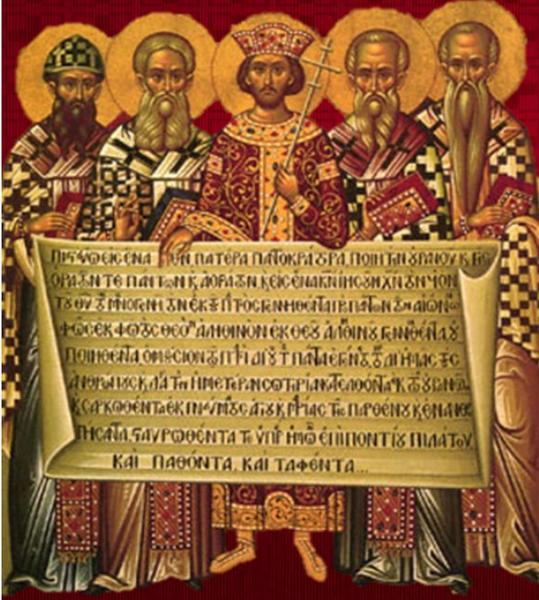


Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Our Father and Chief Shepherd:

His Eminence,

Metropolitan NICHOLAS of Detroit

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 DIVINE SERVICES BEGIN AT 9:00am

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.

Sunday, June 9, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS

1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Homilist: Rev. Fr. Simon Thomas

Coffee Fellowship: Katherine Skefos

One-Year Memorial

Visitation Committee JUNE 1-15

We are in need of volunteers!

HYMNS OF THE DAY

FIRST ANTIPHON

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

Verse 1: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

Verse 2: For the Lord Most High is fearsome, a great King over all the earth.

Verse 3: He subdued the people under us and the nations under our feet.

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 were taken up in glory to heaven from us.

We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city our God, in His Holy mountain.

Verse 2: God is known in her palaces when He helps her.

Verse 3: For behold, the kings assembled; they came together.

Verse 4: Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the people praise You.

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: Hear this, all you nations; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world.

ENTRANCE HYMN: SECOND MODE

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, We sing to You. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST: FOURTH MODE

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

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 ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄϊδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος 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!

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: Simeron 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 FOR THE FEAST: PLAGAL SECOND MODE

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οικονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἶμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Prayer of Azariah.

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us..

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Saint John (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

DURING THE WEEK

Sunday, June 9th (*Cyril — Patriarch of Alexandria, 3 Virgin-martyrs of Chios*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

Coffee Fellowship: One Year Memorial for Katherine Skefos

Monday, June 10th (*Alexander and Antonina the Martyrs, Timothy — Bishop of Proussa*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

6:00pm — Orthros/Divine Liturgy for Saint Bartholomew

Tuesday, June 11th (*Bartholomew the Apostles, Barnabas the Apostles, Revelation of Axion Estin*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

Library Open 10:00am — 2:00pm

Wednesday, June 12th (*Onuphrius of Egypt, Peter the Athonite, Martyr Antonine*)

Fast Day: Refrain from meat, dairy, eggs & fish (oil & wine are permitted)

Thursday, June 13th (*Aquilina the Martyr of Syria, Triphyllos the Bishop of Nicosia*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

Friday, June 14th (*Prophet Elisha, Methodios the Confessor — Patriarch of Constantinople*)

Fast Day: Refrain from meat, dairy, eggs, & fish (oil & wine are permitted)

Saturday, June 15th (*Amos the Prophet, Father Hieronymus, Augustine the Blessed*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

9:00am — Orthros/Liturgy (Saturday of the Souls)

11:00am — Ministry Leaders Meeting (Parish Library)

Sunday, June 16th (*Tychon the Wonderworker, 40 Martyrs of Rome, Mark the Just of Apollonia*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

9:00am — Orthros/Divine Liturgy (Holy Pentecost)

11:00am — Vespers of Kneeling

12:00pm — Father's Day Luncheon Sponsored by AHEPA

2018 Parish Registry Statistics

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

2019 Parish Registry Statistics

Baptisms: 3 Chrismations: 1
Marriages: 1 Deaths: 1

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES



A CAMPING MINISTRY OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DETROIT
WWW.STNICHOLASCAMP.ORG

St. Nicholas Summer Camp:
Tentative Dates are from Sunday, July 21st through July, 27th to be held at Camp Loucon in Leitchfield, Kentucky!

