



Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church



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July 4 2010
6th Sunday after Pentecost/Tone 5
St Andrew, Archbishop of Crete,
Venerable Martha

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Merrillville, IN 46410
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Great Vespers
Saturday - 4 PM
Feast Days - 7 PM
Divine Liturgy
Sunday - 9:45 AM
Feast Days - 9 AM
Sunday Adult class 9Am
Children's classes after liturgy

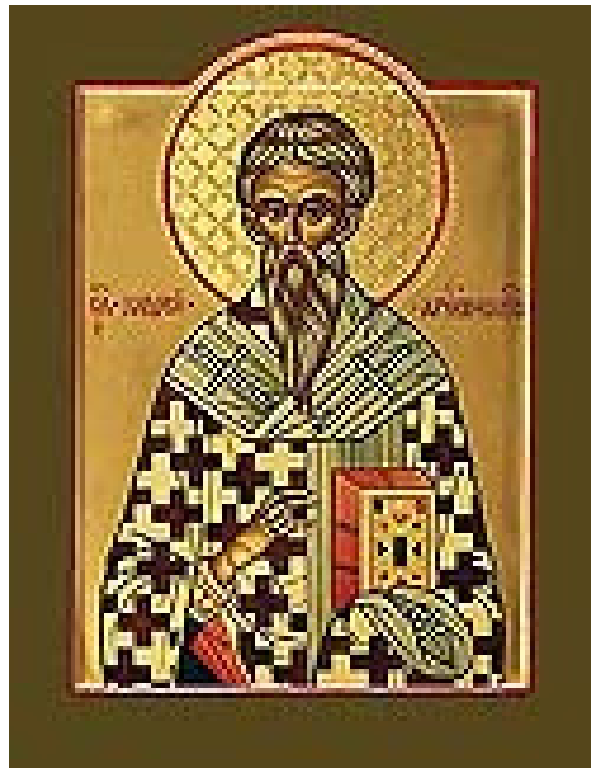
Fr. Peter Bodnar, Rector

Fr. Christopher Sarafin

All services in English

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Today's commemorated feasts and saints...

6th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone 5. St.
Andrew, Archbishop of Crete
(712). Ven. Martha, mother of
Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the
Younger—554). Burial of St.
Andrei Bogoliubsky (1174).
Uncovering of the Relics of
Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius),
Archimandrite, of Suzdal'
(1507). Martyrs Theodotus and
Theodotia at Cæsarea in
Cappadocia (108). Hieromartyr
Theodore, Bishop of Cyrene in
Libya and with him Martyrs
Cyprilla, Aroa, and Lucia (310).
Ven. Tikhon, Vasily and Nikon,
Monks, of Solovétsky
Monastery (16th c.).

Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion - Tone 5

Like the Prophet David
You sang a new song
In the assembly of the righteous.
As an initiate of the Holy Spirit
You thundered forth your hymns of grace
And the word of righteousness for our salvation,
O Andrew, glory of the fathers.

Tone 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O
Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Kontakion - Tone 2

You sounded forth divine melodies like a
trumpet
And were a bright lamp for the world.
You shone with the light of the Trinity, O
righteous Andrew.
Therefore we cry to you: Ever intercede for us
all!

Readings for Sunday July 4 2010

Romans 12:6-14 (Epistle)

6Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

7or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

10Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

11not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

13distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Matthew 9:1-8 (Gospel)

1So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

2Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

3And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

4But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

5For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?

6But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

7And he arose and departed to his house.

8Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Commemorated on July 4

Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete, was born in the city of Damascus into a pious Christian family. Up until seven years of age the boy was mute and did not talk. However, after communing the Holy Mysteries of Christ he found the gift of speech and began to speak. And from that time the lad began earnestly to study Holy Scripture and the discipline of theology.

