

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016
SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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.

Apolytikion for Sun. of the 7th Ecumenical Council in the Plagal Fourth Tone

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, 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 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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Toulaiatos

Usher Duty Team 1: Maria Moore, Bill Joyner & Pete Ruby

Greeters: Steve & Joy Steckler

Ole Miss Museum Fundraiser Luncheon hosted by the Daughters of Penelope



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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 16th day of the month of October, we commemorate the Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council, Longinus the Centurion and the Two Soldiers martyred with Saint Longinus.

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

Epistle Reading - Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Daniel 3.26,27.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

VISITATION COMMITTEE

The following parishioners have requested visitation. Please contact them directly to schedule visitations. For address &/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the office.

Alec Collis

Pat Bacopulos Cooper - contact Marianthe Pilcher for visiting arrangements

George Limberakis is requesting cards only - no visitors please.

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017

August: Stephanie Poplos & friend

September: Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

January: Nancy Tashie & Jan Futris

February: Vicki Hoover & family

March: Linda Nichols & Anne Schmitt

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham & Emily Love

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

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

WELCOME

Father Micah Hirschy, a former pastoral assistant here and currently the Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity - Holy Cross Cathedral in Birmingham, Alabama, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy today in Father Simon's absence. Please welcome Father Micah back to the Annunciation in Memphis.

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe a strict fast on Wednesday and Friday.

The rest of the week we are fast free.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 16, Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Father Micah Hirschy will celebrate Liturgy in Father Simon's absence.**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope host Ole Miss Museum Fundraiser Luncheon 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall with Guest Speaker Brad Cook "Greek Inscriptions in Oxford, Mississippi - *Seeing Voices from the Past*" All proceeds to benefit the University of Mississippi Museum's Greek & Roman Antiquities Collection**
- ◆ **More Than a Meal - Serving Team 3:00 pm**

Monday October 17

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library**

Tuesday, October 18

- ◆ **OCF 6:00 pm at Ole Miss**

Wednesday, October 19

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy for Saint Gerasimos 6:00 pm**

Thursday, October 20, Feast of Saint Gerasimos

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

Friday, October 21

- ◆ **Thomas Family Open House & OktoberFest 6:00 - Midnight (7:00 Beer Tasting)**

Sunday, October 23

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Saints Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Performs at Luncheon for OXI Day**
- ◆ **DOP General Meeting 1:00 pm**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Welcome Father Micah Hirschy, Sunday, October 16th!**
Father Simon will be away on vacation October 10th-16th. On Sunday, October 16th, Father Micah Hirschy, a former pastoral assistant here at the Annunciation, and currently the Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Cathedral in Birmingham, Alabama will celebrate the Liturgy. Please welcome Father Micah back to the Annunciation in Memphis!
- ◆ **Ole Miss Museum Fund Raiser Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope, Sunday October 16 at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Fall Luncheon**, Thursday, October 20 at 11:30 am
- ◆ **Thomas Family Open House & OktoberFest**, Friday, October 21, 6:00 pm - Midnight (7:00 pm Beer Tasting)
- ◆ **Saints Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon** hosted by Elpis Philoptochos, Sunday, October 23 at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **JOY - Pumpkin Picking**, October 29 at 2:00 pm at Cedar Hill Farms in Hernando, MS.
- ◆ **Parish Assembly** Sunday, October 30th in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Community Christmas Card** - If you'd like to participate in the Community Christmas Card, your names and donation of \$25.00 are now being collected by Sophie Theodore in Cotros Hall on Sundays. Cash or Check is acceptable. Please make check to ELPIS. If you are unable to attend church, you can mail your check to Sophie Theodore at 3554 Kenwood Ave., Memphis, TN 38122. Proceeds benefit parishioners in need.