

The

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A Spiritual and Cultural Center

During the last annual meeting, I presented an initial seed for a vision of a potential spiritual and cultural center for the parish of Ss. Peter and Paul. This is fruit of over a year's worth of sub-committee meetings with a group of dedicated parishioners. In the budget for 2024, the parish approved the next step of hiring an architect to work alongside the sub-committee in order for us to iron out the more refined details of the schematic design. From these details, we will then be able to get a more accurate probable estimate of construction, which we will then use to present formally to the parish body as a whole. We ask God's blessings upon this project and we hope and pray that with our love and dedication, in synergy with God's good will, this vision can come to fruition. To do this, we are taking it one step at a time, and through your prayers and support, we are looking to take the next step toward refining our vision that you see to the right. May God continue to bless this parish and this entire city. My love to all,
Fr. Ambrose





Join us to prepare and distribute meals to families in the heart of a Syracuse urban neighborhood close to the church whom we've formed relationships with. This ministry is on Fridays at 11:15am after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Lent. Also, come and help recover food at Syracuse University on Thursday evenings starting at 8pm. We then distribute this food to three local elementary schools.



A Weekend w/His Eminence

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

2PM - Q & A SESSION WITH FATHERS IN THE RECTORY.
3:15PM - Q & A SESSION WITH HUSBANDS AND WIVES IN
THE RECTORY.

5PM - GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

9:30AM - GREETING OF THE BISHOP
& HIERARCHICAL LITURGY

6PM - PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS HERE
AT SS. PETER AND PAUL.

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

3:15PM - SOLAR ECLIPSE GATHERING AT ST. ANDREW'S
CAMP.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

AN EVENING WITH CHRYSOSTOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 6:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DAVID FORD,
PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY FROM ST.

TIKHON'S SEMINARY.

LENTEN POTLUCK HERE AT THE CHURCH,
DOWNSTAIRS.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Bridegroom Matins

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday mornings at 9am

Holy Unction Service

Holy Wednesday at 6pm

Holy Thursday

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Holy Thursday at 9:30am

12 Passion Gospels

Holy Thursday at 6pm

Holy Friday

Royal Hours

Holy Friday at 9am

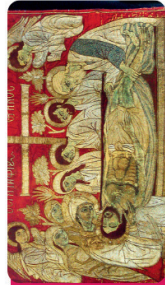
Holy Friday Vespers - Burial of

Christ Holy Friday at 3pm

Burial Holy Saturday Matins

followed by Tomb Vigil

Procession with the Shroud - Friday at 7pm



Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Vesperal Liturgy

Holy Saturday at 10am

Great and Holy Pascha

11:30pm onward

Pascha Sunday

Agape Paschal Vespers

Pascha day at 12pm

Paschal Picnic w/ egg hunt

After Agape Vespers at 12pm

Bright Week

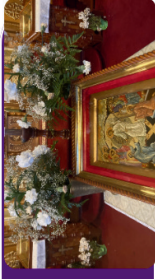
Bright Week Divine Liturgies

Bright Monday and Tuesday at 10am, Wednesday at 9am

Liturgy with His Eminence @

St. Andrew's Camp

Bright Saturday at 9:30am





WHY WE SING THE GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE

My soul, my soul arise. Why are you sleeping? The end draws nigh and soon you will be troubled. Take heed, then, that Christ your God may spare you. For he is everywhere present and fills all things.

In parishes, the Great Canon is sung independently of Matins, on the evening of Wednesday in the fifth week of Lent. We begin by reading Small Compline and immediately thereafter start to sing the Great Canon with each verse followed by the refrain 'Have mercy on me, Lord, have mercy on me'.

The Great Canon was composed by Saint Andrew of the Jerusalem brotherhood, Archbishop of Crete, and is one of the most wonderful hymns of our Church, a hymn of profound contrition and heart-rending repentance. It is sung in parts on the first four days of Lent and completely on the Thursday of fifth week.

In composing the Great Canon, Saint Andrew of Crete aimed to bring people to an awareness of their sinfulness and to lead them to God through repentance. The task and aim of the Great Canon is to uncover sin and so bring us to repentance. This revelation is not accomplished through definitions and enumerations, but by a long look at Biblical history, which is, itself, the history of sin, repentance and forgiveness.

We know that sin is, first and foremost, denial of the fact that life is an offering or sacrifice to God. In other words, a denial that life has a divine orientation and that sin, therefore, is rooted in a deviation from love, from the final goal of life.

All Christians, who are aware of the burden of sin, understand the tragic consequences of our apostasy from our All-Good God. They repent and lament bitterly but this is a lamentation that saves, a lamentation that brings us, as human beings, back close to God.

In the period of contrition that is Great Lent, the Great Canon offers a poignant experience. It is sung by all the faithful as an earth-shattering alarm, as an aversion to the soul which is sleeping and slothful.



April 2024

Note: If this calendar and The Weekly are different, assume The Weekly is the most accurate.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Gregory Palamas 8:15am Ridesharing 8:45am Holy Confessions 9am Choir Rehearsal 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour 9:30am Divine Liturgy 11:15am Agape Meal 11:30am Church School 6pm Pan Orthodox Vespers - S 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Food Pantry Delivery 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Synaxis 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Synaxis 6pm Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 7:15pm Lenten Potluck Meal 8pm OCF @ SU 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ivan visit 12pm Synaxis 8:45pm Panera Bread Recover 9pm Food Recovery 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 11am Schools Pick Up Dinners 11:15am Outreach Street Food 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop's Visit 9:30am Divine Liturgy 1:30pm Bishop Q&A 5pm Great Vespers 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Giving Cross 8:15am Ridesharing 8:45am Holy Confessions 9am Choir Rehearsal 9am Hierch. Divine Liturgy 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour 11:15am Agape Meal 11:30am Church School 6pm Pan-Ortho Vespers 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar Eclipse Event @ St. Andre 9am Food Pantry Delivery 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Synaxis 6:30pm Men's Fellowship w/D 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Synaxis 6pm Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 7:15pm Lenten Potluck Meal 8pm OCF @ SU 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Synaxis 8:45pm Panera Bread Recover 9pm Food Recovery 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 11am Schools Pick Up Dinners 11:15am Outreach Street Food 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Soul Saturday Liturgy 3:30pm Foundations 5pm Great Vespers 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal
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28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm Sunday 8:15am Ridesharing 8:45am Holy Confessions 9am Choir Rehearsal 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour 9:30am Divine Liturgy 11:15am Agape Meal 11:30am Procession 6pm Bridgroom Matins 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Week 9am Food Pantry Delivery 9am Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 6pm Bridgroom Matins 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 6pm Bridgroom Matins 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Pre-Sancti ed Liturgy 6pm Holy Unction 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Vesp. Liturgy St. Basil 6pm 12 Passion Gospels 8:45pm Panera Bread Recover 9pm Food Recovery 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Royal Hours 11am Schools Pick Up Dinners 11:15am Outreach Street Food 3pm Vespers/winding sheet 7pm Burial (Holy Sat. Matins) 8:30pm Tomb Vigil 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Sat Vespertal Liturg 5pm Senior Basket Blessing 10pm Reading of the Acts