

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES

Sat: 5 PM [Vespers with Liturgy]

Sun: 9:45 AM [Third Hour] 10 AM [Divine Liturgy]

**Mystery of Holy Repentance [Confessions]: AFTER Saturday
Evening Prayer or ANYTIME by appointment**

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2014

SUNDAY OF
OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST.

PLEASE COME FORWARD AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY;
KISS THE HOLY ICONS, KISS THE HAND CROSS [OR RECEIVE
THE HOLY ANOINTING], & PARTAKE OF THE ANTIDORAN
[BLESSED BREAD].

SUN. MAR. 30 **9:45 AM** **THE THIRD HOUR**
 10:00 AM **FOR THE PEOPLE**
 11:30 AM **LENTEN SUNDAY LUNCHEON**
 12:15 PM **LITURGY AND LIFE CLASS #11**
 1:15 PM **SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS**

MON. MAR. 31 **Our Ven. Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra.**
NO DIVINE SERVICES ~ FATHER'S DAY OFF

TUE. APR. 1 **Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt.**
9 AM **LENTEN TERSEXT**

WED. APR. 2 **Our Ven. Fr. Titus the Wonderworker.**
FATHER BRYAN IN MUNSTER
9 AM **LENTEN TERSEXT**

[LEAD BY CANTORS]
7 PM **AKATHIST OR PARAKLIS**
[LEAD BY CANTORS]

THU. APR. 3 **THE GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE.**
Our Ven. Fr. and Conf. Nicetas, Hegumen of Medikion.
FATHER BRYAN IN MUNSTER UNTIL NOON
9 AM **LENTEN TERSEXT**

[LEAD BY CANTORS]

FRI. APR. 4 **Our Ven. Fr. Joseph the Hymnographer and George of**
Maleon.
9 AM **LENTEN TERSEXT**
7 PM **LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED**
GIFTS

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR PARISH SOCIAL IN OUR ST. MARY HALL.

SAT. APR. 5 **AKATHISTOS SATURDAY. The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopodes, and their companions.**
9 AM **AKATHIST HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**
5 PM *Sub-Deacon John Russell & Family*
6:15 PM **MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE**
[CONFESSIONS]

SUN. APR. 6 **SUNDAY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT. FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Our Holy Father Euthyches, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Passing of our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs.**
9:45 AM **THE THIRD HOUR**
10:00 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*
11:30 AM **LENTEN SUNDAY LUNCHEON**
12:15 PM *PRE-ASSEMBLY MEETING*
1:15 PM **SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS**

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA VO VIKI!
CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!

PLEASE FOR THE CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS, AND PROPER SONGS ON THE COLORED INSERT.

YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~ THE MONTH OF MAR. 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total Income</u>
<u>Mar. 2</u>	\$457.52	\$ 37.87	\$ 5.00	\$397.50	\$897.89
<u>Mar. 9</u>	\$1,037.36	\$98.00	\$5.00	\$356.96	\$1,497.32
<u>Mar. 16</u>	\$1,019.60	\$106.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$1,385.60
<u>Mar. 23</u>	\$648.48	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$154.50	\$890.96
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$3,162.94	\$329.87	\$10.00	\$1,168.96	\$4,671.77

It takes a weekly income of \$3000.00 to properly operate YOUR Parish.
WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!

Upcoming celebrations of the Paraclis to the Theotokos and Mystery of Holy Anointing "Ancient Healing Service" at 7 PM.

Wednesday April 16 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Holy Anointing [Holy Week]
Wednesday May 28 Festal Evening Prayer of the Ascension with Holy Anointing
Wednesday June 25 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing

THE POPE RECEIVES PRESIDENT OBAMA: RESPECT FOR HUMANITARIAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Vatican City, 27 March 2014 (VIS) – This morning Barack H. Obama, president of the United States of America, was received in audience by Pope Francis, after which he met with Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, secretary for Relations with States.

During the cordial meeting, views were exchanged on some current international themes and hope was expressed that, in areas of conflict, there would be respect for humanitarian and international law and a negotiated solution between the parties involved.

