

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Paraklesis (Supplication) Services** will begin on Monday, August 3rd. Please submit names of living for commemoration to Fr. Simon.
- ◆ **Friends of the Metropolis:** Please give prayerful thought to your donation to Friends of the Metropolis this year. Informational flyers can be found in the Narthex. You can also visit the Friends website at detroit.goarch.org/ministries/friends.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Vangie Vafines

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **ELPIS Summer Picnic** Saturday August 15th - Annual Summer Party at the home of Ted & Stephanie Poplos. See email from Cyndi Detty for more details.
- ◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin the fall term on August 16th. Fr. Simon will bless the Students on that Sunday.** Registration for NEW Students will be held each Sunday from July 26-Aug 9 in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy. **Please see Anna Paris for details.**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 26, 8th Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon**
- ◆ **COMMUNITY PICNIC TODAY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY** in the "back yard" of the church. AHEPA, YAH and DOP will be joining our efforts. Our plan is to grill hamburgers and hot dogs and ask the community to bring side dishes. We will be renting an inflatable slide and offer face painting for the kids. Bring your chairs and plan to have a great time!

Sunday August 2

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School Registration for New Students** - See Anna Paris in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy.



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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

We welcome you to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/chrisdated Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 26th day of the month of July, we commemorate: the Holy Martyrs Hermolaos, Hermippus and Hermocrates, Paraskevi the Righteous Martyr of Rome and St. Prisca, the Righteous Martyr.

By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015
8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Martyr Paraskeve in the First Tone

Showing a diligence befitting your calling, O namesake of preparedness, you have gained, as your dwelling, a faith worthy of your name, O prizewinning Paraskeve. Hence, you pour forth healings and intercede for our souls.

Hymn of the Annunciation in the First Tone

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, "Hail, Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

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.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Ted Poplos

Prosforo: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 4: Diane Kavelaras & Ed Morrison

Greeters: Andrew & Tina Douglas

Coffee Hour: Community Picnic in the Parish Backyard

DORMITION FAST BEGINS THIS WEEK

This Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On, Saturday, we abstain from meat, dairy and fish with wine and oil permitted.

EPISTLE READING - GALATIANS 3:23-29; 4:1-5

²³ Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. ²⁴ So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; ² but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³ So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. ⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 14:14-22

¹⁴ As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

²² Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.