



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, September
24, 2017**

St. Thekla the Proto-
martyr

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Naji Nassif

Diane Kavelaras

Demie Bitinis

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Scott McKee

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall immediately 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: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 117:24; Psalm 68:34

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Grave Mode

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.

Hymn for Theotokos Myrtidiotissis

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

O come, all you people, and let us in faith clap our hands * and sing sacred songs to her who is the Mother of God, * and longingly cry aloud: * "Rejoice, O protection of all those who entreat you; * rejoice, the salvation of those who honor you with longing; * rejoice, O Lady who restored * the paralyzed man to health."

Hymn for Protomartyr Thekla

Sung after the hymn above in the Third Mode

All aflame with love for your Creator, * from the teachings of the sacred preacher, * you disregarded as fleeting all things mundane. * And being bold in the face of the penalties, * you gave yourself as a beautiful gift to God. * Thekla, glorious companion of the Apostle Paul, * we pray you entreat your Bridegroom, Christ, * and ask Him to grant us His great mercy.

Hymn of the Annunciation

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."

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode

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 thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017

Strict Fast Day (Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.)

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017

Strict Fast Day (Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.)

Saturday., Sept. 30, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017

St. Thekla the Equal-to-the-Apostles
St. Silouan of Athos

Monday, Sept. 25, 2017

St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria
St. Paphnoutios & his 546 Companions

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017

Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist & Theologian

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017

St. Kallistratos & his 49 Companions
Sts. Mark, Aristarchos, & Zenon

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017

St. Chariton the Confessor
St. Alkison of Nicopolis

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017

St. Kyriakos of Palestine
St. Petronia the Martyr

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

St. Gregory, Bishop of Armenia
Sts. Mardonios & Stratonicos

Epistle: II Timothy 3:10-15

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.
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.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Visitation Committee

September: Susanna Peters & 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

Diana Mazas

Kosta Taras

Larkin Griffin

Stella Nichols

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

- ◆ **Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference** in Buffalo, NY, Wednesday—Saturday, September 27-30.
Father Simon will be attending along with Ted Poplos, Endy Carter & Demie Bitinis. Honorees will be John Kay & Marianthe Pilcher.
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon**, Sunday September 24th at Chickasaw Country Club.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Luncheon**, Saturday, September 30 at home of Phani Mitchell.
Open to ladies interested in learning about the DOP Organization.
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Informational Meeting** for Parents of Interested Dancers, Sunday, October 1st, 12:00 Noon in the Library
- ◆ **GOYA Outing, Sunday, October 1st**
GOYA will attend the National Civil Rights Museum and reflect on how we can learn from history and avoid the sins of the past.
We will meet in the GOYA room immediately after Sunday School, eat lunch, then leave for the museum. We will caravan to the museum, located 450 Mulbury Street. GOYA will pay for the youth's admission to the museum. Families are welcome to attend.
If you are able to carpool, please contact Andrew and Tina Douglas
- ◆ **Bible Study**, Wednesday, October 4th 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting**, Sunday, October 8th, in the Library
- ◆ **Office will be closed for Columbus Day, October 9th.**
- ◆ **Elpis Board Meeting**, Tuesday, October 10th, 6:30 pm in the Library
- ◆ **JOY Event**, Saturday, October 14th, 1:00 pm at Cedar Hill Pumpkin Patch in Hernando, MS. Watch for more details.
- ◆ **DOP General Meeting and Hall Set up**, Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 am in Cotros Hall & Kitchen
- ◆ **DOP Community Breakfast**, Sunday, October 15th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Cooking & Serving Teams**, Sunday, October 15th, 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 24th, First Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Elpis Membership Luncheon 12:00 pm at Chickasaw Country Club

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- † Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference
- † Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Tea 11:30 am at home of Phani Mitchell

Sunday, October 1st, Second Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Elpis collecting for Social Services Fund in Narthex after Divine Liturgy
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by ELPIS Philoptochos
- † GOYA Outing to National Civil Rights Museum. Meet in GOYA Room at 12:00 Noon for lunch then caravan to museum.
- † Athenian Dance Troupe Informational Meeting for Parents 12:00 Noon in Library