

# SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

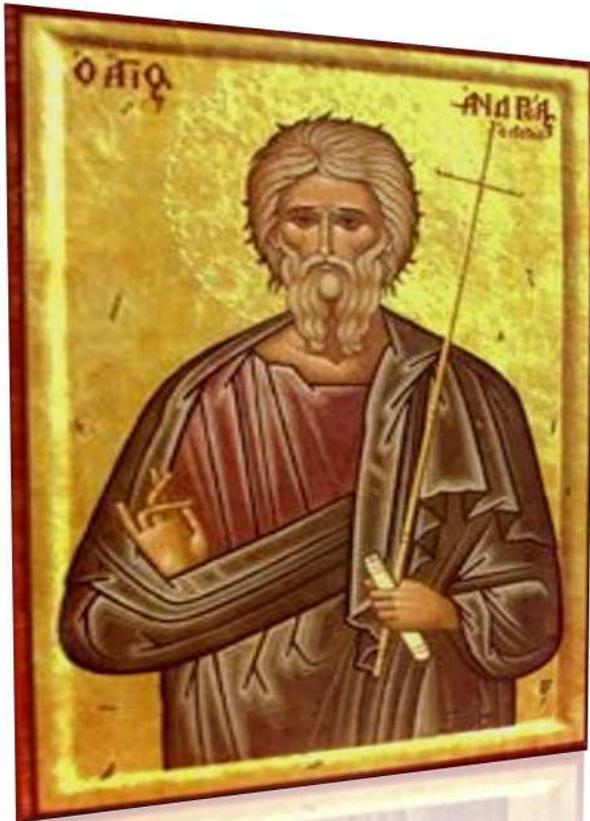
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2015



Saint Andrew the First Called

**28th SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

***Holy & All -Praised Apostle the First Called***

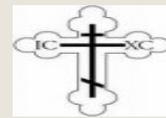
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: John 1:35-51

*Tone: 3*

*Liturgical Color: PURPLE*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 13

9:30am Divine Liturgy  
Pot-Luck Social

Friday, December 18

4:00pm Great Vespers/Litya  
Feast of Saint Nicholas

Saturday, December 19

9:00am Divine Liturgy  
Feast of Saint Nicholas

Sunday, December 20

9:30am Divine Liturgy Saint Nicholas  
Saint Nicholas Day Brunch

Friday, December 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To all our Brothers and Sisters  
celebrating the Lord's Birth  
on the "New" Calendar

Saturday, December 26

**NO VESPERS TODAY**

Sunday, December 27

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Panachida in memory of +Paul Mertus offered  
by the Officers and Church Council

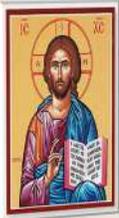
## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



<i>December 13</i>	<i>Mary Benyo</i>
<i>December 14</i>	<i>Nancy Coons</i>
<i>December 14</i>	<i>Stanley Lewek</i>
<i>December 14</i>	<i>Diane Rodrigues</i>
<i>December 14</i>	<i>Chase M. Mackiewicz</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Natalia McKane</i>
<i>December 29</i>	<i>Myra Svydenko</i>

*O God, grant your servants good health, happiness, and salvation for many blessed years!*

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; V. Rev. John Udics; Deacon Robert Kuchta; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Raphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soroparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Orestes Mihaly; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Mertus Family; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Denise Topichak; William Paslawsky; Rebecca Cooper; George Officer; Anamarie Kingsbury; Linda Benza; Carol Pierson; Baby Madeline; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich

All members of our Armed Forces serving our country at home and abroad



.....2015 is quickly coming to end and being in the festive season with shopping, parties and all the frustrations that come along with the season, it may be a good time to check your records to see if you have your church obligations taken care of. If not, this might be a good time to get caught up. **Remember, it maybe 'Tis the season.... but our operating costs continue holiday season or not!**

## 2016 SUMMER CAMP

*Week #1 July 17 ~ July 23, 2016 Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington Deaneries*

*Week #2 July 24 ~ July 30, 2016 New England, NY, NJ, Florida, and Canada Deaneries*

*Week #3 July 31 ~ Aug 6, 2016 Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries*

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A WEEK OF FUN!***



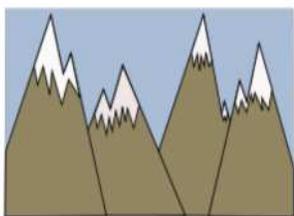
## 2015 CHRISTMAS FAMILY

This year's Christmas family is a family with three young children. Both parents work. After speaking to the grandmother of the family it was decided that a gift certificate to Walmart will be the most helpful. There will be an envelope in the church hall for you to put

**your donations by December 13th.**

Please help make this family's holidays a bit brighter and financially easier.

Thank you!



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**2016 CHURCH CALENDARS are here!!!!!!!!!!**

The 2016 Church Calendars have arrived and are available in the Church Vestibule. Our sincere THANKS to Jon and Jennifer Carpenter and the staff of Haughey Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our church calendars.

Please take 1 or 2 calendars to make sure everyone who wants one gets one!

***Your priest shall be clothed with holiness,  
Your faithful shall ring out their joy!***

## FROM FATHER'S DESK...

- **If** you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**  
7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten service or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- **If** you would like to schedule a Panachida for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285



**The Church does not permit cremation.**

This Week's Bulletin and Eternal Light

Is sponsored by

**The Topichak Family**

In memory of Mother, Grandmother

**Anna Topichak**

and

**Chuck, Noah and Baba Coons**

In honor of

**Nancy Coons**

Happy Birthday!



## APOSTLE ANDREW THE HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED FIRST CALLED

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. Andrews 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 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 persistent 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 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.

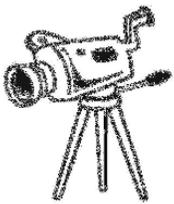
St. Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. In order to prolong the suffering of the saint, Aegeatos gave orders not to nail the saint's hands and feet, but to tie them to the cross. For two days 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. 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 given up his holy soul to the Lord.

## AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

As Christmas nears and our thoughts turn to gift giving for our loved ones, you also have an opportunity to give to the Diocese! Amazon.com offers a program whereby shoppers can use a special web address so that with every purchase made a donation is given to the diocese. This is a simple way to integrate stewardship into your holiday purchases and to proudly declare you know "the reason for the season" by remembering the diocese while you shop for your friends and family.

How do I participate? It's easy. Just go to the Diocesan website (<http://www.acrod.org>) and click on the "AmazonSmile" link on the left of the page. Please note that Amazon lists us as the "American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Diocese of the USA."

Happy shopping and please tell your friends!



**A SPECIAL APPEAL.....**it was necessary for the Cathedral to replace a \$4,000 camera that transmits Sunday Liturgy live over the internet. A special appeal is made to those who are homebound who use this service and to those in our Diocese who would like to help defray the cost of the camera to please do so.

Any gifts for this ministry may be sent to

**Fr. Robert Buczak, 249 Butler Ave., Johnstown, PA 15906,**

Please make checks payable to **Christ the Saviour Cathedral.**

*"You are truly a priestly worker in Myra, O Holy Nicholas, for zealously living the Gospel of Christ, you dedicated your life to your people; you saved the innocent from death. Therefore, you have been sanctified as one who has entered the mystery of God's grace.*