



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Metropolitan NICHOLAS of Detroit

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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, August 18th, 2019

THE 9th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reader: Endy Carter

Homilist: Rev. Fr. Simon Thomas

Coffee Fellowship: Hosted by Elpis in honor of the Dormition Feas

Visitation Committee: Aug. 16-31

Debie Bookas, Linda Nichols, & Anne Schmitt

HYMNS OF THE DAY

FIRST ANTIPHON

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

Verse 1: Shout aloud to the Lord, all the earth.

Verse 2: Give thanks to Him; praise His name.

Verse 3: In the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God.

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 Risen from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1: The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Verse 2: Glorious things were said concerning You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: God established her forever.

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: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

GREEK TEXT: Ἐξ ὑψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τρίήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

GREEK PHONETICS: Ex ipsous katilthes o efsplagnos, tafin katedexo triameron, ena imas eleftherosis ton pathon. E zoe kai e Anastasis emon, Kyrie doxa si.

ENGLISH TEXT: From on high You descended to set us free, delivering mankind from suffering. Merciful one, our Resurrection and our Life, Who for us was buried three days in the tomb, glory to You, O Lord!

HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION FOR THE DORMITION: FIRST MODE

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

In giving birth you retained your virginity, and in dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, being the Mother of Life. And thus by virtue of your intercessions you deliver our souls from death.

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: PLAGAL SECOND MODE

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.

The Theotokos, unsleeping in intercession * and the immovable hope of protection, * could not be retained by any tomb or death. * For being Life's own Mother, she was transferred to life by Him * who dwelt in the ever-virgin womb.

READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (3:9-17)

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Mode. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Saint Matthew (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

DURING THE WEEK

Sunday, August 18th (*Floros & Lauros the Monk-martyrs of Illyria, Hermos the Martyr*)

Fast Free Day

Coffee Fellowship Sponsored by Elpis for the Feast of the Dormition

12:00pm—Altar Boy Training Meeting

3:00pm—More than a Meal (Grace-St. Luke's)

Monday, August 19th (*Andrew the General & Martyr and his 2,593 soldier*)

Fast Free Day

6:15pm—Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th (*Samuel the Prophet, Martyr Luke of Bouleutos*)

Fast Free Day

Library Open 10:00am—2:00pm

Wednesday, August 21st (*Apostle Thaddaeus, Martyr Bassa and Her Sons*)

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

5:00pm—Byzantine Chant Class

6:00pm—Great Vespers

Thursday, August 22nd (*Martyr Agathonicus, Martyr Anthuse, Athansios the Hieromartyr*)

Fast Free Day

Friday, August 23rd (*Father Ireneaus—Bishop of Lyons, Kallinikos—Patriarch of Constantinople*)

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

5:00pm—Athenian Dance Practice (SENIORS)

6:30pm—DOP 40th Anniversary Gala (Ridgeway Country Club)

Saturday, August 24th (*Eutyches the Hieromartyr & Disciple of St. John the Theologian*)

Fast Free Day

11:00am—Germantown International Festival (Agri-Center) - Parade

3:15pm—Athenian Dance Performance

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

2018 Parish Registry Statistics

Baptisms: 17 Chrismations: 10

Marriages: 5 Deaths: 9

2019 Parish Registry Statistics

Baptisms: 5 Chrismations: 1

Marriages: 3 Deaths: 1

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

If your family has not registered for Sunday School or completed the waiver forms, please see our Pastoral Assistant after Divine Services to get registered today!

SENIOR GOYA—We congratulate the 2019-2020 Officers for GOYA; Austin Detty (President), Katherine Hoover (Vice President), and Rachel Semos (Secretary). The next meeting will be a Y2am Discussion scheduled for September 1st!

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! Our first Junior GOYA meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25th.

Athenian Dance Troupe—Our Senior Folk Dance group is invited to perform at the Germantown International Festival on Saturday, August 24th. A practice date has been set for Friday, August 23rd at 5:00pm at the Church to prepare for this performance!

The event will take place at the Agri-Center, with the Parade beginning at 11:00am. Our Athenian Dancers are scheduled to perform at 3:15pm. Please consider showing your support to this annual event.

Philothonas News



Sunday, August 18th—Coffee Fellowship for Dormition

Sunday, August 18th—3:00pm More than a Meal

(Grace—St. Luke's Episcopal Church)

Sunday, September 8th—Parish Auxiliary Fair

Come find your place in our parish!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, all the young men wishing to serve in the Holy Altar will be required to attend a training meeting following Sunday School classes. We ask all participants to be prompt in their participation so that the meeting does not exceed an hour . Thank you!

Young Adults

Saint John's Antiochian Orthodox Church will be offering a professional networking event on Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm. All Young Adults are invited!

SAVE THE DATE: The young adults of our parish are invited to the home of Michael & Kathy Zambelis for a BBQ & Brew! Please RSVP to Mrs. Kathy and indicate any food or drink you will be able to bring. We look forward to seeing you there!

Byzantine Chant Classes

Byzantine Chant classes are back! Classes are scheduled on Wednesday's from 5:00pm till 6:30pm or by appointment. Classes can be arranged via FaceTime or Skype! Please contact our Pastoral Assistant for additional information. No experience necessary.

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. Let us sing in praise and worship together! Rehearsals will be held on the following **Thursday: September 5th.**

Visitation Committee

There is a need for volunteers for all of September!

October 1-15: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

October 16-31: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

The following members of our parish have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.

Alec Collis

Niki Gikas

Maria Hetos

Stella Nichols

Kosta Taras

Georgia Smith

Jimmy Smith

(New visitation: **Angelo Pantos**)



METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

You are cordially invited to join in celebrating the

20th Enthronment Anniversary

for

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN
NICHOLAS
O F D E T R O I T

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
6:30PM

\$75.00 per person

Somerset Inn Hotel | Troy, Michigan

Contact your Parish Office for more information