

**\*\*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. The first period is November 15 through December 19 when 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. On Thanksgiving Day, a special dispensation was made allowing meat and dairy.

**UPCOMING SERVICES, SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT & EVENTS**

\* Wednesday Evening Adult Study Group - Will **NOT** meet during December  
 † Great Vespers, Saturday nights, 6:00 pm

**Special Services**

- † **Feast of St. Nicholas**  
 Wednesday, December 6, 5:30 pm - Orthros  
 6:00 pm - Divine Liturgy  
 7:20 pm - Festal Pot Luck Supper
- † **Paraklesis of Advent Service**, Wednesday, December 13 & 20, 6:00 pm
- † **Royal Hours for Nativity**, Friday, December 22, 9:00 am
- † **Christmas Eve, 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 3, 2017**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost &**  
**Thirteenth Sunday of Luke**

<b>TODAY</b>	Dec. 3	Festal Fish Fry for Feast of St. Andrew	12:30 pm
Wednesday	Dec. 6	Feast of St. Nicholas Orthros Divine Liturgy Pot Luck Supper	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:15 pm
Thursday	Dec. 7	Choir Rehearsal	5:45 pm
Saturday	Dec. 9	Bake Sale Pickup Vespers	9:00 am - 12:00 noon 6:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 10	Orthros Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday School Coffee Fellowship Bake Sale Pickup	8:50 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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**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.

**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 3 - (Fasting) Festal Fish Fry for St. Andrew

December 10 - (Fasting)

December 17 - (Fasting) Tampary Family:

40-Day Memorial for Anthony (Bubba) Tampary



**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.*

**Sisterhood of St. Photini Continues to Sponsor  
Montclair Elementary Weekend Backpack Meals**

Please remember our Backpack Program when you do your grocery shopping. Each Friday, the "Backpack Meals" are put in the backpacks of children who have been identified as not having enough to eat on weekends.

**Nonperishable, easy open, pop-top, single serving items are needed.**

**St. Andrew is sponsoring ten children each week.**

**SHOPPING LIST for MONTCLAIR ELEM. BACKPACK MEALS**

\*individual portions \***pop-top cans** \*nonperishable

\*ready to eat or minimal cooking \*please check date on package

Beanie-Weenie - Vienna sausage - Ramen noodles

Chef BoyArDee meal items - Soups - Granola Bars - Pop Tarts

Fruit gummy snacks - Fruit Rollups - Raisins

**Canned** Fruit cups - Mandarin Oranges - apple sauce

Juice boxes - Individual milk boxes

### Congratulations

to the newly illumined Aaron Gibbs on his Chrismation on Sunday, November 26th. Congratulations to his sponsors Dn. Dan and Sh. Theresa Gray and to his fiancée, Alexandra Hill.

God grant you many years!

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - DECEMBER 10

The Parish Council election will be Sunday December 10 following the Divine Liturgy, until 1:00 PM. Eligible church members will be asked to vote for no more than four of the following:

- Tanner Clanton
- John Drap
- Janean Litzinger
- Mike Papadelias
- Tony Tampary
- Sam Waite
- Sue Ann Young

Please contact Greg Young at 850-637-0519 if you need an absentee ballot or have any questions.

### St. Andrew Food Pantry ...

is in need of the following items...

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

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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...**



### ST. PHOTINI BOOKSTORE NEWS on MUGS

**ONCE AGAIN, MUGS ARE AVAILABLE  
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

### **Sisters of St. Photini Freezer & Bake Sale**

Pick Up Days

Saturday, Dec. 9 9:00 AM - Noon

Sunday, Dec. 10 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM

**Note: There are very few “extras” of most of the items. The few extras will be available to purchase during Pick Up Times. However, if you think you want any of the extras, you may want to come to Pick Up on Saturday.**

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*

*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
<b>3</b> Holy Bread Olga Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Fish Fry for Patronal Feast 11:30am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Orthros for St Nicholas 5:30pm Divine Liturgy for St Nicholas 6:00pm Festal Potluck Supper 7:30pm	<b>7</b> Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bake Sale Pick up Day 9:00am 12:00pm Vespers 6:00pm
<b>10</b> Holy Bread Laura Orthros 6:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am Pick Up Day 12:30pm	<b>11</b> Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Adult Study Group 6:30pm Paraklessis of Advent 6:00pm	<b>14</b> Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Vespers 6:00pm
<b>17</b> Holy Bread Sue Ann Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Anthony "Babba" Tampary Sr 46- day Memorial 11:15am Sunday School 11:15am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Adult Study Group 6:00pm Paraklessis of Advent 6:00pm	<b>21</b> Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm	<b>22</b> Royal Hours for Nativity 9:00am	<b>23</b> Vespers 6:00pm
<b>24</b> 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	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Vespers 5:00pm	<b>28</b> Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Vespers 5:00pm
<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Holy Bread Stacy Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am						



*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

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In honor of

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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)*

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**Saint John the Silent [the Hesychast]**

John was a native of Nicopolis in Armenia and was the son of Enkratius and Euphemia. He was tonsured a monk at the age of eighteen and lived a strict and resolute life of asceticism, cleansing his heart by his many tears, fasting and prayer. After ten years, he was appointed bishop of Colonia. By his example, he attracted his brother Pergamius and his uncle Theodore-both distinguished men at the imperial courts of Emperors Zeno and Justinian-to a God-pleasing life. Seeing the malice and intrigues of this world and his inability to put matters right, he abandoned his episcopal throne. He disguised himself as a simple monk and went to the Monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified near Jerusalem. There he remained unknown for many years, conscientiously and capably completing every task that the abbot ordered him to do. For this, St. Sava recommended to Patriarch Elias that he ordain him a presbyter. When the patriarch wanted to ordain John, he confessed that he already possessed the rank of bishop. Then St. John closed himself in a cell and spent years and years in silence and prayer. Afterward he spent nine years in the wilderness feeding himself only on wild vegetables, and then he returned to the monastery. He turned the faithful away from the heresy of Origen and contributed greatly to the condemnation and elimination of this heresy. He clearly discerned the spiritual world and healed people from sickness. Having conquered himself, he easily conquered demons. Great in humility, might and divine wisdom, this servant of God entered peacefully into rest in the year 558 at the age of 104.

**From the Desert Fathers**

If you want to find rest here below, and hereafter, in all circumstances say 'Who am I?' and do not judge anyone.

*(Abba Joseph of Panephysis)*