

UPCOMING SERVICES, SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT & EVENTS

† **Vespers, Wednesdays, 6:00 pm**

followed by Adult Study Group, 6:45 pm - through January

† **Great Vespers, Saturdays, 6:00 pm**

Special Services

† **Blessing of Homes**

Contact Fr. David to schedule the blessing of your home.

† **Feast of the Presentation of Christ
into the Temple**

Friday, February 2

Orthros - 5:00 pm

Divine Liturgy - 6:00 pm



† **Divine Liturgy for the Departed
(Soul Saturday)**

Saturday, February 10 - 9:00 am

† **Lenten Retreat** - more information forthcoming in future bulletins

Saturday, March 10

St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Week of

January 28, 2018

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Wednesday	Jan. 31	Vespers Adult Study Group	6:00 pm 6:45 pm
Thursday	Feb. 1	Choir Rehearsal	5:45 pm
Friday	Feb. 2	Feast of the Presentation of Christ into the Temple Orthros Divine Liturgy	5:00 pm 6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 3	Great Vespers	6:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 4	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 February, please write the name and your name on paper to give Dorothy or send it to her by email (dtampary@me.com)

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

MEAT and CHEESE FARE SUNDAYS

February 11, 2018 – MEATFARE

Calling on the men of St. Andrew... it is time to show your culinary skills. MeatFare Sunday begins the Lenten Fasting. So clean out your freezers of meats and bring them to church on Sunday, February 11th. The grills will be hot and ready. Cooks will be prepared to cook your donation for our Coffee Hour. Or, bring your meat specialty prepared beforehand at home.

February 18, 2018 – CHEESEFARE

Calling on the women of St. Andrew... The Sisters of St. Photini will host CheeseFare Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 18th. Make your plans to bring a delicious dairy entrée, appetizer or dessert.

The women challenge the men to present as outstanding a meal for MeatFare Sunday as the women will for CheeseFare the following Sunday... even though we will have fewer choices of foods to work with... No meats! Perhaps The Sisters' creativity with delicious dairy delights will best the culinary creativity of the men!

MONTCLAIR BACKPACK MEALS NEWS

sponsored by the Sisterhood of St. Photini Antiochian Women

Thank you all for your wonderful, generous support of the project for our neighborhood school, Montclair Elementary. The students and staff are grateful for our participation in the weekend Backpack Meals program for chronically hungry children. St. Andrew sponsors 10 children weekly.

For the remainder of this school year, we need the following:

Boxed White or Chocolate Milk, Individual mac & cheese bowls

Chef-Boy-R-Dee meals

No more Ramen Noodles, canned fruit, or snack items for the remainder of this school year.

Cash/check contributions are always welcome.

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 28 - Tampary family

February 4 - John Drap - Mardi Gras theme

February 11 - Meatfare Sunday... St. Andrew's menfolk

February 18 - Cheesefare Sunday ... Sisters of St. Photini



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR LATE

JANUARY and FEBRUARY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FOR FEBRUARY

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.

Photos of Recent St. Andrew Events

Please select a few of your best or most interesting photos of recent events for St. Andrew:

St. Nicholas Feast Day, church at Christmas, Vasilopita, Cross Dive, Chrismations during November - January, Sunday School classes, etc.

Email or text them to Dorothy Tampary:

dtampary@me.com or 850-712-9008

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

January 2018 February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Diocesan Winter Retreat and Meetings (Atlanta, GA) Holy Bread Sue Ann Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	29	30	31 Vespers 6:00pm Adult Study Group 6:45pm	1 Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm 6:45pm	2 Orthros for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ into the Temple 5:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of Christ into the Temple 6:00pm	3 Vespers 5:00pm
4 Holy Bread Dorothy Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	5	6	7 Vespers 6:00pm	8 Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm 6:45pm	9	10 Divine Liturgy for the Departed (Soul Saturday) 5:00am Vespers 5:00pm
11 Holy Bread Stacy Judgement Sunday (Meatfare) Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	12 Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm	13	14 Valentine's Day Vespers 6:00pm	15 Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm 6:45pm	16	17 Vespers 5:00pm
18 Holy Bread Sandi Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am Cheesecake Luncheon 11:30am	19 President's Day Great Lent Begins Great Compline with Canon of St Andrew of Crete 6:00pm	20 Great Compline with Canon of St Andrew of Crete 6:00pm	21 Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts 6:30pm	22 Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm 6:45pm Great Compline with Canon of St Andrew of Crete 6:00pm	23 Akathist with Salutations to the Theotokos 6:00pm	24 Vespers 6:00pm
25 Holy Bread Olga Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am	26	27	28 Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts 6:00pm			

VENERABLE EPHREM THE SYRIAN

Ephrem was born in Syria of poor parents during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. He spent his young life rather tempestuously; but all at once a change took place in his soul and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephrem was a disciple of St. James Nisibis (January 13). From the enormous Grace of God, wisdom flowed from his tongue as a brook of honey and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephrem continually either wrote books or orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people in the town of Edessa or he dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers. The most famous is his prayer recited during the Honorable Fast Season which reads:

Lord and Master of my life, give
me not a spirit of sloth, vain
curiosity, lust for power and idle talk.

But give to me, your servant, a spirit
of soberness, humility, patience and love.

O Lord and King, grant me to see
my own faults and not to condemn
my brother: for blessed are you
to the ages of ages. Amen.

When they wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane and began to race through the city of Edessa dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephrem was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. Saint Ephrem is considered mainly to be the Apostle of Repentance. Even today his works soften many hearts hardened by sin and return them to Christ. He died in extreme old age in the year 378 A.D.

From the Desert Fathers

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.”

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)