

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016*

*Sunday after Theophany*

**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 Theophany in the First Tone**

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and has enlightened the world, glory be to You.

**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**

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

**FASTING THIS WEEK**

On Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week we are 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 10th day of the month of January, we commemorate Gregory of Nyssa, Dometian, Bishop of Melitene and Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Basil the Great & Gregory of Nyssa.

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

## EPISTLE READING - ESPHESIANS 4:7-13

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

<sup>7</sup>Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.<sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said, <sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Cathe Skefos

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty:** Naji Nassif & Harry Sinis

**Greeters:** Steve & Joy Steckler

**Coffee Hour** hosted by Daughters of Penelope

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Friends of the Metropolis - Last day to make a donation is January 13 - See Epistle and Fliers in the Narthex
  - ◆ **Sunday School Classes** Resume today at 11:00 am
  - ◆ **DOP Monthly Meeting** Sunday, January 10 at 12:00 noon in Cotros Hall immediately following Coffee Hour
  - ◆ **Father Vieron's Adult Greek Class** begins on Monday, January 18 at 6:30 pm - Please see him for registration.
  - ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** Monday, January 18 at 6:15 pm
  - ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** Thursday, January 21 at 11:30 am
  - ◆ **Elpis Girls' Night Out** Friday, January 22 at 6:00 pm
  - ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** Sunday, January 23 immediately following Divine Liturgy
- SAVE THE DATE:**
- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon** Sunday February 7
  - ◆ **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** Saturday February 13
  - ◆ **Young at Heart Valentine Party** with Mike Miller Thursday, February 18
  - ◆ **APOKREAS Dinner/Talent Show & Costume Contest** Sunday March 6
  - ◆ **ELPIS Art Show** Saturday March 12

## GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 4:12-17

<sup>12</sup> At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee,<sup>13</sup> and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, <sup>14</sup>that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 10 Sunday After Epiphany**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **1 Year Memorial** for Peggy Capadalis
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** Spring Classes begin today 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** Hosted by Daughters of Penelope
- ◆ **DOP Monthly Meeting** immediately following Coffee Hour

**Monday, January 11**

- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon

**Tuesday, January 12**

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 13**

- ◆ **Greek School** 2:00 pm

**Friday, January 15**

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

**Saturday, January 16**

- ◆ **GOYA Winter Retreat** in KY January 16-17

**Sunday, January 17 12th Sunday of Luke**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** - Available
- ◆ **More Than a Meal** 3:00 pm
- ◆ **REAL (formerly YAL) Bonfire** at Alexis Moore's Home 5:00 pm.  
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