In the context of bilateral relations and cooperation between Church and State, the Parties discussed questions of particular relevance for the Church, such as the exercise of the rights to religious freedom, life and conscientious objection, as well as the issue of immigration reform. Finally, the Parties stated their common commitment to the eradication of human trafficking throughout the world.

A note from Father Bryan: *There has been so much distortion regarding this past week’s visit of President Obama to His Holiness Pope Francis I, that I thought it necessary to put this statement from the official Vatican Information Service in the Bulletin, without further commentary. I hope that you find this helpful.*

<u>Candles Available</u>	<u>Monthly Donation</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eternal Lamp	\$40.00	In Thanksgiving	Karen Ybarra
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	AVAILABLE	
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	Special Intention	Al Macek
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	Jesus, Mary ,Joseph	Richard Medwig
Theotokos of Vladimir Icon	\$25.00	Special Intention	Glen Grabow
Resurrection Icon	\$25.00	Ukraine	Olga Vaughn
Annunciation Triptych	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
Holy Table	\$40.00	Family & Friends	Dan & Olga Vaughn

Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need. *We have candle Gift Cards you can send or give to a loved one, friend or someone in need of prayers. A single 6-day candle is \$5. For an entire month the cost is \$25. When giving your donation use the candle envelope in the back of the Church. Paired with it, take the candle card to give as a gift. In addition to the name on the candle, please specify a start date if you would like the Church to light the candle[s] in front of the Icons of our Lord or the Theotokos for you on a future date.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: our parishioners, family members, friends and others who are ill or infirm: **AMY CHIAPPE, ETHAN EYMAN, CULVER “RED” EYMAN, BOBBI SPAK, JULIE COLLINS, BJ NOVAK, DONALD STEIN, ELAINE WILSON, CORY ROMERO, KEVIN ZAHN, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN, SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER, NICHOLE RICHARDS, JUDY ERNST, BR. JAMES BROWN S.M., WILLIS WILLIAMS, BELINDA DORNEY, DAVID BLEVINS, FIREFIGHTER ROBERT KRAMER, KEITH SCOTT, DANNY ENCISO, AUSTIN MCGOFF, FR. DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, PAUL SUVAK.**

Pre-Eparchial Assembly Discussion and Proposals~

As in the Bishop’s Letter in last Sunday’s Bulletin we are to hold a Parish Meeting for the purpose of Discussions and Proposals for the 2014 Eparchial Assembly. At St. Athanasius we will hold this Meeting on Sunday April 6th starting around 12 NOON.

Adult Eastern Christian Formation Program Continues after Parish Social!

“Living the Liturgy” [An introduction to the Liturgy of the Byzantine Churches] In this class Fr. Bryan will continue to present and discuss the various aspects of the Liturgical Life of the Byzantine Churches. It will include the development of the Byzantine Church’s Liturgical Cycle, Evening Prayer, Morning Prayer, the Hours, and the Divine Liturgies. WE WILL MEET AFTER THE LITURGY ON TODAY. We will begin the classes at around 12 NOON and end at around 1:15 PM. Please join in!

WELLNESS CLASSES CONTINUE!

Every Tuesday during the Great Fast Glen Grabow is providing a series of DVD’s to help permit the wellness of everyone of us. Please join us Tuesday evenings at 6 pm in our St. Mary Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Please invite your family and friends to join us at St. Athanasius!

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

<u>TUE. MAR. 25</u>	<u>FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION</u> 7 PM VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY
<u>WED. MAR. 26</u>	7 PM AKATHIST OR PARACLIS [LEAD BY CANTORS]
<u>FRI. MAR. 28</u>	7 PM LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS
<u>SAT. MAR. 29</u>	9 AM 4 TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY 1:15 PM 4 TH DEGREE K OF C EXEMPLIFICATION NO 5 PM VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY
<u>SUN. MAR. 30</u>	<u>SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS.</u> <u>4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST.</u> 9:45 AM THIRD HOUR 10 AM DIVINE LITURGY 11:30 AM PARISH SOCIAL 12:15 PM <i>LITURGY & LIFE CLASS #11</i> 1:15 PM SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS
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CATHOLIC RADIO 89.1 & 90.9 FM

FR. BRYAN WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON THE "FAITH IN ACTION" RADIO SHOW ON THE WEEK OF MARCH 24TH AND APRIL 7TH. THE SHOW IS HEARD MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 10 AM, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 4 PM, AND SATURDAY AT 9 AM. YOU CAN ALSO HEAR IT AT WWW.CATHOLICRADIOINDY.ORG.

