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Glory Forever!
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30 November 2014: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-Called.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Nov. 29	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil +Suffrages for Virginia (Semensky) Barbus by Mary Ann and Jim Kontir
Sun.	Nov. 30	10:30 AM: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: pro populo Dei
Wed.	Dec. 03	7:00 PM EMMANUEL MOLEBEN
Sat.	Dec. 06	9:30 AM: Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra: w/Mirovanije +Suffrages for John & Helen Krynicky by Daughter Joanne 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil +Suffrages for John, Harry, Paul, & Michael Brehun by Mary Lezo
Sun.	Dec. 07	10:30 AM: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: pro populo Dei 40 th Day Memorial for Mary Misch

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Nov. 29	-----	M. Harhai	J. Snitzer, J. Kontir
Sun.	Nov. 30	Ruggieri; Syphan	S. Vacha	G. Krynicky, D. Hess
Wed.	Dec. 03	M. & T. Syphan	TBA	-----
Sat.	Dec. 06 am	-----	J. H. Krynicky	Any two Present
Sat.	Dec. 06 pm	-----	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Dec. 07	R. E. & A. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, J. Overdorff

11/23/14 Adult \$803.00; Candles \$60.00; Students \$9.00 Holy Days \$115.00
Collection Total: \$987.00

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In our Byzantine liturgical tradition major feasts are announced by «pre-feast» verses and hymns sung at services that come before the great feast. Generally speaking, nothing in our liturgical celebrations comes unprepared and unannounced. And it is never the case that the faithful «pretend» that they do not know what will happen. For example, on Holy and Great Friday it is clearly proclaimed in the worship of the crucified Lord that He will rise from the dead. The Cross is celebrated and the dead Christ is adored in the light of the resurrection. The liturgy of the Church is never an «historical representation.» It is rather the mystical experience of each act of sacred history in the light of the whole, including the glorification of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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It is within this pre-festive season before Christmas that we celebrate a number of other important feasts: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple; **the Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Andrew, the First to be Called**, the solemnity of Saint Nicholas of Myra. «**Rabbi! Where are You staying?**» Jesus said to them, «**Come and see!**» This is the enduring invitation of the Church in her liturgical services. Come with faith and you will be numbered among those to whom «*it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven*». You will be found with those to whom insight has been granted into the «*mystery of Christ*» which is «*the mystery hidden for ages in God Who created all things*» which is now revealed «*through the Church*» even to the angels.

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Vespereal Sticheron of the Apostle Andrew: You walked in the light of the Forerunner. But when the incarnate image of the Father's glory appeared to save us all in His mercy, you were the first to follow after Him, O illustrious Andrew, whose spirit was illumined by the perfect splendor of His radiant divinity. Thus you were the Apostle and Herald of Christ our God: entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls.

Doxastikon of the Apostle: Renouncing the catching of fish, you became a fisher of men, with the rod of divine preaching and the hook of faith, O illustrious Apostle, who fished the whole assembly of the nations up from the depths of error. You are the brother of Peter, whose voice went out to instruct the whole world. O Andrew, do not cease to intercede for us, the faithful, who celebrate your sacred memory with their whole heart.

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Apostle: With hymns, let us honor the First-called, the brother of Peter, a catcher of fish and a fisher of men, the Apostle Andrew: for he made known to all the teachings of Jesus. As one throws bait to the fish, so he handed over his body to the wicked, and thus captured them in his nets. By his prayers, O Christ our God, grant your people peace and great mercy.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ephesians 5: 9 – 19 Walk as Children of Light
Luke 17: 12 – 19 The Healing of Ten Lepers



~ Parish Announcements ~

- **Sincere Thanks** to ALL "Turkey Bingo" Workers, to anyone who donated door prizes and desserts, to the Kitchen Crew, the Clean-Up Crew, and to all others who helped in any way to make this year's event the most successful ever.
- Our Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations given **in memory of Mary Miscik**. A **\$500.00** donation has been received from her four sons and **\$515.00** from Mary's friends and other family members.
- CONGRATUATIONS to Nicholas Semensky, who was featured on ABC-7 Eyewitness News at 11. Nicholas works for Covenant House California an agency that helps homeless children. Nicholas is the son of Jean and Gregory Semensky.

