



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, Nov 26,
2017**

Thirteenth Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas
John Kay

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Scott McKee

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall after 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 Eighth Mode

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to You.

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 Third Mode

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

Sunday, Nov 26, 2017

St. Alypius of Adrianopolis,
St. Nikon Metanoete
St. Stylianos of Paphlagonia

Monday, Nov 27, 2017

St., James of Persia
Sts. Nathaniel & Pinouphrios

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2017

St. Stephen the New
St. Irenarchos & the
Martyrs at Sebaste

Wednesday, Nov 29, 2017

St. Paramonus & the 370
Martyrs
St. Nicholas, Archbishop
of Thessolonic

Thursday, Nov 30, 2017

St. Andrew, the First-
Called Apostle
St. Froumentios, Arch-
bishop of Abyssian

Friday, Dec 1, 2017

Nahum, the Prophet
St. Philaret, the Merciful
of Amnia

Saturday, Dec 2, 2017

Habakkuk the Prophet
St. Cyril of hileus

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.
Psalm 75.11,1**

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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

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

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Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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-
zigeorgiou

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

- ◆ **Library Hours**, Every Tuesday from 10:00 am—2:00 pm unless there is a service that morning and it will be open at 11:00 am.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Blessing of Pets**, Saturday, December 16th, 10:00 am in the Parking Lot
- ◆ **Dress Rehearsal for Sunday School Christmas Pageant**, Saturday, December 16th at Noon in the Nave
- ◆ **AHEPA Christmas Party**, Saturday, **December 16th**, 3:00 pm at home of John & Nancy Kay. Spouses are invited. Please RSVP to John at 901-605-9831 or 901-835-5846.
- ◆ **Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Sunday**, December 17th, following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Christmas Bake Sale**, Sunday, December 17th, at Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **HOPE/JOY/GOYA Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm. More details to follow
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Party**, Tuesday, December 19th, 11:30 am at Chickasaw Country Club. To RSVP or for more details, please contact Sophie Theodore at 901-458-0451 or Athena Jameson at 901-853-2976 before December 14th.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Special Reception** hosted by ELPIS, Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 pm in Cotros Hall following Christmas Eve Vespers
- ◆ **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 26th Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship Open—Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 28th

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 29th

† Bible Study 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Thursday, November 30th, Feast of Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Friday, December 1st

† Daughters of Penelope—Baking for Christmas Bake Sale 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 2nd

† Daughters of Penelope—Baking for Christmas Bake Sale 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, December 3rd Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast hosted by AHEPA 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
(All Donations will go to the St. Nicholas National Shrine Fund)

† GOYA Meeting & Lunch with Y2AM followed by Prosfora Making 12:00 Noon