



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, Nov 12,
2017**

Eighth Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Maria Moore

Pete Ruby

Bill Joyner

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Maria Moore

Coffee Fellowship

Soup Sunday hosted
by the Daughters of
Penelope

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 Sixth Mode

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You have despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to You.

Hymn for St. John the Merciful

Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode

In your patience you have won your reward, O righteous Father. You did persevere unceasingly in prayer; you did love the poor, and did provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

Hymn of the Annunciation

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

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

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Sunday, Nov 12, 2017

St. John the Merciful of
Alexandria
St. Nilus the Ascetic of
Sinai

Epistle: II Corinthians 9:6-11

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.
Psalm 115.15,12**

Monday, Nov 13, 2017

St. John Chrysostom
St. Damaskinos of
Mount Athos

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his
saints.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all that he
has given me?

Tuesday, Nov 14, 2017

St. Philip the Apostle
St. Gregory Palamas of
Thessaloniki

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the
Corinthians 9:6-11

**Wednesday, Nov 15,
2017**

St. Gurias & The Con-
fessors of Edessa
St. Thomas, Archbishop
of Constantinople

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Thursday, Nov 16, 2017

St. Gregory the Wonderworker
St. Gennadios I, Patriarch of Constantinople

Saturday, Nov 18, 2017

St. Plato of Ancyra
St. Romanus the Martyr

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Nativity Fast Begins

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

Thursday, Nov 16, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Friday, Nov 17, 2017

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

Saturday, Nov 18, 2017

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

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Visitation Committee

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

March: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

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

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

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
Larkin Griffin

Sarantos Hat-
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Diana Mazas
Stella Nichols

Zoe Nickas
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

- ◆ **Community Christmas Card.** From now to November 24th, for only \$25, you can add your name to the Elpis Philpotochoc Community Christmas Card. all proceeds go to our Social Services fund. Please see Sophie Theodore in Cotros Hall on Sundays.
- ◆ **DOP Soup Sunday, Supporting the Penelope House for Abused Women & Children,** Sunday, November 12th, 12:00 Noon, Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Council Seminar,** Monday, November 13th, 6:30 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon,** Thursday, November 16th, 11:30 am, Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Elpis Cooking & Set-up for Thanksgiving Luncheon,** Friday & Saturday, November 17th & 18th, 9:00 am in Kitchen & Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Community Thanksgiving Luncheon,** Sunday, November 19th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Council Elections,** Sunday, November 19th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **GOYA Outing to Elmwood Cemetery,** Sunday, November 19th 1:00 pm
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Serving Team,** Sunday, November 19th 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting,** Monday, November 20th, 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Parish Office will be closed** from Noon on Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **DOP baking for the Christmas Bake Sale,** Friday & Saturday, December 1st & 2nd, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast** hosted by AHEPA to raise money for the St. Nicholas Shrine, Sunday, December 3rd immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope/Elpis Christmas Party,** Saturday, December 9th 11:30 am—2:30 pm at the Ridgeway Country Club. Please contact Phani Mitchell to RSVP at 901-854-4359 or cyprus0674@hotmail.com. For more details check the parish website, the Organization Facebook Pages, or your email.
- ◆ **AHEPA Christmas Party,** Saturday, **December 16th,** 3:00 pm at home of John & Nancy Kay. Spouses are invited. Please RSVP to John at 901-305-9831 or 901-835-5846.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party,** December 31st in Cotros Hall. 6:30 pm Cocktails & Appetizers/8:00 pm Dinner/9:30 pm Vasilopita Cutting. RSVP on Sundays in Cotros Hall or in the office during the week. Reservation Forms can be found in the Epistle -online and in print, on our Facebook page, on the website at www.goann.net or in the office. This year we are adding some extra FUN to our party! Our theme is a "MASQUERADE BALL" - so please bring a FUN mask and get dressed up to ring in the New Year 2018.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 12th Eighth Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † DOP Soup Sunday 12:00 Noon
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis in recognition of their Patrons, Sts. Cosmas & Damian 12:00 Noon
- † DOP Luncheon in Library with Mother Nektaria 12:00 Noon
- † JOY—Care Package Building

Monday, November 13th Feast of Saint John Chrysostom

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Parish Council Seminar 6:30 pm in the Library

Wednesday, November 15th Nativity Fast Begins

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 16th

- † Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon

Friday, November 17th

- † Elpis Cooking for Community Thanksgiving Luncheon

Saturday, November 18th

- † Elpis Cooking & Hall Set-up for Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 19th Ninth Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † 40 Day Blessing for Pres. Stephanie Thomas and her son Christos
- † Community Thanksgiving Luncheon 12:00 Noon
- † Parish Council Elections 12:00 Noon
- † GOYA Outing to Elmwood Cemetery 1:00 pm
- † More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm