

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016
17th 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 spoke to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Auxentios of the Mountain in the First Tone

You did prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Auxentius, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer you did obtain heavenly gifts, and you heal the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to you with faith. Glory to Him that has given you strength. Glory to Him that has crowned you. Glory to Him that works healings for all through 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 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 you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

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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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 14th day of the month of February, we commemorate Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Teacher of the Slavs, Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain and Nicholas the New Martyr of Corinth.

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

EPISTLE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18; 7:1

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Tone. Psalm 75.11,1.

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 15

- ◆ Office will be closed in honor of Presidents Day
- ◆ Greek School 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- ◆ Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 16

- ◆ Greek School 4:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17

- ◆ Greek School 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 18

- ◆ Young at Heart Valentine's Party with Mike Miller 11:30 am
- ◆ Girl Scouts 3:30 pm

Friday, February 19

- ◆ Greek School 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 21 Scout Sunday

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ Coffee Hour - Open
- ◆ GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon
- ◆ More Than a Meal 3:00 pm

GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 15:21-28

At that time Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ We offer condolences to the Argol family on the passing of Mrs. Emma Argol on Wednesday, February 10th.
- ◆ AGAPE Godparent Luncheon Today after Divine Liturgy
- ◆ Young at Heart Valentine Party with Mike Miller Thursday, February 18

◆ **Scout Sunday, February 21**
Scouting has been recognized as an official youth program of the Orthodox Church since 1952 when the Standing Conference of Canonical Bishops (SCOBA) approved it and created the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting (EOCS). Scout Sunday gives Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts the opportunity to attend church and be recognized as a scout. Any member with a Boy Scout or

Girl Scout wishing to participate in our Scout Sunday service which will be held February 21 should contact the church.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are now coming available on the Parish website at 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: Cathe Skefos

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Najji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras, Peter Melonas

Greeters: Andrew & Tina Douglas

AGAPE Godparent Luncheon hosted by Daughters of Penelope