

Share the Good News!

March 2019

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

The mission of St. Andrew's 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.

Wisdom of the Fathers

If you have the sinful habit of judging your neighbor, then whenever you judge someone make three prostrations that day with this prayer: "Save, O Lord, and have mercy on him (whom I have judged) and by his prayers, have mercy on me, a sinner." Do this every time you judge someone. If you do this, God will see your sincerity and will deliver you from this sinful habit forever. And if you never judge anyone, then God will never judge you. In this way you will even receive salvation.

Priest-confessor Sergei Pravdolubov

Great Lent

begins at midnight after Cheese Fare,
Monday, March 11.

Copies of the Fasting Guidelines and Lenten Services are available on the table in the foyer.

Two Requests from our Sunday School Teachers

- 1) Volunteer opportunities are needed for our youth to experience the true blessing of giving their time and talent to others.
- 2) Icon images are needed for craft projects to be sold at the Annual Yard Sale.

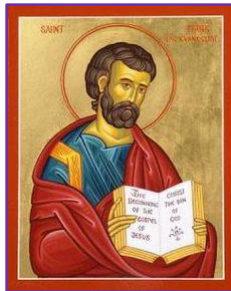
If you are able to help with either of these requests, please see Joy or Lisa.

Join us!

Wednesdays at 6 pm ~ March 6 through April 17

The Gospel of Mark

The Way of the Cross
and the
Challenge of the Empty Tomb



The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

On Sundays during Great Lent in the Orthodox Church, we pray the Liturgy of St. Basil rather than that of St. John Chrysostom. What are the differences between the two?

The difference between the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and that of St. Basil is mainly in the so-called "Silent Prayers," which for a long time had been recited in a low voice. But following the more ancient practice, many priests today, including Fr. Herman, say these prayers aloud. The prayers in the Liturgy of St. Basil, longer than those of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, carry a wealth of theology and spirituality very beneficial for our meditation, particularly during the period of the Great Fast.

The second major difference is in the Megalynarion, the hymn to the Theotokos which comes toward the end of the Anaphora after the formal Epiclesis or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. This beautiful Hymn, in the Liturgy of St. Basil, starts with the words, "In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices..." The equivalent Hymn for the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom starts with "It is meet and right to call you blessed, O Theotokos..." There is also a slight difference in the Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion.

St. Basil Liturgy is used only ten times a year, namely: The vigils of Christmas and Theophany, the feast of St. Basil on January 1, the first five Sundays of Lent, Holy Thursday, and Holy Saturday.

Save the Dates!

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| March 2 | 9 am Men's Fellowship
Breakfast, Ocean Grill, Lewes
(Five Points) |
| March 6 | Bible Study Begins |
| March 10 | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| March 25 | Annunciation to the Theotokos |
| March 29-31 | Antiochian Women's Lenten
Retreat, Antiochian Village |
| May 3-4 | Annual Yard Sale |
| August 23-25 | Bishop Thomas Visit |

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St. Andrew's – Schedule for March 2019

Every Wednesday

6 pm Bible Study

Every Saturday

5 pm Choir Rehearsal and Confession **6 pm Vespers**

Sunday, March 3

9 am Orthros/Matins

10 am Divine Liturgy

Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Tone 7

Epistle: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Eothinon 7

Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy!

Sunday, March 10

9 am Orthros/Matins

Daylight Savings Time begins

10 am Divine Liturgy

Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)

Tone 8

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Eothinon 8

Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

Monday, March 11

GREAT LENT BEGINS

Friday, March 15

6 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Sunday, March 17

9 am Orthros/Matins

1st of Lent (Orthodoxy)

10 am Divine Liturgy

Tone 1

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Eothinon 9

Liturgy Gospel: John 1:43-51

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

Friday, March 22

6 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 23

10 am Divine Liturgy

Soul Saturday

Sunday, March 24

9 am Orthros/Matins

10 am Divine Liturgy

2nd of Lent (Gregory Palamas)

Tone 2

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Eothinon 10

Liturgy Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

Monday, March 25

10 am Liturgy for Annunciation

Friday, March 29

6 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Sunday, March 31

9 am Orthros/Matins

10 am Divine Liturgy

3rd of Lent (Holy Cross)

Tone 3

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Eothinon 11

Liturgy Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

Stewardship in Action

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our February fundraiser. We raised **\$817** in support of Metropolitan Joseph's initiative.

Stewardship

Date/Attendance/Offerings

02/03	80	\$2,985
02/10	114	\$2,480
02/17	140	\$1,240
02/24	108	\$2,345

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Pledges 2019

Number Received: **77**

Amount Pledged: **\$77,650**

Church Improvement Fund

Amount Pledged: **\$5,590**

Prayer Requests

Please consider joining St. Andrew's Prayer Team! Prayer requests are sent via email to the team to pray on their own time. If you would like to have prayers offered for someone in need, please contact Pam Smith at rosehill89@aol.com.



Summer Camp at Antiochian Village

Ages 9-17

Seven of St. Andrew's

youth are registered for camp.

See Kh. Vera with questions.

Please consider supporting the camp scholarship fund!

www.orthodoxdelmar.org

The website is updated regularly. Please let Kh. Vera know if there is anything you would like to see included.

Cell Phones/Texting

The use of cell phones and texting are never allowed in church. If you have a professional reason to carry a cell phone for emergencies, please keep it on vibrate and sit near the exit so that leaving for an emergency will not be a distraction to others.

A Guide to Parish Etiquette

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)