

# The Saint Andrew Bugle

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Dear Parishioners

Blessings to each of you during these hot days of summer.

Once again - in our 29 year history - the sounds of construction are a buzz. Pounding, sawing, hammering. The old hall is fast being transformed into our Christian education center, and we are about to hear the roar of the great grading machines digging and pushing dirt all over the property as the great hall begins to take shape. There is also the constant personal work that is going on to get the St. Andrew Academy ready for launch on August 30th - finalization of staffing, number crunching again and again, application reviews, teacher training, furniture acquisition, etc. etc. My head has been pounding today as loudly at the literal pounding next door.



Second floor partitions going in  
at our new Education Center

What is all this for? Well, it is all about a vision of Christian life. Past phases have been about expressing our greatest commitment in life - the worship of the Holy Trinity (temple), and the centrality of Christian fellowship (hall). These are both top priorities for us. Now, in Phase 3, we are expressing our commitment to Christian education. Education is the formation of souls. We all know that it is high time to do the exceedingly hard work of opening a parish academy where we can at last offer to our parishioners the harmonization of family, church, and school.

For far too many Orthodox Christian young people, and for their families, there has been a great divide between family-church and school. Our vision is the singular harmony of church, family and school. We are resolved to craft a way of life in which our Savior and Sovereign King, Jesus Christ, rules harmoniously in all three of these beautiful spheres. The St. Andrew Christian Education Center is the last piece of the puzzle - a puzzle that we articulated many, many years ago and formally established as a goal. We have always discussed Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3. Here we are in the midst of Phase 3, and, God-willing, we intend to see it brought to completion in the next 6+ months.

What will we do then? What will guide our vision for the future once we have completed the vision that united our efforts for our first 30 years?

Well - we shall see! I suspect we will have a great satisfaction in establishing the core and then will build up all three areas - deepening our worship, beautifying our temple, strengthening our fellowship and ministries, developing our Christian education programs and St. Andrew Academy and honing our outreach to our local community so that God-seekers can find the Church and their salvation.

Just how important this is - Fr Lawrence Farley expresses beautifully in his blog which is presented next page for your edification.

Your prayers

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# They Are A-Changin'

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July 8, 2021 · [Fr. Lawrence Farley](#)

Lately when listening to that old 1960s anthem “[The Times They Are A-Changin’](#)” by Bob Dylan, I couldn’t help but think of (believe it or not) Eusebius of Caesarea. In particular I thought that this was exactly the sort of song he was singing in his writings and panegyrics about Constantine.

Eusebius was a great fan of his emperor, and something of a herald for the new age which was then dawning. He lived at exactly the time when one age was passing and another age was emerging, and Emperor Constantine was the hinge linking those two very different epochs. (Not that Christianity became anything like a State Church under Constantine. That development—with all its advantages and distinct disadvantages—would have to wait a while, and should be more accurately linked with the name of Justinian than Constantine.)

Before Constantine, Christian assembly was officially proscribed and punishable by law, and Christians were often well-advised to keep their public heads down as much as possible. After Constantine’s accession as sole emperor, Christian assembly became not only legal, but favoured, and the emperor did his best to bless the Church with both status and funds, letting it be known that he regarded Christian teachings as true. (For more about the ever-controversial St. Constantine, see [The Christianity of Constantine the Great](#) by T.G. Elliott.) Eusebius was in on the ground floor of this revolution, and exulted in the Church’s new-found status, seeing in it the hand of God. And while it is a stretch to suggest that the important prelate of Caesarea was a fourth century version of the free-wheelin’ Bob Dylan, Eusebius was prophetically clear that “the loser now will be later to win”.

**For the young-uns unfamiliar with the Dylan anthem, a verse or two is here provided.** Like a firebrand prophet, Dylan said to his generation these words: “Come gather ’round people wherever you

roam, and admit that the waters around you have grown and accept it that soon you’ll be drenched to the bone. If your time to you is worth savin’, then you better start swimmin’

or you’ll sink like a stone for the times they are a-changin’”. The final verse also celebrated the coming social revolution: “The line it is drawn, the curse it is cast. The slow one now will later be fast, as the present now will later be past. The order is rapidly fadin’. And the first one now will later be last, for the times they are a-changin’.”

