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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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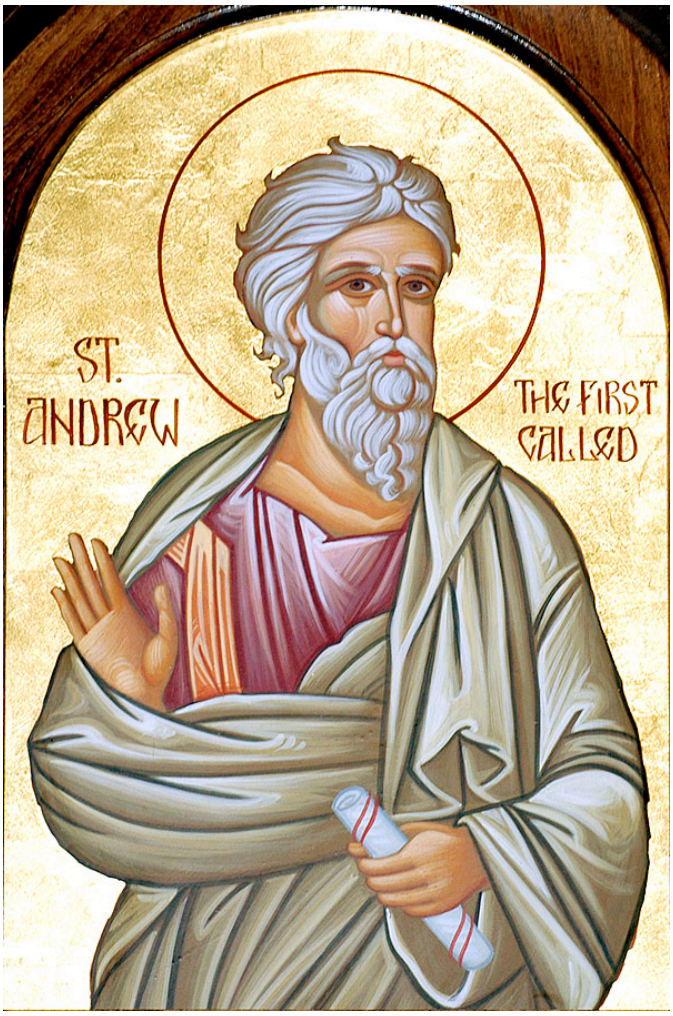
*** CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.**

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

GREATMARTYR JACOB (JAMES) OF PERSIA

HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW



NOVEMBER 30

The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the holy Apostle Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42). The future apostle was from Bethsaida, and from his youth he turned with all his soul to God. He did not enter into marriage, and he worked with his brother as a fisherman. When the holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John began to preach, St Andrew became his closest disciple. St John the Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian, declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, he reached the River Danube, went along the coast of the Black Sea, through Crimea, the Black Sea region and along the River Dniepr he climbed to the place where the city of Kiev now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kiev. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: "See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches." The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. Having prayed, he went up even further along the Dniepr and reached a settlement of the Slavs, where Novgorod was built. From here the apostle went through the land of the Varangians towards Rome for preaching, and again he returned to Thrace, where in the small village of Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ. The name of the holy Apostle Andrew links the mother, the Church of Constantinople, with her daughter, the Russian Church.

On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. In Sinope they pelted him with stones, but remaining unharmed, the persistant disciple of Christ continued to preach to people about the Savior. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked miracles. By the labors of the holy Apostle Andrew, Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy. The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom.

The Lord worked many miracles through His disciple in Patra. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness; he healed Maximilla, wife of the governor of Patra, and his brother Stratokles. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of the city of Patra with the true Faith.

Few pagans remained at Patra, but among them was the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The Apostle Andrew repeatedly turned to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The holy Apostle with love and humility appealed to his soul, striving to reveal to him the Christian mystery of life eternal, through the wonderworking power of the Holy Cross of the Lord. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the apostle. The pagan thought he might undo St Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

St Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. In order to prolong the suffering of the saint, Aegeatos gave orders not to nail the saint's hands and feet, but to tie them to the cross. For two days the apostle taught the citizens who gathered about. The people, in listening to him, with all their souls pitied him and tried to take St Andrew down from the cross. Fearing a riot of the people, Aegeatos gave orders to stop the execution. But the holy apostle began to pray

that the Lord would grant him death on the cross. Just as the soldiers tried to take hold of the Apostle Andrew, they lost control of their hands. The crucified apostle, having given glory to God, said: "Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit." Then a blazing ray of divine light illumined the cross and the martyr crucified upon it. When the light faded, the holy Apostle Andrew had already given up his holy soul to the Lord. Maximilla, the wife of the prefect, had the body of the saint taken down from the cross, and buried him with honor.

