

# Ambo

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## Divine Services

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

Please check weekly schedule  
for specific days

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by Wednesday of each week  
before noon.

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TRANSLATION OF THE IMAGE

“NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS”



Martyr Andrew Stratelates and 2,593 Soldiers with him, in Cilicia

(August 19)

**The Martyr Andrew Stratelates** was a military commander in the Roman army during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305). They loved him in the Roman army because of his bravery, invincibility and sense of fairness. When a large Persian army invaded the Syrian territories, the governor Antiochus entrusted Saint Andrew with the command of the Roman army, giving him the title of “Stratelates” (“Commander”). Saint Andrew selected a small detachment of brave soldiers and proceeded against the adversary.

His soldiers were pagans, and Saint Andrew himself had still not accepted Baptism, but he believed in Jesus Christ. Before the conflict he persuaded the soldiers that the pagan gods were demons and could not help them in battle. He proclaimed to them Jesus Christ, the omnipotent God of Heaven and earth, giving help to all who believe in Him.

The soldiers went into battle, calling on the help of the Savior. The small detachment routed the numerous host of the Persians. Saint Andrew returned from the campaign in glory, having gained a total victory. But jealous men denounced him to the governor Antiochus, saying that he was a Christian who had converted the soldiers under his command to his faith.

Saint Andrew was summoned to trial, and there he declared his faith in Christ. For this they subjected him to torture. He laid himself upon a bed of white-hot copper, but as soon as he sought help from the Lord, the bed became cool. They crucified his soldiers on trees, but not one of them renounced Christ. Locking the saints away in prison, Antiochus sent the report of charges on to the emperor, unable to decide whether to

impose the death sentence upon the acclaimed champion. The emperor knew how the army loved Saint Andrew, and fearing a rebellion, he gave orders to free the martyrs. Secretly, however, he ordered that each be executed on some pretext.

After being freed, Saint Andrew went to the city of Tarsus with his fellow soldiers. There the local bishop Peter and Bishop Nonos of Beroea baptized them. Then the soldiers proceeded on to the vicinity of Taxanata. Antiochus wrote a letter to Seleucus, governor of the Cilicia region, ordering him to overtake the company of Saint Andrew and kill them, under the pretext that they had deserted their military standards.

Seleucus came upon the martyrs in the passes of Mount Tauros, where they were evidently soon to suffer. Saint Andrew, calling the soldiers his brothers and children, urged them not to fear death. He prayed for all who would honor their memory, and asked the Lord to create a curative spring on the place where their blood would be shed.

At the time of this prayer the steadfast martyrs were beheaded with swords. During this time, a spring of water issued forth from the ground. Bishops Peter and Nonos, with their clergy, secretly followed the company of Saint Andrew, and buried their bodies. One of the clergy, suffering for a long time from an evil spirit, drank from the spring of water, and at once he was healed. Reports of this spread among the local people and they began to come to the spring. Through the prayers of Saint Andrew and the 2593 Martyrs suffering with him, they received gracious help from God.



#### **A NOTICE ABOUT CANDLES...**

The price of the vigil candles has been raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00. Other candle prices remain unchanged, and we do not expect to have to change them in the foreseeable future.

## Listen to Baba

### *The Babas taught me...*

The day was hot and by the time Baba and I walked from the church to the car we were wet from perspiration. It was a relief when the car became cool after the air conditioner was turned on. Baba was unusually quiet: I hoped that the heat did not get to her. When I asked her, she replied that everything was alright but she was thinking about whether to complain or keep it to herself. After some time, she told me complaining won out.

She said: "I know that there are changes in what is considered proper to wear to the church. I don't wear gloves anymore; but I never go to church in a sleeveless dress and I sure don't think that t-shirts, bare midriffs, and shorts are proper. I don't care how hot it is, that's too casual even for 'Casual Friday' in the business world."

I agreed with her and I was surprised that she was aware of the business world. And then she continued: "As if the casual clothes are not enough, they lead to a

too-casual attitude in the House of God. They come in, some chewing gum, flop down into the pew without saying their prayers and cross their legs. What, is the church the same to them as a movie theater or stadium?"

I asked her why this was bad; at least they came to church service. She said: "We go to church to meet God, and experience His Grace through prayer and sacraments. We cannot experience the Liturgy with only our soul or mind. We experience it with our whole being, which includes our bodies. To pray and follow the Liturgy we use our mind and our soul. To make the sign of the cross, sing, kneel, look at the icons, or smell the incense, we use our body. All these things are part of worship, and from this you can see that the way you dress, sit, stand and conduct yourself in church is part of worshiping God."

### *From the Desk of Fr. Adamcio... What Did You Call Him?*

What did you call him?  
What did you call the priest?