ADULT GREAT FAST REFLECTION [MIDWEST REGION]

Sunday April 6th from 1 to 6 PM

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

14610 Will-Cook Rd. Homer Glen, IL

The Desert: The Spiritual Home of the Modern Day Disciple

\Presented by: Father Deacon Michael Lee, STL, OCDS

"In the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed." [Mark 1:35]

You are invited to come away from the world to a solitary place -a desert- to learn, to pray, to listen, and to enter deeply into the time of the Great Fast. In light of our modern, hectic lives, we will reflect on our need for the desert today, what the desert is, how do we enter it, and how to thrive in this deserted place. The great saints and spiritual masters will lead us on the inward journey to the center of our heart where God dwells.

PASCHA SCHEDULING SURVEY

Please help Fr. Bryan to decide our schedule for the Holy Pascha:

Please circle your choice and return by April 1st:

Option #1

Sat. April 19

8PM Resurrection Matins, Procession
& Divine Liturgy

Sun. Apr. 20

12 NOON Agape Evening Prayer

Option#2

Sun. April 20

10 AM Procession,
Resurrection Matins &
Divine Liturgy

1 PM Agape Evening Prayer

BYZANTEEN LENTEN REFLECTION

"WHATEVER"

"BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU WANT. DO WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU." THAT'S THE MESSAGE WE GET EVERY DAY. SO HOW DOES A GOD WHO IS "EVER-EXISTING, YET EVER THE SAME," A GOD WHO SAYS "I AM THE TRUTH," FIT INTO OUR WORLD, WHERE EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE A MATTER OF PERSONAL OPINION? FIND OUT HOW YOUNG ADULTS LIKE ISHANI PETEYA, ROB FETSKO, TOMMY MARTIN AND THERESA PLISHKA DEVELOPED A RELATIONSHIP WITH ETERNAL GOD IN THEIR FAST PACED, EVER CHANGING LIVES, AND DISCOVER THE REAL CONCRETE DIFFERENCE HE HAS MADE.

GET TO KNOW WHY WE BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT OUR GOD, AND KNOW THE JOY YOU'LL HAVE IF YOU "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BOTH EVENTS, VISIT WWW.BYZCATHCULTURALCENTER.ORG, OR E-MAIL INFO@BYZCATHCULTURALCENTER.ORG, CALL 216-357-2933, OR "LIKE" THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CULTURAL CENTER FACEBOOK PAGE.

Fasting Regulations – 2014

Abstinence

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat or meat by-products, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products.

Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Holy Season of the Great Fast and on Holy Saturday.

Strict Abstinence

The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs and dairy products or any of their by-products.

All of the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence. Those with valid medical reasons; pregnant or nursing mothers are not bound to fast.

Strict Fast and Abstinence is to be observed on the First Day of the Great Fast, Monday, March 3rd and on Great and Holy Friday, April 18th.

Dispensation

Pastors and administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of abstinence and strict abstinence into other pious practices.

Liturgical Directives

Presanctified Liturgy

The Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom or St. Basil the Great are not to be celebrated on the weekdays of Great Lent – **not even for funerals**. In compliance with the liturgical prescriptions of the Byzantine Catholic Church pastors and administrators should celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts during the Great Fast, that is, on Wednesdays and Fridays, if possible, and at least one of the first three days of Great and Holy Week. A stipend may be accepted for this Divine Liturgy and it is to be the only Divine Liturgy celebrated on that particular day.

GREAT FAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON VESPERS

The number of people who have returned to the Church for the Vespers has been most gratifying. The Great Fast is a time for all of us to spend more time in personal and community prayer. To help us to accomplish this goal, in keeping with our Byzantine Catholic Tradition, St. Athanasius the Great Parish will be celebrating Vespers on Sunday Afternoons during the Great Fast. The plan is to celebrate this Liturgy 15 minutes after the close of our Lenten Luncheon and our Eastern Christian Formation Adult Enrichment Class, usually around 1:15 PM. Please join us for this special time of prayer, and also for the Akathist [Wednesdays at 7 PM] and the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts [Friday at 7 PM].



