

*SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015*

*8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE*

**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 Martyrs Gouria, Shamuna, and Habib  
in the Plagal First Tone**

Since You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties, scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since You alone are good and the 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 ἢ 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 Fourth Tone**

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

*FASTING THIS WEEK*

Fish is allowed all week except Wednesday & Friday when we observe a strict fast.



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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 15th day of the month of November, we commemorate Guria, Shamuna, & Habib, Martyrs & Confessors of Edessa and Thomas, Archbishop of Constantinople

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

**EPISTLE READING - EPHESIANS 2:14-22**

The Lord will give strength to his people.  
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord  
honor and glory.

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**GOSPEL READING - LUKE 10:25-37**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◆ **Elpis Bookstore Christmas Open House** - Join Us on Sunday, November 15 for our Annual Christmas Open House! We will feature items perfect for the holiday season. Our store offers books, icons, jewelry and many gift items perfect for every person on your list. Don't see what you want, ask a manager to order it for you!
- ◆ **Community Christmas Card participation** - \$25 payable to ELPIS by Nov 23. See Sophie ◆ Theodore for details.
- ◆ **Greek Dressing & Rice Pudding** for Thanksgiving can now be ordered. Please see Enosis Touliatos for details.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Luncheon** in Co-tros Hall on Sunday, November 22, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please see flier in Epistle and on Bulletin Board for details.
- ◆ **Greek School Adult Classes** - if you are interested in a daytime class please come on Mondays at Noon upstairs in the Greek School Class Room.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

**Epistle Reader:** Sophia Douglas

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 2:** Magdi Wassef

**Greeters:** Andrew & Tina Douglas

**DOP Soup Sunday**

**90th Birthday Celebration for Father Vieron**

**The Coffee Hour sign up still has two openings: December 20 & 27**

## *This Week's Schedule*

### **Sunday, November 15**

- .. **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- .. **40 Day Memorial for Claudia Stoian, mother of Romulus Stoian**
- .. **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- .. **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- .. **Soup Sunday Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope
- .. **90th Anniversary Celebration for Father Vieron**
- .. **Elpis Philoptochos Bookstore Open House**
- .. **GOYA Meeting 12:00** in the GOYA Room
- .. **More Than a Meal 3:00 pm** at Grace-St. Luke's

### **Monday, November 16**

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

### **Tuesday, November 17**

- .. **Greek School 3:00 pm**

### **Thursday, November 19**

- .. **Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am** at Church followed by a Movie at the Malco

### **Friday, November 20**

- .. **Elpis Cooking for Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- .. **Greek School 4:00 pm**

### **Saturday, November 21**

- .. **Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**
- .. **Elpis Cooking and Decorating for Thanksgiving Luncheon**

### **Sunday, November 22**

- .. **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- .. **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- .. **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- .. **Thanksgiving Luncheon by Elpis 12 noon**
- .. **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm Juniors/1:30 pm Seniors**