In the Orthodox Church, as in the Roman Catholic Church, there is a special title for the priest: *father*. *The basis for this honorific term is found in today's Epistle: Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the Gospel (1 Cor 4:15 NIV). Therefore, when we refer to the priest, it is proper, even from the Scriptural point of view, to call him "Father."*

Contrary to some theological, scriptural views adhered to by churches of the Reformation, this does not undermine what Jesus says in Matthew 23:9 - *call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, Who is in heaven. Our Lord was referring to a very specific set of problems of the Pharisees and Scribes of His time. They demanded glory and honor as they thought they were the only ones to speak for God, interpreting the Law given by Moses. This led to their hypocrisy in their teachings. Some people have even gone so far in their understanding of this particular verse, that they say we should not refer to our biological fathers using that term! Jesus reinforces the concept of the glory of our Heavenly Father. Calling our priests "father" does not diminish the authority of God the Father, but rather established a continuity between Him, and His servants, the priests.*

It is interesting to note, in Russian the priest is often called *batushka*, a diminutive for father. As he is the father of the congregation, he is referred to as "father," or "dad." *The wife of the priest is called matushka, a diminutive form of mother. If the priest is the father of the congregation, his wife is the mother. (It is incorrect to translate matushka as "little mother.")*

In other traditions of the Orthodox Church, the term for the wife of the priest is a form of the word priest. In Greek it is *presbytera*; in Romanian, *preatoesa*; in Serbian and Bulgarian, *popadia*. *(It is fascinating to note that when a Serbian priest is elevated to the honor of archpriest, popadia becomes protinica. She is elevated as well!)*

We refer to the deacon as "father" as well. *The diaconate is one of the three orders of the priesthood (deacon, priest, bishop) the title is appropriate. The wife of the deacon (protodeacon, or archdeacon - ranks of the diaconate) is also called matushka, or sometimes deaconissa.*

When it comes to the order of bishop, we refer to him as *Master (vladyka, in Russian)*, as he is the teacher of the Faith and Scripture. *A bishop is referred to as Your Grace, an archbishop Your Eminence, the primate of national church as Your Beatitude, or Your Holiness.*

THE TIME HAS COME FOR

# Kitties!

OUR VERY OWN *Barbara and Beverly* have a surplus of furry little friends that need homes. They took in a sweet rescue, one *Mattie the Cat*, who was a Trojan Horse of kittens it turned out. Her kittens were born on July 17th, 2019. *Mattie the Mom* is estimated to be only 1 year and 8 months old herself. They are looking for homes for these cats, which they have raised and provided for. Each of these cats including Mom:

- Is up to date on all vaccinations
- All have been spayed
- None have any health issues
- No fleas, no ticks
- Each as a fun and loving personality

*Barbara & Beverly* have taken great care of these fine cats but they cannot keep all of them. Please consider the joy of waking up to a purring best friend every morning, a little companion to ride out the lockdown with and to bring many years of joy afterwards. Taking a pair is ideal, as they will keep each other company when you have to attend to matters elsewhere.

Check out these mug shots and contact *Barbara* and/or *Beverly* at **216 671-1793** with any questions.





## PRAYER REQUESTS



### **Departed:**

**Annie** Mytrohovich

### **Special Intentions:**

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Child Mary Kate** Zweidunger

**Child Vivian** Sherer

**Melissa** (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

**Lyndsey** (*friend of Melissa McCutcheon*)

**Elizabeth (Betty)** Balasz

**Marie** Borland

**Sandra** Brello

**Elsie** Conrad

**Horia** Dascalescu

**Debra** Ellis

**Gregory** Galan

**Aleksei** Green

**Virginia** Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

**Don** Hinkl

**Matthew** Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

**Lacey** Udell (*wife of Michael Udell*)

**Mara** Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)

**Annamarie** Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

**Chris** Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

**Melissa** McCutcheon

**Christopher** Tumbleson (*son of Melissa McCutcheon*)

**Michael** McCutcheon (*Melissa McCutcheon's brother*)

**Marguerite** Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)

**Paul** Mihal

**Natalya** Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Debra** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

**Grace** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

**Jim** Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

**James** Peter Petkac

**Susan** Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

**Elena** Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

**Joseph** Rusynyk

**Andrew** Sykaluk

**Elaine** Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

**Tony** Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Joanne** Theodore (*Lisa Theodore's mother-in-law*)

**Gayle** Vidovitch

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Robert** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Colleen** Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Kristin** Robinson

**Janet** Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

**Laurie** Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

**Alex** Ponomarenko

**Mary Kay** Weber

**Mirta** Szewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Elisa** Seddon (*wife of Eric*)

**Roger** Pinta Jr.

**Kelly** Buehner

**David & Jessie Jacobson and newborn Ethan Scott**

**Jeremy & Yvonne Pozderac and unborn child.**

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 16

### August 16

John 21:1-14

Col 1:12-18

Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24

1 Cor 4:9-16

Matt 17:14-23

### August 17

2 Cor 2:4-15

Matt 23:13-22

### August 18

2 Cor 2:14-3:3

Matt 23:23-28

### August 19

2 Cor 3:4-11

Matt 23:29-39

### August 20

2 Cor 4:1-6

Matt 24:13-28

### August 21

2 Cor 4:13-18

Matt 24:27-33, 42-51

### August 22

1 Cor 1:3-9

Matt 19:3-12

### August 23

John 21:15-25

Phil 2:5-11

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

1 Cor 9:2-12

Matt 18:23-35

## ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online.

Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate> Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our new Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



### Sunday, August 16

Translation of the Image "Not-made-by-hands" of Our Lord Jesus Christ from

Edessa

to Constantinople

3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM

Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

### Monday, August 17

Martyr Myron, Presbyter of Cyzicus

### Tuesday, August 18

Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

### Wednesday, August 19

Martyr Andrew Stratelates and those with him

### Thursday, August 20

Prophet Samuel

### Friday, August 21

Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy

### Saturday, August 22

Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, August 23

Leavetaking of the Dormition

Martyr Lupus, slave to St. Demetrius of Thessalonica

3rd and 6th Hours read at 8:40 AM

Liturgy Begins 9:00 AM

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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