



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!

April 2025

Wisdom

Blind of my spiritual eyes, I come to thee, O Christ, as did the man blind from birth, and I cry to thee in penitence: Thou art the shining light of those in darkness.

By thy divine intervention, O Lord, raise thou up my soul, which by every kind of sin and unbecoming deeds is so grievously paralyzed, as thou of old didst upraise the paralytic; that being saved, I may cry to thee: Grant healing unto me, O Christ compassionate.

Troparia of Healing from Holy Unction service

Our April Lenten Schedule

Prayer of St. Ephrem Study
Tuesdays, April 1 & 8, 10 am & 6 pm

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Wednesdays, April 2 & 9, 6 pm
(Fast from a light lunch.)

Akathist
Friday, April 4, 6 pm

Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy
Saturday, April 12, 10 am
Followed by youth confessions
& preparation of palms

Palm Sunday services:
Saturday, April 12, 6 pm - Vespers
Sunday, April 13, 9 & 10 am - Orthros & Liturgy

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

Confessions

If you have not come for confession recently, Great Lent is an appropriate time to do so. Fr. Herman is available for confessions at 5:15 pm on Saturday, and before and after most services (advance notice is appreciated).

**Return your Food for Hungry People boxes
after Pascha.**

Our Holy Week & Pascha Schedule

Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday, April 13, 14, & 15:
Bridegroom Orthros, 6 pm

Wednesday, April 16:
Holy Unction, 6 pm

Thursday, April 17:
Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 3 pm
Lenten Potluck Supper
Twelve Gospels Matins, 6 pm

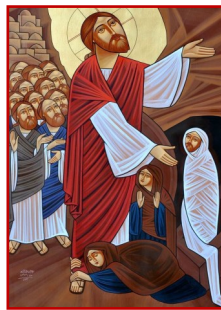
Great Friday, April 18:
Royal Hours, 10 am
Vespers of Burial, 3 pm
Lenten Potluck Supper
Lamentations Matins, 6 pm

Great Saturday, April 19
Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 am

PASCHAL SERVICES, 10 pm
Christ is risen!
Followed by blessing of baskets
& Breaking of the Fast Fellowship

Sunday, April 20
Agape Vespers, 3 pm
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

CHRIST IS RISEN!



St. Andrew's 2025 Get Out and Get Away Fundraiser

This is your opportunity to **win one of THREE exciting prizes!**

- ♦ **A fabulous 7-Night Vacation** at the beautiful Hilton Grand Vacations Club hotel: Ocean 22, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Vacation Dates: August 9-16, 2025.
- ♦ **A night out on the town #1:** Dinner at LaFable, plus tickets to a show at Clearspace Theater, both located in Rehoboth Beach.
- ♦ **A night out on the town #2:** Dinner at Victoria's Restaurant, plus tickets to a show at Clearspace Theater, both located in Rehoboth Beach.



Tickets are available now! Tickets are available in the church foyer and by mail. Visit our website, www.orthodoxdelmar.org/vacationraffle, for details and information on ordering tickets by mail.

Needy Fund

This fund provides Fr. Herman with the means to help people in our congregation and in the wider community when they have needs. This is one way we show our love for our neighbors. **Your gifts are needed now.** If everyone attending coffee hour put just **\$1 each week in the Needy Fund box near the kitchen**, we would probably receive several thousand dollars each year. **May God bless you for your generosity!**

Bible Word Study: Torah

In Psalm 1:3, we read that the blessed man “meditates on the *law* [of God] day and night.” Let’s take a look at the original Hebrew word that is here translated “law,” which is *torah* (תּוֹרָה). The translation “law” is rather deceptive, as the word *torah* is derived from the root *yarah*, which means to throw something, like throwing a rock or shooting an arrow, or even pointing one’s finger in order to show direction, such as the direction one should travel. There is another word that is derived from this root which means to throw, and that is *moreh*, which can be translated “archer,” that is, one who throws an arrow, or even as “teacher” because a teacher is one who points the way.



The word *torah* in Ps. 1:3 refers to the teaching of a teacher or parent. When parents teach their children how to do something and the child shows a willingness to learn but falls short of accomplishment, a good parent does not punish them, but instead, parents are to encourage their children to try again. On the other hand, laws are sets of rules which, if not correctly followed, result in the punishment of the children, and there is no place for teaching. The *torah* of God contains his teaching for his children, which is lovingly given for the encouragement of His children, so they can learn to think correctly, desire what is true, and live the truth out in their lives.

Charitable Works

Lunchbox Wednesday

We gather together on the **second and last Wednesday of each month (normally) at noon** to make 300 sandwiches and bag them with other goodies for the homeless. **Please join us on WEDNESDAYS, April 9 & 30, at NOON**, when we do it again. Please see Lisa Wolak for details and to inquire about donations needed.

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.**



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.

