

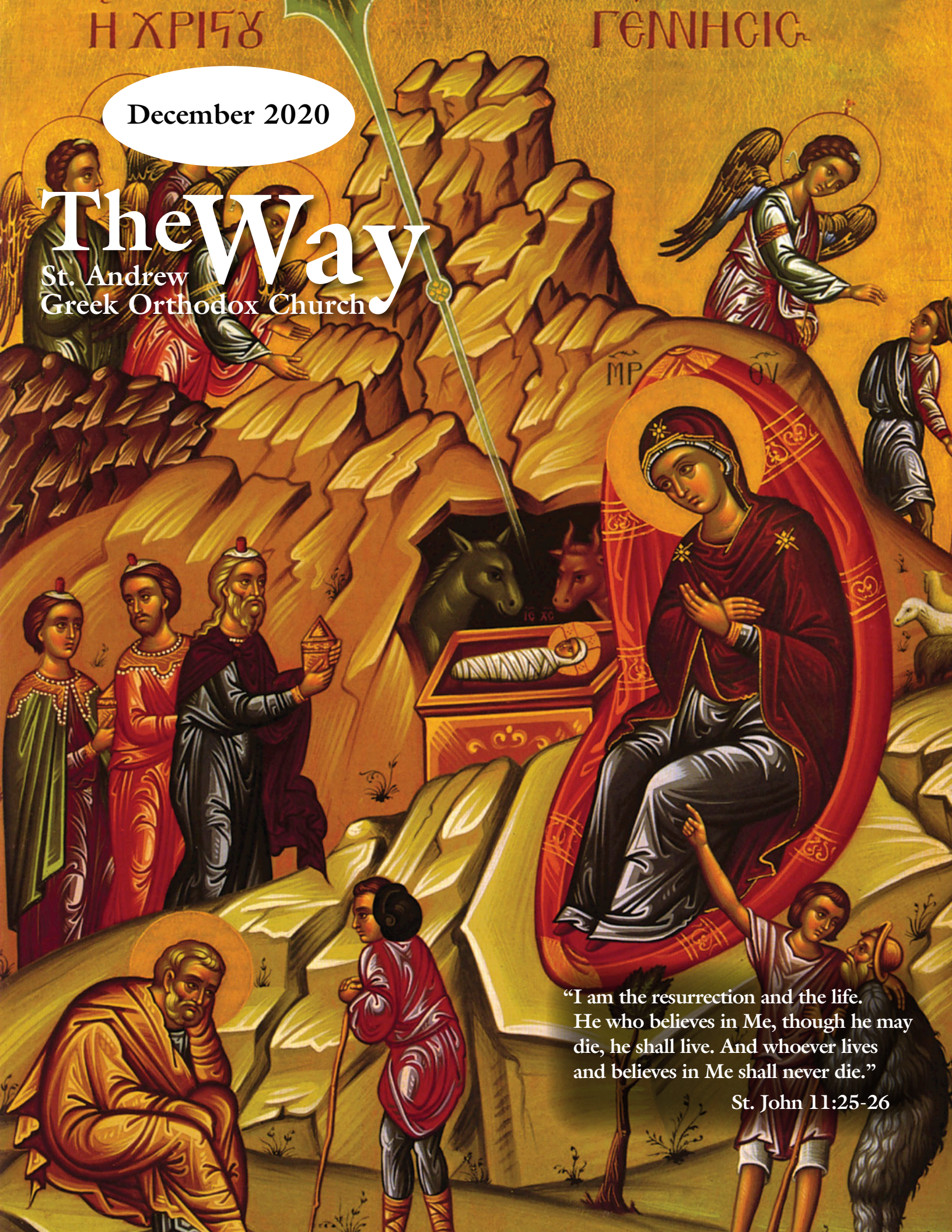
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# The Way

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Greek Orthodox Church



“I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in Me, though he may die,  
he shall live. And whoever lives  
and believes in Me shall never die.”

