



SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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

Christ is The Word. LOGOS

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

December 2025

Wisdom

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Christmas Services

Wednesday, December 24

10:00 am Royal Hours
Chrismation following

6:00 pm Orthros & Liturgy for Nativity of Christ



Angel Tree



St. Andrew's is sponsoring an Angel Tree again this year for needy residents of Breakwater Village Nursing Home (formerly Harbor Healthcare) who have no family to provide them with a gift for Christmas. Please reach into your heart and share your love this year with someone who would otherwise be overlooked. Angels will be available on the tree in the foyer in Late November, and instructions will be posted nearby. Choose one item, or as many as you would like to give. Please package your gifts in a gift bag with tissue, and return to the church by December 14. Thank you all for your continued love, support, and enthusiasm for this most worthy project!

Many, many thanks to all who supported our Fall Fest!



leaders * coordinators * cooks * bakers *
givers * prayers * greeters * workers * creators * mailers *
heavy lifters * assemblers * disassemblers * packers * pricers *
sharers * carriers * cleaners * supporters * sponsors ...

and everyone who played a part in this tremendous endeavor!

May God bless you all!

Forty Days of Growth in Stewardship

Keep an eye on our Stewardship Tree!

A leaf is added for each new pledge.
Will you be a part of our growth?



Stewardship packets have been mailed! If you did not receive one, pick up a packet in the church foyer. Information is also posted on St. Andrew's website at orthodoxdelmar.org/stewardship.

We ask that you also fill out the Ministries panel and the Contact Information panel of the Stewardship brochure, even if nothing has changed, for our records.

As we think about our stewardship in the Church - how we "give back" to God for all His blessings - we ask that you consider making a commitment of financial support to St. Andrew's. **Your pledge**, communicated to us via the pledge form, **helps us to plan** and budget the church's finances for the coming year. If you give regularly but don't pledge, thank you! But it would be helpful for us if we know in advance what your planned giving will be. A pledge is not binding; no one will send you a bill. If your circumstances change, you are free to change your giving plan.

Many thanks to all who support our church home!



Crossing to the Other Side - Christ Among the Outsiders: A brief reflection on Luke 8:26–39

Fr. Herman Acker

This Gospel tells of Jesus crossing the Sea of Galilee into the Gentile region of the Gadarenes. This is the only place in Luke where Jesus deliberately enters foreign soil—a symbol that His saving power knows no borders.

Moments earlier, Jesus had calmed a storm on the sea. Now He faces another storm: a man tormented by a legion of demons, living among tombs and cut off from society. With a word, Jesus brings peace where there was chaos. The man is restored, clothed, and in his right mind—sitting at the feet of Christ.

But the townspeople react with fear. Rather than rejoice in the man's healing, they beg Jesus to leave. Only the healed man believes, longing to follow his Savior. Instead, Jesus sends him home with a mission: "Return to your own house and tell what great things God has done for you."

This story shows us at least three truths:

1. Christ's power is universal—He rules nature and the unseen.
2. Christ's mercy reaches the outsider—no one is beyond His compassion.
3. Christ's mission continues through witnesses—those transformed by grace must tell their story.

As the healed man became a light among his people, so we are called to bear witness in our own circles. Wherever fear or brokenness reigns, Christ still crosses to the other side.

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:26-39

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 WEDNESDAY, December 3 & TUESDAY, December 16, at NOON (NOTE date changes).** 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/2JFM9O9TP1VTC/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!)

December 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.

December 7 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Ambrose, bishop of Milan (397)
Martyr Athenodoros of Mesopotamia (304)

Tone 1 Epistle: Ephesians 5: 8-19
Eothinon 4 (St. Luke 24: 1-12) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 13: 10-17

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!

December 14 Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios and Kallinikos of Apollonia (250)
St. Folcunus, bishop of Tervas (Netherlands, 855)

Tone 2 Epistle: Colossians 3: 4-11
Eothinon 5 (St. Luke 24: 12-35) Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 14: 16-24

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!

December 21 Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (Genealogy)

Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (304)
St. Macarius the Faster, abbot of Khakhuli (11th c.)

Tone 3 Epistle: Hebrews 11: 9-10, 32-40
Eothinon 6 (St. John 20: 36-53) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 1: 1-25

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!

CHRISTMAS TROPARION – Tone 4 - Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they who did worship the stars did learn from them to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that Thou didst come from the east of the highest. Glory to Thee, O Lord!

December 28 Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King,
& James the brother of the Lord
20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia (302)

Tone 4 Epistle: Galatians 1: 11-19
Eothinon 7 (St. John 20: 1-10) Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 2: 13-23

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!

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.

Regular Schedule

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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 December:
(see page 1 for Christmas services)

St. Barbara
Thursday, December 4
Divine Liturgy, 3 pm

St. Nicholas Vespers
Friday, December 5, 6 pm
Followed by youth event.

St. Herman of Alaska
Saturday, December 13
Divine Liturgy, 10 am

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday, December 20
Divine Liturgy, 10 am

St. Stephen & St. Fabiola
Saturday, December 27
Divine Liturgy, 10 am

**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, 12:00 pm. Buy your tickets now, at church or online, and invite your friends! Share the Tea webpage: www.orthodoxdelmar.org/tea



Contact Sharon Metaxas for more information on Ladies' events.

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Order Tickets online beginning December 1!
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St. Andrew's Presents

A Ladies' Valentine Tea & Luncheon

Saturday, February 7, 2026, 12:00 pm

Featuring

A variety of Teas

A Luncheon of Savory & Sweet Treats

A Presentation about Tea by Spice & Tea Exchange, Rehoboth Beach

Door prizes, Games, 50/50 Raffle.

Hats Optional

Tickets \$35 per person

Proceeds benefit St. Andrew Church & various ministries.



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