

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

**8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone**

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for John Chrysostom, Abp. Of Constantinople  
in the Plagal Fourth Tone**

Grace shining forth from your mouth like a beacon has illumined the universe, and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility; but while instructing us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to 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 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 Fourth Tone**

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

**Epistle Reader:** Scott McKee

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

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

**Greeters:** Angela Buchanan & Friend

**Soup Sunday** - Hosted by Daughters of Penelope to benefit Penelope House.



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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 November, we commemorate the Eighth Sunday of Luke, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, Damaskinos the new Martyr of Mount Athos and Anthousa, the Mother of John Chrysostom.

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

*Epistle Reading - Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2*

**Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 48.3,1.**

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.  
Verse: Hear this all you nations.

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

*Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 25-37*

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*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  
Edna Nichopoulos  
Zoe Nickas  
Presvytera Bess Vieron

**Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017**

**November:** Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos  
**December:** Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson  
**January:** Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo  
**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  
**August:** Stephanie Poplos & friend  
**September:** Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos  
**October:** Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

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

*FASTING THIS WEEK*

This week the Nativity Fast begins. Fish is allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Wine & Oil are allowed on Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast. Monday is fast free.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 13 Eighth Sunday of Luke, Feast of Saint John Chrysostom**

**Father Simon Away - Father Alex Mackoul from St. John will celebrate the Divine Liturgy**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Bookstore Open House 11:30 am**
- ◆ **Soup Sunday to Benefit Penelope House - hosted by the Daughters of Penelope**

**Tuesday, November 15 Nativity Fast Begins**

- ◆ **OCF at Ole Miss 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, November 17**

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

**Saturday, November 19**

- ◆ **Cooking and Set up for Thanksgiving Luncheon 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice**
  - ◆ **Juniors 10:00 am**
  - ◆ **Seniors 11:00 am**

**Sunday, November 20 Ninth Sunday of Luke**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Artoclasia requested by Debbie Vasilopoulos**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Community Thanksgiving Dinner 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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. *Last date to add your name is Sunday, November 20th.*
- ◆ **Elpis Month of Giving:**
  - ◆ **Bring \$5 Kroger Gift Cards** to help the needy on Sunday, November 20th.
  - ◆ **Bring white cotton socks, chap stick, crackers/granola bars and bottled water for Blessing Bags** for the homeless any time during November.
  - ◆ **Food Bank Collection** - bring Non-Perishable items for the Highland Heights Food Pantry any time during November.
  - ◆ **More Than a Meal** - Immediately after our delicious, annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon on Sunday, November 20th, we will be preparing and delivering a special Thanksgiving Dinner to the guests at More Than A Meal (served at Grace St. Luke's Church). Plan to help prepare the meal in the Annunciation Kitchen on Friday and/or Saturday (11/18-11/19) while the Community Luncheon is being prepared and then help serve at More Than a Meal on Sunday.
  - ◆ **Giving Thanks Wall Display** - Stop by the table in Cotros Hall to purchase and complete your "I am thankful for..." card. Cards can be purchased for \$5 each and proceeds will benefit various Philoptochos charities.
- ◆ **Elpis Bookstore Open House**, Sunday, November 13 11:30 am - 12:45 pm
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Soup Sunday to benefit Penelope House**, Sunday, November 13 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Sunday School Hand Project** - The Sunday School will be designing a banner for Penelope House along with Daughters of Penelope on Sunday, November 13, during the Soup Luncheon for Penelope House. The theme is "Our World Without Abuse & Violence" - "Hands and Words Are Not for Hurting".
- ◆ **Community Thanksgiving Luncheon**, Sunday, November 20 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
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