St. John 11:25-26



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## **Message from Father George**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with sincere Agape that I thank you all for welcoming me into your families, your spiritual lives, and your homes for the last 21 years. Each parish has its own challenges and needs, but all strive to grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is for this purpose that I have served our Orthodox Church for these 51 years and why all of you will always remain in my daily prayers.

St. Andrew's will be my last official assignment as a parish priest and I could not be more pleased to conclude my ministry with such a loving, generous, and kind-hearted family. A parish priest serves by the calling and direction of God and administers to the needs of each individual in His flock. We may not always choose where we are led, may not always choose when our ministries begin nor end, but we rise up each day grateful and enthusiastic to help as many souls navigate through the trials and tribulations of life as possible. We are not perfect human beings, nor even perfect priests, but when we take up our Cross and follow our Lord, we can be confident that our service to our parish had pure intentions and resulted in positive spiritual growth.

With our Lord's Grace, the dedication of our Parish council, and the philotimo of the parish as a whole, I can move on to the next chapter of my life assured that St. Andrew's is moving in the right direction spiritually and will be placed in good hands with its new priest, Fr. John Tsikalas. I am confident that you will receive him and his family with great love and with the same devotion to the Glory of God.

With love in Christ,

✠Fr. George

## Message from Father John

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write with much joy and excitement as I prepare to begin working with you all as the Presiding Priest of St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in South Bend. My family and I look forward to getting to know you all as we further the work of Christ and His holy Church. The Orthodox Church as a whole, and therefore each local parish, is to be an anchor of truth, a safe haven of spiritual refuge, and a beacon of light as we navigate the murky waters of this life in pursuit of God's kingdom. I pray that our work together as laborers in Christ's vineyard will be most fruitful so that we will be found worthy of the responsibility entrusted to us by our Lord Himself.

A little about me... Our family is young and growing. Presbytera Kahlee and I have been blessed with three children: Aimiliane who's two, Basil who's one, and our third rascal who's set to arrive in mid-February. With that being said, it's quite possible that you'll *hear* us coming before actually seeing us. If you're able to deal with the noise our family brings, I think you'll take to the children nicely. Our daughter is too smart for her own good and has perfected the Socratic method of arguing before turning three. Meanwhile, Basil just wants to play with everything he's not supposed to, and when finished with a toy or a milk bottle, he offers a manly grunt of his most-repeated word: "*Done.*"



For the past 18 months, I've been blessed to serve as the Associate Priest at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, Illinois. This assignment at a very large parish has given me pastoral experience and perspective for which I am most grateful. Before Holy Apostles, I spent four years studying at our seminary in Boston after receiving my undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri (don't worry, we're open to becoming Irish fans).

As I prepare to assume this new role, I would be remiss not to thank and offer words of sincere appreciation for the work of Fr. George Konstantopoulos. Not only has he provided your parish with over two decades of stability, he has faithfully and humbly served the Orthodox Church for over fifty years as a priest. His writings have aided the spiritual lives of people around the world and I have already heard many inspiring stories about Fr. George's service. I pray that you embrace me as you've embraced him for so many years.

St. Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia said, "*Christ is life, the source of life, the source of true light, everything. Whoever loves Christ and other people truly lives life.*" These words serve as a guiding principle to my pastoral ministry. Indeed, life in the Church brings and emanates true joy and love. Unlike society's definition of love, Christian love insists that we seek virtue, demands that we set aside our own ego, and propels us to experience life on a divine plane. While our Orthodox faith certainly has restrictions and commandments by which we will abide, our goal is not to follow rules. Rather, the goal of a Christian is to live in true freedom so that in our ongoing repentance, we experience God's commandments as a liberating sweetness, a life that is sweeter than honey itself. (cf. Psalm 118)

You all are in my family's prayers and I humbly ask for yours as we transition into a new state, home, and parish.

