

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017
Third Sunday of Matthew

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, 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 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 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.

Fasting this Week

This week during the Apostles' Fast, we hold to a strict fast on Wednesday with Fish allowed on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, wine allowed on Friday and fast free on Thursday and Saturday.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 25th day of the month of June, we commemorate the Third Sunday of Matthew, the Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist, Prokopios the New Martyr, The Righteous Martyr Febronia, Dionysius & Dometios the Righteous of Mount Athos, Methodius of Nebritos and Orentios, Pharmakios, Eros, Phirmos, Phirminos, Kyriakos, and Longino the Martyrs and Brothers.

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



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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: Maria Moore

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters:

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy.

Epistle Reading - Romas 5:1-10

Prokeimenon. Second Tone. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel Reading -Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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

Zoe Nickas

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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 Katherine Taras

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

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 25, Third Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Memorial** for Dimitra Fronimos, Daughter of Kiki Apostolakos and sister of Constantina Fronimos-Baldwin.
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee** available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, June 28

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 6:00 pm

Friday, June 30, Feast of the Apostles

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

Sunday, July 2, Fourth Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **40 Day Blessing** for Gabriel Hawkins, son of Charles & Elizabeth Hawkins
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** to honor Gabriel Hawkins on the Occasion of his 40 Day Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp** is moving to a new location, Loucon Training and Retreat Center in Leitchfield, KY this summer. Camp Dates are July 23-29, 2017 and registration is now open. Using our Camp-Doc online registration system, we are accepting Camper Registrations and Staff Applications now. For this year, camper registration fees will remain the same as last year. Financial assistance will be available through the generosity of Leadership 100 and the Friends of the Metropolis. Visit the camp website at <http://www.stnicholascamp.org/> for more details.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers** - At the present time, there are two openings for a co-teacher for grades 3-4 and 5-6. Please contact Anna Paris at 359-1918 if you are interested in serving our youth.

SAVE THE DATE

An Evening Celebrating the Theotokos - Saturday, August 19

We will be hosting an elegant, catered, seated dinner honoring our Mothers, Yiayias, Nounas, Sisters and Friends. The event will raise money to benefit the National Philoptochos Cancer Fund and Other Major Illness Fund. Donors may designate an individual to honor and/or in their memory. Donors will be recognized on the evening of August 19. Tickets will be \$75 per person. You won't want to miss this wonderful event. More information coming soon!