

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Matthew

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.

Apolytikion for Robe of the Theotokos in the Plagal Fourth Tone

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, you have bestowed upon your people a mighty investure, even your immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by your seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in you nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore you to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to 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

O godly shelter that does cover all mankind, the sacred robe that covered your sacred body have you bestowed on all the faithful graciously, O pure Virgin, as a robe of divine incorruption. As we celebrate with love its august deposition, we cry to you with fear, O graced of God: Rejoice, O modest one, boast of the Christian race.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 2nd day of the month of July, we commemorate the Fourth Sunday of Matthew, Juvenal the Protomartyr of America & Alaska, the Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae, Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, John Maximovitch, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco, and the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of the Orphan. 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: Richard Tobias

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by Hawkins Family on the occasion of Gabriel's 40 Day Blessing

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 9:1-7

Prokeimenon. Third Tone. Luke 1: 46-48.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Fasting this Week

This week we observe a strict fast on Wednesday and Friday.

The rest of the week we are fast free.

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

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

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day

- ◆ **Parish will be closed**

Sunday, July 9, Fifth Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee** available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

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. **LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION JULY 5TH!**
- ◆ **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.