

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Tone

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You have despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, 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."

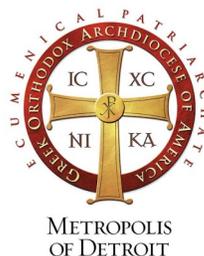
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Tone

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe a strict fast on Wednesday and Friday. 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 28th day of the month of February, we commemorate the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Kyranna of Thessaloniki and Basil the Confessor.

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

EPISTLE READING - 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Father Nicholas Pathenos will be here to celebrate the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, March 6th.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

Koulourakia 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday-Tuesday, March 14 & 15

Sweet Bread 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday-Saturday, April 1 & 2:

Spanakopita 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday - Saturday, April 8 & 9 and
April 15 & 16

Kourambiethes 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday-Tuesday, April 18 & 19

Pre-Pack Days 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday, May 2 - Set Up
Tuesday -Wednesday, May 3 & 4 -
Packing

Meat Skewering - 8:00 am
Wednesday, May 4

Chicken Prep - 4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 4

Galaktoboureko 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday May 5

Salad Prep 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday May 5

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are now available on the Parish website at go-ann.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.

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Mitch Obradovic

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 4: Vasili Semos & Harry Sinis

Greeters: Angela Buchanan & Theo Vergos

Coffee Hour hosted by the Gikas Family

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday February 28 Sunday of the Prodigal Sun

- ◆ **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

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**
- ◆ **Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm**

Wednesday, March 2

- ◆ **Greek School 2:00 pm**

Thursday, March 3

- ◆ **Girl Scouts 3:30 pm**

Friday, March 4

- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting 10:30 am**
- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

Sunday, March 6 Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following:**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Cyndi Detty
- ◆ **Apokreas Dinner & Talent Show 5:30 pm**

* Father Simon will be away from the Parish at the Clergy Retreat in Indianapolis from the afternoon of Sunday, Feb 28th through Tuesday, March 1st.