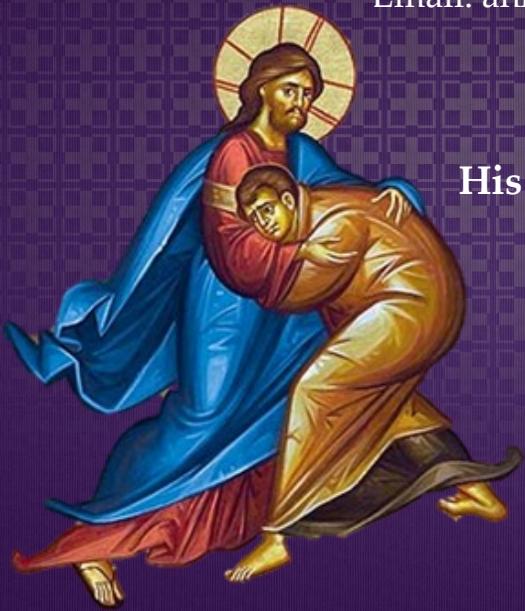


# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Our Father and Chief Shepherd:  
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REV. FR. SIMON THOMAS, Parish Priest

REV. FR. NICHOLAS VIERON, Pastor *Emeritus*

MR. WILLIAM A. KALLAS, Pastoral Assistant

## WELCOME

We are blessed that you have chosen to participate in our worship service and pray that you will be both enlightened and inspired. We encourage you to ask questions and please contact our ministry leaders if you would like to volunteer your time and talents. Thank You!

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

**SUNDAY OF THE  
PRODIGAL SON**

**Holy Bread:** Enosis Touliatos

**Epistle Reader:** Endy Carter

**Homilist:** Rev. Fr. Simon Thomas

**Memorials:** Dorothy Paris (1 Year) &  
Pompei Pop (1 Year)

**SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:45am**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE AT 10:00am**

### GUIDELINES FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist—the Lord's Supper—to be primarily the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our modern day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. While we fervently pray for this unity, as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church, we must offer a reminder that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the conclusion of our divine services.

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### FIRST ANTIPHON

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!**

*Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. (Psalm 102:1)*

*Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you. (Psalm 102:2)*

*Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His Kingdom rules over all. (Psalm 102:17)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

### SECOND ANTIPHON

**Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia.**

*Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being. (Psalm 145:1-2)*

*Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. (Psalm 145:5)*

*Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation (Psalm 145:10)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

### THIRD ANTIPHON

*Verse: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.*

*(Psalm 117:24; Psalm 68:34)*

### RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: PLAGAL SECOND MODE

**GREEK TEXT:** Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄϊδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**GREEK PHONETICS:** Aggelikai Dinameis epi to mima sou, kai oi filassontes apenekrothisan, kai estate Maria en to tafo, zitousa to achranton sou soma. Eskelevsas ton Adin, me peirastheis ip aftou, ipintisas ti Partheno, doroumenos tin zoin, o anastas ek ton nekron, Kyrie thoxa si.

**ENGLISH TEXT:** When the angelic powers appeared before Your tomb, the soldier guarding it took on the look of death, and standing at Your sepulcher was Mary, there seeking Your pure and spotless Body. Despoiling Hades' armor, You were not stained by his touch. You came forth to meet the Virgin, bestowing eternal life. Lord who are risen from the dead, glory unto You!

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### APOLYTIKION OF THE FORERUNNER: FOURTH MODE

*MELODY: COME QUICKLY*

Ἐκ γῆς ἀνατείλασα ἡ τοῦ Προδρόμου κεφαλή, ἀκτῖνας ἀφήσει τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, πιστοῖς τῶν ἰάσεων, ἄνωθεν συναθροίζει, τὴν πληθὺν τῶν Ἀγγέλων, κάτωθεν συγκαλεῖται, τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ὁμόφωνον ἀναπέμψαι, δόξαν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ.

The Forerunner's head did arise from the earth like the dawn, thus shedding the rays of healing and incorporation down onto the faithful ones; high above he has gathered all the hosts of the angels, while below have been summoned all of mankind together that with one voice they may send up glory to Christ who is God.

### APOLYTIKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION: FOURTH MODE

**GREEK TEXT:** Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

**GREEK PHONETICS:** Simeon tis sotirias imon to kefaleon ke tu ap eonos mistiriu e fanerosis, o Ios to Theou, Ios tis Parthenu ginete ke Gavriil tin harin evangelizete. Thio ke e mis sin afto ti Theotoko voisomen, Haire ke haritomeni o Kirios meta Su.

**ENGLISH TEXT:** Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before the Ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the great grace.. Therefore, with him let us cry out unto the Theotokos, "Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

### KONTAKION: THIRD MODE

*MELODY: ON THIS DAY*

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἠμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

In my foolish wretchedness, I fled your Fatherly glory, and I wasted sinfully all of the riches you gave me; unto you, merciful Father, I cry out saying: I have sinned, just as the Prodigal told you; and then may I be received as a hired servant, who comes repentant to you.

