

UPCOMING SERVICES, SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT & EVENTS

† Vespers, Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

† Great Vespers, Saturdays, 6:00 pm

Special Services

† **Feast of Nativity of Christ - Christmas services**

Sunday NIGHT, December 24, 9:00 PM - Orthros for Nativity
10:00 PM - Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ

† **The Circumcision of Christ and Feast of St. Basil the Great**

Monday, January 1, 9:00 am - Orthros
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
11:00 am - Cutting of Vasilopita in Great Room
(see information of Vasilopita in this bulletin)

† **Feast of Theophany**

Friday, January 5, 9:00 am - Royal Hours
Saturday, January 6, 9:00 am - Orthros
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
11:00 am - Great Blessing of Water
Sunday, January 7, 1:00 pm - Outdoor Blessing of Water & Cross Dive

† **Blessing of Homes**

Throughout January, following Theophany on January 6th
(See item in the bulletin. Contact Fr. David to be on his schedule.)

DATA SUMMARY for December 17, 2017

(including previous weekday services)

Wednesday Divine Liturgy for Paraklesis for Advent	12/13
Saturday Great Vespers	12/16
Sunday Divine Liturgy	12/17
Annual Pledges, Candles & Trays	
Beautification	
Capital Campaign	

Thank you for your continued financial support. Please remember to earmark your checks (annual pledge, capital campaign, Pascha, outreach, memorial, etc.).

For information on how to make an Annual Pledge for 2018, a pledge to the Capital Campaign, or pledge to the New Roof, please see Michael Papadelias or Pamela Kelley.

St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Week of

December 24, 2017

Sunday before Nativity of Christ

(Sunday of the Genealogy),

Which Falls on Paramon (Eve) of Nativity of Christ

TONIGHT	Dec. 24	Feast of the Nativity of Christ Orthros Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ (Christmas)	9:00 PM 10:00 PM
Wednesday	Dec. 27	Vespers	6:00 pm
Saturday	Dec. 30	Vespers	6:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 31	Orthros Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday School Coffee Fellowship	8:50 am 10:00 am 11:20 am 11:30 am

Hierarchs:

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,
Archbishop of New York & Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS,
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

Pastor:

V. Rev. David Bleam

Prayers Requested for Month of December

Your prayers are requested for the health and return of Archbishops Paul and John of Aleppo, Syria, who were abducted on Monday, May 22, 2013.

Please pray for peace for the people of Syria.

Syria is the home of our Patriarchate which is located on Straight Street in Damascus where St. Paul was taken to regain the sight he lost when encountering Jesus Christ (Acts 9) and has maintained continuous succession in the Apostolic Faith.

Please resubmit names for the month of January

PLEASE NOTE: The names on the St. Andrew Prayer List will be listed through the month of December. If you have names of family or friends you would like to have listed in January, please write the name and your name on paper to give Dorothy or send it to her by email (dtampary@me.com)

Kleoniki	Alice	Olga	Raymond
Dan & Joyce	John	Will	Nate
Lucille	Yves & Linda	Jesse	Lucy
Louann	Petrula	Erin	Thomas
Joni	Susan	Kelly	Brian
Patricia	Christine	Katie	Crystal
Tom & Mandy	Theresa	Ted	Jennifer
Kin & Shawn			

Thank you for your intercessions.

St. Andrew Food Pantry ...

is in need of the following items...



(Please remember to purchase pop-top/easy to open cans)

Canned fruit (pop top)	Beef stew
Soups (pop top)	Canned veggies
Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti Os (pop top)	Tuna
Peanut butter & Jelly	Canned chicken
Spaghetti sauce (plastic container)	Parmalat (boxed milk)
Chewy granola bars	Mac N Cheese

MEATS, ENTREÉS, PROTEINS ARE PARTICULARLY NEEDED.

Pop-Top & easy to open items, please.

SIGN UP TO HOST A COFFEE FELLOWSHIP! YES... YOU CAN DO IT!!

You may want to join another family or two and host Coffee Fellowship. A birthday coming up? An anniversary?

Want to honor someone or remember a loved one?

All you need are some simple refreshments!

The coffee and lemonade are made ahead of time.

Please check with Janean with any questions.

You are requested to please handle the setup and clean up.

The sign-up sheet is in the Great Room.

December 24 - (Fasting)

December 31 - Volunteer(s) needed

January 1 - Cutting of Vasilopita (All are asked to bring a vasilopita and/or other brunch items)

January 7 - Cross Dive (see item in this bulletin)



Coffee Fellowship



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR DECEMBER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FOR DECEMBER

If a birthday or anniversary has been mistakenly omitted or listed incorrectly or if you are new to the parish, please place correction and additions in the Sisters of St. Photini mail drawer in Treasurer's office or give to Dorothy.