Registration is OPEN! Round-trip charter bus will be offered.

Registration is \$425.

Visit www.stnicholascamp.org for more information!

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 Father Simon or our Pastoral Assistant for further details!



Philoptochos Corner

**More than a Meal
Sunday, June 16th
Grace-St. Luke's
3:00pm!**

Visitation Committee

**There is a need for volunteers for JUNE / JULY/
AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 1-15.**

The following members of our parish have requested a visitation:

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

Please contact Kristine Wagner to volunteer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our prayers to Sophia Douglas as she travels to Port Washington, New York to compete in the National level of the St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.

Prospora Baking

We are still in need of individuals able to volunteer to provide the Church with Prospora to be used for Sunday and weekday Divine Liturgies and/or Kolyva for Memorial Services. Please inquire with Father Simon if you are able to offer your service to help our parish. Thank you!

2019/2020 Sunday School & Youth Activity Registration Forms

Registration forms for Sunday School and Youth Activities for the next academic year were mailed to our parishioners. We ask that each family return the completed forms to the Church Office by July 1st.. If your family did not receive a form, please contact our Pastoral Assistant for assistance. Thank you!

Stewardship Made Easy

If you're not aware, we have several Stewards utilizing ACH payment process to fulfill their Stewardship commitment on a monthly basis. Once set up, your monthly Stewardship contribution is automatically withdrawn on the 16th of every month. No more check writing, no hassle, no more forgetting to drop off your check weekly or monthly, set it and forget it!

Setting up your monthly ACH payment process is as simple as 1-2-3.

1. Provide the Church office (Erin) a VOIDED CHECK
2. The amount to be deducted monthly
3. That you want your automatic deduction to be applied to your Stewardship commitment

Feel free to include above in a sealed envelope marked ACH and drop it in the Narthex candle tray during Sunday service or bring it by the office during the week. It's that simple! Please consider ACH and simplify fulfilling your monthly commitment and thanks again for your continued support.



Prophet Elisseus

The Prophet Elisseus, the son of Saphat, was from the town of Abel-me-oul and had been a husbandman. In the year 908 B.C., at God's command, the Prophet Elias anointed him to be Prophet in his stead. This happened while Elisseus was plowing his land, having twelve oxen under yoke. Straightway, Elisseus slew the oxen and cooked them, using the wooden plough and the other instruments of husbandry as firewood; then he gave the oxen as food to the people. Bidding farewell to his parents, he followed Elias and served him until the latter was taken up as it were into Heaven (see July 20). When Elisseus received his teacher's mantle and the grace of his prophetic spirit twofold, he

demonstrated whose disciple he was through the miracles he wrought and through all that is related of him in the Fourth Book of Kings. He departed full of days and was buried in Samaria, about the year 839 B.C. But even after his death God glorified him; for after the passage of a year, when some Israelites were carrying a dead man for burial and suddenly saw a band of Moabites, they cast the dead man on the grave of the Prophet. No sooner had the dead man touched the Prophet's bones, than he came to life and stood on his feet (IV Kings 13:20-21). Mentioning this, Jesus the Son of Sirach says, "He did wonders in his life, and at his death his works were marvelous" (Ecclus. 48:14). It is because of such marvels that the faithful have reverence for the relics of the Saints (see also Jan. 16). His name means "God is savior."

Aquilina the Martyr of Syia

This Martyr contested in Byblos of Syria during the reign of Diocletian, in 289. Because she taught other young maidens to turn from the idols to Christ, she was brought before the governor. Her ears were pierced with heated spits until blood ran from her nostrils; finally she was beheaded, at the age of ten or twelve.

