



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!

August 2023

Wisdom

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

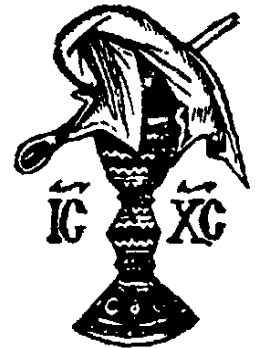
Isaiah 40:6b-8

OUR NEW ANTIMENSION

Fr. Herman received our new antimins while at the Archdiocese Convention the last week of July. See the image on page 2 to see what it looks like, and the article in July's Logos for an explanation if you missed it last month. The old antimins will be returned to the Archdiocese office sometime soon.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

An Orthodox Christian prepares by fasting from food and drink from bedtime until receiving Communion Sunday morning. If medication has been prescribed by a doctor, it is to be taken as directed. If you have any questions, consult with Fr. Herman. Prayer accompanies fasting, and your conscience may call for Confession. The Sacrament of Confession is available before or after most Services or by appointment.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

May thy holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, be unto me for life eternal, and thy precious Blood unto remission of my sins. May this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health, and gladness; and at thy dread Second Coming make me, a sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of thy glory: through the intercessions of thine all-immaculate Mother and of all thy Saints. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE that the post-communion prayers are read during the dismissal. Please be respectful and **remain quiet** at this time, listening and praying in your heart. If you would like to participate in reading the prayers, please join us in the choir area either before or after you venerate the cross.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. *1 Samuel 8:4-10*



The Holy Prophet Samuel is commemorated on August 20.

"AND THE DISCIPLES WERE FIRST CALLED CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH" (Acts 11:26)

OUR NEW ANTIMINS (ANTIMENSION)

The inscriptions in Arabic around the edges are:

- ✦ **The right edge:** this Antimension is consecrated
- ✦ **The top edge:** for the Eucharist service as an offering of thankfulness to our Lord and God
- ✦ **The left hand edge:** and our savior Jesus Christ.
- ✦ **The bottom edge:** Remember, O Lord, Patriarch John X of Antioch and all the east.
- ✦ The line under that is who consecrated it, where, and when (Metropolitan Saba, Chapel of St. John Chrysostom, 10 July 2023).



FAITH AND SCIENCE

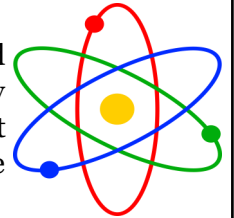
by Metropolitan Saba (Ispër)

August 9, 2023

The scope of science is the tangible and perceptible. Science deals with concrete reality. It is built on analyzing, scrutinizing, and unveiling the different components of what it studies. For instance, science attempts to know the body's components, the functions of its organs and their coordination, its diseases and the reasons for its deterioration or growth, in addition to all its mysteries that surpass our human understanding. Science deals with concrete reality, to improve it, to beautify it, to enrich it, etc.

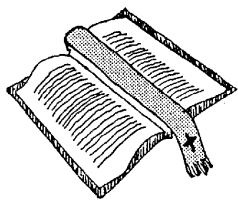
When science reaches beyond concrete reality and encroaches on the spiritual realm, dreams, motivations, and inclinations, when it deals with the inner person and studies the existential problems such as love and hatred, inner peace, anxiety, pain, meaning, death, life, evil, and good—then science abandons its strict scientific rules and enters into the realm of conclusions, deductions, theories, and reflections. Science does not thus remain as science, but it becomes philosophy or metaphysics.

Science helps me know what is suitable for my health and what is suitable for my practical and economic affairs. It provides me with healing and treatment for my illnesses and facilitates my movement from one place to another. However, it doesn't give meaning to my life. It doesn't explain to me the existence of death, evil, pain, or injustice. From a human perspective, these issues fall under the scope of philosophy, faith, or religion.



If we want an integrated vision, we find in science and faith two complementary, not contradictory, fields. The first makes the life of human beings easier at many levels; and the second gives them the motivation, meaning, and inner power to live life in its fullness. “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Man is a physical-psychological being. He is composed of spirit and matter. Christian theology calls him a “psychosomatic being”—i.e., a soul-body being. The body has its demands and needs, and so has the soul. Only satisfying what is of the body makes humans instinctive beings, similar to animals. History has shown that humans are not satisfied with the material, nor do they only seek material things, except when they lack what is necessary for life. However, as soon as they fulfil their basic needs of life, they move on to the deeper needs, the needs of the soul and the spirit.

Science has its realm, and so does faith. The realm of faith is more comprehensive and general than that of science; faith incorporates science to improve human life, and it cooperates with God in creativity. The most important aspect of faith is that it provides the guardrails that give science its values and guard against its impulses, which humans may direct toward destruction and devastation rather than toward building a better life.



Who sets the ethics of science? Who prevents science from producing super humans (the “posthumans” of transhumanism) and annihilating weak humans? Who prevents science from establishing a new human slavery? Who gives human meaning to scientific achievements? Who establishes the ethics of biological sciences (bioethics)? Who satisfies the human soul that thirsts to find love and security? Who empowers the human being to achieve a better life and give him meaning and fulfilment, which he has pursued throughout his existence on earth? Science cannot now find, nor has it ever been able to find, answers to these and many other questions.

Science has lost the glamour it had in the twentieth century. People have started to perceive science realistically after dreaming for a long time of a paradise promised by science. People once expected science to change everything for the better; however, they have discovered that it is only a tool that may equally change things for the worse, in evil hands.

Science and faith have struggled with each other a lot in the past. Perhaps one of the reasons for their conflict is the dominance of religion and its utter hegemony over European societies during the Middle Ages, which was accompanied by contemporaneous scientific concepts founded on narrow and literal understandings of religious texts.