It is time to order your Pascha and Pierogies [Pyrohi or Veranyky]

It is NOT too early to start ordering your Pierogies for each week during the Great Fast. Please call John Danovich at the Parish Office at 317-632-4157 to find out which varieties will be available and to place your order. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE PIEROGIES AND TO PREPARE OR

OTHER BAKED GOODS, SO PLEASE ALSO CALL JOHN TO VOLUNTEER. You may also call the Parish Office to order your Paschas now for your Paschal Baskets!

Please let all of your friends, neighbors and even your enemies know about what is cooking at St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church.

BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY JULY 10-13, 2014

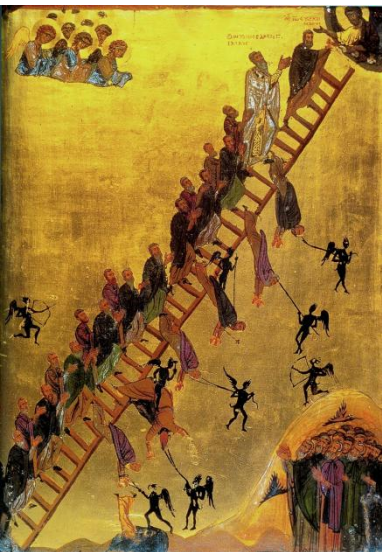
The TRANSFIGURATION of Christ, of US, of our World

Mount St. Mary University Emmitsburg, MD

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For more Information contact: Father Edward Cimbala

ByzanTEEN Rally 2014 at 908-725-06125



Fourth Sunday in the Great Fast

St John Climacos Fruit of the Desert

AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT SINAI, in the Egyptian peninsula of the same name, sits the Monastery of St Catherine. It has been inhabited continuously for over 1700 years, making it one of the oldest such places in the world. Its unique climate has preserved icons and manuscripts from the first millennium AD that look as if they were just made. The greatest treasures it has produced, however, are its spiritual riches: over 170 saints honored in the Greek Orthodox and Catholic Churches, chief among them being St John Climacos.

A native of the region, St John lived in the sixth century. At 16 he became a monk and spent the rest of his life as an ascetic. For most of his life he lived in a hermitage at the foot of the mountain. When he was 75, he was chosen as abbot of St Catherine's monastery but ended his life in solitude, as a desert-dwelling ascetic.

In the early seventh century another John, abbot of the Raithu monastery on the shores of the Red Sea, asked our John to write a guide to the spiritual life for the monks of Raithu. The result was the *klimax* or *Ladder* by which John of Sinai has been known ever since. Using the imagery of Jacob's ladder (see *Gen 28:10-19*), he portrays the ascetic life as a climb to heaven with each rung on the ladder being a virtue to be acquired.

A twelfth-century icon preserved at the monastery shows monks climbing this ladder. Some acquire all the virtues and complete the ascent to God; others fall off, pulled down by the passions, unable to endure the ascetic life to the end.

It has long been the custom in monasteries to read *The Ladder* each year during the Great Fast. This in turn gave rise to the commemoration of St John on the Fourth Sunday of the Fast.

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The Rungs of the Ladder

The first seven rungs portray the most basic virtues necessary for an ascetic life: renunciation of the world, detachment from what was left behind, exile from all we have known, obedience (which is voluntary death of the ego), repentance, the remembrance of death, and cultivating a spirit of mourning.

The remaining rungs detail steps needed to make progress on this way of life, such as freedom from anger and irritability, forgetting of wrongs suffered, avoiding gossip and slander, and conquering despondency. Battling gluttony, lust and greed through fasting from food, drink and sleep are depicted as the daily work of the monk. “The farmer’s wealth is gathered on the threshing floor and in the wine-press, but the wealth and knowledge of monks is gathered during the evening and the night hours while standing in prayer and engaging in spiritual activity” (Step 20).

On subsequent rings the monk confronts more dangerous enemies – pride and vanity – through humility and the revealing of one’s inmost thoughts. Only through the acquisition of these virtues can the monk attain to prayer, love, and heaven on earth: the state of communion with God.

