



GREEK ORTHODOX
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SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Thursday July 16, 2026

An Urgent Appeal to Our Parish Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is in our midst!

We write to you today with an urgent request concerning the immediate future of our beloved St. Andrew Orthodox Church.

We have done our best to maintain our fire alarm system in the most cost-effective way possible, but now it is failing to meet the Randolph Township code requirements. Our fire alarm system must be replaced immediately to meet required safety regulations. The cost of this essential project is **\$24,000**. If we fail to complete the work promptly, the parish could face **fines of up to \$5,000 per day** and even the **temporary closure of our church** until the system is brought into compliance.

This church is more than a building. It is our spiritual home, where we gather for the Divine Liturgy, baptisms, weddings, funerals, feast days, and prayer. We cannot allow its doors to close not even for a day.

We humbly ask every parish family to prayerfully consider making a generous offering toward this urgent need. Every donation—large or small—will help us reach our goal and protect our parish.

Please do not assume someone else will take care of this need. Together, as one family in Christ, we can meet this challenge.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us:

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **2 Corinthians 9:7**

We kindly request that you make your gift as soon as possible, as this is a time-sensitive matter. When you give, please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the new fire alarm system. You may mail it, bring a check, credit card, or cash to the church office, or give online through Abundant. Your generosity will help ensure that St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church remains open, safe, and ready to serve our community today and for generations to come.

Thank you for your prayers, your faithfulness, and your love for our parish. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

With prayers and gratitude,

Michael Serghiou
Parish Council President

Father John Theodosion
St. Andrew Parish Priest