The Venerable Martyr Eugenia and others with her

Eugenia was the daughter of Philip the Eparch of all Egypt and was born in Rome. At that time the Christians had been driven out of Alexandria and lived outside the city. The virgin Eugenia visited the Christians and accepted their Faith with her whole heart. Fleeing from her parents with two of her faithful eunuchs, she was baptized by Bishop Elias. Disguised in men's clothing, she entered a men's monastery where she received the monastic habit. So much did she cleanse her heart by voluntary asceticism that she received from God the grace of healing the sick. Thus, she healed a wealthy woman, Melanthia. After this, however, Melanthia wanted to lure Eugenia into bodily sin, not suspecting that Eugenia was a woman. Since she was adamantly rejected by Eugenia, out of revenge this evil woman went to the eparch and slandered Eugenia in the same manner as Potiphar's wife had once slandered the chaste Joseph. The eparch ordered that all the monks be bound and cast into prison together with Eugenia. But when St. Eugenia was brought before the tribunal, she revealed herself to her father as his daughter. The overjoyed Philip was then baptized with his entire household, and he was chosen as Bishop of Alexandria. Hearing of this, the Roman emperor sent a wicked commander, Terentius, who came to Alexandria and secretly had Philip killed. St. Eugenia moved to Rome with her mother and brothers. In Rome she fearlessly and zealously converted pagans, especially maidens, to the true Faith, and thus she converted a beautiful maiden Basilla to the Faith. Shortly afterward, Basilla was beheaded for Christ as Eugenia had foretold to her. Then both eunuchs, Protus and Hyacinth, were beheaded. Finally, a martyr's end came to St. Eugenia, whose presence had caused the collapse and destruction of the Temple of Diana. The torturers threw her first into water and then into fire, but God saved her. The Lord Jesus Himself appeared to her in prison and told her that she would suffer on the day of His Nativity. And so it was. She was beheaded by the sword on December 25, 262, in Rome. After her death, St. Eugenia appeared in great glory to her mother and comforted her.

From the Desert Fathers

“[The Son of God] became what we are so that he might make us what he is.”
(Athanasius the Great of Alexandria)

REMINDER : 2018 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

*Please remember to complete
your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Card.
You may place your card in the offering box in the narthex
or mail it in.*

*Please take a moment to reflect on the gifts
you have received from God
and the importance of your church home.
See Stewardship Chairman Mike Papadelias or Fr. David
if you have questions or need a card.*

Sisterhood of St. Photini Antiochian Women will sponsor the Cutting of the Vasilopita (St. Basil's Bread) on January 1st

Anyone who plans to **bake a St. Basil's bread (Vasilopita)** for the Feast of St. Basil, celebrated on Monday, January 1, should contact **Syd Werthmuller** to obtain a gold dollar coin to place in the bread in keeping with St. Basil's tradition, or you may obtain your own.

The Tradition of the Vasilopita and a recipe may be found on the Antiochian Archdiocese website: <http://www.antiochian.org/node/18684>. Other recipes may be obtained from individuals of St. Andrew (ask some of the ladies), Orthodox cookbooks, and online.

*Donations received at the cutting of the Vasilopita
during Coffee Fellowship on January 1st
will be given to Fr. David's Discretionary Fund.*

GO TO

standrewpns.org

for On-Line calendar, other parish information, photos

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1:00 pm

The Outdoor Blessing of Water and Cross Dive

in celebration of Theophany

will be held on Pensacola Beach

at the home of Greg and Sonthe Burge



There will be two divisions of Cross Divers:

- (1) Children up to 8th graders*
- (2) 9th graders through adults*

Following the Cross Dive, we will break bread together with an indoor picnic.

Please bring a dish to share:

vegetable, salad, fruit, or dessert.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks will be provided by the Parish Council.

Please let Fr. David or Betsy Werre know ASAP of those who are planning to participate in the Cross Dive in order to plan the event properly.



**Fr. David will be blessing homes throughout January, following Theophany on January 6th.
Please contact him to schedule the blessing of your home.**

BLESSING OF HOMES

The central sign of our acceptance of God's sanctification of the creation is the blessing of the homes of faithful Orthodox Christians. We annually bless homes:

- a. To reveal the home as what God created it to be, a way to heaven.
- b. To rid the home of every evil.
- c. To show that the family is a small church unit in Christ.
- d. To consecrate the home and all activity in it to God, filling the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God.

Only the Church reveals what life is, and She alone is the Kingdom of God on earth. The Church lives within Christ, revealing Him to us. As the Church, we sprinkle blessed water throughout the home, as we chant, "By Thy baptism, O Lord, in the river Jordan worship of the Trinity hath made its appearance, for the voice of the Lord did come forth to Thee with the testimony naming Thee beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove, confirming the truth of the word. Wherefore, O Thou Who didst appear and lighted the world, O Christ, glory to Thee." The priest consecrates the home to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and, in this act, the Church blesses, reveals and sanctifies.

When the priest comes for the house blessing, please be mindful of these guidelines:

1. *Have as many family members present as possible.*
2. *Set up a place for prayers, in the dining room or kitchen, with an icon and a candle. (or this can be done at your family's icon corner)*
3. *Print the first names of those for whom special prayers are to be offered, including all family members on a sheet of paper.*
4. *Take this time to get to know the priest better, asking any questions you may have.*
5. *If a child wants some time to talk to the priest alone, respect his/her privacy and make the opportunity.*
6. *Make the priest aware of any special needs you may have.*
7. *Tell the priest about any family members who are in nursing homes or in need of a visit.*

Fr. David will begin the Blessing of Homes during the week following the Feast of Theophany celebrated on Saturday, January 6th.