A few centuries later, under the emperor Constantine the Great, the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew were solemnly transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles beside the relics of the holy Evangelist Luke and St Paul's disciple St Timothy.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

Nov. 27 Eph. 2:4-10
Luke 13:10-17

Nov. 28 1 Thess. 2:20-3:8
Luke 19:37-44

Nov. 29 1 Thess. 3:9-13
Luke 19:45-48

Nov. 30 1 Thess. 4:1-12
Luke 20:1-8

Dec. 1 1 Thess. 5:1-8
Luke 20:9-18

Dec. 2 1 Thess. 5:9-13,24-28
Luke 20:19-26

Dec. 3 2 Cor. 11:1-6
Luke 12:32-40

Christmas Cookie Walk

at The Parish Hall

Friday, Dec. 9th, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 10th, 10:00 AM - Noon

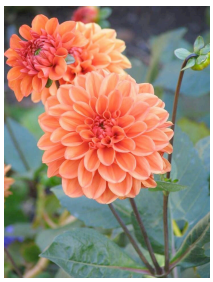
$10/lb.

Available Now

$5.00 for one sleeve of filling

which makes approximately

10 dozen kolaches



PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Peter Romantschuk
11-19-16

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Archpriest Yves Babich
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Matushka Catherine Jula
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Mary
Michael
Pauline Alexander (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Judith Allgire (*friend of Sonia Vorell*)
Judy Baughman
Christopher Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Paula Baymiller *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Karen Beech (*friend of Jerry Czajkowski & Arlene Neale*)
Tami Blaylock (*Igor Gajewsky's daughter*)
Carol Bohurjak
Thomas Bojurjak, Jr.
Thomas Bojurjak, Sr.
Marie Borland
Julie Byndas
Elsie Conrad
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
Metodije Damljanovic (*Child)*
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Cindy Durkalski
Nadine Ellis
Nashwa Fam
Dorothy Fowler
Gayle Franks (*Judy Schwind's cousin)*
Vera Gajewsky (*Igor Gajewsky's sister*)
Roger Haupt *(Lisa Theodore's cousin)*
Janet Hennig (*friend of Judy Schwind*)
Sandee Holod
Matthew Hunley *(Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law)*
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Kevin Jackam (*Sonia Vorell's cousin*)
Tom Jacobson
Joy Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Stephen Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Diane Kearsey **(***Janice Tkacz's sister***)**
Maher Khalil
Thomas Khalil
Jacquelyn Kiiskila (*Subdeacon John & Debby Pinta's family member*)
John Kovalski *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Dorothy Laskovich
Joseph Laskowski (*Dorothy Laskovich's nephew*)
Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)
Melissa McCutcheon
Jethro Miles
Paul Mihal
Andy Mytrohovich
Maude Palumbo *(Michelle Rajisch's mother)*
Debra Parhamovich *(Karen Felon's sister)*
Grace Parhamovich **(***Karen Felon's mother***)**
Anastasia Pogorily-Soljanik
Cindy Powkowski
Kay Rogozinski (*Janice Tkacz's mother*)
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic *(Child)*
Debbie Seguin (*friend of Leon Felon*)
Helen Smotzer
Elaine Sudnick *(Joy Pfeiffer's mother)*
Janice Tkacz
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Elizabeth Zimmerman
Peter Zimmerman
Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

David & Jessie Jacobson & Unborn Child

Yohnathan & Melissa King (Alex & Debbie Wojnicz's daughter) & Unborn Child

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy.
While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion,
everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.
You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

	Coffee Hour:	Greeters:
11/27/16	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind	Michael Tabeling & Paul Pangrace
12/4/16	Nick & Kate Zolikoff	Mat. Jenn Boerio & Karen Felon
12/11/16	Michael Tabeling & Michael Udell	Linda Smotzer & Igor Gajewsky
12/18/16	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk	Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
12/25/16	NATIVITY	Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
1/1/17	TBA	TBA
1/8/17	TBA	TBA

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	$ 2,463.00
Over/**Under**	< $ 4,075.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, $10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris

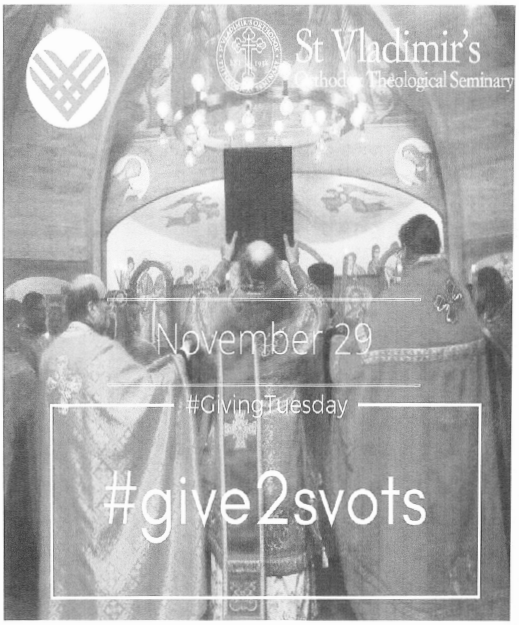
Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2016 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey



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JINGLE & MINGLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH FROM 6PM-10PM

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FESTIVE APPETIZER DISPLAY
HOLIDAY DINNER BUFFET:
CARVING STATIONS & PASTA BAR
CHRISTMAS COOKIES & DESSERTS
GOURMET HOT COCOA & COFFEE
CASH BAR: BEER, WINE, & COCKTAILS
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$25 PER GUEST OR $200 PER TABLE OF 10

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pajamas & pancakes

breakfast with Santa

Copper Stone
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Saturday, December 17th at 10:00am

Breakfast Buffet:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Homefries,
Breakfast Pastries, Cereal Bar, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice

Santa Claus and his elves
Holiday Games & Activities

FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!

