

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

March 29, 2015

Saints Commemorated today: St. Mark, Bishop of Arethusa; Sts. Jonah & Mark the Martyrs; and St. Eustathios the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

ENTRANCE HYMN: 1ST TONE

(Page 45 in "The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom")

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, and while the soldiers were guarding Thy Sacred Body, Thou, O Savior, didst rise on the third day and gave Life to the World. Wherefore the Powers of the Heavens cried to Thee, O Giver of Life; Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; Glory to Thy Kingdom; Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who alone are Merciful.



PLAKI LUNCHEON

The Good Samaritans Plaki Luncheon will be Sunday, April 5 immediately following Divine Liturgy. Adult Plaki ticket \$16, Adult Pasta ticket \$10; Children's (18 and under) ticket \$5. Please make your reservations by April 1 with Terri Stavros. (Price at the door will be \$20.)

FESTIVAL UPDATE: THINGS ARE HEATING UP IN A GOOD WAY!

The **festival logo** went out via email earlier this week. Natasha Iuston has done an amazing job once again designing it. Can't thank her enough! This logo will be on the festival flyer, poster, T-shirt and various signs on the grounds. We've locked in the **new menu** which offers all previous selections plus 9 new items. Please don't worry about where everything will fit. We've considered each item and have identified space for everything. Specifically the new items and their locations are: Dolmathes dinner in the food line (the only addition to the food line). At the outside grill we will add loukaniko (Greek sausage) plus ala carte sales of kebabs and loukaniko. Greek pizza made fresh on location will be on the grounds also. New to the pastries section will be: bougatsa, paximathia, rice pudding, baklava sundaes and Greek yogurt with honey and nuts. Again- don't worry about space. With creativity and a positive can-do attitude all things are possible. **Volunteers** - we are over 30% staffed so far and every day volunteers are stepping up. If you haven't yet signed up please do so. You can either call the church office at 277-4688 or email Joanne Billionis at Joannebillionis@[yahoo.com](mailto:Joannebillionis@yahoo.com). This is OUR festival. Please do your part. The **new cultural exhibit** will be AMAZING! The entire stage in the social hall will have a 25'x8' vignette of a Greek village

with various traditional items plus mannequins with traditional costumes displayed. The culture and decorations committee is creating a WOW wall :) in the hall that will bring to life our slogan of "Celebrate the Spirit of Greece" I hope you're excited as I am to see this vision come to life. **Critical areas with help needed:** 1) We must SELL SELL SELL ads for the ad book. This is a very profitable area which also supports local businesses and organizations with exposure to a large audience. More details and the order form will be distributed soon. If you want to help Bill Giannakakis with this work please call the church office. 2) You will be receiving via home mailing the festival needs list and food tickets. This are opportunities to donate dollars toward necessary festival expenses and/or pre-purchase or pre-sell festival menu items. Please support your festival anyway you can. That's it for now! We hope you are finding these updates helpful and encouraging. I know quite well that we are planning a significant amount of change. But please rest assured that we are doing so as a team after careful consideration of each area. We too don't want to put our event at risk, but recognize that this is a special event that deserves special and exciting planning. We are confident you and the local community will be pleased when we open our doors Friday afternoon on June 12.

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: **the Catechetical School Newsletter, Direct (Auto) Debit forms, Financial Seminar, Plaki Luncheon, Trivia Night.** 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*: John, Magrames (Springer), Nick Limberopoulos (home) and Chris Magrames (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Phyllis Leonakis (Wellbrooke), Chris Bouris (home), 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, Geroqe Mighion, Chris Strafford, Pete Arcan, 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**.

