



ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

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.

July 2019

Wisdom of the Fathers

Sin makes man a coward; but a life in the Truth of Christ makes Him bold. ~St. John Chrysostom

An Update from Marty Smith, Parish Council President

In January we entered a most exciting and holy chapter in the life of our Church. Fr. Herman and Kh. Vera are both here full-time and are now residents of Delaware. We are so blessed to have them!

In 2019, our weekly attendance has increased by 9% year-to-year and we have received a record number of 81 pledges. Through your generosity we were able to install a new PA system enabling our services and our Choir to be heard throughout the entire building. We completed construction of the new shed and rear stairs, installed three new icons in the Sanctuary and twelve new icons in the foyer, and placed a new candle stand in memory of Father Boniface Black. Our Annual Yard and Bake Sale in May was our most successful ever!

The changes that have taken place at St. Andrew's during the first half of this year have been nothing short of amazing. I am truly thankful for the members of our Church community who unselfishly grace our house of worship and take it upon themselves to look for ways to support our Church and to help others. We all come together to experience God's blessings in an atmosphere of grace and acceptance in our "Miracle Church."

Please Take Note

Father Herman will be attending the Archdiocese National Convention from July 22-26.

Sussex Pregnancy Care Center Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

St. Andrew's will have baby bottles available for your donations to this compassionate support program to meet the needs of women during their pregnancy and through their baby's first year. Practical help and emotional support are provided through an earn-while-you-learn program. The goal is to promote a positive and healthy pregnancy and to instill the confidence associated with being a successful mom. Look for the baby bottles in the foyer. Your support of this campaign is much appreciated!

Updates from Father Herman

On May 25 St. Andrew's had its first Altar server get-together which included prayer, instructions on serving properly, pizza and a fun time of games and fellowship. We look forward to many more.

On June 6 at the Feast of Ascension we had the privilege of having Fr. Noah and Kh. Elizabeth Bushelli and their children worship with us for the Divine Liturgy. Fr. Noah con-celebrated the Liturgy with Fr. Herman. Fr. Noah is the pastor of St. Philip's Church in Souderton, PA. May God bless Fr. Noah and his family in their ministry.

On June 9 we celebrated the graduation of Tabitha Wojciechowski from high school. May God bless Tabitha in her future college studies!

In June we welcomed into our Sanctuary three new Icons which decorate and sanctify our walls: St. Moses the Ethiopian, St. Irene the Great Martyr and St. Ignatius of Antioch. May the prayers of the Saints continue to encourage us to love and good works.

Our first set of campers attended Antiochian Village Camp in June. More St. Andrew's campers will be attending for a session the first two weeks of July. We are thankful for the wonderful ministry of Antiochian Village Camp and the generosity of St. Andrew's donors who have supported our Camp Scholarship Fund.

Save the Dates

July 28 - noon	Antiochian Women Meeting
August 1-14	Dormition Fast
August 6	Transfiguration
August 15	The Dormition of the Theotokos
August 23-25	Bishop Thomas Visit
November 1-2	Fall Festival

Church Schedule for July 2019

Every Saturday **5 pm Choir Rehearsal**
5 pm Confession
6 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 7 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Great-martyr Kyriaki; 3rd of Matthew
Tone 2 Epistle: Galatians 3:23-4:5
Eothinon 3 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

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!

Sunday, July 14 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council
Tone 3 Epistle: Titus 3:8-15
Eothinon 4 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

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!

Sunday, July 21 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

5th after Pentecost; 5th of Matthew
Tone 4 Epistle: Romans 10:1-10
Eothinon 5 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – 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!

Sunday, July 28 **9 am Orthros/Matins**
10 am Divine Liturgy

6th after Pentecost; 6th of Matthew
Tone 5 Epistle: Romans 12:6-14
Eothinon 6 Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION – Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Stewardship and Pledges

The true motivation for giving is grace. Giving is an act of worship in response to the generosity of God. “You are to give,” says Saint Paul, “as God has prospered you.” His Second Letter to the Corinthians teaches us clearly, “He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

To date, 81 stewards have pledged \$86,100 toward our 2019 Stewardship Campaign.

Attendance and Offerings for June

Attendance	277
Offerings	\$5,575
(through June 16)	

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 for a friend or loved one in need. If you would like to have prayers offered on their behalf, please contact Pam Smith at rosehill89@aol.com

Visitation of Sick and Infirm

Please note the list on the Bulletin Board in the foyer of those parishioners currently hospitalized, recuperating at home, or in need of special assistance.

A Guide to Parish Etiquette

Veneration of Icons

The proper way to reverence an icon is to make the sign of the cross, kiss either the hands or feet of the saint depicted in the icon, or the scroll, Gospel book or cross the saint is holding, then once again make the sign of the cross. Please remove lipstick before kissing the icon.

Saturday Confessions 5:00 pm
Saturday Vespers 6:00 pm

Sunday Orthros/Matins 9:00 am
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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