



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

**Sunday, Dec 3, 2017**

Fourteenth Sunday  
of Luke

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Toulitos

**Ushers**

Endy Carter  
Vasili Semos

**Greeters**

**Epistle Reader**

Maria Moore

**Coffee Fellowship**

St. Nicholas Pancake  
Breakfast hosted by  
AHEPA –Fundraiser  
for St. Nicholas Na-  
tional Shrine

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

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*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

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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

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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

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*Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the First Mode*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You did arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Lifegiver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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*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

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*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, Dec 3, 2017**

Zephaniah the Prophet  
St. John, Bishop & Hesy-  
chast

**Monday, Dec 4, 2017**

St. Barbara the Great  
Martyr  
St. John the Righteous  
of Damascus

**Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017**

St. Savas the Sanctified  
St. Diogenes the Holy  
Martyr

**Wednesday, Dec 6,  
2017**

St. Nicholas the Won-  
derworker  
St. Nicholas the New  
Martyr

**Thursday, Dec 7, 2017**

St. Ambrose, Bishop of  
Milan  
St. Athenodoros of Mes-  
opotamia

**Friday, Dec 8, 2017**

St. Patapios of Thebes

**Saturday, Dec 9, 2017**

Conception of Theoto-  
kos  
Hanna the Prophetess

## Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 1.  
Psalm 32.22,1**

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians  
5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

**Sunday, Dec 3, 2017**

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

**Monday, Dec 4, 2017**

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

**Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, Dec 6, 2017**

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

**Thursday, Dec 7, 2017**

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

**Friday, Dec 8, 2017**

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

**Saturday, Dec 9, 2017**

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

## Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

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At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

# Visitation Committee

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**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

**November:** Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

**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

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- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Sunday School Practice for Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 10th, 11:00 am in the High School Classroom on the second floor of the Education Building
- ◆ **Parish Assembly for Approval of 2018 Budget**, Sunday, December 10th, 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Elpis Board Meeting
- ◆ **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](http://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

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## **Sunday, December 3rd Fourteenth Sunday of Luke**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 1 Year Memorial for Robin Duzane 11:30 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

## **Monday, December 4th, Feast of Saint Barbara**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

## **Tuesday, December 5th**

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

† Orthros 6:00 pm

† Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Nicholas 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday, December 6th, Feast of Saint Nicholas**

† Bible Study Cancelled

## **Saturday, December 9th**

† DOP & Elpis Christmas Party, 11:30 am—2:30 pm, Ridgeway Country Club, 9800 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38139

## **Sunday, December 10th**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Chrismation for Kristin Mitchell 11:30 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School Practice for the Christmas Pageant, 11:00 am in the High School Classroom

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Mitchell family to honor Kristin on the day of her Chrismation

† Parish Assembly—Budget Approval 12:00 Noon