Some Excerpts from *The Ladder*

“Blessed is he who, though maligned and disparaged every day for the Lord’s sake, constrains himself to be patient. He will join the chorus of the martyrs and boldly converse with the angels.

“Blessed is the monk who regards himself as hourly deserving every dishonor and disparagement. Blessed is he who mortifies his own will to the end, and leaves the care of himself to his director in the Lord; for he will be placed at the right hand of the Crucified. He who will not accept a reproof, just or unjust, renounces his own salvation. But he who accepts it with an effort, or even without an effort, will soon receive the remission of his sins.” *From the Fourth Rung*

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“Greater than baptism itself is the fountain of tears after baptism, even though it is somewhat audacious to say so. For baptism is the washing away of evils that were in us before, but sins committed after baptism are washed away by tears. As baptism is received in infancy, we have all defiled it, but we cleanse it anew with tears. And if God, in His love for mankind, had not given us tears, those being saved would be few indeed.”
From the Seventh Rung

“Forgetting of wrongs we have suffered is a sign of true repentance. But he who dwells on them and thinks that he is repenting is like a man who thinks he is running while he is really asleep.” *From the Ninth Rung*

“He who has become aware of his sins has controlled his tongue, but a talkative person has not yet come to know himself as he should.” *From the Eleventh Rung*

“He who has tasted the things on high easily despises what is below; but he who has not tasted the things above finds joy in possessions.” *From the Seventeenth Rung*

“It is not darkness or the desolateness of place that gives the demons power against us, but barrenness of soul. Through God’s providence this sometimes happens in order that we may learn by it.” *From the Twenty-First Rung*

“Blasphemous thoughts, this deceiver and corrupter of souls, has often driven many out of their mind. No other thought is so difficult to tell in confession as this. That is why it often remains with many to the very end of their lives. For nothing gives the demons and bad thoughts such power over us as nourishing and hiding them in our heart unconfessed.” *From the Twenty-third Rung*

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“The natural property of the lemon tree is such that it lifts its branches upwards when it has no fruit; but the more the branches bend down, the more fruit they bear. Those who have the mind to understand will grasp the meaning of this.” *From the Twenty-Fifth Rung*

“Before all else let us first list sincere thanksgiving on the scroll of our prayer. On the second line we should put confession and heartfelt contrition of soul. Then let us present our petition to the King of all. This is the best way of prayer, as it was shown to one of the brethren by an angel of the Lord.”

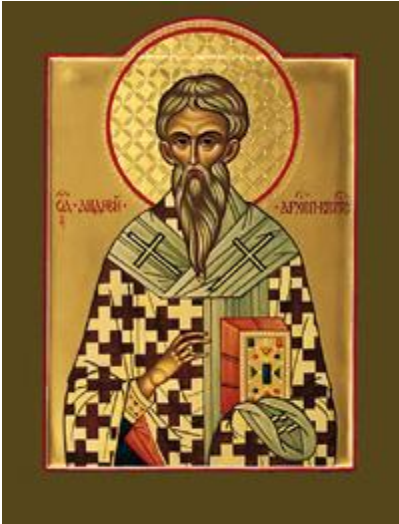
“If you feel sweetness or compunction at some word of your prayer, dwell on it; for then our guardian angel is praying with us.”

“Your prayer will show you what condition you are in. Theologians say that prayer is the mirror of the monk.” *From the Twenty-Eighth Rung*

And if You Are Not a Monk...

“Some people living carelessly in the world have asked me ‘We have wives and are beset with social cares, and how can we lead the solitary life?’

“I replied to them, ‘Do all the good you can. Do not speak evil of anyone. Do not steal from anyone. Do not lie to anyone. Do not be arrogant towards anyone. Do not hate anyone. Do not be absent from the divine services. Be compassionate to the needy. Do not offend anyone. Do not wreck another man’s domestic happiness and be content with what your own wives can give you. If you behave in this way, you will not be far from the Kingdom of Heaven.’” *From the First Rung*



Our Father Among the Saints Andrew of Crete,

was Archbishop of Crete at the end of the 7th century and the beginning of the 8th. He was a true luminary of the Church, a great hierarch—a theologian, teacher and hymnographer, best known for writing the Great Canon. His feast day is celebrated on July 4.

