



SAINT ANDREW ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America
Metropolitan JOSEPH, Primate – Bishop BASIL, Bishop of Wichita

Rev. Fr. Patrick Henre, Pastor

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us!

We look forward to meeting you after the service and welcoming you personally to Saint Andrew. *We're glad you're here!*

December 9, 2018

**Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna
Consecration of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem**

Tone 3, Eothinon y

Antiphons and Little Entrance

*The usual Antiphons and Little Entrance as printed in the service booklet.
The Third Antiphon is the Tone 3 Resurrection Hymn, "Let the heavens rejoice...". See below for music.*

Hymns of the Day

For the Resurrection

Tone 3 Byzantine

Kazan

Let the heav-ens re-joyce, and the earth-be-glad,
for the Lord hath done a might-y act with His own-

arm. He hath tram-pled down death by death and be-
 come the First-born from the dead. He hath de-liv-ered
 us from the depths of ha-des, grant-ing the world the
 great_mer-cy.

For the Conception of the Theotokos

Tone 4 Byzantine

El Massih

To-day have the bonds of bar-ren-ness been loos -
 ened; God, hav-ing heard the prayers of Jo-a-chim and
 An - na, prom-ised them o-pen-ly that they should give
 birth, be-yond hope, to the Maid-en of God, from whom
 He, the in-fin-ite One was to be born, be-com-ing
 man, com-mand-ing the an-gel to shout to her:
 Re-joice, O full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

For Saint Andrew

Tone 4 Byzantine

Barr

As the first-called of the A-pos - tles, and broth-er
of their lead-er, O An - drew, en - treat the
Mas-ter of all to grant peace to the world and to our
souls the great mer - cy.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Kontakion for the Conception of teh Theotokos

Tone 4 Byzantine

HTM

"On this day thou hast appeared..."

All the world doth cel - e-brate An-na's con-cep -
tion on this day with fes - tive joy, be-cause it came to
pass through God; for by di - vine grace she hath con-
ceived her that be-yond words con-ceiv - eth the Word of
God.

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Trisagion Hymn

The usual Trisagion as in the service booklets.

The Epistle Galatians 4:22-27

God is wondrous in His saints (Ps. 67:36a). *v.* Bless God in the congregations (Ps. 67:27a).

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married.”

The Gospel Luke 13:10-17

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be confounded (Ps. 30:2).

v. Be Thou unto me a defending God, and a house of refuge to save me (Ps. 30:3).

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman,

a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Cherubic Hymn

No. 5

Bortniansky

We who mys - ti - c'ly rep - re - sent the
cher - u - bim, rep - re - sent the cher - u - bim, and
sing to the life - giv - ing Trin - i - ty, sing to the
life - giv - ing Trin - i - ty, sing the thrice - ho - ly hymn,
let us now lay a - side, let us now lay a - side,
lay a - side all earth - ly care... A - men. ...that we may
re - ceive the King of all, who comes in - vis - i - bly up -
borne by the An - gel - ic Hosts. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Megalynarion

Tone 3 Byzantine

Finley

It is tru - ly meet_ to bless_ thee, O____
The - o - to - kos, the_ ev - er - bless - ed
and_ all - blame - less and the moth - er of our God.
More hon - 'ra - ble than the cher - u - bim, and more
glo - ri - ous be - yond com - pare than the ser - a - phim,
thou_ who with - out cor - rup - tion bear - est God the_ Word,
and art tru - ly The - o - to - kos: we mag - ni - fy_ thee.

Communion Hymn

Ps. 148

Finley

Praise_ ye the Lord from the hea - vens; praise_ Him_
in_____ the_ high - est. Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verses from Psalm 148 may be chanted between each refrain.

On Receiving Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Only Orthodox Christians who are prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent confession should approach the Chalice for Communion. All others are encouraged to come receive a blessing from the priest and partake of the Holy Bread as they exit the Communion line.

The remainder of the Liturgy concludes as usual.



