

NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

August 2, 2015

Saints Commemorated today: Translation of the Relics of Stephen the Protomartyr; Archdeacon Phocas the Martyr

EPISTLE READING

Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60

Brethren, in those days, Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, arose and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated men, who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. And the high priest said, "Is this so?" And Stephen said: "Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Depart from your land and from your kindred and go into the land which I will show you.' Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living; yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him in possession and to his posterity after him, though he had no child. "But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?' "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 4TH PLAGAL TONE

(Page 46 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

Thou dost descend from on High, O Merciful Savior, and dost endure the grave for three days, that Thou mightest free us from anguish. Glory to Thee, O Lord, our Life and our Resurrection.



FAST OF THE HOLY DORMITION

The Holy Dormition Fast began yesterday and lasts until August 14. Paraklesis (Supplications) will be 7pm Monday-Friday. If you would like to donate towards the Dormition Flowers, please contact the office.

HAPPY 90th ARTEMIS HOKE

The Coffee Hour is being hosted today in honor of Artemis Hoke's 90th birthday. Please join us in celebrating her. May God bless you always, Artemis!

ST. NEKTARIOS CHAPEL

Please remember that although the St. Nektarios Chapel does not have an Iconostasis, the altar is still the altar and as in the main church only the priest should be in the altar. When Metropolitan Iakovos consecrated the church of St. Andrew he also consecrated the Chapel and it should be treated with the same respect and reverence. Please consider all of the raised area in the Chapel the altar and do not enter it or touch anything on the altar table. Thank you.

BULLETIN FLYERS

We will no longer be including flyers in the weekly bulletin. They are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. This week there are flyers for: **Festival Financial Report (Prelim), Direct (Auto) Debit forms.** Please take what you need.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES

We are in need of Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses for many Sundays throughout the year. Please take a minute to sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners of Saint Andrew are welcome to sign up. Just a reminder that all monies donated during Coffee Hour throughout the school year go towards buying school supplies (curriculum books, paper, pencils, etc). This is currently our only fundraising. The Coffee Hour supplies (cups, napkins, coffee, creamer, sugar, plates, silverware, etc) are donated throughout the year. By having a host or hostess for each Sunday, we do not have to pay for snacks out of the school supply budget. Thank you for your support!

RED VIGIL LIGHTS

The suggested donation for the red vigil lights is \$7 per candle and \$40 per case. Thank you.

FREE WI-FI IS NOW AVAILABLE

Wi-fi is now available. Please see Father George, a Council Member, the church office or Joseph for access information.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please remember to check the ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR when scheduling activities. They should *not* be scheduled during service times. This is disrespectful to God and unacceptable. Thank you.

PROSFORO COMMITTEE

We are in need of Prosforo bakers, please contact the office to sign up!!!

Please note that without the Prosforo, Divine Liturgy cannot be conducted. Recently, we have had several members of this committee that are unable to continue to be a part of the committee. If you would be willing to sign up to make Prosforo twice a year (once every six months), please contact the office or Artemis Hoke. If you are currently a member of the committee and unable to provide it on your scheduled Sunday please contact the office, so that we may make arrangements. Thank you. Current Members: Maria Angelos, Arlene Batalis, Marina Carlin, Cindy Crawford, Maria Giannakakis, Artemis Hoke, Anthoula Kanalos, Pres. Elaine, Mary Koucouthakis, Ted Poledor, Penny Poulos, Joan Prathaftakis, Nick Proicou, Rose Rorres, Sigrid Thanos, Mary Jo Tirikos, Neovi Karakatsanis, Ioanna Bilonis and Janice Lampos.

REMINDER FOR PARISHIONERS

There should be NO talking in the Narthex during the Divine Liturgy. (No one should be congregating in the hallways or Fellowship Hall). It is completely disrespectful to God and to the worship service of our Church.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

The Little Lamb bags, located in the coat room, are available for your child(ren) to use during church service. Please, follow the instructions. Thank you. **Please** keep the numbered books in the correct bags. We also have had a few books destroyed. Let's try to be gentle.

For the convenience of parents with crying children, a "cry room" is located off the Narthex for your use. **ATTENTION PARENTS: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT WANDERING**

AROUND THE CHURCH DURING SERVICES. THIS IS VERY DISRUPTIVE TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU!

PARKING

PLEASE NOTE: Many people are parking in the 'No Parking' and 'Handicap' parking areas. We have many parishioners who have a legitimate need to park there. Please do not use the handicap spaces unless you have a tag or plate. Please **do not** park in the **NO PARKING AREAS** at all. We appreciate your cooperation in this. Thank you.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please remember to dress appropriately and modestly for church services. There is no chewing gum, talking or crossing your legs in church. Everyone should arrive on time for the Liturgy. Do not leave trash (bulletins, paper, etc) in the pews. It is considered disrespectful for anyone attending Orthodox Christian services to cross their legs during service, chew gum or come in late. Also women who are planning on taking Communion should not wear lipstick or should remove it before going up for Communion.

