

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015

6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius in the Fourth Tone

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for You received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' You are merciful.

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

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.

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 25th day of the month of October, we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Marcianos & Martirios the Notaries and Tabitha, raised by Peter.

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

EPISTLE READING - GALATIANS 2:16-20

Brethren¹⁶ you know that a man is not justified^[a] by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. ¹⁷But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. ¹⁹For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Sts. Demetrios & Gerasimos Luncheon** - All Ticket Sales and Donations will fund the Campaign for St. Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center.
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice** - Juniors 12:30 pm; Seniors 2:30 pm

Monday, October 26 Saint Demetrios the Great

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class 6:00 pm** in Cotros Hall

Tuesday, October 27

- ◆ **Greek School 3:00 pm**

Thursday, October 29

- ◆ **Girl Scouts 3:30 pm**

Friday, October 30

- ◆ **Greek School 3:00 pm**

Sunday, November 1

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Stewardship Sunday**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Stewardship Committee
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00** in the GOYA Room

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 8:26-39

²⁶At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Ger'asenes,^[a] which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Ger'asenes^[b] asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Endy Carter

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 5: Bill Joyner & Naji Nassif

Greeters: Steve & Joy Steckler

Sts. Demetrios & Gerasimos Luncheon

The Coffee Hour sign up still has several openings:

December 13

December 20

December 27

Please contact Fr. Simon if you are interested in being Coffee Hour Coordinator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Community Christmas Card** participation - \$25 payable to ELPIS by Nov 23. See Sophie Theodore for details.

Saturday, November 7

- ◆ **GOYA Outing** to U of M Football Game. See Mitch Obradovic for info.

Sunday, November 8

- ◆ **General Assembly & Parish Council Nominations** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Monday, November 9

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy, St. Nektarios of Pentapolis, 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class 6:00 pm**