

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You did arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Lifegiver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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 now to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

FASTING THIS WEEK

On Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week is fast free.



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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 4th day of the month of October, we commemorate Hierotheus, bishop of Athens, Domnina the Martyr and her daughters and John the Hermit.

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

EPISTLE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

⁶Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness^[a] endures for ever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources^[b] and increase the harvest of your righteousness.^[c]

¹¹You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God;

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 4

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12 noon in GOYA room**
- ◆ **Greek School Registration Table** in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope** Hosting the Luncheon with Guest Speaker Dr. Aileen Ajootian, Chair, Department of Classics, University of Mississippi, speaking on: "My Athens: Past and Present". Your generous donation is welcome. All proceeds will benefit the University of Mississippi Museum's Greek and Roman Antiquities Collection.

Tuesday, October 6

- ◆ **AHEPA Meeting 6:30pm**
- ◆ **ELPIS Board Meeting 6:30 pm** in the Library

Sunday, October 11

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Father Simon and Presbyteria Stephanie on the occasion of their daughter Elpinike's ninth birthday
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting 12 noon**
- ◆ **Flu Shots** will be available today

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 6:31-36

³¹The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return,^[a] and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Ted Poplos

40 Day Blessing for Katherine Riederer and son William. Their husband and father is Patrick Daniel Riederer.

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Ed Morrison & Diane Kavelaras

Greeters: Andrew & Tina Douglas

Coffee Hour: DOP hosts University of Mississippi Museum Speaker. Lunch included.

The Coffee Hour sign up still has several openings:

November 29

December 13

December 20

December 27

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** Thursday October 15 at 11:30 am

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Greek School Registration Table** will be in Cotros Hall for the next two Sundays. Classes begin on October 6.
- ◆ **AHEPA Meeting** Tuesday October 6 at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class** - Monday Nights, October 12 & 26 at 6pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Flu Shots** will be available on Sunday, October 11
- ◆ **DOP General Meeting** Sunday October 18 at 12 noon
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** Monday October 19 at 6:15 pm
- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** Tuesday October 20 at 9:00 am
- ◆ **St. Gerasimos & St. Demetrios Luncheon** Sunday, October 25 at 12 noon
- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** Monday, October 26 at 9:00 am