

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Tone

Let us worship the Word, O you 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.

Apolytikion for Sun. of St. Mary of Egypt in the Plagal Fourth Tone

In you the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up your cross, you did follow Christ, and by your deeds you did teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passes away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

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 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

Today and Saturday wine and 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 17th day of the month of April, we commemorate the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, Symeon, the Holy Martyr and Bishop of Persia and Makarios, Bishop of Corinth.

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

EPISTLE READING - HEBREWS 9:11-14

Prokeimenon. Plagal First Tone. Psalm 11.7,1.

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY ETERNAL

We offer condolences to Maria, Vasili (Luane) and Rachel Semos at the passing of their mother and grandmother Mrs. Evangeline Semos on Saturday, April 9th.

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.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

Spanakopita

Friday April 15 & 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE:

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

PRE-FESTIVAL TICKET SALES

Tickets for our annual Festival (May 6 & 7) are now on sale!

NEW THIS YEAR - All pre-festival tickets must be paid in advance. Price is \$15 per ticket.

In order to get a faster, more accurate accounting of our festival profits this year, tickets will NOT be given out on consignment. You may purchase your tickets from Tina Douglas or Rebecca Nassif on Sundays in Cotros Hall or from Erin in the church office during the week. Purchase tickets for the amount you need. All tickets are non refundable. Remember that the Pre-Festival ticket purchases make wonderful gifts and are a great value, as they include the cost of admission as well as a salad with the dinner meal.

GOSPEL READING - MARK 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Richard Tobias

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian, Ed Morrision & Ted Poplos

Greeters: Steve & Joy Steckler

Coffee Hour Hosted by the Ruby Family in Memory of Katerina Ruby

LENTEN DIALOGUES

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Christos Christakis,

Dinner Hosted by the Sinis Family of Olympic Steak & Pizza

Holy Friday Excuse Notes

Please contact the office or Father Simon if you need an excuse note for Holy Friday.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 17 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour hosted by Ruby Family in Memory of Katerina Ruby and by the Moore Family to celebrate Kyndal Covington's Chrismation 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Monthly Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **More Than a Meal 3:00 pm**

Monday, April 18

- ◆ **Kourambiethes Workshop 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm**
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm**

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

- ◆ **Greek School 2:00 pm**
- ◆ **Ninth Hour 5:30 pm**
- ◆ **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Lenten Lecture & Dinner 7:00 pm**

Thursday, April 21

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am**

Friday, April 22

- ◆ **DOP making Tsoureki & Koulourakia 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**
- ◆ **GOYA Lenten Retreat 5:00 pm**

Saturday, April 23 - Lazarus Saturday

- ◆ **Orthros 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ◆ **Pancake Breakfast/Palm Cross Making/Church Cleaning 11:30 am**

Sunday, April 24 PALM SUNDAY

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Last Day of Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Luncheon hosted by Elpis 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm**