

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion of Relics of Ignatius the Godbearer
in the Fourth Tone**

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, you found discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, you did also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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 First Tone

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we are fast free except for Wednesday and Friday when 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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Loretta Taras

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 4: Endy Carter, Vasili Semos, Harry Sinis

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Epistle Reading - II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Prokeimenon. Grave Tone. Psalm 28.11,1.

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God,
bring to the Lord honor and glory.

BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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

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.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 29th day of the month of January, we commemorate the Sunday of the Canaanite, the Removal of the Relics of Ignatius the God-Bearer, Laurence the Recluse of the Kiev Caves, Ignatius and Nicandrus of Sinai and Gildas the Wise.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29 Sunday of the Canaanite

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by DOP
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** 12:00 Noon

Monday, January 30 Feast of the Three Hierarchs

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 31

- ◆ **Bible Study** 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 4:15 pm

Saturday, February 4

- ◆ **JOY - Making Valentine Cards for Parish Shut-Ins** 10:00 am

Sunday, February 5 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Parish Assembly** immediately following Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **JOY - Making Valentines for Parish Shut-ins**, Saturday, February 4, 10 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, February 5th in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Parish Oratorical Festival** - Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 am
Judges should arrive to meet with Paul Vieron at 9:00 am
Registration for orators begins at 9:30 am
Competition begins at 10:00
Lunch will follow in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope
Sunday, February 12 immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Apokreas Dinner, Talent Show & Costume Contest**, Sunday, February 19, 5:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Memphis Greek Festival Workshops** are beginning at the end of February. Watch the Epistle, weekly bulletins and social media for times and dates.
- ◆ **In order to schedule a House Blessing** - please contact Father Simon to make an appointment.

LITURGICAL DONATIONS

Father Simon is often approached by parishioners wanting to donate Liturgical items. If you would like to donate towards these items, the typical cost of each item is as follows:

Wine - \$25, Oil - \$20, Incense - \$10