Cash bar featuring mimosas & bloody marys for grown ups

Kids $9.95 **Adults $15.95**

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The Merrick House Angel Tree is up! Please take a name, sign the sheet, and make Christmas more joyous for a child. You can choose your gift(s) from each child's list (suggested donation $30). All gifts need to be at church no later than Sunday, Dec. 4th. Distribution at Merrick House on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. Please see Dan Morris with any questions. Thank you and God bless you!

DECEMBER 18, 2016
CLEVELAND LANDMARK CHRISTMAS CONCERT

40th Annual Concert at 3:00 PM

Please join us for a special Christmas holiday program in the historic St. Theodosius Cathedral in the Tremont community on Cleveland's west side. Each year our program reflects the large repertoire of liturgical music from the Orthodox Christian Church. We sing a cappella, in English, and in concert format.

Come experience the beauty of this national landmark and example of Eastern Orthodox Christianity in practice. Following the Cathedral Choir's program all are invited to participate in a sing-a-long of popular carols!

Tours: 1 PM
Concert: 3 PM

Visit the "Mother" Church of the many Orthodox Churches in northeast Ohio!

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

Reception after the concert.

45th Anniversary of Choirmaster Kenneth Kovach

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December 1 is the feast day of an 8th-century saint known for his great charity. He is called Saint Philaret the Merciful.

Philaret lived with his wife and three children in the province of Paphlagonia, in Asia Minor. They had a very comfortable life, but their comfort nagged at Philaret when he saw the contrast between his family's ease and the distress of so many poor and destitute people. He asked himself, "Have I really been given so many good gifts from the Lord only so that I can enjoy the pleasures of life, never thinking of those who have nothing? What good will my possessions do me at the Last Judgment if, like a miser, I have preserved them for myself?"

He began giving away his wealth. The family was not too much affected at first, but then nomadic raiders left them impoverished. His wife and children became angry when he continued his charity, gradually giving away the little they still had. Though he suffered greatly from their hard feelings against him, he believed that the Lord would always provide for them, and that he was storing up treasures in heaven for them as well as himself.

Saint Philaret's lovely daughter eventually became the Byzantine empress, and the family received wealth once again. But Philaret continued his humble charity, living his last years in a monastery and personally serving meals to the beggars at the monastery door.

A 2014 movie entitled "The Overnighters" is in part the true story of another Christian, a Lutheran pastor named Jay Reinke, who also gives away much of what he and his family have, in order to help others in desperate need.

This documentary, which won a Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, takes place in tiny Williston, North Dakota. The town is overwhelmed by thousands of indigent men seeking work as part of the fracking operations in the oil-rich area.

As the number of seekers grows, the town becomes less able to offer them jobs or places to sleep. Reinke opens his church basement as an informal dormitory and counseling center. He works endlessly to meet the men's needs, waking them in the mornings with prayer and planning ways for them to get regular housing and jobs, while offering them advice and emotional support.

His congregation, at first supportive, becomes fearful when the checkered pasts of many of the men are revealed. Reinke is severely criticized for moving one man into the home he shares with his long-suffering but supportive wife Andrea and their teenage daughters: the man has a record of sex offenses. Then, some of those he has befriended begin to see him as an enemy, and in a startling climax he tells Andrea about things in his own past that wouldn't be easy for any wife to hear.

The movie shows the desperate poverty that exists in our wealthy country, and reveals the difficulty of accepting and helping people who enter and upset our comfortable lives. Mercy is costly, and only God can judge the hearts of those who offer it and those who accept it.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2016

Sunday, Nov. 27
GREATMARTYR JACOB
(JAMES)
OF PERSIA
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, Nov. 28
MONK MARTYR STEPHEN
MARTYR IRENARCHUS AND
SEVEN WOMEN MARTYRS
7:00 PM Bible Study @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 29
MARTYR PARAMON AND
HIS COMPANIONS
VEN. ACACIUS OF SINAI

Wednesday, Nov. 30
HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW
THE FIRST-CALLED

REMINDER:

Please be sure that cell phones are turned off before entering the temple.

NATIVITY FAST
Nov. 15th - Dec. 24th

NOVEMBER
Special Collection
CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Thursday, Dec. 1
PROPHET NAHUM
RIGHTEOUS PHILARET
THE MERCIFUL

Friday, Dec. 2
PROPHET HABBAKUK
MARTYR MYROPE

Saturday, Dec. 3
PROPHET ZEPHANIAH
VEN. SAVVA
OF ZVENIGOROD
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Dec. 4
GREATMARTYR BARBARA
NEW HIEROMARTYR
ALEXANDER
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
FOCA Soup Sale after Liturgy

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