

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 2016

6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Apolytikion for James (Iakovos), the Brother of the Lord in the Fourth Tone

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

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 thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Cathe Skefos

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras & Peter Melonas

Greeters: Athena Jameson & Anastasia Terranova

Saints Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon hosted by Elpis Philoptochos



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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 23rd day of the month of October, we commemorate the Sixth Sunday of Luke, James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord and Our Righteous Father Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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

Epistle Reading - Galatians 1:11-19

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 18.4,1.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading - Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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.

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week wine and oil are allowed on Wednesday and on Friday we observe a strict fast.

The rest of the week we are fast free.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 23 6th Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **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**

Tuesday, October 25

- ◆ **OCF 6:00 pm at Ole Miss**
- ◆ **Bible Study 6:30 pm**

Wednesday, October 26, Feast of Saint Demetrios

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

Thursday, October 27

- ◆ **Girl Scouts 4:15 pm**

Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **JOY - Pumpkin Picking 2:00 pm in Hernando, MS**

Sunday, October 30, 5th Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros 8: 45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Parish Assembly 12:00 Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Saints Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon** hosted by Elpis Philoptochos, today, Sunday, October 23rd 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.
- ◆ **Greek School Adult Class** - Please see Despina if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **Elpis Bookstore Open House**, Sunday, November 13 11:30 am - 12:45 pm
- ◆ **Stewardship Luncheon** Sunday, November 6 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Soup Sunday to benefit Penelope House**, Sunday, November 13 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Community Thanksgiving Luncheon**, Sunday, November 20 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy