

Andrew was born a Slav and was forced into slavery in Constantinople. His master sent him off to be educated, and he turned to the sacred writings. It wasn't long before he dedicated himself completely to Christ.



Pretending to be out of his mind, he roamed the streets by day, half naked in a single, tattered garment. He ate what little bread he begged for and willingly gave away the articles he received to fellow poor souls. Andrew struggled without a roof over his head, spending his nights in hours of prayer.

Andrew was blessed with clairvoyance and granted several visions. Perhaps he is best known by an incident associated with the holyday of the Protection of the Holy Virgin. As faithful Christians prayed in the Church of Blachernae, during siege, beseeching the intercession of the Birthgiver of God, Andrew saw the Virgin sheltering the people with her veil. He said to his disciple: "Do you see the Queen and Mistress of all, praying?" Epiphanius answered: "I do see, father, and I am terrified." The faithful were spared by the merciful intercession of the Virgin.

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SAINT  
ANDREW,  
  
FOOL  
FOR  
CHRIST  
  
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## MERELY SEEKING TO PLEASE GOD

There is a category of saints who are called "FOOLS FOR CHRIST." These are the people who became a spectacle to the world because they rejected everything society values: money, power, prestige, property, clothing, food, and anything else that is sought after by carnal man. Beyond this, they endured for Christ's sake destitution, ill-treatment, and mockery from every strata of society. Among them is ST. ANDREW, FOOL FOR CHRIST, who lived an extremely ascetic life during the 10th century.



Oct 1st, 2023

**ST.DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
NORTH WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY**

~~September 24, 2023~~  
**2nd Sunday of Luke**

**WELCOME ALL VISITORS:**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to welcome our Visitors for joining us today in our sacred worship service. If you need any assistance please notify any of the Parish Council members. God Bless our Visitors and may your stay here be pleasant and memorable. Please don't hesitate to come again.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION:**

In observation of the National Church Musicians, we would like to honor our Volunteer Chanters Rita Efthimiou, Cathy Wolfe, and Fotini Andy. On behalf of the Parish Council, Fr. Michael, and the entire family of St. Demetrios, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Chanters who help us sustain our music throughout the year. May God Bless our Chanters and may you always be worthy of your Ministry.

**SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR:**

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the coffee hour please contact the Church office – Monday-Wednesday-Friday (609) 522-0152 or contact Parish Council President Nick Konides (609) 425-0179.

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS:**

All our local and seasonal members and visitors are invited to register and enroll in our parish for the 2023 membership and join in weekly worship and to support of our parish "Stewardship Program" and ministries. The annual minimum enrollment offering is \$750 per family, and \$500 for single people. Please complete the parish membership registry forms that are available in the Narthex. Families that are in arrears are invited to reinstate their membership and participation in our parish life and ministries.

**55th FALL "GLENDI" DINNER DANCE:**

**CHANGE OF DATE**

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, November 4, 2023**, 7:00 pm until 12:00 am. On the occasion of Saint Demetrios Name Day. The evening will include: 6:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres and Cocktails, followed by a Mezedakia-Dinner. Cash bar, dancing and singing. Live Music Provided. Tickets are being printed and will be available next week. Please call Parish Council President Nick Konides 609-522-0152 ext 103 or the Church Office at ext 102.

**NEW ST. DEMETRIOS WEBSITE:**

Exciting news! We have a new website! Please add [www.stdemetriosnewjersey.com](http://www.stdemetriosnewjersey.com) as a favorite on your devices. Be advised that the new website is now LIVE. Please review and enjoy. Donations are able to be processed on our website via the DONATIONS tab where you will find the VANCO QR Code (shown below).

**LITURGICAL PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

**WINTER SCHEDULE**

*(For Sunday Hours -9:00 am Orthos and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy)*

*(For Weekday Services -9:00 am Orthos and 9:30 am Divine Liturgy)*

*(For Vesper Services-6:00 pm)*

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 3rd Sunday of Luke-Orthos 9:00 am-Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of the Holy Fathers (7th Ecumenical Council)

Orthos 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6th Sunday of Luke-Orthos 9:00 am-Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Demetrios Name Day-Great Vespers 6:00 pm

(small reception after church)

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, St Demetrios Feast Day Celebration-Orthos 8:45 am-Divine Liturgy

9:30 am (reception after church)

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Protection of the Theotokos/OXI Day –Orthos 9:00 am-Divine

Liturgy 9:30 am-Doxology will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7th Sunday of Luke-Orthos 9:00 am -Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Month of October:**

Philoptochos Meeting-Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm

Parish Council Meeting-Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm

General Assembly Meeting-Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm

Great Vesper Service-Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm Celebration of the Feast Day of St.

Demetrios- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am- Orthos 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Month of November:**

55<sup>th</sup> Fall Glendi Dinner Dance-Saturday, November 4, 7:00 pm until 12:00 am.

Parish Council Mtg- Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm

Philoptochos-50/50 Drawing, November 6<sup>th</sup>





The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." [RSV]

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῇτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστίν.

## SAINT SILOUAN OF MOUNT ATHOS

### "LET US LOVE OUR ENEMIES"

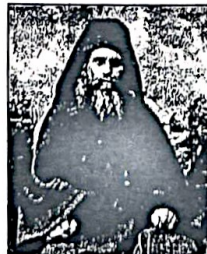
**When do you pray?** At church?

