

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015
11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Holy Napkin in the Second Tone

We worship Your immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Your own will were You well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that You might deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom You had fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to You thankfully: You did fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when You came to save the world.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Dormition in the First Tone

In giving birth, You did preserve your virginity; in your dormition, you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, since You are the Mother of Life; and by your intercessions do You redeem our souls from death.

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 εὐαγγελίζειται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

FASTING THIS WEEK

Wednesday and Friday this week we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. The rest of the week is fast free.



**ANNUNCIATION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

573 North Highland Street, Memphis, TN 38122

Phone: (901) 327-8177 † FAX: (901) 327-4440

www.goann.net † annunciationmemphis@gmail.com

Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 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/chrismated 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 16th day of the month of August, we commemorate: the Translation of the Image of Christ, Diomedes of Tarsus, Timothy of Euripus, Gerasimos of Cephalonia and the Holy Monk Penteles.

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

EPISTLE READING - I CORINTHIANS 9:2-12

If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife,^[a] as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Germantown Multi-Cultural Festival Saturday August 29, 11am - 5pm at the Great Hall in Germantown.
- ◆ Acolyte Workshop Sunday August 30, following Sunday School.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Memphis Redbirds Time!** - Saturday August 22nd.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| ◆ Eleni Holland | ◆ Edna Nichopoulos |
| ◆ Dr. Maria Hetos | ◆ Nikita |
| ◆ Angelo Liollo | ◆ Maia Owen |
| ◆ Dr. George & | ◆ Lorrie Tingle |

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Ted Poplos

Prosforo: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 1: George Karkatsugas

Greeters: Steve & Joy Steckler

Coffee Hour: Hosted by Angela Buchanan, Janet Boosalis and Alex Vergos in honor and memory of their mothers.

The Coffee Hour sign up for 3rd quarter still has several openings, including but not limited to the following:

September 6 September 27 October 11 October 18

Please consider serving your parish in this way. We are also looking for a coffee hour coordinator. Please contact Father Simon if interested.

GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 18:23-35

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday August 16

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Blessing of the 5 Loaves**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon**
- ◆ **First Day of Sunday School/Blessing of the Students**
- ◆ **GOYA Kick-Off**
- ◆ **More Than a Meal 3:00 pm**

Monday August 17

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm** in the Library

Saturday August 22

- ◆ **Memphis Redbirds Game 6:05pm** at Redbirds Stadium

Sunday, August 23

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Back to School Luncheon 12:00noon**