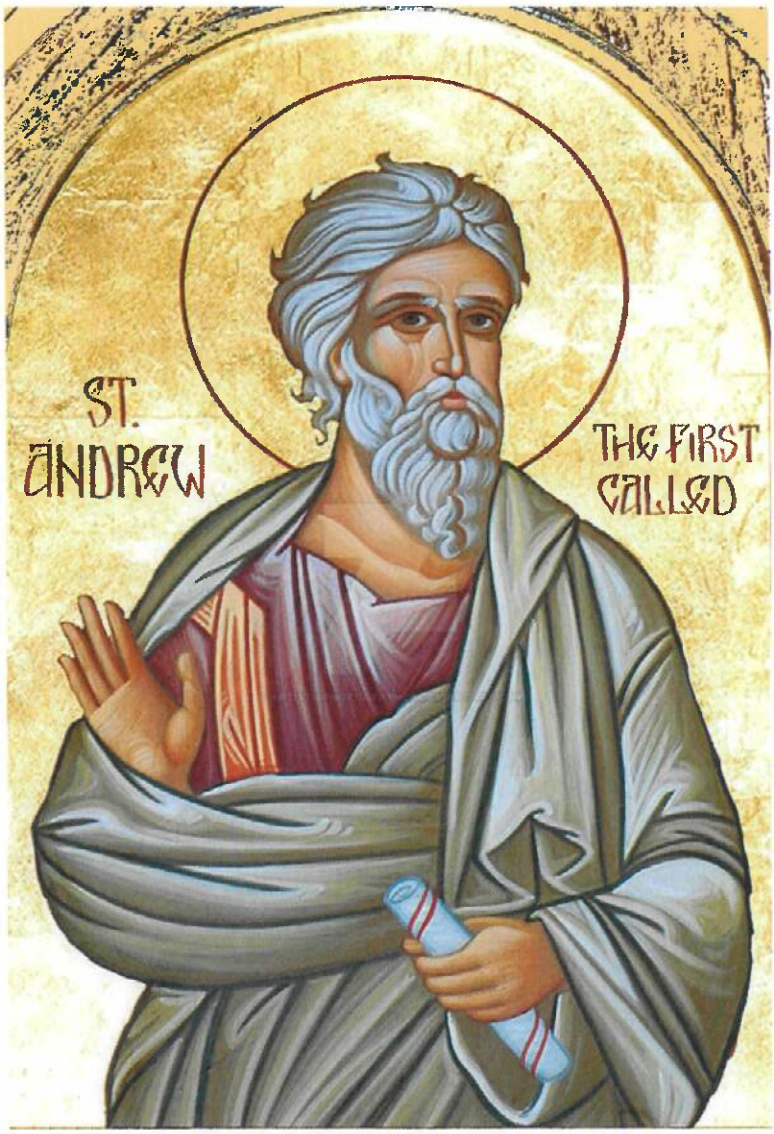
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3rd Tuesday
6:30 PM

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1st Saturday
10:00 AM

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10:30 AM

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last Sunday
12:00 noon

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Note to Parishioners:

We invite all parishioners to submit items of interest for our monthly newsletter, *The Voice*.

This may include articles, stories that are relevant and important news in the lives of our parishioners.

Please submit material to the church office before the 15th of each month for review and inclusion in the next month's issue. Thank you.

A Message from Father Andrew

The Old Testament and the Orthodox Church

Our Christian faith is a continuation of faith in one God as expressed in the Old Testament, the Hebrew scripture. When Jesus refers to the scripture, He is speaking of the Old Testament. The Psalms are most important to us. We find comfort in the 22nd (23) Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd." The 118th (119) Psalm: "Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me your statutes" is chanted at Orthros, Memorials, and Funerals. We learn in the 140th (141) Psalm: "Let my prayer be set before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" why we use incense and pray with upraised hands. The 50th (51) Psalm: "Have mercy on me, O God" is our plea for mercy and forgiveness and is prayed liturgically at every Divine Liturgy just before the Great Entrance and at other services.

What else is in the Old Testament? The Ten Commandments, *found in Exodus 20*, Proverbs, and the prophets. At vespers of all the major feast days we read from the prophets, especially Isaiah who foretold of God's salvation through the Messiah. And so much more that we know and believe is from the Old Testament.

The New Testament was still being written a generation after the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For example, Saint Luke wrote his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles after 70 A.D. Generations learned about Jesus Christ through word of mouth – the oral tradition. This leads to the question of do we trust and set our stock by the Old Testament as well as by the New Testament. The answer is a resounding yes! Our worship revolves around both. Now the next question. Can we pick and choose or must we accept everything we read in the Bible? The answer of course is that if we accept part we must accept all of the holy scriptures.

There is an Old Testament book, written about 400 years before the coming of Christ which is important to us. This Old Testament book is that of the prophet Malachi. We find it in the Orthodox Study Bible just before the prophesy of Isaiah. Malachi addresses not only the Jews to whom it was written but God's people everywhere. The author paints a stunning picture of Israel's unfaithfulness, and leaves room for forgiveness. He tells us what we do – "you cover the Lord's altar with tears, weeping and groaning because He pays no attention to your offerings and He doesn't accept them with pleasure." He urges the people to stop holding back their tithes, to stop cheating God! He reiterates the teaching found in Leviticus and Deuteronomy that the people are to tithe.

Malachi says, "Will a man rob God?" In our neglect to tithe and offer to God, we are robbing Him. Our churches ask so little of our people compared to the biblical tithe. Yet so many neglect even that offering.

