

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

February 11, 2024

**Saints Commemorated today:** Blaise the Hieromartyr of Sebastia; Theodora the Empress; Finding of the Relics of Zachariah the Prophet, Father of the Holy Forerunner; George the Serbian

### EPISTLE READING

#### II Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### GOSPEL READING

#### Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### ENTRANCE HYMN: 3RD MODE

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath trampled upon death by death. He hath become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

## **APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANDREW**

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

### **BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY!**

Continuing this Wednesday at 6:30pm at church, Fr. John will lead a winter Bible Study. Not only will we delve into and learn from Holy Scripture, Bible Study is also a forum to ask questions on matters of our Orthodox Christian faith and spirituality. Bible Study will last no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes so please join us these next few Wednesdays!

### **MEATFARE (APOKREATIKO) GLENDI - MARCH 3**

Let's celebrate Apokries (Meatfare Sunday) together on Sunday, March 3rd, immediately after liturgy. Meatfare Sunday is on March 10th, but we're celebrating it on March 3rd! The menu will include ribs, greek meatballs and sausage, oven roasted potatoes, green beans and a salad. The kids plate will be sloppy joes, hot dog with Mac and cheese. And ofcourse an assortment of delectable desserts. Adult tickets are \$25/\$30 at the door, \$15 for children 12 and over, and children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold on Sundays after Liturgy, or you can contact Tina Assimos at (574)250-6621. Looking forward to celebrating as a church family before the start of Lent.

### **ST. ANDREW TEXT MESSAGING COMMUNICATION**

We're excited to announce a new way to communicate with you all! To subscribe to SMS notifications from St. Andrew, text CHURCH to 888-310-2605. For now, we're only planning to use this for schedule changes and urgent announcements. Once parishioners sign up and become comfortable, we'll seek feedback on perhaps expanding the use of this service. Please remember everyone must text CHURCH to the number above to receive these messages!

### **AHEPA-DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Students who are graduating from high school and planning to attend a university, college, technical, trade, or vocational school or students who are currently attending such an institution are eligible to apply for an AHEPA-Daughters of Penelope District 12 Foundation Scholarship. The 2024 instructions, rules and application can be downloaded [here](#), and hardcopies of the application can be found on the table in the fellowship hall. The scholarships are open to all; being of Greek descent is not a requirement. Deadline: April 1, 2024.

### **TRIP FOR TWO TO GREECE RAFFLE**

Some volunteers are spearheading a raffle for a trip to Greece! We have tickets we're hoping to sell to friends and family members. For questions about this unique opportunity or to purchase tickets, please speak with George Mighion: [gmighionfamily@comcast.net](mailto:gmighionfamily@comcast.net)

### **NEW TO ST ANDREW?**

New or visiting St. Andrew? To get on our email list, to contact the Office, to learn more about our faith or to have Fr. John reach out to you, scan this QR code ([or go to this link](#)) and fill out the form.



### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024**

There was a man who took a shovel into his backyard each day to dig up a box containing money that he had buried in the ground. Every day he would look at it, count it, and then bury

it again. One day he dug in the usual spot and found his box and the money were gone. He let out a cry, which brought his neighbor to ask what was the matter. Upon hearing what had happened, the neighbor asked “What’s all the fuss?” You weren’t using it anyway. Maybe the person who has it now will use it to do something good”. –  
Fr. Jim Kordaris

Thank you to all parishioners who have been generous givers of their time, talent and treasure to Saint Andrew. A few current needs for time and talent: 1) Ushers 2) gardeners for our Unity Garden 3) Helpers for Father John to hang some items on walls at church. If you’re available, please contact Amber in the office, (574) 277-4688.

We kindly ask all parishioners to submit their 2024 pledges. You can do so either by submitting a hard copy Stewardship Card or by clicking [here](#) to pledge online. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **PHILOPTOCHOS**

Kollyva: Philoptochos would like to remind parishioners that its members are able to prepare kollyva for Memorial Services. The cost is \$135.00. To place an order, please call or email Anthoula Kanalos at 574-220-9915 or at [atkanalos@gmail.com](mailto:atkanalos@gmail.com). We ask that parishioners place their order at least 2-3 weeks in advance of their loved one’s Memorial Service.

### **FEED THE HUNGRY**

We will be serving dinner at Hope Ministries on Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 - 7 pm. If you’d like to participate, contact Spyro at 574-404-1184 or [corfu1000@gmail.com](mailto:corfu1000@gmail.com). Hope Ministries is located in downtown South Bend and helps many people who without many material means to turn their lives around and thrive. Dates for the remainder of the year are: Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28, Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24 (4th Tuesday of the month). Each volunteer is asked to bring 30 cookies to contribute to the kitchen’s dessert supply. Thank you to everyone supporting this new and very important community outreach effort by Saint Andrew.

“Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me” Matthew 25-40

### **DISCRETIONARY FUND**

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals and families) who have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

### **YOUR PRAYERS HELP...**

“...I was sick and you visited Me...” St. Matthew 25:36. “Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants.” The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital: Janice Lampos (home), Chester Kozyra (home), Vasilios Spentzos (home), Elizabeth.

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Anna Napoleon, Leon Andrews, Liz Farr, Nick Giannakakis. If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Nave.

Today’s Epistle Lesson will be read by an Acolyte.

**Natasha Iuston** prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May God grant you spiritual joy always.

Coffee Hour was lovingly prepared for our entire community by **the Kanalos Family**.. We thank you for your love and generosity.

### THIS WEEK

Sat, Feb 10	St. Haralambos	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Feb 10	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 11	16th Sunday of Matthew	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Wed Feb 14	Bible Study	6:30pm
Fri Feb 16	Small Paraklesis	9:30am
Sat Feb 17	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 18	Sunday of the Canaanite	8:20 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy

### LOOKING AHEAD

Wed Feb 21	Bible Study	6:30pm
Fri Feb 23	Paraklesis to St. Nektarios	9:30am
Sat Feb 24	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Feb 25	Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Mon Feb 26	St. Porphyrios of Gaza & St. Fotini	9:30 Divine Liturgy
Tue Feb 27	Parish Council	6pm
Tue Feb 27	Feed the Hungry <b>at Hope Ministries</b>	5:30pm-7pm
Sat Mar 2	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 3	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Mar 3	Meatfare (Aprokreatiko) Glendi	following Liturgy
Tue Mar 5	SAREF Meeting	6:30pm
Sat Mar 9	Saturday of Souls	8:30 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sat Mar 9	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 10	Sunday of the Prodigal Son	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Mar 10	Good Samaritans meeting	following Liturgy
Sat Mar 16	Cheesefare Saturday	9:30 Liturgy
Sat Mar 16	Great Vespers	5pm
Sun Mar 17	Forgiveness Sunday	8:15 Matins 9:30 Divine Liturgy
Sun Mar 18	Forgiveness Vespers followed by Ice Cream Social	5pm
Mon Mar 18	Clean Monday	



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**1/15** Metropolis of Chicago invites Chicago area parishes to help determine the future location of the Metropolis Center campus

**1/29** Metropolis Council looks ahead to continued change and growth over 2024 as new members are sworn in and assume their responsibilities

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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**2/16-19** YAL Chicago Conference, an opportunity for Orthodox Christian young adults, ages 18-35, to come together in faith, fellowship, worship and service. *Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago (Rosemont, IL).*

**3/11** Fanari Summer Camp Registration Opens

**4/13** Fanari Lenten Retreat, *Multiple Locations*

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