



St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 9:1-8

St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete. Ven. Martha.

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Today's Announcements

- Welcome to Fr. George Johnson, who served today's Liturgy. Fr. Johnson is a candidate to become our next parish priest, and he will be available after today's Liturgy to answer questions.
- Some of our parish youth are attending St Tikhon's Summer Camp today through Saturday. Please for their safe travel and a great camp experience.

Saturday – July 10

- Vespers – 7 pm

Next Sunday – July 11

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am. Fr. Michael Senyo, candidate for our new parish priest, will be serving.
- Sophia Hanna/Robert Mooney Wedding – 3 pm

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Women's Association Meeting – July 13
- Pierogi Workshop – July 15-16
- Archdiocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – July 20
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25. Reservations are due by July 11.
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

Coffee Social Volunteers Needed: There's only one thing missing at Sunday's coffee hour, and that's your smiling face helping out! The duties are simple, and, if you've never done it, we can supply an experienced partner. Thanks for your help in this important part of our parish life!

Fundability Tip of the Week: We currently have a number of Walgreens cards in stock. If you shop at Walgreens for your prescriptions or other goods, now is the time to pick up some cards at the Fundability counter. And make sure that you're ready for that holiday or summer picnic – pick up some cards for your other favorite retailers, too!

Parish Priest Selection Process Update

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. The first step in the selection process was the survey administered last Sunday. The remaining steps in the process are hoped to develop a parish consensus of the best candidate over the course of the Summer.

1. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. The following priests have been scheduled thus far:

- Fr. George Johnson – July 4
- Fr. Michael Senyo – July 11
- Fr. John Mikita – July 18

We will provide you with the dates of other visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.

2. In addition to the names above, the name of Fr. John Soucek has been submitted for consideration. Other priests may be considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete, was born in Damascus of Christian parents. He was a mute from birth until the age of seven. When his parents brought him to church and he received Holy Communion, he began to speak. So great is the power of the Divine and Holy Communion. At age fourteen, Andrew went to Jerusalem and was tonsured in the Lavra of St. Sabas the Sanctified. By virtue of his understanding and asceticism, he surpassed many of the older monks and was an example to them. After a while, the patriarch took him as his personal secretary. When the Monothelite heresy began to rage the heresy which taught that the Lord Jesus did not possess a human will but only a divine will the Sixth Ecumenical Council convened in Constantinople in the year 681 A.D. during the reign of Constantine IV [Bearded One]. Theodore, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, was unable to attend the council but sent Andrew as his representative who, at that time, was an Archdeacon. At the council, Andrew displayed his wonderful gift of oratory, his zeal for the Faith and rare prudence. Having assisted in strengthening the Orthodox Faith, Andrew returned to his duties in Jerusalem. Later, he was elected and installed as the Archbishop of the Island of Crete. As an archbishop, he was greatly loved by the people. Andrew was very zealous for Orthodoxy and vehemently eradicated all heresies. Through his prayers he worked miracles. By his prayers, he drove the Saracens from the Island of Crete. Andrew wrote many books of instruction, hymns and canons of which the most renown is the Great Canon to the Birth-giver of God read on Thursday of the Fifth Sunday of the Great Lenten Season. His outward appearance was such that "seeing his face and hearing his words flowing like honey, everyone found pleasure and amended their ways." On one occasion, returning from Constantinople, Andrew foretold his death before he arrived in Crete. And so it happened. When the boat in which he traveled sailed near the island of Mitylene, this beacon of the Church ended his earthly life and with his soul, took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ in the year 721 A.D.