

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 2016
Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, 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 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 Plagal Second Tone

O Master, Prudence, Guide of Wisdom, Instruction to the foolish and Defender of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it discernment. Give me words, Word of the Father, for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying out to You, "O Merciful One, have mercy on me who has fallen."

FASTING THIS WEEK

Lent begins on Monday, March 14th. Today dairy is allowed. On Saturday Wine & Oil are allowed. The rest of the week we observe a strict fast.



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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 13th day of the month of March, we commemorate Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare), Poulous the Martyr, Bishop of Athens & the Removal of the relics of Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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

EPISTLE READING - ROMAS 13:11-14; 14:1-4

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, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Endy Carter
Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos
Usher Duty Team 2: Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras & Peter Melonas
Greeters: Pete & Jan Futris
Coffee Hour - Community Potluck Coffee Hour (Please bring whatever you'd like to share).

GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DIALOGUES

March 16 – Speaker: Eva Kokinos-Konstantakos, Youth Director for Metropolis of Detroit

Dinner Hosted by: Youth Families and Young Adults of Annunciation

March 23 – Speaker: Father Gregory Hohnholt, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity in Nashville

Dinner Hosted by: Men of AHEPA

March 30 – Speaker: Mother Nektaria of St. Paul Skete, Grand Junction, Tennessee

Dinner Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope

PARISH BUSINESS

March 21 - Parish Council Meeting
6:15 pm in the Library

UPCOMING FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

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

SAVE THE DATE:

♦ **Memphis Greek Festival**
Friday and Saturday May 6-7.
Check the February Epistle, parish website and Facebook for Workshop schedule and updates.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 13 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **40 Day Memorial** for Mrs. Emma Argol
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** - Community Potluck Coffee Hour (Please bring whatever you'd like to share).

Monday, March 14

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Macaroons** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith** 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

- ◆ **Greek School** 2:00 pm
- ◆ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy** 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Lenten Lecture Speaker:** Eva Kokinos Kostantakos, Youth Director for Metropolis of Detroit
- ◆ **Dinner** hosted by the Youth Families and Young Adults of Annunciation

Thursday, March 17

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** 11:30 am
- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 3: 30 pm

Friday, March 18

- ◆ **DOP Koulourakia making for Easter** 8:30 am
- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm
- ◆ **First Salutation to the Virgin Mary** 6:00 am

Saturday, March 19 Saturday of Souls

- ◆ **Orthros** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am

Sunday, March 20 Sunday of Orthodoxy

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **No Sunday School today**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12: 00 pm
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Elpis, DOP and the Parishioners of St. John and St. Seraphim
- ◆ **More Than a Meal** 3:00 pm