

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

*Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death,
and to those in the tombs He has granted life.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has wrought might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

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 Plagal Fourth Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

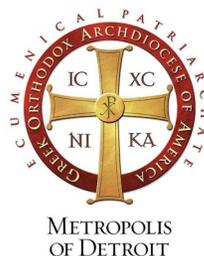
Epistle Reader: Paul Vieron

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras, Demie Bitinis

Greeters: Andrew & Tina Douglas

Lunch provided for Pre-pack Workshop Volunteers.



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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

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 7th day of the month of May, we commemorate the Sunday of the Paralytic, the Precious Cross that appeared in the sky over Jerusalem in 351 A.D., Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem, Akakios the Centurion of Byzantium, Pachomios the New Martyr of Patmos, Repose of St. Nilus, abbot of Sora.

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

Epistle Reading - Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Prokeimenon. Third Tone. Psalm 46.6,1.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Reading - John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed 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

Zoe Nickas

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements

Presvytera Bess Vieron

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

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Love & Georgia Karris

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

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & family

March: Linda Nichols & Anne Schmitt

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katharine Taras

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 7 Sunday of the Paralytic

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Last Day of Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Meeting to Elect Officers** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Pre-Pack** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Lunch for Festival Workshop Volunteers** 12:00 Noon

Monday, May 8

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Pre-pack** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 9

- ◆ **Bible Study** 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Chicken Prep** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Meat Skewering** 3:00 pm
- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Beef-Teki Making** 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 11

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Galaktoboureko** 8:00 am
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Dress Rehearsal** 5:00 pm

Friday, May 12

- ◆ **Greek Festival** 11:00 am - 8:00 pm (Please check signup genius for your time and place to work. We need many more volunteers!)
- ◆ **Church Tours** at 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Performance** 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 13

- ◆ **Greek Festival** 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
- ◆ **Church Tours** 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Performances** 12:00 Noon & 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 14

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **More Than a Meal** 3:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Announcing a NEW 2017 Church Directory!

We are taking pictures though May!

1. After church on Sundays during the month of May please see Diane Kavelaras and her Directory Team in Cotros Hall to check spelling, update address(es), add/or change listings.
2. Sign up for a time slot for your family to get their picture taken! Don't wait until the last min or we will run out of time slots.
3. We need about 15-20 families to be ready to take pictures each Sunday! If you are interested in a time slot for this Sunday please email Presvytera Stephanie Thomas: s_c_thomas@yahoo.com or call 209-640-1301.
4. If you like your family's picture, you may purchase it and the digital file will be emailed to you.

Thank you, Directory Team

◆ **GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 21st**

On **Sunday, May 21** we will be honoring our High school & College Graduates. Please send in your information along with a photo for our Graduation Program no later than Wednesday, May 10th to Erin at: annunnunciationmemphis@gmail.com and copy Kathy Zambelis at kzambelis@gmail.com.

Information should include:

- 1) Name of graduate
- 2) Parent's names
- 3) Name of school
- 4) Any notes of interest (recognitions, awards, area of study, future plans, and future school attending, etc).

A reception will be held in honor of the Graduates following the ceremony hosted by Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope. We look forward in honoring your graduate, so please send your information in on time!

- ◆ **Special Called Parish Assembly, May 21st** following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting May 22nd** 6:15 pm

ANNUNCIATION MEMBERS

Important Festival Notes

- ♦ To volunteer to help out **during** the Festival please sign up under one of the tabs at <http://bit.ly/2mbMNoA> or sign up on Sunday in Cotros Hall. We still need extra help in the count room and the dining room.
- ♦ **Highland Street Gates will be closed beginning Monday afternoon.** Side gates off Galloway should be open but please call before you come for parking questions. **Tuesday evening Bible Study Group** - Sam will be here to direct you.
- ♦ **Parking during Festival:** Please park at CHICKASAW COUNTRY CLUB or use Shuttles from: St. Michael's Church, Life Church or Poplar Plaza Shopping Center. If you are working Saturday evening - wrist bands will be required after closing. Pick up your wrist band at the Welcome Center when you arrive.
- ♦ **LAST DAY FOR FESTIVAL PRE-SALE TICKETS - SUNDAY, MAY 7TH!**
Pre sale festival tickets are on sale on Sunday in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy!
This is a wonderful opportunity to SAVE money!
The presale ticket for the Dining Hall includes:
Admission to the festival (\$3.00 value),
Dinner meal (\$15 value)
Small Greek Salad (\$3.00 value) -
Total Value is \$21.00.
(If used elsewhere, Free admission to the festival (\$3.00 value) and \$15.00 to use for food or pastries.)
PRESALE TICKET PRICE is \$15.00.
ALL PRESALE TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE!
Great gifts for teachers, co-workers, friends, neighbors and family!
Can be used in the Drive-thru!

MEMPHIS GREEK FESTIVAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Pre-Packs

Sunday May 7
12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm
Monday May 8
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Chicken Prep

Wednesday, May 10
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Beef-Teki Making

Wednesday, May 10
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Meat Skewering

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3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Galaktoboureko

Thursday, May 11
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, 2017 11:00 am - 8:00 both days

Church Tours

Friday & Saturday
1:00 pm
4:00 pm
7:00 pm

Athenian Dance Troupe Presentations

Friday: 6:00 pm
Saturday: 12:00 Noon & 6:00 pm