

## Assembly of Bishops releases study on the Geography of

### Orthodoxy in America

“Fast Questions and Fast Answers about the Geography of Orthodoxy in America”, the second essay in a group of mini-reports concerning Orthodox Church life in America, was released by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

The report offers interesting facts about the geographic distribution of Orthodox Christian parishes and Church members in America and answers a variety of questions, including

Is there is anything unique about the geographic distribution of Orthodoxy in America as compared to other Christian groups?

How evenly are the parishes and members of the Orthodox Christian Churches distributed throughout the United States? Are there any “geographic pockets” where especially many Orthodox Church members live?

How easy (or difficult) is it to find an Orthodox parish which is geographically close to the place where I live?

Are the Orthodox Church jurisdictions currently expanding their geographic presence throughout the USA? That is, are they establishing parishes in new places and becoming geographically more widespread?

Are American Orthodox jurisdictions growing in members?

The study is illustrated with 12 geographic maps in colour. Its author, Alexei Krindatch, may be contacted at [akrindatch@aol.com](mailto:akrindatch@aol.com).

Future mini-reports will delve into such topics as ecumenical attitudes and Church attendance among American parishes and faithful, young adult parishioners, and Orthodox students in American colleges and universities.

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### December 9, 2018

28th Sunday After Pentecost/Conception of the Rightest Anna, mother of the Theokos

1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund/3rd Sunday for the food bank

#### Times of Services

Dec	9	Sun	10:00 PM	Divine Liturgy
	15	Sat	5:30 PM	Vespers
	16	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	23	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	24	Mon	5:30 PM	Compline & Matins for the Nativity of Christ

25			<b>Nativity of the Christ</b>
	<b>Tue</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
30	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>

### **Poinsettias**

Sunday, December 16, 2017, is the cut-off for ordering Poinsettias. Please contact Susan, president of the Sisterhood of the Altar. Susan can be contacted on (724) 290 6543.

When ordering please state if it is in memory of or in honour of someone.

## **Pierogi Making Party December 12, 13 & 14 Pierogies will be sold on Friday, 14 December, 2018, beginning at noon.**

Beginning from 1st January, 2019, the price of pierogies will increase from \$7.50 to \$8.00 / dozen and that there will be discount as was previously.

Please call Kathy at (724) 312 3783 for orders and please do so earlier than later.

### **Death Notice**

Andrew Musko's son-in-law, Thomas Ervin died in Butler Hospital on July 5, 2018, after suffering a long term illness with cancer.

Tom would often picked up his father-in-law, Andrew, from the church at the end of making pierogis.

Please pray the repose of Thomas' soul.

May Thomas' Memory be Eternal

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The parish council met on Thursday, December 6, 2018, and decided on the following:

- The January meeting will be devoted exclusively to discussion on the change to the parish by-lays.
  - The name of the parish will be formally changed with the state of Pennsylvania to St. Andrew Orthodox Church. This is a name change approved at an AGM on since it was incorporated March 9, 1928.
  - Heard that the church has order a new Gospel book, costing \$1'400.00 plus postage.
- The next parish council meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 6:30 PM

**The parish is looking for a secretary to record  
the parish council minutes.**

**The Annual General Meeting of the parish will held on  
Sunday, February 10, 2019**

### **Sock Collection**

The parish is collecting new socks for men, women, boys and girls on behalf of the Butler council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please bring those socks to the church on Sunday, December 16, 2018.

A reminder that it also the third Sunday of the month is when we collect money for the church's charities at the end of Divine Liturgy