TURN OFF CELL PHONES. Thank you.

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

People of different religious affiliation or tradition who behave in a respectful manner are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church but **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH who share a common faith and practice a specific spiritual discipline may participate in the Church's sacraments and receive Holy Communion at the Orthodox Divine Liturgy. The Greek Orthodox Church has a closed communion and no intercommunion with any other Christian body.** We are blessed by your presence with us and thank you for your understanding. May God bless you always.

A NOTE TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS PLEASE NOTE: The proper preparation for receiving Holy Communion is: 1) prayer; 2) keeping the fast throughout the year (Wednesdays, Fridays, Great Lent, fast of the Holy Apostles, fast of the Dormition and the Christmas Fast, etc); and 3) most important, participating in the Sacrament of Holy Confession and Repentance. **ALSO follow these guidelines as you approach for Holy Communion: Take the red cloth from the person before you and place it under your chin. Say your baptismal name. Open your mouth wide and receive the Holy Spoon in your mouth, lower your lips on the Holy Communion spoon and carefully remove the Holy Eucharist so that there is nothing left. After partaking of the Sacrament blot your lips and hand the red cloth to the person behind you. Receive one piece of antidoron, return to your seat and read the post communion prayer. Lipstick, lip gloss, lip balm, etc, should be removed prior to approaching the chalice. Receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should not be treated like a fast food service. You should come on time for the Divine Liturgy (that means at the beginning) and not leave until the completion of the service. This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. It follows that if anyone eats the Lord's bread or drinks from his cup in a way that dishonors him, he is guilty of sin against the Lord's body and blood. So then, everyone should examine himself first, and then eat the bread and drink from the cup. For if he does not recognize the meaning of the Lord's body when he eats the bread and drinks from the cup, he brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks. That is why many of you are sick and weak, and several have died. If we would examine ourselves first, we would not come under God's judgment. But we are judged and punished by the Lord, so that we shall not be condemned together with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:26-32).**

At the time of communion, please allow families with infants to approach first, followed by the children and then the adults. Thank you.

The Communion Prayer is located in the Divine Liturgy Books on page 40 (old edition) and 66 (new edition). Everyone is encouraged to participate in the reciting of the Communion Prayer together.

YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

"...I was sick and you visited Me..." St. Matthew 25:36. "Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants." The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, *recovering at home or ill at home/hospital*: Irene Stavropulos (Vibra, Ft. Wayne), Nick Limberopoulos.

In nursing homes or home bound: Chris Bouris (Wellbrooke), Phyllis Leonakis (Wellbrooke), Bill Kanalos (Hearth at Juday Creek), Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton), Joan Rekos (Signature), Helen Kaldis, Mary Rudhman (home), and Telesila Yustwan (home).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, George Mighion, Chris Strafford, Pete Arvan, Mike Chronopoulos. If you are not serving in the pangari today, you should join everyone in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Today's **Epistle Lesson** will be read by **an Altar Boy**.

Arlene Batalis prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

The Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **Nick and Anna Efthimiou**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

MEMORIAL: A 40-day Memorial is offered this morning for **Peggy Bouris** by her loving husband, Chris and son, Peter and family. MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 3	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm
Tuesday, August 4	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm
Wednesday, August 5	Orthros 9am Great Vespers for Holy Transfiguration 5p
Thursday, August 6	Holy Transfiguration 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Supplications 7p.m Holy Dormition Chapel
Friday, August 7	Orthros 9am Supplications 7p.m. Holy Dormition Chapel
Saturday, August 8	Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, August 9	Tenth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, August 10	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm Holy Dormition Chapel
Tuesday, August 11	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm Holy Dormition Chapel
Wednesday, August 12	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm Holy Dormition Chapel
Thursday, August 13	Orthros 9am Supplications 7pm Holy Dormition Chapel
Friday, August 14	Great Vespers for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos 7p.m. Artoklasia (Blessing of the Loaves) Epitaphio of the Virgin Mary with Procession at Holy Dormition Chapel
Saturday, August 15	Holy Dormition of Theotokos 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Holy Dormition Chapel

Sunday, August 16

10th Sunday of Matthew

9:30 Orthros

10:30 Divine Liturgy

Holy Dormition Chapel (NO SERVICES AT ST ANDREW)

Annual Picnic following Liturgy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, August 16

Holy Dormition Picnic

Tuesday, August 18

Parish Council 7pm

June 10-12, 2016

Greek Festival

2015 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

July 15 Income	July 15 Expenses	Monthly Balance	July 14 Income	July 14 Expenses	July 14 Balance
\$15,748.75	\$28,882.17	--\$13,133.42	\$13,134.20	\$26,095.04	--\$12,960.84