## READINGS OF THE DAY

### EPISTLE READING

**Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (4: 6-15)**

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63**  
*The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord.*

*Verse: Hear my voice, O God.*

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### GOSPEL READING

**The Gospel According to Saint Luke (15: 11-32)**

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

## DURING THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 24th** (*First & Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored by the Zambelis and Popa Families

**Monday, February 25th** (*Tarasius — Patriarch of Constantinople, Reginos — Bishop of Skopelos*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

6:30pm — Father Vieron's Greek Class (Cotros Hall)

**Tuesday, February 26th** (*Porphyrius — Bishop of Gaza, Great Martyr Photine*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

Library Open 10:00am — 2:00pm

**Wednesday, February 27th** (*Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis*)

**Strict Fast: Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, & eggs**

8:00am till 4:00pm — Greekfest Workshop : Koulourakia

5:30pm — Byzantine Chant Class

6:30pm — Bible Study

**Thursday, February 28th** (*Righteous John Cassian the Confessor, Basil the Confessor*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

8:00am till 4:00pm — Greekfest Workshop : Koulourakia

6:30pm — Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, March 1st** (*Righteous Martyr Eudocia the Samaritan*)

**Strict Fast: Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, & eggs**

**Elpis Food Drive Begins**

**National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Meeting**

**Saturday, March 2nd** (*Hesychius the Martyr, Holy Father Nicholas Planas*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

**National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Meeting**

9:00am — Orthros/Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service (Saturday of Souls)

**2018 Parish Registry Statistics**

Baptisms: 17    Chrismations: 10  
Marriages: 5    Deaths: 9

**2019 Parish Registry Statistics**

Baptisms: 2    Chrismations: 1  
Marriages: 0    Deaths: 0

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES**

**St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival**— The Parish Oratorical Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th following Divine Liturgy. Participants should begin their final drafts for your entries! Contact our Pastoral Assistant for additional information.

**Ionian Village 2019**— Please mark your calendars on Sunday, April 7th for our next event. A showing of the new movie FAITH, HOPE & LOVE will be premiered. Stay tuned for more details!

Any person willing to make a financial contribution to help support David Wassef, Rachel Semos, Katherine Hoover, Sophia Douglas, Zoe Johnson, Austin Detty, and Diana Popa; would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Church Office for additional details!

**St. Nicholas Summer Camp:** Tentative Dates are from Sunday, July 21st through July, 27th to be held at Camp Loucon in Leitchfield, Kentucky! Any young adult or college student interested in being a STAFF MEMBER, contact Father Simon or our Pastoral Assistant!

**JUNIOR GOYA**—Any adult interested in being the advisor for our new Junior GOYA group (Grades 6th—8th), please contact our Pastoral Assistant for details!



***Philoptochos Corner***

**Elpis General Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 2nd**  
**4:00pm till 6:00pm**  
**Home of Linda Nichols**

**Visitation Committee**

February 16-28: Vicki Hoover & Evangelia Panas

The following members of our parish have requested a visitation:

Alec Collis, Niki Gikas, Maria Hetos, Stella Nichols, Georgia Smith, Jimmy Smith, Kosta Taras, Anastasia Terranova

**There is a need for volunteers for MAY 1 through 15.**

**Please contact Kristine Wagner to volunteer!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2019 House Blessings**

Father Simon will be available to bless homes until Friday, March 8th. Please sign-up or contact the parish office. Information is available on our parish website, Facebook page, and monthly Epistle.

### **Parish Choir**

**We welcome ALL to choir rehearsals!** No auditions, only your spirit and willingness to sing! Also, there is no obligation to sing in the loft; your voice can be useful in the congregation. Therefore, if you want to simply learn how to improve your knowledge and vocal skills or about our hymn setting, we would be happy to have you at rehearsals! If you have been thinking about joining the choir, rehearsals are a great way to become familiar with our music and how your voice works with others. Reading music notation or Greek language is NOT required. Again, this is open to all! Let us sing in praise and worship together! Rehearsals will be held on the following Thursday: February 28th.

### **Byzantine Chant Classes**

**Any person** interested in learning about the hymns of our Church, specifically with the Lenten Hymns, please consider participating in our classes. We will begin preparing for Great Lent by practicing the hymns of Compline, PreSanctified Liturgy, and Salutations Services. For any questions, please contact William Kallas ([vasilioskallas@gmail.com](mailto:vasilioskallas@gmail.com)) for further details! The next class will be held on: Wednesday, February 27th at 5:30pm.

### **Annunciation Book Club**

There is a growing interest to establish a bi-monthly book club within our community. Any person interested in joining this group is encouraged to contact William Kallas ([vasilioskallas@gmail.com](mailto:vasilioskallas@gmail.com)) for further details.

### **Greekfest Workshop**

Save the dates for Wednesday, February 27th and Thursday, February 28th from 8am—4pm. Our parish will be baking Koulourakia. Everyone is welcome to join us! For more details, contact the Church office.

## Saturday of the Souls



Through the Apostolic Constitutions (Book VIII, ch. 42), the Church of Christ has received the custom to make commemorations for the departed on the third, ninth, and fortieth days after their repose. Since many throughout the ages, because of an untimely death in a faraway place, or other adverse circumstances, have died without being deemed worthy of the appointed memorial services, the divine Fathers, being so moved in their love for man, have decreed that a common memorial be made this day for all pious Orthodox

Christians who have reposed from all ages past, so that those who did not have particular memorial services may be included in this common one for all. Also, the Church of Christ teaches us that alms should be given to the poor by the departed one's kinsmen as a memorial for him.

Besides this, since we make commemoration on March 3rd of the Second Coming of Christ, and since the reposed have neither been judged, nor have received their complete recompense (Acts 17:31; II Peter 2:9; Heb. 11:39-40), the Church rightly commemorates the souls today, and trusting in the boundless mercy of God, she prays Him to have mercy on sinners. Furthermore, since the commemoration is for all the reposed together, it reminds each of us of his own death, and arouses us to repentance.

### St. Fotine (February 26)

Saint Photine was the Samaritan Woman who encountered Christ our Savior at Jacob's Well (John 4:1-42). Afterwards she labored in the spread of the Gospel in various places, and finally received the crown of martyrdom in Rome with her two sons and five sisters, during the persecutions under the Emperor Nero.

