



**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*

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

September 2020

Wisdom of the Fathers

When you begin to read or listen to the Holy Scriptures, pray to God thus: "Lord Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my heart so that I may hear Thy words and understand them, and may fulfill Thy will." Always pray to God like this, that He might illumine your mind and open to you the power of His words. Many, having trusted in their own reason, have turned away into deception.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

Church School

At this time, no decisions have been made about how church school will proceed. Parents and teachers, please contact Joy Smith, church school director, at joy@niden.net to provide your input.

Consider Joining the Order of St. Ignatius

The Order of St. Ignatius promotes the Orthodox faith and provides funds for the many significant ministries and causes that need our financial help throughout this great Archdiocese and the world, such as the Antiochian Village, Project Mexico, Youth Ministry, IOCC (worldwide disaster relief & other assistance), and many others.

Please consider joining and being a part of this worthwhile ministry. There is still time to join The Order and be inducted by Bishop Thomas when he is here with us October 2-4.

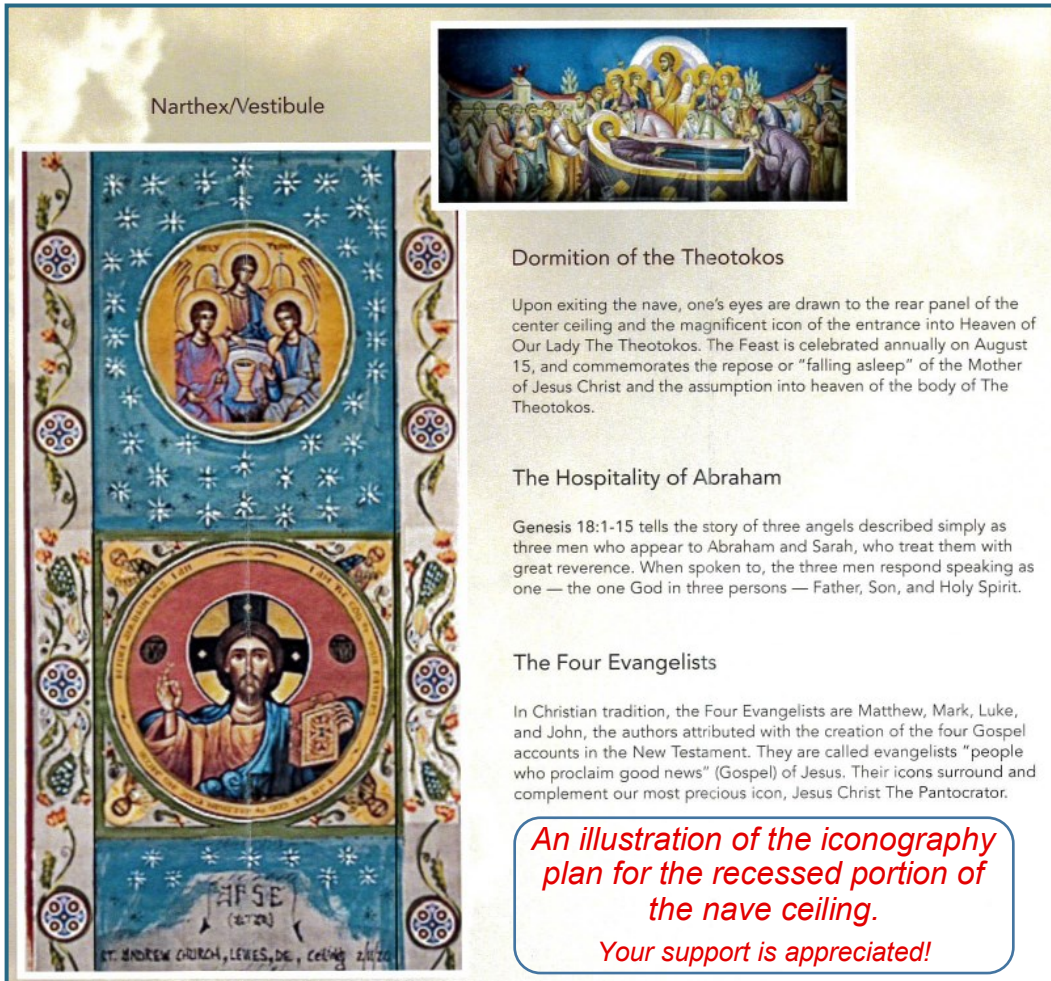
Please contact Pamela Smith at rosehill89@aol.com for more information.



**We miss you! Church services are on!
We look forward to seeing you soon!**

Did you know?

- **The Four Evangelists** have been installed around the dome of the Pantocrator. Further illumination of the recessed ceiling in the nave is in progress (see pg. 2). If you have not received the new brochure in the mail, please email Kh. Vera at standrewlewes@gmail.com to get one. It is also available on our website at www.orthodoxdelmar.org/beautification.
- **Fr. Herman** has published an article, "The Man of Fortunate Steps," available on our website at www.orthodoxdelmar.org/studies under Planted by Streams of Water. (From the home page, hover over Resources at the top, then click Studies.)
- Construction continues on **Mackenzie Road. Paving** is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.
- **Post-Communion Prayers** are being read immediately following every Diving Liturgy, while the faithful are being dismissed. Please remember to save your greetings until you exit the nave, proceeding quietly and respectfully. You are encouraged to return to your seat to pray with us in thanksgiving for the Holy Gifts.
- **Our Bishop Thomas** is scheduled to be with us October 2-4. Because of the virus situation, we will not be able to meet and fellowship with him in our usual manner, but we look forward to his presence with us at the Divine Services and his encouraging words. Come receive the blessing! (Signups for services will be offered as usual.)



