

St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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November 30, 2025

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THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

FRUMENTIOS, ARCHBISHOP AND ENLIGHTENER OF ETHIOPIA; ALEXANDER, BISHOP OF METHYMNA

Today's Reader: Francis Deighan

Next Sunday– December 7, 2025

Reader: Sdn Matthew

Commemorations/Bread Offering for the Holy Oblation: The Thornton Family

NEXT SUNDAY: OUR LUNCHEON IS POTLUCK

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered by the Thomas Family for the health and salvation of Suresh, Anna, Sunil, Kuryan, Ansu, Praveen, Ajay, Alex, Anupa, Alisha, Thommy, Kuryan, Suzanne, Reji, Sara, Matthew, Anju, Eldo, Susan and all the members of the Thomas and Kuryan Families.

It is also offered in loving memory of PT Thomas, Kamala, CT Kuruvilla, Mariamma Kuruvilla, KE Eappen. Anna Eappen. and the deceased members of the Thomas and Kuryan Families.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.



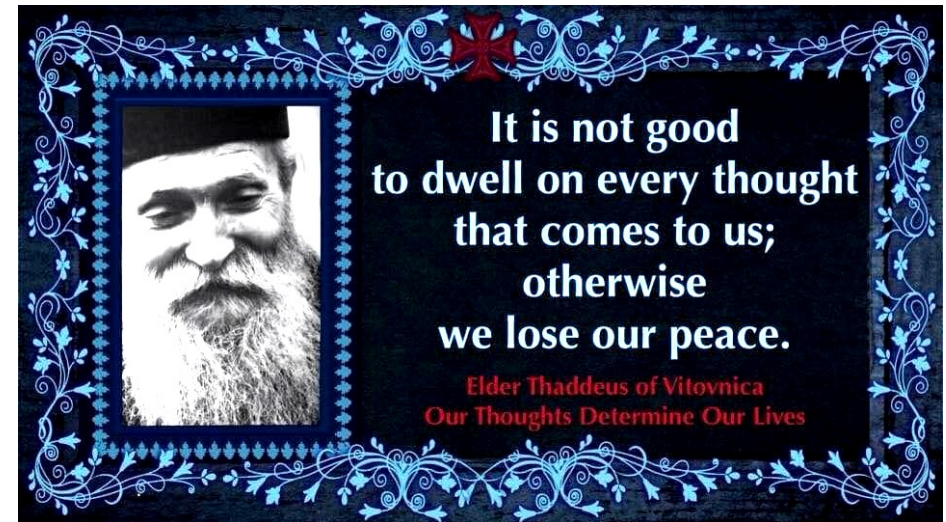
Important Announcements . . .

Today, the Parish Council will meet at 1:30 pm after our Luncheon.

Next Sunday, there will be a Choir Practice at 1:30.

As you prayerful consider your pledge for 2026, please bring your card to church by **Sunday December 21st**. You may put it in the collection tray, send it by mail, or give it to Fr. Samuel. May God bless your generosity to His Holy Church!

Next Saturday is our Patronal Feast Day of St Nicholas the Wonderworker! See the insert in this bulletin for the events of that important day.



"Blessings Box" Collection Update



Beloved in Christ,

This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new **BLESSING BOX!** PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Eighth Tone

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for St. Andrew, in the Third Tone

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.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, in the Fourth Tone

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion for the Preparation of the Nativity of Christ, in the Third Tone

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.



Epistle

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Prokeimenon: His voice has gone out into all the earth

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel

John 1:35-51

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where art Thou staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."





Calendar: November - December 2025

Nativity Fast ~ 11/15/2025 - 12/24/2025		
11/30/2025	1:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (moved from November 16)
11/30/2025		Feast of the Apostle Andrew, the First Called
12/4/2025		Holy Great Martyr Barbara & St. John of Damascus
12/6/2025 (Sat)	10:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm	Festal Divine Liturgy For our Patron St. Nicholas Baptism and Chrismation of Catechumens Reception for the Newly Received
12/6/2025		Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
12/9/2025		Conception of St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
12/12/2025		St. Spiridon the Wonderworker
12/14/2025 (Sun)	10:00 am	Chrismation of Catechumens
12/21/2025 (Sun)	1:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (for Year End)
12/25/2025 (Thur)	9:20 am 10:30 am	Festal Orthros for The Feast of the Nativity Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord in the Flesh Banquet for the Feast After the Divine Liturgy

The Nativity Fast begins on Saturday, November 15th, and continues through December 24th. This Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesday and Thursday (some also permit fish on Tuesday and Thursday during this first period), and for fish, wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday. The second period is December 20th through 24th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed Monday through Friday, but with katalysis for wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday.

