

December 9, 2018
Upcoming Services:

Colossians 1: 12-18
Luke 13: 10-17

Sun. Dec. 9, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45, Adult religious education following
Sat. Dec. 15, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 16, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45, St. Nicholas Sunday
Sat. Dec. 22, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 23, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Dec. 29, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

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| <p><u>Reader Schedule:</u> Sun, Dec. 9 - Cynthia Neff Sun, Dec. 16 - Joe Crescenz Sun, Dec. 23 - Kurtis Lauser Sun, Dec. 30 - Greg Kuzmenchuk</p> |
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Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called:

This coming Thursday we celebrate the Holy Apostle Andrew. From his youth Andrew turned his soul to God. Never married, he worked with his brother as a fisherman and was St. John the Baptist's closest disciple. He was the first of the apostles to follow Christ; and later brought his brother, the holy apostle Peter, to Christ. After the descent of the holy spirit he went to the eastern lands to preach the word of God.

He traveled across Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, along the coast of the Black Sea, to Crimea, the Black Sea region, and on to the hills of Kiev. There, 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, where God shall raise up many churches." The apostle then went up around its hills, blessed them, and set up a cross.

Afterwards he went further up along the Dniepr until he reached a settlement of the 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 final city the Apostle came to was Patra. Here, through prayer to the Lord, he accomplished many miracles. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. The illustrious citizen Sosios, also Maximilla, the wife of the governor of Patra, and his brother Stratokles all recovered from serious illness. The miracles accomplished by the apostle and his fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of Patra with the true faith. Few pagans remained at Patra, but the Apostle Andrew never did convince its governor, Aegeatos, who eventually gave orders to crucify Andrew on the cross. Maximilla, the wife of the governor, had the body of the saint taken down from the cross and buried with honor.

Birthdays:

December 14 - Carol Bentley

Upcoming Events

Sun. Dec. 9 - Coatesville Community Caroling
Tues. Dec. 11 - 10 am Decorating Church for Nativity
Wed. Dec. 12 - 6:30 pm Sauerkrut Pierogi prep.
Thu. Dec. 13 - 6:30 pm Sauerkrut Pierogi prep.
Sat. Dec. 15 - 8:30 am Srkraut Pierogi making
Sun. Dec. 16 - St. Nicholas Sunday
Sun. Dec. 23 - St. Anastasia Sisterhood mtg.
Thur, Dec. 27 - 7:00 pm. Exec. Board Meeting

Sun, Dec. 9 - Adult Religious Education

Adult religious education at coffee hour Dec. 9. Topic to be Holy Tradition and the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sun, Dec. 9 - Coatesville Community Caroling
Our church is invited to participate in a Coatesville Community Caroling Event from, 1:45 P.M. - 4 P.M. starting at the Coatesville Senior Center. Details on hall bulletin board.

Sun, Dec. 16 - St. Nicholas Lunch Celebration
following liturgy in the church hall. Parents please remember to bring a gift for St. Nicholas to give to your child that day.

Prayer Corner:

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| <p><i>For the Health of:</i> Lillian Maskula, Richard Ziegler, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Rose Dymtryk, Matt Sparano, Mark Danczak, Zenon Forosty & Wes Hatch</p> |
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Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

Election of Sisterhood Officers

If you or someone you know would like to serve in 2019 as an officer of the Saint Anastasia Sisterhood, please give the name to Illaria Steele. Election of officers will take place at the next sisterhood meeting.

Christmas Flowers

St. Anastasia Sisterhood is collecting funds for poinsettias. Envelopes are included in your stewardship packet.

Bazaar Foods Available

Pierogies - potato & cheese -\$6 per box of 15
Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 per box of 15
Halupki - stuffed cabbage - \$16 per dozen
Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

2019 Orthodox Calendars

The 2019 Orthodox calendars are available for church members at the book store, courtesy of the Wentz Funeral Home.

Monastery Bread

Christmas and New Year's bread offered for sale by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Signup sheet on the hall door. Order by Dec. 9

December Charity - Handicrafters

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 8 pm