Janice Lampos 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 **Spyro Sinis-Terezis**. We thank you for your love and generosity.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 1	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm
Thursday, April 2	Compline Service 6:30
Friday, April 3	Little Compline 7pm
Saturday, April 4	Saturday of Lazarus 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Making Palm Crosses Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday, April 5	PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Plaki Luncheon following Liturgy Bridegroom/Nymphios Services 7pm Bishop Demetrios Pastoral Visit

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, April 6	HOLY AND GREAT MONDAY Bridegroom/Nymphios Services 7pm
Tuesday, April 7	HOLY AND GREAT TUESDAY Bridegroom/Nymphios Service 7pm
Wednesday, April 8	HOLY AND GREAT WEDNESDAY Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9am Mysterion (Sacrament) of Holy Unction Service 4:30 (Those present will be anointed) Holy Thursday Matins 7pm (Holy Unction will be administered to all)
Thursday, April 9	HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY Vespers Divine Liturgy of St Basil 9a Holy Passion Service 7pm
Friday, April 10	HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY Royal Hours 8am Apokathelosis (Descent from the Cross) 3pm Lamentations (Epitaphios Thrinos) 7p
Saturday, Apr 11	HOLY AND GREAT SATURDAY Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9a (Children's Choir sings at this Liturgy) Kanon 11pm Midnight -ANASTASIS-RESURRECTION SERVICE
Sunday, April 12	HOLY AND GREAT PASCHA CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN! Agape Service 3pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, May 2

Trivia Night

Sunday, May 3

Cooking Class 3-6pm

June 12-14, 2015

Grecian Festival

2015 Financial Report
(Does not include Festival)

Mar 15 Income	Mar 15 Expenses	Monthly Balance	Mar 14 Income	Mar 14 Expenses	Mar. 14 Balance
\$10,934.00	\$28,779.56	--\$17,845.56	\$26,336.21	\$25,807.62	\$528.59

YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD Balance	14 YTD Inc	14 YTD Ex	14 YTD Bal
\$61,004.00	\$79,416.80	--\$18,412.80	\$77,266.09	\$90,700.39	--\$13,434.36

Stewardship Report

Mar Pledge Income	Mar Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income	YTD Pledge Inc	YTD Pledge Goal	Difference goal/income
\$8,482.00	\$27,000.00	--\$18,518.00	\$44,082.50	\$72,000.00	--\$27,917.50

*Year-to-date as of March 27, 2015

Our monthly stewardship goal in March is \$27,000; we have received \$8,482

We received \$8,218 in stewardship in February. The goal was \$23,000.

February 2014 we received \$17,520 in stewardship.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!!

Our ***current bank balance is --\$9,796.48*** (As of 3-27-15).

**Good Samaritan
Palm Sunday Luncheon
Sunday, April 5th**

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Good Samaritan Cultural Center

Adult Ticket \$16

Plaki, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage

Adult Pasta \$10

Pasta, Salad, Dessert and beverage

Children's Ticket \$5 (18 and under)

Pasta, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage

**Advance ticket price thru Wednesday April 1 After
April 2 Adult Ticket \$20**

Proceeds from Palm Sunday Luncheon have supported: SAREF,
Discretionary Fund, Sunday School, Hellenic College, Hope
Rescue, CASA, Indiana Food Bank, and numerous other
philanthropic projects

SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

40th ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL
JUNE 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2015

We are offering advertisement space in our Festival Ad Book. All requests must be returned by May 22nd. Memorials or personal greetings are also welcome. The book will contain Greek recipes, information about our parish, and other useful tidbits.

Show support for St. Andrew and put a message in the program.

Ads and questions may be e-mailed to Bill Giannakakis at vasili4533@aol.com. You may also fax them to the church # below.

PDFs are preferable.

If you have previously placed an ad and would like to use the same one, please inform Bill by e-mail.

Ad Rates

(We are grateful for anything you are willing to give above these rates)

Full Page...\$145

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Back cover page Color (1) ...\$495

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Cut here and return bottom portion to the church main office at:

Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

Attn: Festival Ad Book Application

52455 Ironwood Road, South Bend, IN 46635

Phone (574) 277-4688 Fax (574) 277-4689

<http://www.saintandrewgoc.org>

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