

****SPECIAL NOTE ON THE NATIVITY FAST****

On November 15, we began, with God's help, the forty-day *NATIVITY FAST* in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25. The Nativity Fast is divided into two periods. During November 15 through December 19, the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with allowance for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is December 20 through 24 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with allowance for wine and oil only, not fish, on Saturday and Sunday.

UPCOMING SERVICES, SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT & EVENTS

- * Wednesday Evening Adult Study Group
 - * Will meet on Dec. 13 & 20, 6:45 pm following Paraklesis
- † Great Vespers, Saturday nights, 6:00 pm

Special Services

† **Paraklesis of Advent Service**, Wednesday, December 13 & 20, 6:00 pm
 A Service of Intercessory Prayer in Preparation for the Great Feast of the Nativity-in-the-Flesh of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

† **Royal Hours for Nativity**, Friday, December 22, 9:00 am

† **Christmas Eve morning, Sunday, December 24,**
Regular Sunday service times
 Orthros - 8:50 am; Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

† **Feast of Nativity of Christ - Christmas services**
Sunday, December 24, 9:00 pm - Orthros for Nativity
10:00 pm - Divine Liturgy for
the Nativity of Christ

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Week of
December 10, 2017
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost &
Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

TODAY	Dec. 10	Voting on Parish Council Members Bake Sale Pickup	11:30 am - 1:00 pm 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Monday	Dec. 11	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 13	Paraklesis for Advent Adult Study Group	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
Thursday	Dec. 14	Choir Rehearsal	5:45 pm
Saturday	Dec. 16	Vespers	6:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 17	Orthros Divine Liturgy 40-Day Memorial for Anthony Tampary Coffee Fellowship	8:50 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm

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CONGRATULATIONS

to the newly illumined Christopher and Carolyn Elizabeth Struzan on their Baptism and Chrismation on Sunday, December 3rd.

Congratulations to their sponsors John Drap and Sandra Sfanos.

God grant you many years!

Please resubmit names for the month of January

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 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.

Kleoniki	Alice	Olga	
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

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.



Coffee Fellowship

December 10 - (Fasting)

December 17 - (Fasting) Tampary Family:

40-Day Memorial for Anthony (Bubba) Tampary

December 24 - (Fasting)



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 Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and EUGRAPHUS

Both Menas and Hermogenes were born in Athens. They both lived in Byzantium, being held in great honor by the emperor and the people. Menas was known for his great learning and eloquence of speech and, although he acted outwardly as a pagan, he was a convinced Christian in his heart. Hermogenes was Eparch of Byzantium and acted as a pagan both inwardly and outwardly, but he was compassionate and performed many good deeds. When a dispute flared up between the Christians and the pagans in Alexandria, Emperor Maximin dispatched Menas to calm the disturbance and to root out the Christians from the city. Menas went and restored peace, but he declared himself a Christian and converted many pagans to the true Faith by his eloquence and many miracles. Hearing of this, the emperor sent Hermogenes to punish Menas and to smother Christianity. Hermogenes brought Menas to trial, cut off his feet and tongue, gouged out his eyes, and then cast him into prison. In prison, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared to Menas, healing and comforting His suffering servant. Seeing Menas miraculously healed, Hermogenes was baptized. He began to preach the powerful Christian Faith and was consecrated as Bishop of Alexandria. Then the enraged Maximin went to Alexandria himself and subjected Menas and Hermogenes to cruel tortures, which they courageously endured, helped by God's grace. Beholding the bravery of these soldiers of Christ and the miracles of God upon them, Eugraphus, secretary and friend of St. Menas, appeared before the tribunal and cried out to the emperor's face: "I too am a Christian!" The emperor became enraged, drew his sword and beheaded St. Eugraphus. Following this, the evil emperor ordered the executioner to behead St. Menas and St. Hermogenes. Their holy relics, thrown into the sea, miraculously floated to Constantinople, where the bishop, to whom this was revealed in a dream, solemnly met them and honorably buried them.

From the Desert Fathers

"Cut the desire for many things out of your heart and so prevent your mind being dispersed and your stillness lost."

(Evagrius the Solitary)

Thank you to all

who helped make our

2017 Holiday Sweet Shop and Freezer Sale a success

*by helping with the cooking, packaging,
cleaning up, pickup, etc.*

and

*to all who ordered and/or secured orders for the delicious
freezer items and baked goodies!*

ST. ANDREW COFFEE MUGS

***AVAILABLE IN THE SISTERS OF ST. PHOTINI BOOKSTORE
FOR SEASONAL GIFT GIVING or PERSONAL USE***

New Style St. Andrew mugs

Price of mug: \$15.00

Price of name printed on side: \$3.00

Optional, price of name printed on bottom: \$3.00

Remember that the **St. Photini Bookstore & Gift Shop** is a great place to find special gifts for special people:
Icons, Books, Crosses, Gifts, Gift Certificates, T-shirts

*Or, stop in and purchase a gift certificate
and let the special person choose his/her own gift:*

Sisters of St. Photini Bookstore & Gift Shop
GIFT CERTIFICATE

OR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \$50.00

OR FROM Rudolph

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

December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Holy Bread - Laura Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am Pick Up Day 12:30pm	11 Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm	12	13 Adult Study Group 6:00pm Paraklisis of Advent 6:00pm	14 Choir Rehearsal 5-4:45pm	15	16 Vespers 6:00pm
17 Holy Bread - Sue Ann Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Anthony "Babba" Tampary Sr 45- day Memorial 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am	18	19	20 Adult Study Group 6:00pm Paraklisis of Advent 6:00 pm	21 Choir Rehearsal 5-4:45pm	22 Royal Hours for Nativity 9:00am	23 Vespers 6:00pm
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 5-4:45pm	29	30 Vespers 6:00pm
January 2018						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 New Year's Eve Orthros for Circumcision of Christ & St Basil 9:00am Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision of Christ & St Basil 10:00am Cutting of Vasilopita 11:20am	2 New Year's Day	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 Vasalisa 11:00am Vespers 6:00pm	



*Poinsettias
in memory or in honor
of loved ones*



To purchase a poinsettia to be used to decorate the church for Christmas, please complete the form below. Place the form and your donation in the basket on the table by the Sisters of St. Photini room or mail it to the church.

Poinsettias are \$15.00 each.

Make checks payable to St. Andrew AOC.

Earmark checks appropriately for POINSETTIA.

(Deadline is Sunday, December 17th)

In memory of

In honor of

Total number of poinsettias _____

Total amount of donation _____

Name of person(s)/family donating: *(please write exactly what you want listed in the Poinsettia Insert for the Christmas Bulletin*