Today, just as in Malachi's time, any number of people cheat God; they receive blessings but do not make their offering to Him. What are we to do? How can we honor our Creator? Once we accept that God is the author of all life *(Genesis 1:26-20)* and the source of our blessings we will not hesitate to return a portion of our blessings to Him. Saint Paul urges us to regular and proportional giving, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside..." *(I Corinthians 16:2)*. Gather your family and discuss your commitment to our risen Lord. Make your offering to our parish in support of the vital ministry of bringing the message of His gospel to all people. May God bless us all as we begin the Nativity Fast this month!

		The 2026 Nativity New Testament Challenge
1	Sun. Nov. 15	Lord's Day: Rest or get a head start
2	Mon. Nov. 16	Matthew 1-7
3	Tue. Nov. 17	Matthew 8-12
4	Wed. Nov. 18	Mathew 13-18
5	Thu. Nov. 19	Matthew 19-24
6	Fri. Nov. 20	Matthew 25-28
7	Sat. Nov. 21	Sabbath: Rest up or Catch Up
8	Sun. Nov. 22	Lord's Day: Rest up or Catch Up
9	Mon. Nov. 23	Acts 1-4
10	Tue. Nov. 24	Acts 5-15
11	Wed. Nov. 25	Acts 16-28
12	Thu. Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day: Rest Up or Catch Up
13	Fri. Nov. 27	Mark 1-11
14	Sat. Nov. 28	Sabbath: Rest up or Catch Up
15	Sun. Nov. 29	Lord's Day: Rest up or Catch Up
16	Mon. Nov. 30	Mark 12-16
17	Tue. Dec. 1	James, 1 & 2 Peter
18	Wed. Dec. 2	Galatians, Ephesians
19	Thu. Dec. 3	1 & 2 Thessalonians
20	Fri. Dec. 4	1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
21	Sat. Dec. 5	Sabbath: Rest up or Catch Up
22	Sun. Dec. 6	Lord's Day: Rest up or Catch Up
23	Mon. Dec. 7	1 Corinthians 1-11
24	Tue. Dec. 8	1 Corinthians 12-16, 2 Corinthians
25	Wed. Dec. 9	Romans 1-8
26	Thu. Dec. 10	Romans 9-16
27	Fri. Dec. 11	Luke 1-7
28	Sat. Dec. 12	Sabbath: Rest up or Catch Up
29	Sun. Dec. 13	Lord's Day: Rest up or Catch Up
30	Mon. Dec. 14	Luke 8-16
31	Tue. Dec. 15	Luke 17-20
32	Wed. Dec. 16	Philippians, Colossians
33	Thu. Dec. 17	1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, Hebrews
34	Fri. Dec. 18	John 1-7
35	Sat. Dec. 19	Sabbath: Rest up or Catch Up
36	Sun. Dec. 20	Lord's Day: Rest up or Catch Up
37	Mon. Dec. 21	John 8-14
38	Tue. Dec. 22	John 15-21
39	Wed. Dec. 23	Revelation 1-11
40	Thu. Dec. 24	Revelation 12-22

St. Nicholas Annual Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, December 6th, 2026

Following Divine Liturgy 12pm.

2525 South 25th Street
Fort Pierce, FL

Tickets

Adults - $35 per person by Nov. 29
$40.00 per person thereafter
Children 13 + - $15.00
Children 12 and under - Free

Menu

Fish, Shrimp or Chicken and all the trimmings
Salad, Dessert and Coffee

Come enjoy an afternoon of fine dining, dancing and camaraderie with your friends..

Music will be provided

Sponsored by St. Nicholas Parish Council





A Message from the President

Dear Parishioner,

One of the major fundraisers for our church is the Community Christmas Card, which is sent to all members of our parish. Please support this yearly project by completing the attached form and returning it to the church office by the deadline of

Wednesday, December 16, 2026

The cost of printing your name on the card is $25.00 per family.

Please make checks payable to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. You may place your form and donation in the trays on Sunday or send it to the church office at 2525 South 25th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34981.

You can also pay directly on our web site at www.stnicholasfp.com use the drop down for online giving, click on Christmas card, and make your payment. If you need help call the office at 772-464-7194. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Love in Christ,

Kevin Cruz
Parish Council President

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And return this portion with your donation.

Christmas Card Form

Print your name as it is to appear on the card:

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Enclosed Payment:

Cash_____

Check_____

Poinsettias for Christmas

Our community is once again asking for donations to help purchase beautiful poinsettia plants and Christmas decorations which will adorn our sanctuary during the joyous Christmas Season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church by Wednesday, December 16, 2026. The cost per plant is $15.00. Make your check payable to Saint Nicholas Greek
Orthodox Church.

You can also pay directly on our web site at www.stnicholasfp.com Use the drop down for online giving, click on Christmas card, and make your payment. If you need help call the office at 772-464-7194. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Poinsettias and Decorations

Name_____

Address_____

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Amount of Donation_____

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 5th Sunday of Luke	2 F.I.S.H.E.R. Men 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6 Rummage sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	7 Rummage sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
8 7th Sunday of Luke. General Assembly	9 Saint Nektarios 9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Discover Orthodoxy	10	11 Bible study 10:30 a.m.	12	13	14 Philoptochos meeting, 10:00 a.m.
15 8th Sunday of Luke. Nativity fast begins.	16 F.I.S.H.E.R. Men 6:00 p.m.	17 Parish council meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19 AHEPA 409 meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Liturgy GraceWay prep 6pm A.N.C.H.O.R.
22 9th Sunday of Luke GraceWay cooking	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 13th Sunday of Luke	30					