

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

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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, July 14, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 4th Ecumenical Council

Epistle Reader: Patricia Grantham

Homilist: Mr. William A. Kallas

Visitation Committee JULY 1-15

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed in

July, August, September!

HYMNS OF THE DAY

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: THIRD MODE

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens rejoice! And let the earth be glad! For He has shown forth His power when the Lord lifted up His mighty arm! He has trampled down death by death, and first born among the dead has He become! From the depths of Hades, delivering mankind, He granted great mercy to al the universe.

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 Γαβριήλ 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."

SEASONAL KONTAKION: SECOND MODE

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians which cannot be put to shame, Mediation unto the Creator unwavering, do not turn from the pleading voices of those who have sinned, but quickly now unto the aid of all the faithful who cry out unto you, who are kind and good. Hasten your intercession, and speedily make supplication, for you at all times will protect, Theotokos, those who honor you.

READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Saint Paul's Letter to Titus (3:8-15)

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Mode. Psalm 31.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly. O righteous ones.

Verse: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Saint Matthew (5:14-19)

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

DURING THE WEEK

Sunday, July 14th (*Aquila the Apostles among the 70, Joseph the Confessor*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

12:00pm—Ministry Calendar Meeting in Parish Library

Monday, July 15th (*Martyes Cyricus and His Mother Julitta, Vladimir—Equal-to-the-Apostles*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

6:15pm—Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 16th (*Athenogenes the Martyr of Heracleopolis, Julia the Virgin-martyr of Carthage*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

10:00am Library will be Open

Wednesday, July 17th (*Great Martyr Marina, Veronika & Speratos the Martyrs*)

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

9:00am—Orthros/Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 18th (*Martyr Emilian, Martyrs Paul, Thea, and Valentine*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

Friday, July 19th (*Macrina the Righteous-Sister of St. Basil, Dius—Abbot of Antioch*)

Strict Fast Day: Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs

Saturday, July 20th (*Prophet Elias, Maria Skobtsova-New Martyr of France*)

Fast Free Day: No fasting restrictions

9:00am—Orthros/Divine Liturgy

Quick Parish Announcements

- Next Sunday, Divine Services will begin a half-hour earlier (at 8:30am) to accommodate the children traveling to Saint Nicholas Summer Camp in Kentucky.
- Our parish is still in need of volunteers to assist on the Visitation Committee for July, August, and September. Please consider joining this valuable ministry today!
- More than a Meal is scheduled for next Sunday at 3:00pm at Grace-Saint Luke's.