

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee:
Triodion Begins Today

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Tone

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

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."

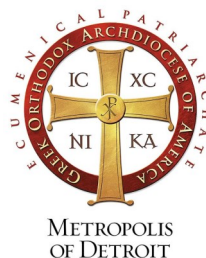
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

FASTING THIS WEEK

This 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 21st day of the month of February, we commemorate the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion begins today, John III, Patriarch of Constantinople, Eusthatius, Bishop of Antioch and Zachariah, patriarch of Jerusalem.

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

EPISTLE READING - 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Ico'nium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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 - GOYA & JOY Pizza Hour Fundraiser for Annunciation Community Garden**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **More Than a Meal 3:00 pm**

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

Wednesday, February 24

- ◆ **Greek School 2:00 pm**

Thursday, February 25

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Koulourakia 9:00 am**

Friday, February 26

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Koulourakia 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

Saturday February 27

- ◆ **JOY Service Project - Donut Making Event in the Kitchen 10:00 am**

Sunday February 28

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour hosted by the Gikas Family**

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The JOY and GOYA Families will be co-hosting a Fundraiser for our Annunciation Community Garden this Sunday. This is a new project that Madeleine Donnelly has offered to jump start here on our campus. Her vision is to have the whole parish involved. She needs some "Seed" money to get this garden growing. After church this Sunday, February 21st in the Parish Hall join us for a Pizza and Bake Sale Fundraiser sponsored by the JOY and GOYA Families.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are now available on the Parish website at goann.net. The Scholarship page is

updated on a regular basis as we find more information for available scholarships. Please CHECK REGULARLY, so students do not miss out on opportunities.

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: Lee Couloubaritsis

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian, Ed Morrison, Ted Poplos

Greeters: Pete & Jan Futris along with our Scouts

Coffee Hour - GOYA & JOY Pizza Hour Fundraiser for Annunciation Community Garden