Shepherd’s Office in Georgetown

The good folks at the **Shepherd’s Office in Georgetown** (www.shepherdsoffice.org) love to help others and bring them love, care and peace. They provide meals, clothing, and services to the needy in our area. **St. Andrew’s helps** them by providing 300 **sandwiches** twice a month and donating **clothing** we no longer need. If you are looking for **another way to help**, you can **donate funds** online at www.degives.org/orgs/shepherds-office-inc or purchase needed items from their **Amazon wishlist** (www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JFM9O9TP1VTC/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex), which can be shipped directly to them.

Thank you for your generosity to those in need! (Email Kh. Vera at standrewlewes@gmail.com to have these links sent to you for easy clicking!)

April 2025

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, April 6 5th Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)

Saint Platonis the Deaconess of Nisibis, Syria (308); 120 Martyrs of Persia (4th cent.)

Tone 8
Eothinon 8 (St. John 20:11-18)

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - 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, April 13 Palm Sunday

Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia
Hieromartyr Artemon of Laodikeia (303)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26
Liturgy Gospel: John 1:43-51

TROPARION FOR PALM SUNDAY - Tone 4 - O Christ God, when we were buried with thee in Baptism, we became deserving of thy Resurrection to eternal life. Wherefore, we praise thee, crying, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!"

**Sunday, April 20 HOLY PASCHA - CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Holy Gospel: Saint John 1:1-17

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.**

**Sunday, April 27 Christ is Risen! Sunday of Thomas**

Hieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem (107)
Saint Eulogius the Hospitable of Constantinople

Matins Gospel:
Eothinon 1 (St. Matthew 28:16-20)

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
Liturgy Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

TROPARION OF ST. THOMAS - Tone 7 - While the Tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light! While the doors were closed, thou didst come in to thy disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy mercy!

Regular Schedule

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

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Other April Services:

See the Lenten Schedule on page 4
or pick one up in the church foyer.
**Be sure to set aside time to attend
some of the many special services
during the Great Fast.**

St. George
Wednesday, April 23
Divine Liturgy 10 am
Potluck Luncheon (Festal Menu)

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Who is the man who fears the
LORD? Him will he instruct in
the way that he should choose.
His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the
land.

The friendship of the LORD is for
those who fear him, and he makes
known to them his covenant.

My eyes are ever toward the
LORD, for he will pluck my feet
out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are
enlarged; bring me out of my
distresses.

Consider my affliction and my
trouble, and forgive all my sins

Psalm 25:12-18

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

Please contact Father Herman for information about becoming a member of St. Andrew Orthodox Church

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St Andrew's Upcoming Lenten Services

Mark your calendar now!

Set aside the time for these important services.

Wednesday, April 2	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Lenten potluck supper
Friday, April 4	6:00 pm	Akathist
Wednesday, April 9	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Lenten potluck supper
Saturday, April 12	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday Preparation of Palms & Youth Activity
	6:00 pm	Vespers for Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13	9:00 am	Orthros for Palm Sunday
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Great & Holy Week and Pascha

Sunday, April 13	6:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 14	6:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 15	6:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 16	6:00 pm	Sacrament of Holy Unction
Thursday, April 17	3:00 pm	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
	6:00 pm	Twelve Gospels Matins
Great Friday, April 18	10:00 am	Royal Hours
	3:00 pm	Vespers of Burial (taking down from the cross)
	6:00 pm	Lamentations Matins
Great Saturday, April 19	10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
	10:00 pm	PASCHAL SERVICES
		Please join us after the services for blessing of baskets & breaking of the Fast
Sunday, April 20	3:00 pm	Agape Vespers & Easter egg hunt

CHRIST IS RISEN : INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Christos Anesti : Alithos Anesti!	GREEK
Al-Maseeh Qam : Haqan Qam!	ARABIC
Christos Voskrese : Vo Istinu Voskrese!	SLAVONIC
Christos A-Inviat : Adeverat A-Inviat!	ROMANIAN

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

- We say or sing the **Resurrection Troparion** every day with our devotions.
- We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "**Christ is risen!**"
- We read the **Book of Acts and the Gospel of John** in our family Bibles.
- There is **no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays** until after Ascension (May 29). (Communion fast continues as usual.)
- In honor of the Resurrection, there is **no kneeling**, in Church or at home, until Pentecost.

2025 Spring/Summer Raffle!

Grand Prize:

7 Day Oceanfront 2BR Condo

Myrtle Beach Get-Away - Aug.9-16th

At The Hilton Ocean 22 Resort

PLUS Two Additional Drawings for

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN!

Includes Dinner and Show for Two at either:



**LaFable
Or
Victoria's
Restaurant**

AND:

**Show Tickets
for the**



**Clearspace Theatre in Rehoboth Beach for a date
and show of winner's choosing!**

Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50

Drawing takes place on Sunday July 13th

(You don't need to be present to win)