*St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church
Services & Events Calendar*

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Christmas Eve Holy Bread Dorothy Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am Orthros for Nativity 9:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ 10:00pm	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Vespers 6:00pm	28 Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm	29	30 Vespers 6:00pm
31 New Year's Eve Holy Bread Stacy Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am						

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Holy Bread Sandi Outdoor Blessing of Water and Cross Dive 1:00pm!	8	9	10 Vespers 6:00pm	11	12	13 Vespers 6:00pm
14 Holy Bread Oiga Sunday School 11:15am Orthros 5:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17 Vespers 6:00pm	18	19	20 Vespers 6:00pm
1 New Year's Day Orthros for Circumcision of Christ & St Basil 9:00am Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision of Christ & St Basil the Great 10:00am Cutting of Vasilopita 11:20am	2	3 Vespers 6:00pm	4	5 Royal Hours of Theophany 9:00am	6 Orthros for Theophany 9:00am Divine Liturgy for Theophany 10:00am Great Blessing of Water 11:00am Vespers 6:00pm	

Anyone interested in attending any of the Winter Retreat events should see Fr. David (youth & men) or Sue Ann Young (women).

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DOMSE WINTER RETREAT
January 25 - 28, 2018

Hosted at St. Elias Orthodox Church, Atlanta, GA

Bishop NICHOLAS, presiding, cordially invites you to attend
the Winter Retreat in Atlanta.

During our weekend together, there will be workshops, fellowship time, guest
speakers, events, and a special time with Bishop NICHOLAS himself,
as he shares his vision for our Diocese.

All are encouraged to attend: Clergy, Antiochian Men, Antiochian Women, Teens,
and Young Adults. Mark your calendar now and plan to participate.

Hotel accommodations are at the Emory Conference Center, 1615 Clifton Road,
Atlanta, GA 30329. Go to the following website and make your reservations now:

<https://www.parkside.com/go/SHI/Atlanta>

Also, like us on Facebook! There you can connect with others and gather more
information, details, and updates about the retreat.

<https://www.facebook.com/DNCDOMSE/>



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Schedule of Events:

Thursday January 25 * = Children educational workshops provided during this time (5 years to 12 years old)

5:00pm	Vespers
6:00pm *	Clergy & Clergy wives Dinner and Fellowship Time with Bishop NICHOLAS provided by Saint Elias

Friday January 26

6:00am	Morning Prayers
6:30am	Coffee & Donuts Breakfast for all provided by Saint Elias
8:00am	Antiochian Women Meeting with Bishop NICHOLAS
8:00am	Clergy Workshop "Starting the Process of Reconciliation" with Fr. John Troy Mocham
8:30am	Lunch for all provided by Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast
8:30am	Diocese Ministry Council (DMC) Meeting: BISHOP NICHOLAS PRESIDING FOR THE DOMSE with Q & A
8:30am	Fellowship Time for all, Coffee & Cookies provided by Saint Elias
8:30am	Vespers
8:30am	Teen SOYO Cathering with pizza provided by the Diocese Ministry Council (DMC)
8:30am	Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Meeting (Bishop NICHOLAS attending)
8:30am	Clergy/Antiochian Women/Antiochian Men Dinner on your own
8:30am	Teen SOYO Talent Show, Games, and Small Group Sessions (Bishop NICHOLAS attending)
8:30am	Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Dinner at Atlanta's Emory Pointe
10:00pm	Compline

Saturday January 27

9:00am	Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee & Donuts Breakfast for all provided by Saint Elias
10:00am	Teen SOYO Hangout and Movie
10:30am	Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Morning Workshop "The Face of Christ in the Church" with Fr. David Bleam
10:30am *	SPIRITUAL RETREAT Morning Session "God's Garden: Eden & Calvary" for Clergy / Antiochian Women & Antiochian Men with Fr. Stephen Egan
12:00pm	Lunch for all provided by the Diocese Ministry Council (DMC)
1:00pm	Teen SOYO Retreat "Developing Personal Prayer" with Bishop NICHOLAS & Service Project (LMSO) provided by St. Elias Teen SOYO
1:00pm *	SPIRITUAL RETREAT Afternoon Session "God's Garden: Golgotha & The Church" for Clergy/Antiochian Women & Antiochian Men with Fr. Stephen Egan
1:00pm	Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Afternoon Workshop "The Face of Christ in the World" with Fr. David Bleam
4:00pm	Fellowship Time for all, Coffee & Cookies provided by Saint Elias
5:00pm	Vespers
6:00pm	Dinner for all provided by Saint Elias
7:00pm	Teen SOYO Meeting
7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Social Outing at Big Escape Lounge provided by Diocese Ministry Council (DMC)
8:00pm	Teen SOYO from home and small groups
10:00pm	Compline

Sunday January 28

8:15am	Matins
10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour for all provided by Saint Elias

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

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