Eusebius in his day was sure that pagans intent upon condemning Christians would soon be drenched to the bone, and would indeed soon sink if they didn’t start swimming with the rising Constantinian tide. The slow Christians would soon be fast, and the important powerful pagans, formerly first in line, would soon be last. With the coming of Constantine, the times certainly were a-changin’.

And, as is abundantly evident, they are changin’ again. Like Eusebius who lived through a time of revolutionary upheaval, we also are living in such a tumultuous time. Christian Faith is once again becoming—at least in the West—an object of disdain and contemptuous disapproval. Christian dogmas are openly mocked, Christian morality derided and discarded, and the entire cultural edifice constructed upon the Christian Faith is under attack. I sometimes wonder if that whirring sound in the distance I sometimes hear late at night isn’t the sound of Eusebius spinning in his grave. We are witnessing, I believe, the slow implosion of western civilization. It is occurring slowly enough and unevenly enough that some people may still dispute that it is happening. It is true, as they say, that the mills of God grind slowly. But they grind exceeding small. I’m afraid that the times are indeed a-changin’.



Not, I might add, that society is returning to an earlier paganism. It is worse than that. Pagans of the early fourth century might have said that Jesus of Nazareth was a man and no more, but they would've said the same thing about Bruce Jenner. They might have been quite tolerant of homosexuality, but they at least could distinguish male from female. We have reached a point—at least here in Canada—where the government census includes space for options other than “Male” or “Female” when they inquire about gender, and where people not obviously stoned seriously talk about there being 63 genders. This is unprecedented in human history. The old order is rapidly fadin’, and people unwilling to swim in these new waters may well find that they will sink like a stone, socially speaking.

**What does this mean for us Orthodox? For one thing, it means that the catechumenate must now assume its original importance.**

**In the early days when Christians lived in a pagan world, the task of the Church was to conform its**

**new converts to a radically-different world-view and life-style, one which was the polar opposite of those around them. What the world regarded as noble piety, we regarded as demonic idolatry; what the world regarded as morally unobjectionable, we regarded as abominably sinful. Entry into the catechumenate involved a radical renunciation of societal norms and entry into a new moral universe.**

Those pre-Constantinian days are fast returning, and new converts (as well as old church members) must face up to the fact that the old order traditional in almost every culture in history is rapidly fading. St. Paul regarded Christians as neither Jew nor Gentile, but as something different—a third race whose true home was no longer on this earth. It is imperative that we recover this eschatological orientation, and the catechumenate is the instrument of recovery and formation. Come gather 'round, people. It's time to start swimming again.



# ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY NEWS...

## Parish Register

Your St. Andrew family would like to share with you your joys, successes and yes, even your sorrows. Please send news of any momentous event in your life to the newsletter publisher at [lucy.hanna@live.com](mailto:lucy.hanna@live.com) or to the church office at [saintandrewoffice@saintandrew.net](mailto:saintandrewoffice@saintandrew.net), so that we can publish it for everyone in the parish family to celebrate with you, help you, or mourn with you as the case may be.

### Births

*Mario Shannon - Congratulations to John & Stephanie Shannon on the birth of their new baby boy Mario. Godparents are Kevork and Adriana Kazanjian.*



### Engagements

*Gregory Roum & Monica Macahuachi - engaged on June 6, 2021. Both have moved to Gainsville, Florida to begin their residency in Internal Medicine. They will be married in October 2021.*



*Basil Trenham and Sophia Cisneros - engaged on June 6, 2021.. They will be married on September 9, 2021 at St. Andrew Church.*



*Mitchell Watters and Sophia Kouri - engaged on May 9, 2021 and will be married on July 25, 2021 at St. Andrew Church. Their Sponsors will be John Shannon of St. Andrew and Diana Stanford of St. Luke, Garden Grove where Sophia grew up.*



*Ivan Golovin & Thekla Abriam - engaged on June 6 and will be married on July 18, 2021 at St. Andrew Church. Ivan has completed his first year of seminary and has two more years to graduate.*



On May 15, 2021, our seminarian, Mykel Giannakakos, graduated with his Master of Divinity degree from St. Vladimir Seminary in New York. He has been assigned to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Grand Rapids, MI, as youth director. He will begin his assignment on August 15, 2021.

