theotokos
 Tone 1 Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18
 Eothinon 9 Liturgy Gospel: Luke 1:24-38
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!

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Many thanks to those who provided food for our February fundraiser. May God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP

To Tithe is to Love your Church!

Date/Attendance/Offerings

02/04	90	\$2,278
02/11	101	\$1,121
02/18	81	\$1,707
02/25	95	\$1,160

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

PLEDGES 2018

Number Received: **43**
 Amount Pledged: **\$72,980**
 Wish List Pledged: **\$10,000**



Antiochian Village

At least five St Andrew's youth will be attending Antiochian Village Camp this summer. Your support of the Camp Scholarship Fund is appreciated!

www.orthodoxdelmar.org

Have you visited our website lately? Calendar-Photos-Expansion -In The News – Resources - and more!

Bible reading and listening resources are available – click *Resources*, then *Christian Life*.

We are working to update the website regularly. Please let Kh. Vera know if there is anything you would like to see included.

PROSTRATIONS

Prostrations are liturgically appropriate in various services throughout the Ecclesiastical year, most especially during the services of great Lent and Holy week.

SOURCE: *A Guide to Parish Etiquette*

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