

*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016*  
*16th Sunday of Luke*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone**

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has worked might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for the Presentation in the First Tone**

Rejoice, you who are full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, you also, O righteous Elder, as you receive in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also grants unto us the Resurrection.

**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 First Tone**

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

**FASTING THIS WEEK**

On Wednesday, wine and oil are allowed. On Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week we are fast free.



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

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 7th day of the month of February, we commemorate Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos, Luke the Righteous of Mt. Stirion, Theopemptos the Martyr & his Companions and George the New Martyr of Crete. .

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

## EPISTLE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

### **Prokeimenon. Grave Tone. Psalm 28.11,1.**

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At the acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and helped you on the day of salvation.”

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **REAL (formerly YAL) Super Bowl Party** at Alexis Moore's home Sunday February 7 at 4:30 pm
- ◆ **GOYA "Souper Bowl" Party** Sunday February 7 at 5:00 pm in the GOYA Room
- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon** Sunday February 14
- ◆ **Young at Heart Valentine Party** with Mike Miller Thursday, February 18

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are now coming available on the Parish website at [goann.net](http://goann.net) and in the church office.

### SAVE THE DATE:

- ◆ **APOKREAS Dinner/Talent Show & Costume Contest** Sunday March 6
- ◆ **ELPIS Art Show** Saturday March 12
- ◆ **Memphis Greek Festival** Friday and Saturday May 6-7
- ◆ Check the February Epistle, parish website and Facebook for Workshop schedule and updates.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Andrew Douglas

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 1:** Maria Moore, Bill Joyner, Pete Ruby

**Greeters:** Sarkis & Jenny Kish

**Coffee Hour** hosted by families of Romulus Stoian, Dana Damsa and Maria Trif.

## *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

### **Sunday, February 7**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by families of Romulus Stoian, Dana Damsa & Maria Trif
- ◆ **Oratorical Practice** - See Announcements for details
- ◆ **REAL (formerly YAL) Super Bowl Party** at Alexis Moore's home 4:30 pm
- ◆ **GOYA "Souper Bowl" Party** 5:00 pm in the GOYA Room

### **Monday, February 8**

- ◆ **Greek School 12: 00 Noon**
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm**

### **Tuesday, February 9**

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

### **Wednesday, February 10 Saint Haralambos**

- ◆ **Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School 2:00 pm**

### **Friday, February 12**

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

### **Saturday, February 13**

- ◆ **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 9:00 am**
- ◆ **DOP Monthly Meeting & Set up for Sunday's AGAPE Godparent Luncheon 10:00 am**

### **Sunday, February 14**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon 12:00 Noon**