



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 16, 2018

Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Prophet Haggai; Theophania the empress; Modestos, archbishop of Jerusalem

Tone 4, Eothinon 7

Antiphons and Little Entrance

The usual Antiphons and Little Entrance as printed in the service booklet. The Third Antiphon is the Tone 4 Resurrection Hymn, "Having learned the joyful message...". See below for music.

Hymns of the Day

For the Resurrection

Tone 4 Byzantine

Kazan

Hav - ing learned the joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur -
rec - tion from the an - gel, the wo - men dis - ci - ples of the

Lord cast from them their pa-ren-tal con-dem-na-tion, and
 proud-ly broke the news to the dis-ci-ples, say-ing, death
 hath been spoiled. Christ_God is ris - en, grant-ing the
 world great_mer - cy.

For the Sunday of the Forefathers

Tone 2 Byzantine

Kazan, ed. Holwey

Thou__ hast jus-ti-fied by faith the an-cient fore -
 fa - thers and through them thou hast gone be-fore
 and be-trothed un-to thy-self the Church of the Gen -
 - tiles. Let the saints, there-fore, take pride in glo -
 ry; for from their seed sprout-ed forth a no-ble fruit,
 and she it was who gave birth to thee with-out seed.
 Where-fore, by their plead-ings, O Christ God, save__



_our souls.

For Saint Andrew

Tone 4 Byzantine

Barr

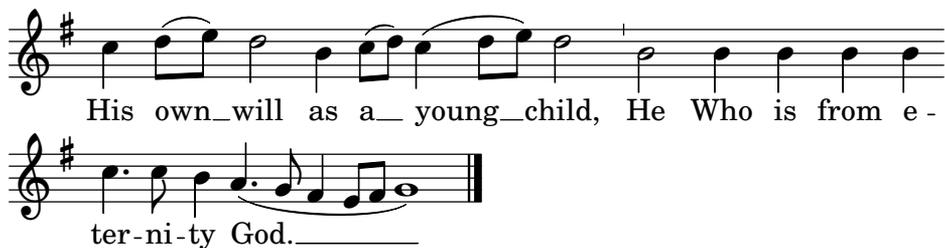
As the first-called of the A-pos - tles, and broth-er
of their lead-er, O An - drew, en - treat the
Mas-ter of all to grant peace to the world and to our
souls the great mer - cy.

Kontakion of Preparation for the Nativity

Tone 3 Byzantine

Karam

The Vir - gin com-eth to-day to the cave to
give birth, in - ef - fa - bly to bring forth the
Word e - ter - nal. There - fore, re - joi - ce, O
earth at the mes - sage; with the an - gels and
shep - herds give glo - ry to Him Who shall ap - pear by -



Trisagion Hymn

The usual Trisagion as in the service booklets.

The Epistle

Colossians 3:4-11

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers (Prayer of Azariah 1:3). v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us (Prayer of Azariah 1:4).

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel

Luke 14:16-24

v. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among such as call upon His Name (Ps. 98:6).

v. These called upon the Lord, and He heard them (Ps. 98:6b).

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say

to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

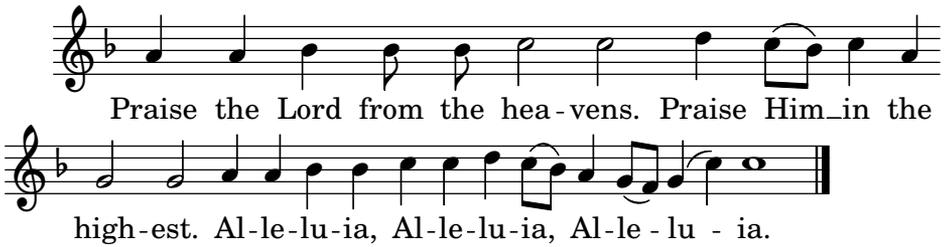
Finley

It is tru - ly meet to bless thee, O
The - o - to - kos, the - ev - er - ble - ss - 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 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

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Undepictable Essence, ye were glorified in your ordeal by fire. Standing in the midst of the irresistible flame, ye called upon God: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and hasten, since Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid; for Thou art able, if it be Thy will.

Stretch forth Thy hand, which in ancient times both the Egyptians experienced when they waged war, and the Hebrews when warred against. Do not abandon us, lest Satan, who hateth us, and Death, which thirsteth for us, swallow us up; but draw nigh unto us, and spare our souls, as once Thou didst spare Thy Children in Babylon, who unceasingly praised Thee, and for Thy sake were cast into the furnace, and cried out therefrom unto Thee: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and hasten, since Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid; for Thou art able, if it be Thy will.

The Synaxarion

On December 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Haggai; Theophania the empress; and Modestos, archbishop of Jerusalem.

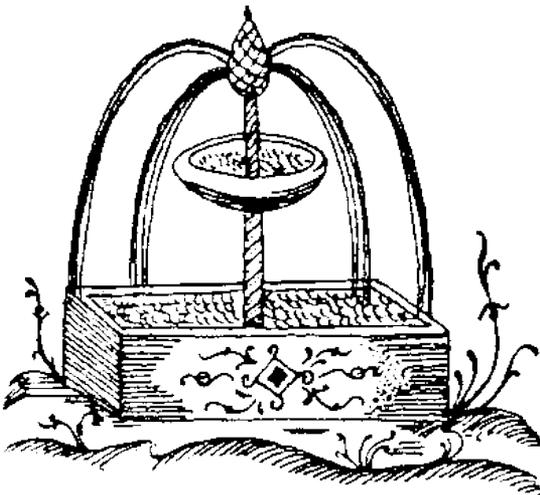
On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus.

Receive joy, O Forefathers which lived aforesime,
As now ye behold at hand Christ the Messiah.

Be glad, O Abraham, for thou art shown to be the forefather of Christ.

We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity which bemoaned the weight of evil since Adam; to realize the promise made to Abraham; to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love; and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



This Week

Tuesday, December 15

- 7:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 16

- 6:00 pm, Daily Vespers

Saturday, December 22

- 5:00 pm, Great Vespers

Fr. Patrick is available for confession following the Service.

Sunday, December 23

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

Prophora Schedule

Dec. 23: Eden

Jan. 13: OPEN

Dec. 25: Heckenlively

Jan. 20: Eden

Dec. 30: Heckenlively

Jan. 27: OPEN

Jan. 6: Heckenlively

Feb. 3: OPEN

To add your name to this list, please notify Don Cox. You can also sign up online at <http://goo.gl/0ul9NW>.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec. 23: McNeil

Jan. 20: Monthly Potluck

Dec. 30: Paltl

Jan. 27: OPEN

Jan. 6: OPEN

Feb. 3: OPEN

Jan. 13: OPEN

Feb. 10: 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, 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, Shelley

DEPARTED: Luke Thomas, Albert, Helen, Helen, Jason, Jean Henning

Announcements

Nativity Services

Our Nativity services for Monday, December 24th include Royal Hours at 9:00 AM, Festal Orthros at 6:00 PM, Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM, and a potluck to follow.

Bishop Basil Visit

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

Blessing of the Brazos River

On Sunday, January 6th after the Great Blessing of the Waters and Divine Liturgy for Theophany, we will have the inaugural Blessing of the Brazos River.

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.

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

Our last rehearsal before Nativity and Theophany will be this Tuesday evening. We will resume weekly practices in January. 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 Prospora 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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