## Marriages



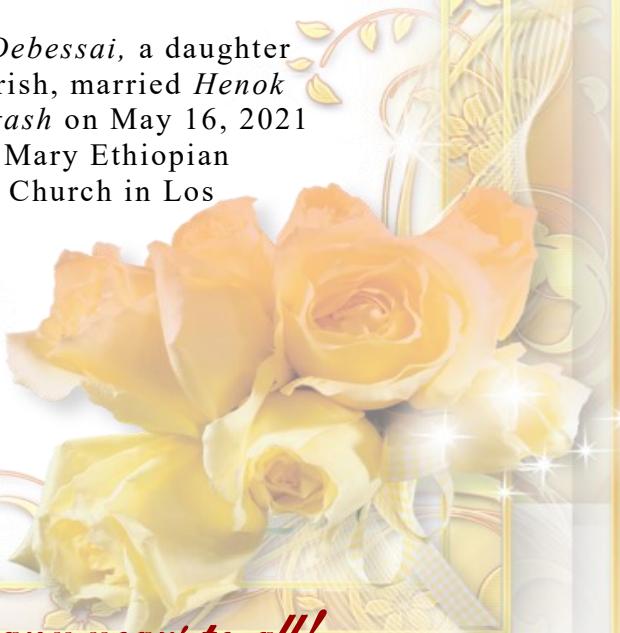
*Mykel Giannakakos and Sarah Timbey were married on May 30, 2021 at St. Andrew Church. The newlyweds will be travelling to Grand Rapids, MI, where Mykel will begin his assignment as Youth Director at St. Nicholas Church.*



*Matthew Yocom and Emily Wilkinson were married on June 6, 2021 at St. Andrew Church.*



*Sabrina Debessai, a daughter of our parish, married Henok Elias Negash on May 16, 2021 at Virgin Mary Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Los Angeles.*



*Congratulations and many years to all!*

## ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY NEWS...cont.

### Moved Away...



**Michael and Mary Claypool**  
Moved to Washington State  
to be close to their daughter  
Jennifer and her family.  
They will be missed!

### Debra Parrish joins the Octogenarian Club...



On May 16 Debra was welcomed as the newest member of this exclusive Club having celebrated her 80th birthday a few days earlier. Many years to you Debra!

### Departed...May their Memory be Eternal and may God grant them Paradise!



On May 31, 2021, our sister in Christ, Liudmila Bogatova, was found to have reposed in her apartment. She knew her day was near and she made careful and prayerful preparations. Her funeral was held at St. Andrew on June 3rd. and she was buried at the Serbian Cemetery in Los Angeles. May her memory be eternal!



Shirley Saba, one of the founders of St. Andrew Church, fell asleep in the Lord on June 3, 2021. Her funeral was held at St. Anthony Orthodox Church in San Diego on June 9th. May her memory be eternal!

**A monk asked a holy man: how can we perform miracles? The holy Saint answered:**

**If you teach a person to read the Gospel, you have opened the eyes of the blind.**

**If you teach a person to help the needy, you have healed the paralyzed.**

**If you teach a person to go to church, you have healed the crippled.**

**If you lead someone to repentance, you have raised the dead.**

**Now go and perform miracles!**



## High School...

Noah Hensley  
 Anna Jackson  
 Polina Oceguera  
 Anastasia Brubaker

Luke Trenham  
 Elyse Thomazin  
 Christina Nicolaou

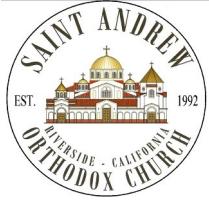
## College and Beyond...

Elea Gonzales-Aden, Associates degree at Pasadena city college  
 Brandon Hope, BA in Economics & Accounting, UCSB  
 Tammy Hensley, Univ. of Ariz. Global Campus, BA in Ed Studies  
 Mary Priya Lingam, BA in Information Systems and technology Cal State San Bernardino  
 Ashley Khoury, USC School of Pharmacy, Pharm.D. degree  
 Megan Trendt, CBU, MS in Biomedical Sciences  
 Lauren Geoffrion, MD, Loma Linda University  
 Gregory Roum, AUC, M.D. degree  
 Monica Macahuachi, AUC, M.D. degree



## Ministry and Martyrdom of the Apostles

Its "Апостольская проповедь" that translates to 'Apostolic Preachings'. It depicts the ministry and the martyrdom of the Apostles. This particular icon is painted in the 17th century and is attributed to Fyodor Zubov. It is also worth noting the addition of the martyrdom of St. Stephen which is not present in other examples of this type.



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