

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

7TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Tone

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and them 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.

Apolytikion for the Transfiguration in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as each one could endure. Shine forth You on us, who are sinners all, Your light ever-unending, through the prayers of the Theotokos. Light-bestower, 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 εὐαγγελίζειται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Tim Bullard

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

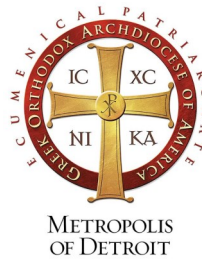
Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian, Ed Morrison, Ted Poplos

Greeters: Jenny Kish & Steve Barlow

Coffee Hour hosted by John Tashie

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe a strict fast except for today and next Saturday when wine and oil is allowed.



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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 31st day of the month of July, we commemorate the Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Holy Righteous Martyr Dometius, Our Holy Father Nicanorus the Wonderworker, Theodocius the New, Sozon of Nicomedeia, The Holy Ten Thousand Ascetics of Thebes, Narcissus the Hieromartyr of Jerusalem and Joseph Gerontogiannis of Lithines Sitia.

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

Epistle Reading - Romans 15:1-7

Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 27.9,1.

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

VISITATION COMMITTEE

The following parishioners have requested visitation. For address &/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the office.

Alec Collis

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Pat Bacopulos Cooper - check with Marianthe Pilcher for visiting arrangements

George Limberakis - call first to see if he wants a visit

Sophie Theodore

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017

January: Nancy Tashie & Jan Futris

February: Vicki Hoover & family

March: Linda Nichols & family

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

July: OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

August: Stephanie Poplos & friend

September: Susanna Peters & Maria Apalodimas

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the visitation committee.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 7 7th Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by John Tashie
- ◆ **Sunday School Registration** in Cotros Hall during Coffee Hour

Monday, August 8

- ◆ **Paraklesis (Supplication Service) 6:00 pm**

Wednesday, August 10

- ◆ **Paraklesis (Supplication Service) 6:00 pm**

Friday, August 12

- ◆ **Paraklesis (Supplication Service) 6:00 pm**

Saturday, August 13

- ◆ **DOP Sisterhood Tea & Installation of Officers 11:30 am**

Sunday, August 14, 8th Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **First Day of Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Daughters of Penelope

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE

The Annunciation Parish is honored to sponsor a concert to benefit the **St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center in New York City**, featuring **Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame Member Chris Hillman**, along with **Herb Pedersen** and **The Agape Trio**, at the **Malco Paradiso Theatre on Sunday, September 4, 2016, at 4:00 pm.**

Tickets are limited and are on sale in the office during the week.

Section A: \$50 Section C: \$35

Section B: \$40 Section D: \$30

VIP Meet & Greet: \$10 additional

Dinner Plan: \$10 additional

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **First Day of Sunday School** will be August 14th. Registration will be held today in Cotros Hall during Coffee Hour.
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Meeting** Sunday, August 28th, immediately after Sunday School in the Library. All interested parents and dancers please meet in the Library to hear about the exciting new changes coming to the dance program, discuss the coming year, and obtain your yearly paperwork.
- ◆ **The AHEPA Men's Club** is hosting this years church outing to the Memphis Redbirds game. The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th at 6:30 PM. The cost per person is \$16.00 which includes a voucher for a free hot dog, drink & a baseball hat. We will be sitting on the 3rd base side above the Redbirds dugout. There will also be a fireworks display after the game. A table will be set up in the Cotros Hall after the liturgy on Sundays August 7 & 14 to collect for the game. Make checks payable to the church.. Deadline is Sunday, August 14. Tickets will be disbursed on Sunday, August 21.

SPECIAL NOTE PARKING LOT REPAIRS

Due to repairs, the parking lots and driveways will be closed in rotating sections between Tuesday morning August 16th and Friday, August 19th. If you need to come by the church during that time, please call before you come and we will let you know where to park.