With love in Christ,

✙ Fr. John Tsikalas

# Ecclesiastical Calendar

Sat, Dec 5	Great Vespers 5pm <b>(Higher risk parishioners encouraged to attend this service)</b>	Sat, Dec 19	Great Vespers 5pm <b>(Higher risk parishioners encouraged to attend this service)</b>
Sun, Dec 6	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	Sun, Dec 20	Sunday Before Nativity 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy
Wed, Dec 9	Conception by St. Anna of the Most-Holy  Theotokos 10am Divine Liturgy <b>(Higher risk parishioners encouraged to attend this service)</b>	Thu, Dec 24	<b>Royal Hours 8am Great Vespers 9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 10:30am (Higher risk parishioners encouraged to attend any/all of these services)</b>
Sat, Dec 12	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker 10am Divine Liturgy Great Vespers 5pm <b>(Higher risk parishioners encouraged to attend these services)</b>	Fri, Dec 25	<b>Holy Nativity of our Lord 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy</b>
Sun, Dec 13	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	Sun, Dec 27	St. Stephen the First Martyr 9:00 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy

## ORTHODOXY

Many believe that Orthodoxy is one of the many "churches" around. Namely one viewpoint of Christianity, or others believe that Orthodoxy is a religion. Both these viewpoints are absolutely false. Orthodoxy basically means true glory or true faith. She is not one of the "churches" because she is the **only** true Church of Christ. This naturally is not pride but the **truth**. Since the Lord instituted only one Church, how can we speak of many? Moreover, Orthodox cannot be called a religion because a religion is superstition, it (every religion) tries to cover the psychological needs of man. In contrast Orthodoxy heals the spiritually ailing man (meaning every man) and renders him holy, this being the tangible obvious proof of her truth.

"The Orthodox Christian Church is evangelical but not Protestant. It is orthodox, but not Jewish. It is catholic, but not Roman. It is not denominational, it is pre-denominational. It has believed, taught, preserved, defended and died for the Faith of the Apostles since the Day of Pentecost 2,000 years ago." *Our Life in Christ*

## 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*: Lynn Whittenberger (home), and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

*In nursing homes or home bound*: Aphro Pappas (Home), Mary Manos (Wellbrooke), Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), Jim Zeinis (Heritage Point) and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

## Η ΓΕΝΝΗΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ

Μετά την πτώση ο άνθρωπος αποξενώθηκε από τον Θεό, η ανθρώπινη φύση επαναστάτησε, αλλοτριώθηκε και έπεσε στην ειδωλολατρεία. Όστόσο υπήρχε τό εκλεκτό και έπεσε στην ειδωλολατρεία. Όστόσο υπήρχε τό εκλεκτό λείμα πού περιέμενε Λυτρωτή, τον Μεσσία. Στην κατηγορία αυτή ανήκουν οι Προφήτες και οι δίκαιοι τής Παλαιάς Διαθήκης, πού εξιώθηκαν νά δούν τον Χριστό ασάρκως, έσωθεν, δηλαδή, διά τής θεώσεως. Ύπάρχει βέβαι μιά βασική διαφορά.

Οί Προφήτες τής Παλαιάς Διαθήκης έβλεπαν τον Λόγον τού Θεού διά τής θεώσεως, όχι διά τής απλής εξωτερικής οράσεως, αλλά αφού ακόμη δέν είχε καταργηθή οντολογικά ο θάνατος και αφού ο Λόγος δέν είχε προσλάβει τό σώμα Τόν έβλεπαν μέν έσωθεν, διά τής θεώσεως, όμως δέν είχαν ενωθή σωματικά μαζί Του και δέν είχαν απαλλαγή από τον θάνατο. Αυτό σημαίνει ότι η εμπειρία των Αποστόλων δέν συγκρίνεται μέ την εμπειρία των Προφητών τής Παλαιάς Διαθήκης. Πάντως είναι μεμαρτυρημένη διδασκαλία των αγίων Πατέρων ότι και οι δίκαιοι τής Παλαιάς Διαθήκης ανήκουν στό Σώμα τής Εκκλησίας και ότι «ό Λόγος απαρρησιάσθη μέν ύστερον καιροίς ιδίοις, εγνωρίσθη δέ και πρότερον τοίς ανθρώποις τήν διάνοιαν» (‘αγ. Γρηγόριος Θεολόγος), και ότι τό μυστήριο τού Σταυρού ενεργούσε και στην Παλαιά Διαθήκη, γιατί ο Σταυρός είναι η άκτιστη ενέργεια τού Θεού, πού σώζει τούς ανθρώπους.