St. Andrew 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 consecrated bishop of the city of Gortineia on the island of Crete.

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") and again on Thursday of the Fifth Week at the All-Night Vigil during Matins.

Our Father Among the Saints Andrew of Crete [page 2] 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 hymnographic tradition was continued by the churchly great melodists of following ages: Saints John of Damascus, Cosmas of Maium, Joseph the Melodist, Theophanes the Branded. 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 Stefan Novgorodets saw the relics at the Constantinople monastery named for St. Andrew of Crete.

Hymns

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.

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!



The Holy 42 Martyrs of Amorium (†845) — Passion-bearers Constantine, Aetius, Theophilus, Theodore, Melissenus, Callistus, Basoes and 35 others with them — were prominent officers and notables of the Byzantine city of Amorium, one of Byzantium's largest and most important cities at the time, who were seized following the capture and systematic destruction of the city in 838 AD by the Abbasid Muslim caliph Al-Mu'tasim, then taken as hostages to Samarra (today in Iraq) and martyred there seven years later for refusing to convert to Islam.

Their feast day is celebrated by the Byzantine Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church on March 6.

During the war between the Byzantine Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (829-842) and the Saracens, the Saracens managed to besiege the city of Ammoria. As a result of treason on the part of the military commander Baditses, Ammoria fell, and forty-two of its generals were taken captive and sent off to Syria.

During the seven years of their imprisonment they tried in vain to persuade the captives to renounce Christianity and accept Islam. The captives stubbornly resisted all their seductive offers and bravely held out against terrible threats. After many torments that failed to break the spirit of the Christian soldiers, they condemned them to death, hoping to shake the determination of the saints before executing them. The martyrs remained steadfast, saying that the Old Testament Prophets bore witness to Christ, while Mohammed called himself a prophet without any other witnesses to support his claim.

Troparion - Tone 4

*Your forty-two holy **martyrs**, O **Lord**,
through their sufferings have received **incorruptible** crowns from You,
our **God**.*

*For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.*

*Through their **intercessions**, save our souls!*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.

MAJOR CRAIG M. EYMAN DO~ is Fr. Bryan's 2nd youngest brother. He has reentered the Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 848th FST [Forward Surgical Team] stationed in Twinsburg, OH. He has returned to his family in Solon, OH.

CAPTAIN BRIAN HEWKO~ has been a friend of Fr. Bryan. Brian is from St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Byzantine Catholic Church in Austinburg, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian has completed his training in Army Intelligence and is serving in South Carolina awaiting deployment.

CAPTAIN CHRISTINA MOMONIER~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan. Christina is from Baltimore, MD is a Byzantine Catholic She is currently serving at Ft. Benning, GA.

CAPTAIN [FATHER] JOSEPH BRANKATELLI USA ~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. Fr. Joseph has returned to the United States and continues to serve the Military Archdiocese at Fort Bragg, NC.

SPECIALIST 3 KATIE WELLER USAF and AIRMEN FIRST CLASS

JOHANN WELLER USAF ~ are friends of Fr. Bryan and members of St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, PA. Before entering the Armed Forces they were active with the BYZANTEEN Youth Rallies.

PRIVATE CODY ROMERO USA, STAFF SERGEANT NIKO ROMERO, and STAFF SERGEANT RORY ROMERO Sons of Sonia Stanton. Cody recently received the Military Blessing at our Church and is serving at Fort Benning, GA. His brother Rory has been deployed to Afghanistan.

PRIVATE JACKSON RUANE USA~ Jackson is formerly from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Ashtabula, OH. He has completed Basic Training and was deployed to Korea on September 9, 2013.

PRIVATE ABIGAIL BROWN USA~ is the Grand Niece of parishioner Belinda Dorney. She was recently promoted to PFC and is training in Army Intelligence at a base in Arizona. She is serving in Oklahoma.

2ND LT. AARON JACOBSON~ from Mounds View, MN is a friend of Fr. Bryan. He is a 2013 West Point graduate, who has just completed his special training as a platoon leader. He is serving in Ft. Drum, NY.

Please inform Fr. Bryan of any changes.

May God, in His infinite Love and Mercy, guide and protect all of those serving our Republic in the Armed Forces.

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