

St. Andrew

Messenger

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matt. 28:19)

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Pan-Orthodox Center Opens In Metro Detroit

St. Andrew House to serve area parishes, promote Orthodox unity

Orthodox Christians in Metropolitan Detroit now have a place where they can gather to learn about their faith, share information with other parishes and to further witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

St. Andrew House-Center for Orthodox Christian Education, located on Detroit’s west side, looks to be a shining beacon of faith and unity for the tens of thousands of Orthodox faithful in Southeastern Michigan.

“We are united by our faith, and we should be united in our efforts to live that faith,” says His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL of Detroit, president and founder of St. Andrew House. “This center is the first in the United States to serve all the canonical jurisdictions of the Orthodox Church.”

The center is governed by a board of



St. Andrew House formerly was home to the Passionist Fathers of St. Paul of Cross, who lived in the facility for more than 60 years. Now the building serves Metropolitan Detroit’s Orthodox faithful as a retreat and conference center.

directors representing many of the Orthodox jurisdictions in the Detroit. The mission is to support local parishes through education and outreach efforts while fostering unity among the faithful.

St. Andrew House is an independent Michigan nonprofit institution.

Board members include: Dean Calvert and Steve Lionas of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese; Jane Hinshaw and Leon Lysaght of the Orthodox Church in America; Helen Burz and Mary Ann Moga Zarb of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America; and George Metry of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

St. Andrew House Serves The Church

St. Andrew House's calling is to serve the whole Church, and has in its membership faithful and clergy of almost every jurisdiction in Metropolitan Detroit.

St. Andrew House is designed to support area parishes and to serve as a place where these local communities can come together in unity and faith. Already many parishes have made use of the center's facilities to host youth retreats, liturgical music seminars and meetings.

Over time, the center will create and promote its own programs. Speakers series and seminars are just a part of what's in St. Andrew Center's future. Because Orthodox life is a li-

turgical life, the center's 7,500 square-foot chapel will be a major resource for area parishes.

As part of St. Andrew House's name implies, a good number of its programs and activities will involve education. St. Andrew House board of directors is identifying strategic goals and key activities.

Free Tours Available

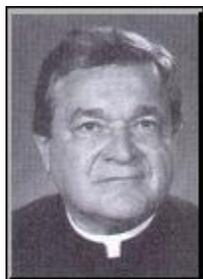
Call St. Andrew House today and schedule a guided tour of the facility. Bring a small group or the whole parish. For more information about guided tours, call the center at **(313) 533-3953**.

Fr. Leonte Copacia Named First Pastor of St. Raphael of Brooklyn Mission Parish

Parish to use St. Andrew House chapel and offices

The first parish to be named in honor of newly glorified St. Raphael of Brooklyn will be located at St. Andrew House.

Father Leonte Copacia has been named pastor of the new parish, which will be part of the Romanian Episcopate of American, a diocese of the Orthodox Church in America. St. Raphael's will conduct all services in



Fr. Copacia

English and minister and evangelize to the local community on Detroit's

far west side. The parish's first Divine Liturgy is set for 10 a.m. on May 6 at the chapel of St. Andrew House.

"Starting a parish has been a dream of mine," says Father Leo, who for the last seven years has been assigned to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores. "We will be starting from the ground up."

Father Leo, a retired Chrysler Corp. executive, has been hard at work locating the basic necessities and equipment to staff the parish and its three offices at St. Andrew House.

In addition to serving as St. Raphael's pastor, Father Leo will help with administrative duties at St. Andrew House as needed.

Monks Arrive At St. Andrew House

Monasteries have played a vital role in the history of the Church. So it seems only natural that Metropolitan Detroit's first monastic community will reside at St. Andrew House.

Eight monks from Romania arrived Feb. 24 on the doorstep of St. Andrew House to establish a monastery in the United States. The new community is named Holy Ascension of our Lord Monastery.

Under the spiritual leadership of Archimandrite Irenaeus, the monks will maintain a life prayer and work at the center. The community also will help maintain St. Andrew House and provide hospitality for groups that use the center's facilities.

Joining Father Irenaeus at Holy Ascension are: Hieromonks Arsenie, Luke and Nicholas; Hierodeacon Justin; and Monks Sebastian, Isaiah and Dionysus. A daily worship schedule will be published in the coming weeks.

Consider SAH when planning your next retreat

Let St. Andrew House host your next Orthodox group meeting or retreat. The center has ample room for most groups and can provide overnight accommodations on a limited basis. The center's chapel also is available. For more information, call the St. Andrew House at **(313) 533-3953**.

OCL Board Meets In Chicago

The Orthodox Christian Laity (OCL), an inter-Orthodox movement dedicated to laity involvement, spiritual renewal and church unity, recently completed its winter Board of Directors meeting in Chicago.

During the weekend session, OCL sponsored an interactive fund-raising seminar by Father. Anthony Scott, Director of Stewardship Advocates of New York. In addition, a Strategic Planning Committee was formed to define guidelines for Board review in the pursuit of unity.

“As the Triumph of Orthodoxy is commemorated on the first Sunday of Lent, March 4th, we are provided with a symbolic opportunity to pray for a unified Orthodox Church in America,” OCL President Alice O. Kopan said.

Kopan further cited an inspirational encyclical of Archbishop IAKOVOS, former ranking prelate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and former president of SCOBA, who in 1983 exhorted all to pray for

unity and stated in his message “...while we belong to one another, we have actually lived and are continuing to live apart from one another...we are one Church, a Church whose survival and preservation were earned and sealed in martyrdom...let us join in prayer today that the time will soon come wherein we may observe the Sunday of Orthodoxy as an observance that truly manifests Orthodoxy as a united, viable spiritual force in the Western Hemisphere.”

Attending the OCL Chicago meeting were St. Andrew House founder and president Archbishop NATHANIEL of Detroit and board member Dean Calvert.

OCL supports and applauds efforts which illustrate the benefits of Orthodox Unity, such as St. Andrew House.

For further information about OCL, please contact Dean Calvert at (248) 647-2097 or write to: dcalvert@compuserve.com.

Stay Connected With St. Andrew House

Please take a few minutes and fill out the enclosed information card. Doing so will keep you up to date with what's happening at St. Andrew Center. You will receive the center's newsletter and special announcements about upcoming events.

Become a Friend of St. Andrew House today. It's free and you will be showing your support for Orthodoxy in Metropolitan Detroit.

Visit St. Andrew House On The Internet

St. Andrew House is now on the World Wide Web. Visit the center's web site at: www.standrews-orthodoxstudies.org.

St. Andrew House Mission Statement

“The mission of the St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies is to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works. The Center exists to serve the Orthodox clergy and faithful of Metropolitan Detroit, and to be a symbol of the unity of faith.”

Prayer For Orthodox Unity

O All Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we your faithful children beseech you to forgive us the sin of divisiveness, which is rooted in our hearts, our dioceses and land. Implant in our lives the holy vine of unity which only you can bestow on those who have come together in your name. Enlighten us with your grace so that we may come to the knowledge of your truth and move our hearts to respond with trust and total obedience to your divine will. Through the intercessions of the Gold-inspired Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea, who in harmony decreed that there should be one hierarch in each city serving your faithful as a loving father over his children, one shepherd over a united flock, we also praise your all holy name. O Father who is without beginning, O Son who is eternal and O Holy Spirit, the life-creator, illuminate the way and guide us all to once again unite your Holy Church. Amen.

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