Έπίσης, η Παναγία συνετέλεσε πολύ στην σάρκωση τού Λόγου τού Θεού αφού «ή σάρκωση τού Λόγου δέν ήταν μόνον έργο τού Πατρός και τού Άγιου Πνεύματος και τής θελήσεως τού Υιού, αλλά και τής θελήσεως και τής πίστεως και τής Παρθένου» (Νικόλαος Καβάσιλας). Η Παναγία ήταν απηλλαγμένη από κάθε προσωπική αμαρτία και αυτό όφειλόταν στην ενέργεια τού Άγιου Πνεύματος, στόνμ ελεύθερο αγώνα της και στους «διαδοχικούς εξαγνισμούς των θεοπατόρων».

Κατά την διδασκαλία των Πατέρων τό «σπέρμα» τού Αδάμ μέν τον θεάρεστο και ενάρετο βίο των προπατόρων και την ενέργεια τού Αγίου Πνεύματος καθαριζόταν, ώστε ο άγιος Ίωάννης ο Δαμασκηνός νά ονομάζη τό σπέρμα τού αγίου Ιωακείμ (πατέρα τής Παναγίας) «σπέρμα πανάμωμον». Ο ίδιος άγιος Πατέρας λέγει σέ ομιλία του στην εορτή τής γεννήσεως τής Θεοτόκου: «Μακάριον ζεύγος, Ίωακείμ και Άννα και πραγματικά πανάχραντο... Πολιτευτήκατε ευάρεστα στον Θεό και γίνατε άξιοι τής κόρης πού γεννήσατε. Ζώντας την ζωή σας σωφρόνως και οσίως καρποφορήσατε τό στολίδι τής παρθενίας...». Έτσι, όλη η ανθρωπότητα προετοιμάστηκε όσο τής ήταν δυνατόν και προσέφερε στον Χριστό την Μητέρα. «Ήμεις δέ μητέρα Παρθένον».

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Όπως όλοι οι προπάτορες αγωνίστηκαν και μόχθησαν για νά προετοιμάσουν τό έδαφος για την Γέννηση τού Χριστού, έτσι και εμείς πρέπει νά προετοιμαζόμαστε για νά εορτάσουμε επάξια την εορτή τής Γεννήσεως τού Σωτήρα μας. Σέ τί συνίσταται αυτή η προετοιμασία; Χρειάζεται πίστη ότι αυτός είναι ο Μοναδικός Σωτήρας και Κύριος. Άν οι Προπάτορες είχαν πίστη προτού νά δεχθούν την τελεία απολύτρωση, πόσο μάλλον πρέπει νά έχουμε εμείς. Κυρίως αυτό πού θέλουμε νά τονίσουμε, ως προετοιμασία, είναι τό θέμα τής μετανοίας.

Άν κανείς δέν μετανοήσει, δηλαδή άν δέν αλλάξει τρόπο ζωής και τρόπο σκέψεως, άν δέν παύση νά σκέπτεται εγωϊστικά, δέν μπορεί νά πλησιάση έστω και για λόγο αυτό τό μεγάλο μυστήριο. Αλλά γιατί χρειάζεται η μετάνοια; Λέγουν οι άγιοι Πατέρες μας ότι «φανταζόμενος νους είναι ανίκανος για την θεολογία». Είναι ανίκανος και άκατάλληλος για νά πλησιάση τον Θεό και νά ομιλήση έπειτα για τον Θεό για τρεις βασικούς λόγους.

