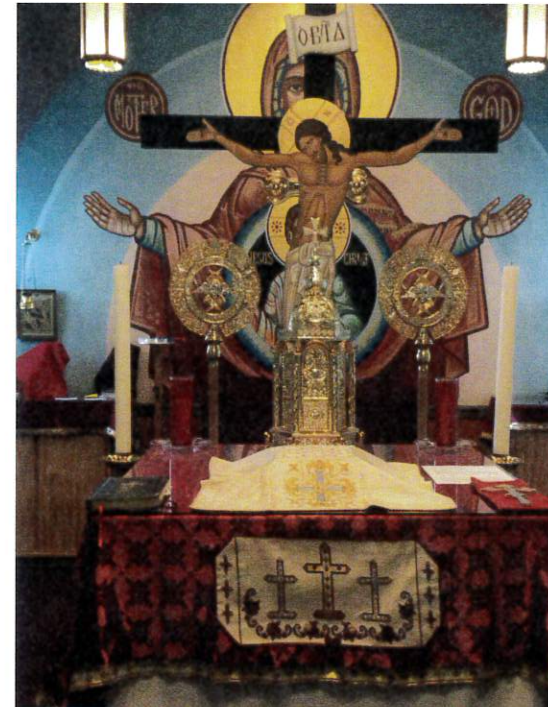


Pledging - the Life of the Church

OUR **2026** PLEDGE

Why Should We Pledge To Our Church?

Pledging helps fund the church's programs - from worship services and pastoral care - to community outreach and charitable efforts. These initiatives often rely on the financial stability that pledges provide. Pledging is about participating in the life of the church in a way that reflects your values and commitment to our faith. It is a way to invest in something you believe in and help ensure that your church can continue its work for years to come. It is your response to God's abundance in our lives. It is a statement of thanksgiving and a commitment to follow in the way of Jesus by giving as God gives to us. As it is written in *Deuteronomy 16:15 (ESV)* "Then you shall keep the Feast . . . to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you. . . . because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands so that you will be altogether joyful."



The entire church building is centered on the altar table in the sanctuary. It symbolizes the table of the Last Supper and is the symbolic and mystical presence of the heavenly throne and table of the Kingdom of God.



Name (s) _____

Signature(s) _____

Weekly \$_____ Monthly \$_____ Yearly \$ _____

_____ I pledge an outright gift of cash, a bequest, a transfer of stocks or securities, or other monetary equivalents. (Please discuss these decisions with your lawyer, financial advisor, or estate planner.)

_____ I would like to commission an icon in memory of a loved one or to honor the memory of a friend.

_____ I would like to order an engraved nameplate for *The Wall of Eternal Memory*.

If I Cannot Fulfill My Commitment

If you cannot fulfill your commitment, this statement of intention may be revised or cancelled. Discuss this with Father Herman.

Mail Your Pledge Card to:

Saint Andrew The Apostle Orthodox Church

33384 Mackenzie Way Lewes DE 19958

or place it in the offering basket

You receive a receipt for 2025 income tax.

Budget and Finance

- Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Fund Raising
- Legal and Estate Planning
- Order of Saint Ignatius

Church Services

- Book and Gift Shop
- Lending Library

Communications

- Advertising
- Archives and Church History
- Media and Publications

Fellowship and Enrichment

- Antiochian Women
- Men's Fellowship
- Kitchen and Coffee Hour Support
- Greeters/Hospitality
- Prayer Group
- Sunday School

Liturgical Care and Worship

- Altar Servers
- Choir
- Epistle Readers
- Hosting In-Home Bible Study

Physical Facilities

- Beautification and Iconography
- Carpentry/Plumbing/Painting
- Cleaning and Maintenance
- Grounds and Exterior Care
- Safety and Security

Outreach and Helping Ministries

- Charitable Works
- Interfaith Relations
- Providing Transportation
- Visiting Hospitalized and Shut Ins

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Homephone () _____

Cellphone () _____

Your Email _____

Spouse's Email _____

Your Birthday

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Spouse's Birthday

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Household Members' Birthdays

Name _____

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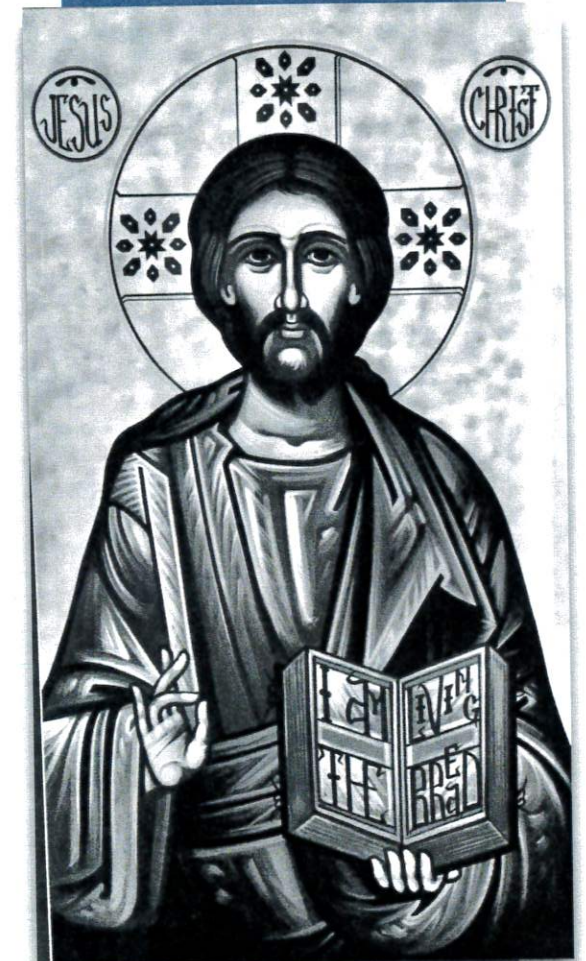
Your Wedding Anniversary

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

In 2025, 56 parishioners pledged a total of \$117,370 to Saint Andrew, which supports more than 66 percent of our operating expenses of \$14,800 per month. While this represented an increase in the amount of the average pledge over 2024, there were 11 fewer pledges and \$8000 fewer total dollars pledged compared to 2024. Support for Saint Andrew comes not only from monetary gifts but from parishioners who give of their time and talent by participating in one or more of Saint Andrew's many Ministries. One of our most successful Ministries is "Lunchbox Wednesdays" where we prepare lunch box meals each month for the needy. This year we have made over 6,000 sandwiches for the Shepherd's Office in Georgetown. Since this project began, Saint Andrew's volunteers made over 14,000 sandwiches for the homeless and needy. We also collect essential items for the indigent and homeless such as clothing, shoes and socks. We collect non-perishable foods as well. Your pledges have supported our mission as a committed house of worship. serving our parish and the needy in the community.



*Parishioners who have lost a loved one, a family member, or a friend are offered a tangible and visible way to continue to express their love and remembrance of those who have gone to their rest. Preserve their memory by commissioning an engraved nameplate on **The Wall of Eternal Memory.***



Stewardship
2026