Narthex/Vestibule



Dormition of the Theotokos

Upon exiting the nave, one's eyes are drawn to the rear panel of the center ceiling and the magnificent icon of the entrance into Heaven of Our Lady The Theotokos. The Feast is celebrated annually on August 15, and commemorates the repose or "falling asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ and the assumption into heaven of the body of The Theotokos.

The Hospitality of Abraham

Genesis 18:1-15 tells the story of three angels described simply as three men who appear to Abraham and Sarah, who treat them with great reverence. When spoken to, the three men respond speaking as one — the one God in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Four Evangelists

In Christian tradition, the Four Evangelists are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the authors attributed with the creation of the four Gospel accounts in the New Testament. They are called evangelists "people who proclaim good news" (Gospel) of Jesus. Their icons surround and complement our most precious icon, Jesus Christ The Pantocrator.

An illustration of the iconography plan for the recessed portion of the nave ceiling.

Your support is appreciated!

God bless all our Faithful Stewards!

Thank you for continuing to send in your generous offerings during this unusual time. Your support continues to be needed as we bear witness to Christ in our community and provide a place of worship for the Orthodox faithful.

Stewardship in Action

Many thanks to all who are ushering and disinfecting during and after our services!

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

Websites & Resources

St. Andrew's website: www.orthodoxdelmar.org

Antiochian Archdiocese: www.antiochian.org

Ephesus School Network (Podcasts in Biblical Studies): <https://ephesusschool.org/>

Ancient Faith Ministries (Podcasts & radio, films, blogs, publishing): www.ancientfaith.com

Orthodox Peace Fellowship: www.incommunion.org

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry: <https://theocpm.org/>

Iconograms (Orthodox web-based greeting cards): www.iconograms.org

St. Pachomius Library (lives of saints): <http://www.voskrese.info/spl/paleoindex.html>

Early Church Fathers: <http://www.ccel.org/fathers2/>

Orthodox Jobs: www.OrthodoxJobs.com

International Orthodox Christian Charities: www.iocc.org

Orthodox Christian Mission Center: www.ocmc.org

Special prayer for deliverance from the coronavirus epidemic by the Romanian Patriarchate

Lord, our God, Who are rich in mercy, and with your wise providence govern our life, hear our prayer, receive our repentance for our sins, stop the new infectious disease, as You once ceased the punishment of Your people in the time of King David.

You, Who are the Physician of our souls and bodies, grant recovery to the sick, raising them hastily from the bed of suffering so that they may glorify You, our Merciful Saviour, and protect the healthy ones from any disease.

Bless, O Lord, strengthen, and protect with Your grace all those who with philanthropy and sacrifice take care of the sick at their homes or in hospitals.

Remove all disease and suffering from among the people and teach us to value life and health as Your gifts.

Give us, O God, Your peace and fill our hearts with steadfast faith in Your protection, with hope in Your support and with love for You and our neighbour.

For it is Yours to have mercy on us and save us, our God, and to You we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Lord Have Mercy,
Lord Have Mercy,
Lord Have Mercy!*

September 2020

TROPARION OF ST. ANDREW-Tone 4 – As the first-called Apostle and brother of their leader, O Andrew, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy.

September 6 **13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Archippus the Bellringer (Asia, 4th cent.)
St. Maxim Sandovich (AD 1914)

Tone 4
Eothinon 2 (St. Mark 16:1-8)

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13-24
Liturgy Gospel: St. Matt. 21:33-42

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - 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!

September 13 **Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross**

Cornelius the Centurion (1st cent.)
Ketevan, queen and martyr (Georgia, AD 1624)

Tone 5
Eothinon 3 (St. Mark 16:19-20)

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Liturgy Gospel: St. John 3:13-17

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - 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.

September 20 **Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross**

Eustathius, his wife Theopiste, and their two sons (AD 118)
Michael, Prince of Chernigov, and his boyar Theodor, martyrs (Russia, AD 1246)

Tone 6
Eothinon 4 (St. Luke 24:1-12)

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 8:34-9:1

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - 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!

September 27 **16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Callistratus and forty-nine soldiers, martyrs (N Africa, AD 304)
Savvaty of Solovetzk (Russia, AD 1435)

Tone 7
Eothinon 5 (St. Luke 24:12-35)

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 5:1-11

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - 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!

Regular Schedule

Saturday 5 pm Confession
6 pm Vespers
Sunday 9 am Orthros
10 am Divine Liturgy

Be sure to visit our website at www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar for special services and the most up-to-date schedule.

September Feasts

CHURCH NEW YEAR (Indiction)

Tuesday, September 1

Orthros & Supplication 10 am

Troparion, Tone 2:

O Maker of all creation, Who hast established the times and the seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord, and keep our rulers and Thy flock in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Tuesday, September 8

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Troparion, Tone 4:

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

Monday, September 14

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Troparion, Tone 1:

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of thy cross preserving thy kingdom.



Make note of our regular service times:

Saturday Confessions 5:00 pm Sunday Orthros/Matins 9:00 am
Saturday Vespers 6:00 pm Sunday Diving Liturgy 10:00 am

Please contact Father Herman for information about becoming a member of the Saint Andrew Orthodox Church

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