Ο πρώτος λόγος είναι ότι η φαντασία είναι μεταπτωτικό φαινόμενο, ο δεύτερος γιατί τό θέμα τού Θεού είναι θέμα εμπειρίας και όχι φιλοσοφίας και στοχασμού και ο τρίτος γιατί μεταξύ ακτίστου και κτιστού υπάρχει

χαώδης διαφορά. Ὁ ἄνθρωπος εἶναι κτιστός, ἐνῶ ὁ Θεός εἶναι ἀκτιστός. Ἐκτός ἀπό τόν Θεάνθρωπο δέν ὑπάρχει τίποτε ἄλλο πού νά συνδέη τό ἀκτιστό καί κτιστό, μόνον ὁ Θεάνθρωπος καί οἱ φίλοι του πού εἶναι οἱ ἅγιοι.

Γι' αὐτό, ὅταν ὁ ἄνθρωπος περάσῃ μέσα ἀπό τήν βαθειά μετάνοια, ἀπό μιά ριζική ἀλλαγὴ ὅλου τοῦ εαυτοῦ του, τότε μπορεῖ νά συνδεθῇ μέ τόν Θεό καί νά θεολογήσῃ. Ἡ μετάνοια καθαρίζει τόν ἄνθρωπο ἀπό τόν κόσμον τῆς φαντασίας καί μπορεῖ νά γίνῃ ὁ νοῦς του κατάλληλος γιά τήν θεολογία. Γιατί πραγματικά ὁ ἀκάθαρτος καί φανταζόμενος νοῦς ὅταν προσπαθῆσῃ νά θεολογήσῃ θά διαπράξῃ σφάλματα, θά θεολογήσῃ μέ τά πάθη. Μάλλον θά μιλήσουν δι' αὐτοῦ τά πάθη καί ὄχι ὁ Θεός.

Ἐχομε ἀνάγκη μετανοίας, τῆς κατὰ Θεόν λύπης, ὅπως λέγεται ἀπό τοὺς ἁγίους Πατέρας μας. Αὐτή ἡ λύπη τῆς ἀληθινῆς μετανοίας εἶναι «δέσποινα ἀπότομος τῶν παθῶν, καί μητέρα σεμνῆ καί επίδοξος τῶν ἀρετῶν» (ἁγ. Μάξιμος), εἶναι τό «θεῖον σπέρμα πού σάν καρπὸ παρέχει τήν ευφροσύνη τῶν αἰωνίων ἀγαθῶν». Ἡ ἀληθινὴ μετάνοια εἶναι ἡ ἀπέκδυση τῶν δερματίνων χιτῶνων, ἢ ἀπογοήτευση ἀπό τόν εαυτό μας, πού γίνεται μέ τήν μυστικὴ ἐπενέργεια τῆς θείας Χάριτος, τό ἅγιο μίσος πρὸς τόν εαυτό μας (τά πάθη μας), τό ἄλγος καί ἡ κατάνυξις, τό γκρέμισμα τοῦ εἰδώλου τοῦ εαυτοῦ μας πού ἔχει στηθῆ στὴν ζωὴ μας καί πού λατρεύουμε καθημερινά, ἢ ολοκληρωτικὴ προσφορά καί ἐλπίδα στόν Θεό.