When you wake up? At bedtime? Before you eat? That's great! But did you know that the Bible tells us to pray *at all times*? Yes. We can try to always keep Jesus Christ in our hearts.

Lots of holy people have been able to do this—to pray at all times—but they sure had to practice at it. One saint is Saint Silouan. He lived less than 100 years ago, so we have a real photograph of him! This saint was from Russia, but he became a monk and lived on the holy mountain of Mount Athos, in Greece.



Saint Silouan hardly knew how to read, but he did know how to pray at all times. And what did he pray for? Well, so many things. One of his students wrote down things that Saint Silouan said. Again and again, Saint Silouan said how important it is for us to love and pray for our enemies. He said, "Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit."



Is there somebody you don't like, or somebody who is mean to you? Can you remember Saint Silouan's advice? Can you pray for him or her?

We celebrate Saint Silouan today, September 24th (OC: October 7th).

## The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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### Our way, or God's way?

**Do you like to do things *your* way?**

Well, we all do, don't we? You might have a good idea or a good plan, and when somebody tells you to do it another way, you might get kind of angry! Sometimes we can all be stubborn.

When you hear today's Gospel reading, you will remember it right away. We hear about how Jesus called His first disciples to follow Him. Jesus saw Peter (Simon) cleaning his nets after he had just gone fishing, and He told him to go out into the lake again and fish some more. Peter might have wanted to do things *his own* way, but he answered, "Master, we worked all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the nets." When he did, he caught so many fish he couldn't even pull it all in!

Our way might seem like a good way, but let's try not to be too stubborn. Remember what happened when Peter listened to his Master, Christ Himself! We can try to listen to God's way when we find a quiet time to pray by ourselves. We can find God's way when we come to church and pray with other Orthodox Christians. We can find God's way when we talk with our good and faithful priest. We can find God's way when we take time to read the Bible. Let's try hard to know God's way, and then follow it!



Look at all the fish!

### WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint Silouan.

Look closely! Can you find his monastery in the background?

Once, Saint Silouan had a vision where he saw Christ! Can you find Him in the icon, too?





## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν  
κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς  
τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν,  
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ἀγ. Ἀνανίου.

Ἦχος γ'.

Ἀπόστολε Ἁγίε Ἀνανία, πρέσβευε τῷ  
ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν,  
παράσχῃ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ἀγ. Ρωμανοῦ

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἐν σοὶ Πάτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ'  
εἰκόνα· λαβὼν γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας  
τῷ Χριστῷ καὶ πράττων ἐδίδασκες· ὑπερορᾶν  
μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι  
δὲ ψυχῆς πράγματος ἀθανάτου. Διὸ καὶ μετὰ  
Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται, Ὅσιε Ρωμανέ, τὸ  
τνεῦμά σου.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος β'.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε,  
μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ  
παρίδῃς, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ  
πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν,  
τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον  
εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ  
προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων

## Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O  
compassionate One, and consented to a three-  
day burial, to free us from the passions. O  
Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For St. Ananias.

Mode 3.

O holy Apostle Ananias, make intercession  
to our merciful God, that He grant our souls  
forgiveness of offenses. [SD]

For St. Romanos.

Mode pl. 4.

In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted  
what was made in the image of God; for  
taking up the cross, you followed Christ and  
by example taught, that we should overlook  
the flesh, since it passes away, and instead  
look after the soul, since it is immortal. And  
therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit  
rejoices with the angels. [SD]

O Protection of Christians that never fails,  
intercession with the Creator that never fails,  
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices  
of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore  
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry  
out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession,  
and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who  
protect now and ever those who honor you. [SD]

## ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου  
τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

2Kor 6:16-18; 7:1

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος,  
καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς ὅτι ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς  
καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω, καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν Θεός,  
καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ ἐξέλθετε ἐκ  
μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει Κύριος,  
καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε, κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι  
ὕμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς  
ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει  
Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς  
ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς  
ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος,  
ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀγίου Δημητρίου

Μέγαν εὐρατο ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, σὲ  
υπέρμαχον ἡ οἰκουμένη, ἀθλοφόρε τὰ ἔθνη  
τροποῦμενον. Ὡς οὖν Λααίου καθείλες τὴν  
ἐπαρσιν, ἐν τῷ σταδίῳ θαρρύνας τὸν  
Νέστορα, οὕτως ἅγιε μεγαλομάρτυς  
Δημήτριε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε,  
δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Apolytikion/Dismissal Hymn

The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you  
emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to  
naught the boasts of Lyaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the  
stadium, in like manner, Holy one, great Martyr Demetrios, invoke  
Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter  
to the Corinthians.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

READER

2 Cor. 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living  
God; as God said, "I will live in them and  
move among them, and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people. Therefore come  
out from them, and be separate from them,  
says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then  
I will welcome you, and I will be a father to  
you, and you shall be my sons and daughters,  
says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these  
promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves  
from every defilement of body and spirit, and  
make holiness perfect in the fear of God. [RSV]