Scientific development has contributed to the liberation of faith from human religious frameworks, shaped within a specific time and place. And after centuries of conflict, both science and faith have begun to take their natural places without encroaching on each other. Scientists have come to understand

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that their knowledge is limited to what is concrete and can be improved and that their theorizing on the intangibles betrays scientific rules and encroaches on contemplation, philosophy and faith. Believers, on the other hand, have recognized that the Holy Bible is a theological book that tells humans about God through the culture within which it was inspired and that it does not offer scientific knowledge, even if sometimes it was expressed in scientific terms as understood by its contemporaneous audience.

Faith is personal, and it is related to many things, such as humility, openness, obedience, the wholeness of man, and the integrity of his mind and heart. That's why we may find both faithful and atheistic scientists, just as we find both faithful and atheistic philosophers.

It is time for us to put God in His own category above our human abilities, however big they may seem, since He is immeasurably beyond our understanding.



Charitable Works

Essential items for the homeless

We are continuing our collection of essential items for the homeless, to be distributed through the Shepherd's Office in Georgetown. **Any** new or gently-used clothing or shoes are welcome. **Always needed and welcome are personal hygiene items, new socks and undergarments, and gently used tents, tarps, and camping goods.**



Lunchbox Tuesday

Thanks to all who joined us to make 192 sandwiches on Tuesday, July 26! **Please join us next time**, on Tuesday, August 29, at 4 pm when we do it again. Please see Lisa Wolak for details and to inquire about donations needed.

Ongoing collection of non-perishable foods

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and paper goods for the food pantry at the Christian Storehouse in Millsboro. Please do not donate anything beyond its expiration date.

Fall Fest! Save the Date!

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4

Start thinking about how you will help:

Ad book - Themed Baskets - Bake Sale - Food Prep - Staffing

We are relying on you!



It's time to make plans for the **Fall Fest!** It will take place **Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4.**

We are counting on you to help. As we get closer to the date, we'll ask for volunteers for specific tasks, but **right now you can begin to help in these ways:**

- **Create a themed basket** for our raffle. Feel free to team up with a friend! If you don't feel able to do a whole basket, you can **donate a significant item** around which a basket can be created by someone else. See Joy Smith for details. (Please provide a list of contents to Kh. Vera by Sept 15.)
- **Place an ad in our event book.** Provide a **memorial** page for your departed loved ones, **give thanks** to God for blessings, **advertise your business**, **express good wishes** to St. Andrew's for a successful Fall Fest. Order forms are available in the church foyer. (Deadline Sept. 15.) See Kh. Vera with questions.
- **Ask the businesses you frequent to place an ad in the event book.** If they say no, that's okay, but please ask! Letters and order forms are available in the church foyer.
- **Provide a recipe for the event book.** We are particularly looking for **international specialties**, and would like to have 10-12 for the book. Please give to Kh. Vera by Sept. 15. See Kh. Vera with questions.
- **Tell all your friends and neighbors** about the Fall Fest and invite them to come! A flyer is provided in this newsletter and is available in the church foyer for you to give out and post in community clubhouses and public spaces as permitted. An electronic copy will be emailed so you can share it on social media.

Please join us! "Many hands make light work!"

August 2023

Every Saturday: 5:15 pm Confession 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
6 pm Vespers

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.

Sunday, August 6 Transfiguration of Christ

Orthros Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36 Epistle: I Peter 1:10-19
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



TRANSFIGURATION TROPARION - Tone 7 – When, O Christ our God, thou wast transfigured on the mount, thou didst reveal thy glory to thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O thou Bestower of light, glory to thee!

Sunday, August 13 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Venerable Gerasimus the New Ascetic of Cephalonia (Greece, 1579)
Saint Joachim of Osogovo (Bulgaria, 11th cent.)

Tone 1 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Eothinon 10 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - 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, August 20 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prophet Samuel (12th cent BC)
Holy New Martyr Theocharis (Asia Minor, 1740)

Tone 2 Epistle: I Corinthians 9:2-12
Eothinon 11 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 - 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, August 27 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Córdoba (Spain, 359)
Saint Liberius, Pope of Rome (366)

Tone 3 Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11
Eothinon 1 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 3 - 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 depths of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

Regular Schedule

Saturday 5:15 pm Confession
6 pm Vespers
Sunday 9 am Orthros
10 am Divine Liturgy

Check our online calendar at
www.orthodoxdelmar.org/calendar
for the most up-to-date schedule.

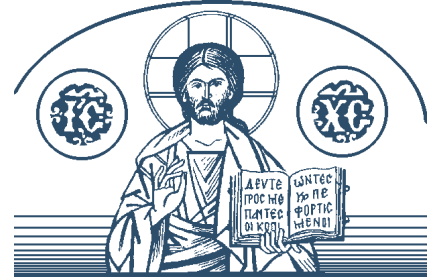
Special dates in August:

Theotokos/Dormition Fast
August 1-14

Transfiguration
Sunday, August 6
Weekend services as usual

Dormition of the Theotokos
Tuesday, August 15
Divine Liturgy, 10 am

St. Moses the Ethiopian
Monday, August 29
Divine Liturgy, 3 pm



Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith -- the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you.

1 Peter 1:8-10

Make note of our regular service times:

Saturday Confessions 5:15 pm Sunday Orthros/Matins 9:00 am
Saturday Vespers 6:00 pm Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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**St. Andrew Orthodox Church
2023**

FALL FEST!

Friday, November 3 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday, November 4 9 am to 4 pm

Themed Baskets!



Int'l Bake Sale!



**International
Foods!**



And More!



Church Tours!

Again this year: Mediterranean Market!

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