Μετάνοια εἶναι ἢ ἐν Χάριτι προσπάθεια νά πεθάνουμε τηρώντας τίς ἐντολές τοῦ Χριστοῦ, εἶναι ἡ παύσις τοῦ ὀλεθρίου μονολόγου καί τό ξεκίνημα τοῦ διαλόγου μέ τόν Ζωντανό Θεό. Ἡ μετάνοια θεραπεύει τήν ἀρρωστημένη ψυχὴ μας πού γίνεται ἐμπόδιο γιά νά αισθανθούμε τήν γέννηση τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Καί αὐτό πρέπει νά ἐπιδιωχθῆ, γιατί ὁ Χριστιανισμὸς συνδέεται περισσότερο μέ τήν ἰατρικὴ ἐπιστήμη καί κυρίως τήν ψυχιατρικὴ, παρα μέ τήν φιλοσοφία.

(Ὅσοι Πιστοί, Μητροπολίτου Ναυπάκτου καί Ἁγ. Βλασίου Ἱεροθέου)



## *Philanthropy at Saint Andrew*

Last year, Archbishop Elpidophoros designated the Sunday of the Good Samaritan as Philoptochos Sunday -(November 15 this year)

We'd like to do a few things: Highlight the work of Philoptochos, ask for your financial support of our projects, seek new members to join our group and thank you whole heartedly for supporting the philanthropic ministry of your church, which our group executes. Please know that as the philanthropic arm of the church, all we do is on behalf of Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church.

The Mission of Philoptochos (From the national website) - To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters, through its National and Metropolis Boards and its 26,000 members and more than 400 active chapters, nationwide. Philoptochos responds immediately to needs and crises, and its philanthropic outreach extends to each area of the country and throughout the world. This group is the largest Christian women's charity in the United States and also holds a seat on the United Nations.

Our local chapter Projects for 2021:

### **For our Parish**

Support the Discretionary Fund

Appeal to the Metropolis Philanthropy Fund to help parishioners in need

Arrange for Spiro Krekelas' transportation to church

Support our church school

Provide financial support to critical church needs as they arise

Plan key parish events

### **For our Local community**

Provide meals to local homeless shelters twice a year, in support of the National Philoptochos Feed the Hungry Program

Send monetary donations to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana

Provide support as needed for humanitarian and philanthropic needs that are highlighted in our community each year

In 2021, become engaged with Operation Classroom - a national Philoptochos initiative which supports underfunded schools in local communities. More details to come on this.

Winter Coat Drive

Holiday Wishing Tree to benefit a different local philanthropic organization in the community

### **To support the Metropolis Philoptochos Initiatives**

Philanthropy Fund - a very critical effort, as it's the Metropolis source of help for our parishioners in extreme need.

Support all requests for tray collections which we may be asked to execute in support of unforeseen disasters.

### **To support the National Philoptochos Initiatives**

Please see the attached listing of our National commitments - these total approximately \$3,000 in annual giving by our chapter.

Support all requests for tray collections which we may be asked to execute in support of unforeseen disasters.

### **Our Fundraisers**

1. Easter Greek Pastries Sale (open to the parish and local community)
2. Christmas Greek Pastries sale (open to the parish and local community)
3. Parish Christmas Card
4. Philoptochos Sunday tray collection each November
5. Other events (but not trays) as needed to fund our above listed commitments

Tray Collections - so you are aware how many times each year we will reach out to the parish for a tray collection. We don't want you to feel nickled and dimed" by our group, so we want to be transparent about the plan for tray collections.

1. Vasillopita Collection to benefit Saint Basil's Academy (January) - requested by National Philoptochos
2. Collection to benefit Hellenic College Holy Cross Academy (March) - requested by National Philoptochos
3. Financial support for the ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople (November) - requested by National Philoptochos
4. Philoptochos Sunday - only tray collection on behalf of our chapter on the occasion of Philoptochos Sunday (November) - Due to Covid hindering our ability to execute fundraisers, we are severely underfunded at the present time. Your generosity will be immensely appreciated.
5. Other trays may be passed, but they will have been requested by National and/or Metropolis of all parishes to support unforeseen disasters across the globe which beckon humanitarian support.