Kontakion and Ikos

Today, Thou didst arise from the grave, O merciful Lord, and Thou didst extract us from the gates of death. Today, Adam dances and Eve rejoices. With them the prophets and patriarchs unceasingly praise the divine might of Thy Kingdom.

Let Heaven and earth dance today and harmoniously praise Christ our God, for He hath raised the captives of Death from the tombs. All creation doth rejoice and offer worthy hymns to the Creator and Redeemer of all. Today, as the giver of life, He draweth the human race from Hades and raiseth them with Himself to heaven. He hath crushed the pride of the enemy and shattered the gates of Hades by the divine might of His Kingdom.

The Synaxarion

On December 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate Saint Anna's Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Not like Eve dost thou bring forth children in sorrow,
For within thy womb thou bearest joy, O Anna.
On the ninth, Anna conceived Mary, God's Mother.

After many years of childlessness and fervent prayer, an angel of the Lord announced to Joachim and Anna that that they would be the parents of a daughter, the Virgin Mary, who would bring blessings to the whole human race. The Conception took place at Jerusalem. The Orthodox Church does not accept the teaching that the Mother of God was exempted from the consequences of ancestral sin (death, corruption, sin, etc.) at the moment of her conception by virtue of the future merits of her Son. Only Christ was born perfectly holy and sinless. The Holy Virgin was like everyone else in her mortality and in being subject to temptation, although she committed no personal sins. She was not a deified creature removed from the rest of humanity. If this were the case, she would not have been truly human, and the nature that Christ took from her would not have been truly human either. If Christ does not truly share our human nature, then the possibility of our salvation is in doubt. By her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



This Week

Tuesday, December 11

- 7:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 12

- 6:00 pm, Daily Vespers

Saturday, December 15

- 5:00 pm, Great Vespers

Fr. Patrick is available for confession following the Service.

Sunday, December 16

- 9:00 am, Orthros
- 10:00 am, Divine Liturgy

Prosphora Schedule

Dec. 16: Wingerd	Jan. 6: Heckenlively
Dec. 23: Eden	Jan. 13: OPEN
Dec. 25: Heckenlively	Jan. 20: OPEN
Dec. 30: Heckenlively	Jan. 27: OPEN

To add your name to this list, please notify Don Cox. You can also sign up online at <http://goo.gl/Oul9NW>.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec. 16: Monthly Potluck	Jan. 13: OPEN
Dec. 23: McNeil	Jan. 20: Monthly Potluck
Dec. 30: Paltl	Jan. 27: OPEN
Jan. 6: OPEN	Feb. 3: OPEN

To add your name to this list, please notify Paul or Amanda Fisher. You can also sign up online at <http://goo.gl/6LdC4h>.

December Epistle Readers

Dec. 2: Fisher	Dec. 23: Dutschmann
Dec. 9: Graham	Dec. 30: Miller
Dec. 16: Telep	

Pastoral Care

If you have pastoral needs (illness, confession, etc.) please contact Fr. Patrick Henre at (605) 646-5166, or by email: fr.patrickhenre@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

LIVING: Georgeta Paltl, Gabriela, the Youngblood family, Matushka Priscilla, Helen, Amy Kathryn, Tunas family, Judy and Charles, Emilia and her unborn child, Martin, Joyce, Christopher, Kathryn, Brigid and her unborn child, Wedad, Manitzas family, Patricia

DEPARTED: Luke Thomas, Albert, Helen, Helen

Announcements

Church School Events

Sunday, December 16th, the students will perform their annual Nativity program after the Divine Liturgy. We will rehearse on a Saturday before Vespers. Please make every effort to have your students attend! We are looking forward to a festive and prayerful Nativity season.

Bishop Basil Visit

Bishop Basil will visit Saint Andrew for Daily Vespers on Friday, January 4th.

2019 Pledge Cards

2019 Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please email Marty (martin.anderson.graham@gmail.com) with any 2019 budget ideas or suggestions for the council to consider.