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	14 YTD Inc	14 YTD Ex	14 YTD Bal
\$149,779.64	\$185,403.80	--\$35,624.16	\$162,894.92	\$199,351.18	--\$36,456.26

Stewardship Report

July Pledge Income	July Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$11,587.50	\$15,000.00	--\$3,412.50	\$95,124.00	\$152,000.00	--\$56,876.00

*Year-to-date as of July 31, 2015

Our monthly stewardship goal in July is \$15,000; we have received \$11,587.50

We received \$6,355 in stewardship in June. (The goal was \$15,000.)

June 2014 we received \$9,680 in stewardship. (The goal was \$14,500)

2nd Quarter we received \$37,179 in stewardship. (The goal was \$65,000)

2nd Quarter 2014 we received \$37,510 in stewardship. (The goal was \$40,500)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!

Our ***current bank balance is \$8,002.50***(As of 7-31-15).

Please do not forget to send in your generous pledges: we count on you to have a balanced budget by the end of the year, and we want to avoid seeing our general fund balance dangerously reduced. Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. **We plead with you to do everything that you can to send in your pledges in a timely and generous manner.**



**TWELFTH ANNUAL
HOLY DORMITION FEAST DAY
PARISH PICNIC
AT THE
HOLY DORMITION CHAPEL GROUNDS,
32365 CHICAGO TRAIL, NEW CARLISLE, IN**

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

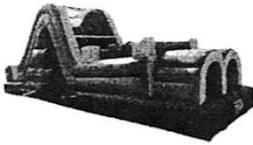
TIME: 9:30 ORTHROS
10:30 DIVINE LITURGY

Services held at Holy Dormition Chapel (St. Andrew closed)

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY start with social hour, coffee, and donuts. Lunch buffet starts at 12:00 (Greek salad, chicken breast, rice, B.B.Q. ribs, bread, corn-on-the-cob, dessert, coffee, soft drinks and bottled water) \$12 person; \$3 for children (10 and under no charge); beer \$3, glass of wine \$5, bottle of wine \$15.

All proceeds for chapel improvements and future events.

Fresh air and good food. Let's have an enjoyable day together with our families.



For the kids



There will be a tent with tables and chairs for all to enjoy.

Protopresbyter: Rev. Father George Konstantopoulos
Chairman: Mr. Nick Giannakakis 269-449-2112
Co-Chairs: Mrs. Effie Limberopoulos, Mr. Tim Karamalegos
Office: 574-277-4688

GREEK FESTIVAL 2015

<u>Gross Revenue by area</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tickets - Food, drink, pastry, Taverna, children's area	\$73,059.50	\$103,812.00	-\$30,752.50
Admission	\$8,057.00	\$10,601.00	-\$2,544.00
Ad book	\$8,025.00	\$6,285.00	\$1,740.00
Drive thru	\$7,463.00		
Gift shop	\$2,925.50		
Outside bar - cash sales	\$2,102.00		
Inside bar - cash sales	\$1,219.00		
Taverna (paid for before festival start)	\$310.00		
Children's area - cash sales	\$992.55		
Left over sales on Sunday afternoon	\$2,794.00		
Grocery Store	\$938.83		
Carnival Games	\$400.00		
Cash donations	\$21,770.00	\$9,167.00	\$12,603.00
<u>Total Gross Revenue</u>	\$130,056.38		
<u>Expenses</u>			
Food, soft drinks, pastries, paper products	\$33,280.24	\$37,405.67	-\$4,125.43
Beer and Wine	\$6,289.68		
Tents, tables, bounce houses, light generator	\$9,246.65		
Band	\$4,200.00		
Dishwashers, trash, table/tray cleaning, overnight security, Robert Gibbons	\$4,020.00		
Ad book	\$2,281.00		
T-shirt for volunteers	\$2,000.00		
Advertising - bus signs, billboard, flyers, posters	\$1,931.97		
Cooks	\$1,500.00		
Parking lot - Arlington Pool	\$1,500.00		
Printing (placemats, food tickets, fall fest flyers, drive thru order forms)	\$1,453.04		
Grounds signs - outdoor	\$705.93		
Daytime security (Sheriff personnel)	\$1,335.00		
Ironwood traffic control (Sheriff personnel)	\$1,000.00		
Shuttle bus to and from parking lots	\$450.00		
Port a pots	\$411.00		
Merrillville dance troupe	\$250.00		
Wireless credit card machines	\$150.00		
Liquor permits	\$175.00		
<u>Total expenses</u>	\$72,179.51		
<u>Profit</u>	\$57,876.87		