Our website link is: <http://saintandrewgoc.org/philoptochos>

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/helpthoseinneednow>  
Please like and share as it is our primary communication and marketing tool.

### **Recruiting members**

We are always welcoming new members who would like to help our church execute the best philanthropy program we can. Please contact us through the various modes below.

574-404-1184 (call or text), at [Philoptochos.sb@gmail.com](mailto:Philoptochos.sb@gmail.com), or through the church office, email or 277-4688.

Leaving you with the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to Me" Matthew 25-40

Thank you in advance for your support of our church's philanthropic ministry.

Much Love and Gratitude,  
Saint Andrew Philoptochos

SAINT ANDREW  
PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We invite you to participate in the annual parish Christmas Card project sponsored by the Saint Andrew Philoptochos Society - the parish philanthropic organization.

Proceeds will benefit our various national and local philanthropic endeavors.

Please fill out the below form and submit along with \$15 to the Church office no later than 12/1/20.

Thank you for supporting your parish's philanthropic outreach efforts while sending Christmas wishes to your church family members!

Name (s) as you want it to appear in the Christmas Card:

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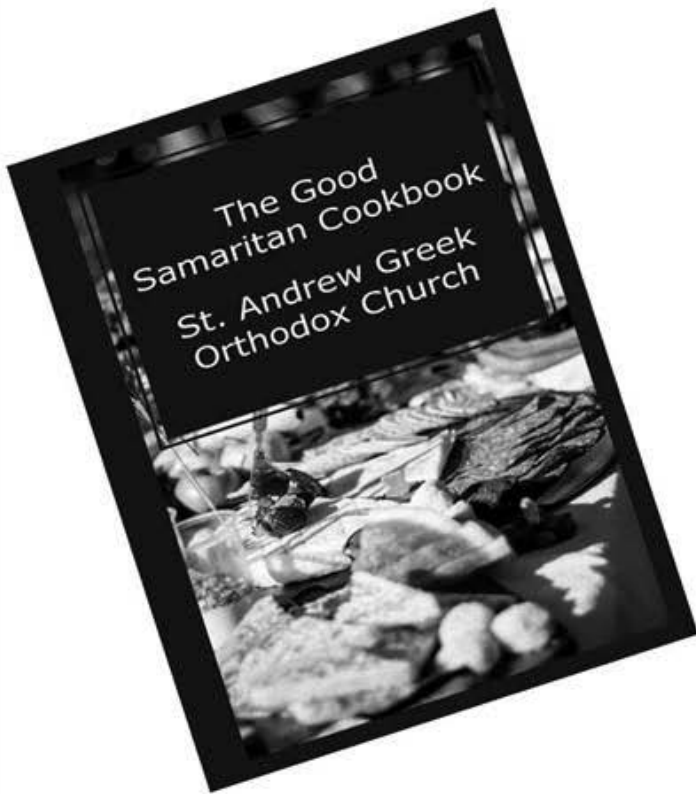
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Make checks payable to Saint Andrew Philoptochos.



**Just In Time  
For The  
Holidays!!**

**The Good Samaritan Cookbook Is Back!**

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## Offertory Schedule

Sunday, Dec 6	Group #2
Sunday, Dec 13	Group #1
Sunday, Dec 20	Group #2
Sunday, Dec 27	Group #1

## Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parish Council meetings are open to all members in good standing to come and observe. If you need to address the Council please contact, in writing, Father George or the Parish Council president two weeks before the meeting so the council may add it to the agenda.