At fourteen years of age he went off to Jerusalem and there he accepted monastic tonsure at the monastery of St Sava the Sanctified. St Andrew led a strict and chaste life, he was meek and abstinent, such that all were amazed at his virtue and reasoning of mind. As a man of talent and known for his virtuous life, over the passage of time he came to be numbered among the Jerusalem clergy and was appointed a secretary for the Patriarchate -- a writing clerk. In the year 680 the locum tenens of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Theodore, included archdeacon Andrew among the representatives of the Holy City sent to the Sixth Ecumenical Council, and here the saint contended against heretical teachings, relying upon his profound knowledge of Orthodox doctrine. Shortly after the Council he was summoned back to Constantinople from Jerusalem and he was appointed archdeacon at the church of Hagia Sophia, the Wisdom of God. During the reign of the emperor Justinian II (685-695) St Andrew was ordained bishop of the city of Gortineia on the island of Crete. In his new position he shone forth as a true luminary of the Church, a great hierarch -- a theologian, teacher and hymnographer.

St Andrew wrote many liturgical hymns. He was the originator of a new liturgical form -- the canon. Of the canons composed by him the best known is the Great Penitential Canon, including within its 9 odes the 250 troparia recited during the Great Lent. In the First Week of Lent at the service of Compline it is read in portions (thus called "methymony" [trans. note: from the useage in the service of Compline of the "God is with us", in Slavonic the "S'nami Bog", or in Greek "Meth' Humon ho Theos", from which derives "methymony"]), and again on Thursday of the Fifth Week at the All-night Vigil during Matins.

St Andrew of Crete gained renown with his many praises of the All-Pure Virgin Mary. To him are likewise ascribed: the Canon for the feast of the Nativity of Christ, three odes for the Compline of Palm Sunday and also in the first four days of Holy Passion Week, as well as verses for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and many another church-song. His hynographic tradition was continued by the churchly great melodists of following ages: Saints John of Damascus, Cosma of Maium, Joseph the Melodist, Theophan the Written-upon. There have also been preserved edifying Sermons of St Andrew for certain of the Church feasts.

Church historians are not of the same opinion as to the date of death of the saint. One suggests the year 712, while others -- the year 726. He died on the island of Mytilene, while returning to Crete from Constantinople, where he had been on churchly business. His relics were transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1350 the pious Russian pilgrim Stephen Novgorodets saw the relics at the Constantinople monastery named for St Andrew of Crete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY.....July 4 2010

SUNDAY 4 9am Adult class, 9:45 3rd Hr 10:00 Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY 6pm Prayer Service

SATURDAY 4pm Great Vespers

The Word Deacon means ?

- A Servant
- B Apostle
- C Minister
- D A and C

Orthodox Vacation Church School

Remember to mark your calendars for Vacation Church School from August 2 through August 6 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM each day! Lots of fun and learning is planned.

This year our theme will be "God's Wonderful Creation!" For more information, please contact

Mat. Cheryl (Matrona) Sarafin at 219-733-0018 or email ptc@ptvm.com

Women's Retreat - September 11, 2010

We are excited about our upcoming Women's Retreat in September. Our speaker this year will be Molly Sabourin and this year's sessions will be centered around the Morning Prayer of Metropolitan Philaret - "**Grant us to greet this day in Peace**".

Anniversary Committee

We have begun planning for our 100th anniversary celebration which will be in two years. There are lots of spots where your help is needed, regardless of your skills and Valerie McMullen is asking for assistance with assembling an ad book.

If you are able to help with the ad book, or one of the other committees, please contact the church office at **219-947-4748**.

Support our parish scrip program

Our scrip program has been active for several years now. It's easy for you to participate and support the parish through your REGULAR shopping. Each Sunday, scrip is for sale in the hall during coffee hour. Stop by and pick some gift cards to use when you are buying groceries, filling up the car at the gas station, eating out, etc. A percentage of your spending comes back to the church.

Every little bit you can purchase becomes a significant amount when all our spending is pooled together
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2010 Mission Teams

Mission Teams for 2010 need your support. Please prayerfully consider sharing your blessings and resources with others on a OCMC Mission Team.

Call the church office or go to ptvm.com for more information

Project Mexico in 2011

In conjunction with our 100-year anniversary in 2011, we are planning to participate in the 2011 Project Mexico. 300 participants are being sought to build 12-15 homes for Project Mexico in memory of **Archbishop JOB**.

This effort is being coordinated by St. Mark's Church in Rochester Hills, MI.

The dates are July 12-18, 2011.

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