

**UPCOMING SERVICES, SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT & EVENTS**

† Vespers, Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

† Great Vespers, Saturdays, 6:00 pm

**Special Services**

† Blessing of Homes

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

† Feast of the Presentation of Christ  
into the Temple

Friday, February 2

Orthros - 5:00 pm

Divine Liturgy - 6:00 pm



**DATA SUMMARY  
December 31, 2017  
(including previous weekday services)**

**January 1, 2018**

*Thank you for your continued financial support. Please earmark checks for 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.*

**From the Desert Fathers**

Bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."  
(St John the Baptist)

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*Week of*

**January 7, 2018**

**Synaxis of the Holy Prophet,  
Forerunner & Baptist John**

New-martyr Athanasios of Attalia; Venerable Brannock of Braunton

Sunday	Jan. 7	Outdoor Blessing of Water & Cross Dive	1:00 pm
Monday	Jan. 8	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan. 10	Vespers Adult Study Group	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
Saturday	Jan. 13	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 14	Orthros Divine Liturgy Youth Sunday School Coffee Fellowship	8:50 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 11:20 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:**

Very Rev. David Bleam

### Prayers Requested for Month of January

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 January. 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](mailto:dtampary@me.com))

Kleoniki	Olga	Tom & Mandy	Dan & Joyce
Yves & Linda	Janice	Petrula	Kim & Shawn
Lucille	Louann	John	Gary
Phyllis			

Thank you for your intercessions

### Synaxis of the Fore-runner and Prophet, John the Baptist

In the Orthodox Church it is customary, on the day following the Great Feasts of the Lord and the Mother of God, to remember those saints who participated directly in the sacred event. So, on the day following the Theophany of the Lord, the Church honors the one who participated directly in the Baptism of Christ, placing his own hand upon the head of the Savior. Saint John, the holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, whom the Lord called the greatest of the prophets, concludes the history of the Old Testament and opens the era of the New Testament. The holy Prophet John bore witness to the Only-Begotten Son of God, incarnate in the flesh. Saint John was accounted worthy to baptize Him in the waters of the Jordan, and he was a witness of the Theophany of the Most Holy Trinity on the day of the Savior's Baptism.

The holy Prophet John was related to the Lord on His mother's side, the son of the Priest Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth. The holy Forerunner, John, was born six months before Christ. The Archangel Gabriel announced his birth in the Temple at Jerusalem, revealing to Zachariah that a son was to be born to him. Through the prayers offered beforehand, the child was filled with the Holy Spirit. Saint John prepared himself in the wilds of the desert for his great service by a strict life, by fasting, prayer and sympathy for the fate of God's people. At the age of thirty, he came forth preaching repentance. He appeared on the banks of the Jordan, to prepare the people by his preaching to accept the Savior of the world. In church hymnology, Saint John is called a "bright morning star," whose gleaming outshone the brilliance of all the other stars, announcing the coming dawn of the day of grace, illumined with the light of the spiritual Sun, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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 on the bulletin board.

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

January 14 - Volunteer(s) needed

January 21 - Volunteer(s) needed

January 28 - Tamparys



Coffee Fellowship



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR JANUARY

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FOR JANUARY

*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.*

### REMINDER : 2018 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

*Please remember to complete your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Card.*

*You may place your card in the offering box in 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, Treasurer Pamela Kelley, or Fr. David if you have questions or need a card.*

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

**January 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> <b>Holy Bread</b> <b>Sandi</b> Orthros: 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Outdoor Blessing of Water and Cress Dive 1:40pm	<b>8</b> Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Vespers 6:00am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> vespers 6:00pm
<b>14</b> <b>Holy Bread</b> <b>Olga</b> Orthros: 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Vespers 6:00am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> vespers 6:00pm
<b>21</b> <b>Holy Bread</b> <b>Laura</b> Orthros: 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Vespers 6:00am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Diocesan Winter Retreat and Meetings (Atlanta, GA)	<b>27</b> Diocesan Winter Retreat and Meetings (Atlanta, GA) vespers 6:00pm
<b>28</b> Diocesan Winter Retreat and Meetings (Atlanta, GA) <b>Holy Bread</b> <b>Sue</b> <b>Ann</b> Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**Blessings and Cutting of the Vasilopita**

Thank you to all who prepared a Vasilopita (St. Basil's Bread) for last Monday, January 1st. Those who were blessed to receive bread pieces which contained the coins were: Max Blead, George Bokas, Ellen Johnson, Sh. Syd Werthmuller, and Ted Werthmuller.

*God grant you many years!*

TODAY, 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  
Pensacola Beach.*



*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.*