Calendar for the Week of November 30, 2025	Saints of the Day
Sunday—November 30, 2025 Fast 9:25 - Orthros 9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry 10:30 am - Divine Liturgy After Liturgy- Junior & Youngsters Church School 1:30 pm Parish Council meeting	Holy Apostle Andrew, The First Called
Monday—December 1, 2025 Fast	Nabum the Prophet
Tuesday—December 2, 2025 Fast	Habakkuk the Prophet
Wednesday—November 3, 2025 Fast 5:00 pm Daily Vespers	Zephaniah the Prophet
Thursday—December 4, 2025 Fast	Great Martyr Barbara; John the Damascene
Friday—December 5, 2025 Fast	Sabas the Consecrated
Saturday—December 6, 2025 Fast 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Feast of St Nicholas 12:00 pm Baptisms and Chrismations 2:00 pm Luncheon in Honor of those Received 5:00 pm Great Vespers Confessions after Vespers	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Bishop of Myra in Lycia
Sunday—December 7, 2025 9:00 am - Orthros 9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry 10:00 am - Reception & Chrismation of Converts 10:30 am - Divine Liturgy After Liturgy- Junior & Youngsters Church School 1:30 pm Choir Practice	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at:
(304) 541-8550.

Pledging to Give in Stewardship

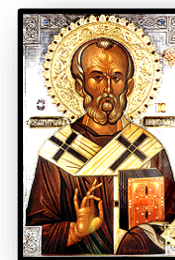


Tithing is Our Tradition. Our understanding of giving comes from the first few pages of the Bible. Abraham, in thanksgiving for his victory in battle, offers a tithe to the priest, Melchizedek (Genesis 14:14-20). Giving is **tithing** and **offering**—accompanied by prayer, and fasting. **Tithing is sacrificial giving**, and requires trust, since we are to give a tithe *first*, from our paycheck. This is the Lord's portion from the instant we receive it--money *returned to the Lord* for the purposes of His kingdom--**offered with prayer and fasting.**

Your pledge letter and card for 2026 will be distributed this morning at the dismissal, and for those not present, mailed on Monday. Please give prayerful consideration to your financial commitment for the coming year. I know that many of you are considering making your giving a true tithe. If you wish to discuss this with me, please do not hesitate to make an appointment or call me at any time. May God bless you richly for your generosity.

- Fr. Samuel

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Patronal Feastday Celebration



Saturday
December 6th, 2025

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Reception of Converts - 12:00 pm
Sacraments of Baptism & Chrismation

Reception In Honor of the Feastday of St. Nicholas
And Those Received into the Holy Orthodox Church

Great Vespers - 5:00 pm

God Grant them Many, Many Years!

The Edna Nasby/Larry George Memorial Blanket and Coat Drive



Are you downsizing? Deep cleaning your closets? Found a great deal in the clearance aisle?

SNOC is collecting new and gently used blankets, winter coats and gloves, and warm socks (all sizes) for distribution by Helping Hands of Beckley.



The need is great and ever-present, especially as winter approaches. Please drop off your donations in the social hall throughout the winter.

Questions? Ask Christine.

Thank you for your support, and may God bless you!



OUR ANNUAL IOCC HYGIENE KITS CHURCH SCHOOL PROJECT HAS BEGUN!

This year we will first collect enough of the following to make as many Hygiene Kits for IOCC as possible! In their effort to assist the victims of natural disaster, war and other tragedies, these hygiene kits are vital.

PLEASE NOTE: Many of these items have already been purchased in bulk for a fraction of the price found in stores these days. Please consider making a cash donation to cover items already purchased, and those that are yet to be purchased. If you have any questions, see Liz Daigle.

Each Hygiene Kit will have:

- ♦ A one-gallon plastic bag
- ♦ One cotton hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber)
- ♦ One cotton washcloth (no microfiber)
- ♦ One wide-tooth comb removed from the packaging
- ♦ One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- ♦ One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- ♦ One toothbrush in the package
- ♦ Ten standard size Band-Aids

These are some items you may wish to purchase and place on the designated table in the church hall.