You can see the interview with Nicholas at the follow link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so_A5PdUbSs&feature=youtu.be

- Starting in January, a **new system of scheduling BAKED GOODS for Bingo** will be implemented. Instead of the secretary calling every week, volunteers' names will be printed on the monthly calendar along with the other volunteers. Please keep track of when you are to provide baked goods for a particular week. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to provide something, please find a substitute or let the office know as soon as possible. **If you wish your name to be removed from this list, inform the office before the middle of December.**



- 58th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration: Sunday, December 7.** Adult tickets are \$35 and children (12 and under) are \$15. Contributing Sponsors will be recognized in the commemorative program. This year's theme is "*Celebrating Families*" w/ Kids Korner activities, coloring and drawing contests, and collecting new toys for the Salvation Army. All families and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please see Father for more information or contact Christie Petty at cpetty@gcuusa.com or 724-495-3400 ext. 3923. See poster in Narthex.
- Please feel free to join in w/ our choir to sing the «**Angelic Salutation: Bogoroditse Djevo**» before the start of the Divine Liturgy, located on page 453. The choir will also be introducing another Marian hymn located on page 454, first the B setting and then the A.
- Our Parish Christmas Dinner & ECF Play is 21 DECEMBER** immediately after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. "*Chef Dato's Table*" will again cater the event. As customary, there will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle. Any parishioner may contribute something to the raffle. The play will be presented **BEFORE** the meal. Children are to dress for the presentation as soon as they arrive. Adults may help themselves to the *hors d'oeuvres* and purchase their tickets. We will pull the numbers for the Raffle after the dinner. To conclude, Saint Nicholas will distribute gifts to the children. **SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX.**
- Memory Poinsettias:** Using the special envelope marked Christmas Trees and Altar Flowers, please write your name on it and the name of your departed loved one. Include \$15 for each flower. Drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the office.
- REMINDER!** If Bingo is cancelled due to inclement weather, your group gets the week off. You do not work the next week. Follow the schedule on the monthly calendar. In the event of cancelation, bingo patrons are no longer telephoned. Click «Cancellations» in the weather section of the following local Pittsburgh TV stations. This also applies to Divine Liturgy Services. If there is a severe storm that hits on the week-end dumping a foot or two of snow, or the furnaces are out, or a water line breaks (Heaven forbid any of these!), the following links are also to be consulted:

Channel 2: <http://kdka.com>; Channel 4: <http://wtae.com>; Channel 11: <http://wpxi.com>.

- The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union invites you to attend its annual «**Stedry Vecer or The Generous Evening**» on **Sunday, December 7, 2014 at the Bishop Connare Center**. The evening begins w/ a Roman Catholic Mass at 16:00 in the Chapel. **Tickets: \$22 age 12 & up / \$10 age 3 to 11.** Reserve tickets prior to November 30th by calling **724-537-7743 after 18:00.**
- 11th Annual Cookie Walk – December 13th – 10:00 to 14:00 – Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church** Hall, Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie, PA. Call 724-348-7326 for more information. Also see poster in Narthex.
- CHRISTMAS CRAFT / BAKE SALE** The Ethnic Craft Club of **St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown** will be having its annual Christmas Craft / Bake Sale on **Saturday, 6 December from Noon to 17:00, and Sunday, 7 December from 10:00 to 13:00**, in the upstairs hall located at 201 E. Main Street. The sale will feature decorations, wood crafted items, folk crafts, religious articles, parish cookbooks (Carpathian Cookery), imported items, homemade candy, various baked goods, (long rolls, cookies, breads, etc.), and many other articles that would make fine Christmas gifts or holiday decorations and there will be a Nativity Display. No admission fee. For information call 724-438-6027 b/w 9:00 and 14:00.