



SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*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!

October 2025

Wisdom

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: ... if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ... the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Romans 12:6-18

BISHOP THOMAS VISIT October 11-12 **Come receive the blessing!**

Call to worship! You are encouraged to show your respect for our bishop by being in attendance at all services the weekend of October 11-12. Vespers Saturday at 6 pm, Orthros and Liturgy Sunday beginning at 9 am.



Fall Fest! Save the Date! Friday & Saturday, November 7 & 8

How will you help?

Sale Prep - Setup - Décor - Staffing - Serving

We are relying on you!

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. Quarter-page cards are available as well. An electronic copy and links have been emailed so you can share it on social media; contact Kh. Vera if you need that email again.

Why do we have a Fall Fest?

- **Outreach** to the Community, introduction to Orthodoxy, welcoming the Community into our Church home
- **Bonding** event for parishioners, people working together for a common goal, fostering unity in the Church, getting to know other parishioners
- **Support of community ministries**
- **Support of St. Andrew's ministries**

This is why we are so eager for you to join our efforts, why **we want you to participate in this work of ministry**. Please take a moment to consider how you will help and sign up on the sheets in the church foyer. **We need you!**

Friendly faces needed! While it is everyone's responsibility to **greet our visitors**, we like to have a couple of people near the church doors to **greet folks as they arrive** for services. See a Parish Council member for details and guidance.

Love for the Enemies: A brief reflection on Luke 6:27–36

Fr. Herman Acker

In his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus commands us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who mistreat us. This radical love goes beyond reciprocity—loving only those who love us—and reflects the grace we ourselves have received from God.

When we love our enemies, we reveal our true identity as “children of the Most High,” who showed mercy to us when we were still sinners and reconciled us through Christ. Such love is not weakness but strength, bearing the family likeness of our merciful Father.

Jesus concludes: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Mercy frees us from resentment and entrusts judgment to God, breaking the cycle of retaliation and overcoming evil with good.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to imitate our Father’s mercy in a world desperate for grace. To love our enemies is to proclaim the gospel in action, showing the same love God first showed us.



But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:27–36

Mediterranean Market!

We’d like to make the Mediterranean Market a **year-round place to shop** for hard-to-find international groceries. Use the **signup sheet** in the church foyer to **let us know what items you’d like us to keep in stock**. Contact Nick Nicholson or Ray Wolak for more information.

Women of St. Andrew’s

December 6, 2 pm, at Clear Space Theatre in Rehoboth Beach. "A Christmas Carol." Cost \$25.

Ladies’ Valentine Tea. February 7, 2026, 11:30 am. Mark your calendar and invite your friends! www.orthodoxdelmar.org/tea

Contact Sharon Metaxas for more information on Ladies’ events.

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, October 15 (date change) & 29, at NOON.** Please see Lisa Wolak for details and to ask about donations needed.

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.

Essential items for the homeless are collected for them at St. Andrew’s. **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.**

In addition to making sandwiches with us, you can **donate funds** online at www.degives.org/orgs/shepherds-office-inc or purchase items from their **Amazon wishlist** (www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JFM909TP1VTC/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex), which can be shipped directly to them.

Ongoing collection of non-perishable foods

Non-perishable food items and paper goods are distributed through the food pantry at the Christian Storehouse in Millsboro. Please do not donate anything beyond its expiration date.



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

October 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.

October 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria, theologian & catechist (265)
Charitina, virgin & martyr (304)

Tone 8
Eothinon 6 (St. Luke 24:36-53)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

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!

October 12 Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Probus, Tarachus & Andronicus, martyrs (Syria, 304)
Martin, Bishop of Tours (Gaul, 400)

Tone 1
Eothinon 7 (St. John 20:1-10)

Epistle: St. Titus 3:8-15
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:5-15

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!

October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prophet Joel
John of Ryla (Bulgaria, 946)

Tone 2
Eothinon 8 (St. John 20:11-18)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16

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!

October 26 St. Demetrios the Great Martyr

Joasaf, new martyr (Constantinople, 1536)
St. Cedd, bishop of Lastingham (Britain, 664)

Tone 3
Eothinon 9 (St. John 20:19-31)

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:27-39

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 depth 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.

REMINDER:

Post-Communion Prayers are being read immediately following every Sunday Divine 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving Holy 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.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 16:25

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:1-2

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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Moussaka - Crepes - Spanakopita

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FALL FEST!

Friday, November 7 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday, November 8 9 am to 4 pm

Themed Baskets!

Int'l Bake Sale!



Int'l Foods!

Church Tours!

Plus: Mediterranean Market!

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Kourabiethes - Tortenboden - Tsoureki - Baklava

Galaktobouriko - Rice Pudding - Melomakarona

Pastitsio - Gyro - Stuffed Grape Leaves