



27 February AD 2025  
Memorial of St. Gregory Narek

Dear Parishioners:

Something exciting is about to happen. On May 11, 2026 St. Andrew the Apostle parish will begin to celebrate our 75th anniversary as a parish and faith community. That is certainly something for which we, as parishioners, can be very proud.

With that in mind, I have some exciting events to share with you.

First, there is a committee of our parish members working behind the scenes to plan for a year-long celebration of this anniversary.

Second, Bishop Edward C. Malesic will be in Norton at St. Andrew the Apostle to kick off our anniversary. Bishop Malesic will officiate at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 11, 2025. A reception will be held in the parish basement on that day following the 11:30 AM Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend the reception to celebrate and demonstrate the pride in this faith community here at St. Andrew. Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss this opportunity of fellowship and to meet Bishop Malesic. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details and a way to make a reservation to attend this event.

Third, you will also want to mark your calendars for Sunday, April 26, 2026 for a parishioner dinner at a location to be announced. The event will begin at 4:00 PM with a social hour and will be followed by a buffet dinner at 5:00 PM. Please stay tuned to church bulletins for details and reservation information.

Also the planning committee has already begun working to plan various events throughout 2025 and up until April 26, 2026. These events will be developed to promote our faith community to our parishioners and our neighbors in the Norton/Barberton area. A sneak peak at what some of these events may include but are not limited to are:

- Parishioner St. Andrew logo t-shirt sales
- Parishioner picnic later summer of 2025
- Presentations of the history of St. Andrew the Apostle over 75 years
- Various postings in church bulletins

I want to thank the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee for their dedication and efforts to make this anniversary a memorable event for all of you.

Please be sure to include all the events forthcoming from the Planning Committee in your plans as they are announced. You will be updated in bulletins and announcements as plans are developed.

As always I ask for your prayers for our parish, our fellow parishioners, and our volunteers as we move toward this celebration of our faith family.

*Christus vincit,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Thomas', with a stylized, flowing script.

Rev. Fr. Louis Thomas