Nominating Committee

The Parish Nominating Committee is currently taking submissions for anyone interested in serving on the Parish Council. The Nominating Committee this year consists of Nancy McNeil (Chair), Kathy Cox, and Karen Graham. In January, we will be selecting 3 parish council members and need at least 6 nominees for the selection. All qualified and willing candidates need to submit their name in writing to anyone serving on the Nominating Committee. "Qualification for selection to the Parish Council: A Candidate must be twenty-five (25) years of age or over, have been a Voting Member of the parish for a period of two (2) years and have fulfilled the Canonical requirements of the Faith."

Kitchen Supplies

There is a list in the kitchen of supplies needed. Please check it occasionally so that we can keep our kitchen supplies stocked.

Camp Saint Raphael

Gayle Malone, Executive Director of DOWAMA's Camp Saint Raphael, announces that the dates of all three 2019 summer sessions have been rescheduled. Parents of children and teens, be aware of these new dates as you plan summer holidays. Session One: June 30th - July 6th; Session Two: July 7th-13th; Session Three: July 14th-20th.

2019 Archdiocesan Convention

Hotel registration is open for the 2019 Archdiocesan Convention to be hosted by St Nicholas/Grand Rapids, MI. Register now at the Amway Grand Plaza, Curio Collection by Hilton for \$149 a night, or at the JW Marriott for \$184 a night. This link will get you the special group rates: <https://book.pass-key.com/e/49766461>.

2019 DOWAMA Parish Life Conference

The 2019 PLC will be hosted by St. Peter in Ft. Worth, TX, Wednesday-Saturday, June 19th-22nd, which is the fast-free week following Pentecost. The theme is “The Antiochian Village, Past, Present, and Future: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” The study topics for the Bible Bowl are the Epistles of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians, the Philippians, and the Colossians. The Oratorical theme is Philippians 4:13. Our featured guest speaker will be Fr. James Coles (frjames@cox.net) of St. Ignatius in Mesa, AZ. Mark your calendars now!

Fundraising Ideas

If you have parish fundraising ideas, please provide them in the form of a written proposal to Donna Manitzas or Fr. Patrick.

Sunday School Collection

On the first Sunday of every month, the kids will be taking up a collection at the end of service to help fund Sunday School expenses. Sunday School takes place after Communion. We now have 4 levels two accommodate our growing parish, and expenses are growing!

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (College Ministry)

OCF is on Christmas break. We will resume regular meetings in January.

Monday

Monday is Fr. Patrick's scheduled day off. Unless it's an emergency, please save all emails, texts, and phone calls for Tuesday through Sunday.

Choir Practice

Choir practice is on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in singing, please contact Tim Heckenlively.

Sign-Up List for Monthly Cleaning Day

The sign-up list for the monthly cleaning day is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. **Team #1 is currently in need of at least two more members.** Please be sure to check the list to see which team you are on, and contact your Team Leader with any questions.

Holy Bread and Coffee Hour

Please take the time to check the sign up lists for Coffee Hour and Prosphora baking. This is a great opportunity to serve the Church and is really appreciated by everyone. And remember, hosting coffee hour only means that you promise to bring light refreshments for everyone. You are welcome to bring more, but it is not expected.

Prayer List

For all submissions or changes to the Prayer List for the Living and Deceased, please notify Don. A person will stay on the list for the living for 30 days and then automatically drop off, unless they are renewed by someone in the parish. The list for the departed will include people for 40 days after their falling asleep, and they can be commemorated again on the anniversary of their repose.

Confession

Fr. Patrick is available for Confession before or after Great Vespers on Saturday, and by appointment.

Office Hours

Fr. Patrick holds church office hours Tuesdays - Thursdays from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Do you have news?

Please forward announcements, news, prayer requests, etc. to Paul or Amanda Fisher (paulandamandafisher@gmail.com) before 5:00 pm on Wednesday if you would like them to appear in the weekly bulletin and eNews.

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