



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, Dec 17,
2017**

Eleventh Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Naji Nassif

Diane Kavelaras

Demie Bitinis

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Cathe Skefos

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall during the DOP Bake Sale

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

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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 Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has wrought might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

Hymn for the Forefathers of the Lord

Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode

By faith did You justify the Forefathers, when through them You did betroth Yourself aforetime to the Church from among the nations. The Saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit, even she that bore You seedlessly. By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

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, Dec 17, 2017

Daniel & the Three Holy
Youths

St. Dionysios of Zakynthos

Monday, Dec 18, 2017

St. Sebastian & his
Companions

St. Michael Synkellos
the Confessor

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2017

St. Boniface of Tarsus
St. Gergentius, Bishop
of Ethiopia

**Wednesday, Dec 20,
2017**

St. Ignatius the God-
Bearer

Thursday, Dec 21, 2017

St. Juliana & her 630
Companions

Friday, Dec 22, 2017

St. Anastasia the Great
Martyr
St. Chrysogonos the
Martyr

Saturday, Dec 23, 2017

The Ten Martyrs of
Crete

The Consecration of
the Hagia Sophia

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

**Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone.
Daniel 3.26,27.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians
3:4-11.**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Visitation Committee

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

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 then it will open at 11:00 am. The parish library has added several new books to its collection: The Explanation by Blessed Theophylact of the Holy Gospel According to St Matthew & The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to John, also by Blessed Theophylact, and In Peace Let Us Pray to the Lord: An Orthodox Interpretation of the Gifts of the Spirit by Fr Alexis Trader. Come check them out. I can be of help most any Sunday after liturgy, Wednesday nights after bible study, and Tuesdays during library hours. Come on in, I'd love to assist you in finding that next book. - Billy Benson
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ ELPIS Board Meeting/Christmas Get-Together, Tuesday, Dec 19th—time/place TBD
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Special Reception** hosted by ELPIS, Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 pm in Cotros Hall following Christmas Eve Vespers Liturgy
- ◆ **Second Day of Christmas at St. Paul Skete**, Tuesday, December 26th: Mother Nektaria invites everyone to St. Paul Skete in Grand Junction to celebrate the Second Day of Christmas, the Synaxis of the Theotokos, on Tuesday, December 26th. Fr. Philip from St. John will serve Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m., followed by a potluck meal – bring some Christmas “overabundance” (foods that don't need heating) – and the singing of Christmas carols. Please try to let Mother Nektaria know by Wednesday, December 20th if you plan to come so she can better prepare for the day (e-mail: monektaria@gmail.com or phone: [731.764.0085](tel:731.764.0085)).
- ◆ **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, December 17th Eleventh Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 1 Year Memorial for Dimitra Fronimos following Divine Liturgy

† Sunday School Christmas Pageant following Memorial Service

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Daughters of Penelope Christmas Bake Sale 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† HOPE/JOY/GOYA Christmas Caroling 2:45 pm meet in parking lot for 3:00 pm departure

† More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Church

Monday, December 18th

Parish Council Meeting & Christmas Party 6:00 pm at Jim's Place Grille

Tuesday, December 19th

Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Young at Heart Christmas Party at Chickasaw Country Club 11:30 am

Elpis Board Meeting/Christmas Get-Together 6:30 pm at the Home of Cyndi Detty

Wednesday, December 20th

Bible Study 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Saturday, December 23rd

Royal Hours 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† No Sunday School this week or next—Classes will resume on January 7th.

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† Special Coffee Hour

† Christmas Eve Vespertal Liturgy 7:00 pm

† Christmas Eve Reception 8:00 pm