## Hall Usage

Any ministry wishing to use the hall and/or kitchen or any parishioner wishing to rent the hall, **needs to contact Callahan's Catering directly at 574-206-8565 or [callahans2you@gmail.com](mailto:callahans2you@gmail.com)**. They are more than willing to work with us on scheduling; we simply need to let them know as soon as possible any dates we would like. Thank you

## Good Samaritans

New members are always welcome! **The next Good Samaritan meeting will be.** Annual membership dues are \$20. Please make checks payable to Good Samaritans and mail to 52455 N. Ironwood Road. South Bend, IN 46635

## Prosforo Schedule

Sunday, Dec 6	Mary Jo Tirikos
Sunday, Dec 13	Rose Rorres
Sunday, Dec 20	Ted Poledor
Sunday, Dec 27	Anthoula Kanalos

## Acolyte (Altar Boy) Ministry

Acolytes Advisors: George Callas

Nico Hawthorne  
Demetrios Kamiotis  
Tommy Limberopoulos  
Alex Metros  
Nicholas Samoilis  
Anthony Scott

### *Senior Acolytes:*

Panagiotis Kurtis the Reader  
Matthew Mattheos the Reader  
Athan Mighion the Reader  
Dimitri Napoleon the Reader  
Yanni Samoilis the Reader

**NOTE: If serving in the Altar, you must also attend Catechetical School Classes**



## The Authentic Symbol of Faith of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

### The Confession of Faith

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

#### ΤΟ ΣΥΜΒΟΛΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ

**Πιστεύω εις ένα Θεόν, Πατέρα Παντοκράτορα, Ποιητήν Ουρανού και γής, ορατών τε πάντων και αοράτων. Καί εις ένα Κύριον Ιησούν Χριστόν, τόν Υιόν τού Θεού, τόν Μονογενή, τόν εκ τού Πατρός γεννηθέντα προ πάντων τών αιώνων. Φώς εκ Φωτός, Θεόν αληθινόν εκ Θεού αληθινού, γεννηθέντα ού ποιηθέντα, ομοούσιον τω Πατρί, δι' ού τά πάντα εγένετο. Τόν δι' ημάς τούς ανθρώπους και διά τήν ημετέραν σωτηρίαν κατελθόντα εκ τών Ουρανών, και σαρκωθέντα εκ Πνεύματος Αγίου και Μαρίας τής Παρθένου, και ενανθρωπήσαντα. Σταυρωθέντα τε υπέρ ημών επί Ποντίου Πιλάτου, και παθόντα και ταφέντα. Και αναστάντα τή Τρίτη ημέρα κατά τάς Γραφάς. Και ανελθόντα εις τούς Ουρανούς, και καθεζόμενον εκ δεξιών τού Πατρός. Και πάλιν ερχόμενον μετά δόξης κρίναι ζώντας και νεκρούς, Ού τής Βασιλείας ούκ έσται τέλος. Και εις τό Πνεύμα τό Άγιον, το Κύριον, το Ζωοποιόν, τό εκ τού Πατρός εκπορευόμενον, το σύν Πατρί και Υιώ συμπροσκυνούμενον και συνδοξαζόμενον, τό λαλήσαν διά τών Προφητών. Είς μίαν Αγίαν, Καθολικήν, και Αποστολικήν Εκκλησίαν. Ομολογώ έν Βάπτισμα εις άφεσιν αμαρτιών. Προσδοκώ Ανάστασιν νεκρών. Και ζωήν τού μέλλοντος αιώνος. Αμήν.**

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## Our Holy Mission

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- **Worship** (the Divine Liturgy) and the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by which we achieve union with Jesus Christ and with each other.
- **Philanthropic Diakonia** (Service) to those people in need of our love and compassion. In teaching His disciples the Lord said, "...as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)
- **Educational Opportunities** which enable Orthodox Christians to grow in Christ and be faithful disciples and prepares them to strengthen their personal commitment to our Lord, His church and the Holy Tradition.
- **National, Metropolis and Parish Ministries** of our Holy Orthodox Church which provide opportunities for Parish Outreach and to live as an integral and vital part of the community. The prime objective is to encourage a greater participation in the life of the Church and the world.
- **Teaching** the commandment of the New Life, imparting a clear knowledge of the doctrines, traditions, canons and disciplines of the Church and guiding the growth, process and enlightenment of all Orthodox Christians.