



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, September
3, 2017**

Thirteenth Sunday of
Matthew

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Maria Moore

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. We are blessed that you have come to our worship service, and hope that you will be both enlightened and inspired. Every Sunday we celebrate 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 attending an Orthodox Church for the first time, our service may be foreign and perplexing to you. We assure you that everything we do is firmly rooted in the Scriptures. Please feel free to participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper – to be, among other things, the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Faith. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practices of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the end of the service.

First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

Psalm 102:2

Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:17

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Psalm 145:1-2

Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 145:5

Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Psalm 145:10

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Third Antiphon

Apolytikion of the Sunday

Verse 1: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Psalm 117:24

Verse 2: Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 68:34

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Fourth Mode

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.

Hymn of Hieromartyr Anthimus

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

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 Anthimus. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Hymn for Righteous Thoectistus & Euthymius

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

With the streams of your tears, you did cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by your sighings from the depths, you did bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and you became a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Theoktistos our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Hymn of the Annunciation

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· Χαίρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017

St. Anthimos of Nicomedia
Sts. Theoctistus and Euthimius

Monday, Sept. 4, 2017

St. Babylas the Hiermartyr
St. Moses the Prophet & Godseer

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017

Sts. Zacharias & Elizabeth
Sts. Urban, Theodore, & Medimnos

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017

The Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colasai

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017

St. Sozon the Martyr

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017

Nativity of Theotokos
St. Sophronios, Bishop of Iberia

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017

Sts. Joachim & Anna
St. Severianos of Sebaste

Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.
Psalm 103.24,1**

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Monday, Sept. 4, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017

Fast Day (Wine & oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.)

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017

Fast Day (Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from Meat, dairy and eggs.)

Saturday., Sept. 9, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Visitation Committee

September: Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

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 Capadalis Love, Georgia Karris

June: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

August: Stephanie Poplos & Friend

The following members of our parish family have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.

Alec Collis
Kosta Taras

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.

Announcements

- ◆ **NEW!! Weekly Library Hours**, every Tuesday 10:00 am—2:00 pm.
Don't forget that we now have regular library hours! Billy & Carri Benson are our new librarians. Every Tuesday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the library is open for your use. Come bring your lunch or stop by for coffee and read, study or write. Children are welcome. Books available for all ages.
- ◆ **Greek School Registration**, Sunday, September 3, in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy. Children, ages & older, and adults are welcome. Classes to fit all levels.
- ◆ **REAL Kick-Off Dinner**, Saturday, September 9th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ted & Stephanie Storgion Poplos
All young adults 18-35, *Married and Unmarried*, are invited to a casual dinner get together at the home of Dr. Stephanie Storgion (Poplos). There will be beer and wine and a delicious dinner served up by Dr. Stephanie and me! I hope you all can make it! For more information, please contact Alexis Moore at alexismoore419@gmail.com.
- ◆ **2017 Annunciation Auxiliary Fair**, Sunday, September 10th immediately following Divine Liturgy.
Come Learn about all of the great organizations of Annunciation! Where is God Calling YOU to be involved? Fun at the Fair with Food Trucks, Selfie Booths, Face Painting, Carnival Games with Prizes, Crafts, and MOST IMPORTANTLY—Representatives of all of our Organizations will be there to offer information, answer questions, and help you find just the RIGHT SPOT FOR YOU!
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Fall Fashion Show Luncheon**, Saturday, September 16th, 11:30 am in Cotros Hall.
Tickets—\$30.00 will be available in Cotros Hall on Sundays. Tickets will be \$35.00 at the door. Tables of 8 can be reserved with pre-event day ticket purchase. Funds raised will benefit the DOP Scholarship Fund and various other charitable organizations. For more information, please see the flier on the parish website, on the bulletin board, on Facebook and in Father Simon's weekly email.
- ◆ **AHEPA Family Day Community Picnic**, Sunday, September 17th, 4:00 pm at Houston High School Park. The Softball game will begin at 4:00 pm. Afterward, the Vergos family is donating the delicious Rendezvous Barbeque, and Watermelon will be provided. It's all Free!
- ◆ **GOYA Outing**, Saturday, September 23rd, Tigers vs. SIU 4:00 pm Tailgate, 7:00 Kick-off— Check the September Epistle, the parish website at www.goann.net, and your Facebook page for more details.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 3rd — Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

† Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am — 12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

† International Orthodox Christian Charities HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND: We will be collecting money in the Narthex on Sunday. Please make checks to ELPIS and add IOCC Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund in the memo line.

† Greek School Registration in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

† Visitation for Presvytera Bess at Memphis Funeral Home on Poplar 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Trisagion 6:00 pm)

Monday, September 4th

† Funeral for Presvytera Bess Vieron 11:00 am

† Makaria 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

Wednesday, September 6th

† Bible Study – CANCELLED

Thursday, September 7th

† Interment in New Orleans for Presvytera Bess

Saturday, September 9th

† REAL Kick-Off Dinner—Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ted & Stephanie Storgion Poplos

Sunday, September 10th — Sunday Before Holy Cross

† Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Auxiliary Fair 12:00 Noon

*In Blessed Memory of Our Beloved
Presvytera Bess (Vasiliki) Vieron*



*Sunday, September 3rd – Visitation 5:00-7:00 pm
(Trisagion 6:00 pm)*

Memphis Funeral Home, 5599 Poplar Ave.

*Monday, September 4th – Funeral 11:00 am
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 573 N. Highland*



*She taught a generation in Memphis to
“Talk to the Clock!”*