



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 8, 2018

GREAT & HOLY
PASCHA

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Demie Bitinis

Diane Kavelaras

Naji Nassif

Greeters

Parish Council

Epistle Reader

David Wassef

Coffee Fellowship

AGAPE Meal

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. Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Psalm 65:1

Verse 2. Sing to His name; give glory to His praises. Psalm 65:2

Verse 3. Say to God: "How awesome are Your works". Psalm 65:3

Verse 4. Let all the earth worship You, and sing praises to You. Psalm 65:4

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. God be merciful to us and bless us. Psalm 66:1

Verse 2. May He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us. Psalm 66:1

Verse 3. That Your way may be known upon earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 66:2

Verse 4. Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples give thanks to You. Psalm 66:3

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tomb granting life.

Verse 1. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Him flee from before Him. Psalm 67:1

Verse 2. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire; Psalm 67:2

Verse 3. So let the sinners perish before God, and let the righteous rejoice; Psalm 67:2-3

Verse 4. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Psalm 117:24

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

Apolytikion for Great & Holy Pascha

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Fifth Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death has He trampled down death, and on those in the graves has He bestowed life

Hypakoe of Great and Holy Pascha

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, they heard from the Angel: Why seek you among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abides in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and has put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saves the race of men.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Sixth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

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GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

Sts. Agavos, Roupchos, Asynkritos, Phlegon, Herodion, & Hermes

St. Rufus the Obedient

Monday, April 9, 2018

St. Euppsychios the Martyr

St. Vadin the Righteous of Persia

Persia

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

St. Terence & his Companions

St. Gregory V, Patriarch of Constantinople

Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, & Irene

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

St. St. Antipas, Bishop of Pergamon

St. Pharmuthios the Anchorite

Thursday, April 12, 2018

St. Basil the Confessor of Parium

St. Anthoussa of Constantinople

Friday, April 13, 2018

St. Martin, Pope of Rome

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Sts. Aristarchos, Pudens, & Trophimos

St. Thomais of Alexandria

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.

Psalm 117.24,29

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

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Gospel: John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Visitation Committee

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: NEED VOLUNTEERS

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: 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

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

Alex Gogonelis

Sarantos Hatzigeorgiou

Maria Hetos

Stella Nichols

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

- ◆ **AGAPE MEAL**, Sunday, April 8th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall immediately following Agape Vespers
- ◆ **Becoming Truly Human**—Follow Basil as he navigates our modern cultural landscape, engaging with a group of spiritual "nones" (religious unaffiliated) in honest and open discussion on religion and spirituality, while recounting his own journey as a "none" in search of spiritual wholeness.

3 Screenings

Tuesday, April 24 7:00 pm—Malco Forest Hill Cinema Grill

Book your tickets on Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2oHabfZ>

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 pm—Malco Studio on the Square

Book your tickets on Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2CRZxaG>

Thursday, April 26 7:00 pm—Cordova Town Cinema

Book your tickets on Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2CStxD3>

- ◆ **GOYA Meeting & Y2AM**, Sunday, April 15th at 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Teams**, Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 pm at Grace-St.Luke's
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practices**
 - April 11th**, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm; **April 21st**, 9:00 am—12:00 Noon; **April 22nd**, 12:30 pm—3:00 pm; **May 5th**, 9:00 am—12:00 Noon; **May 6th**, 12:30 pm—3:00 pm (Mandatory); **May 9th**, 4:00 pm—7:00 pm (Mandatory)
- ◆ *******Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being, Postponed.** Watch for updates in next week's bulletin.
- ◆ **Stewardship Cards:** By now you should all have received your 2018 Stewardship Information packet in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and turn your Stewardship Card in to Maria Moore or mail to/drop it by the church office. Thank you!
- ◆ **2018 Scholarship Applications**, as provided, are available on the Parish website at <http://www.goann.net/education/scholarships>. Check back regularly for updates.
- ◆ **Festival Workshops:**
 - Sweet Bread** April 20th—21st, 9:00 am—4:00 pm in Kitchen/Cotros Hall; **Kourambiethes** April 25th—26th, 8:00 am—4:00 pm in Kitchen/Cotros Hall; **Pre-Packs** May 6th, 12:00 Noon—5:00 pm, May 7th 8:00 am—4:00 pm in Cotros Hall; **Point of Sale Training** May 7th—May 10th, 9:00 am—4:00 pm in the Library; **Chicken Prep** May 9th 8:00 am—1:00 pm in the Kitchen; **Meat Skewering** May 9th 3:00 pm—8:00 pm in Kitchen/Cotros Hall; **Ga-laktoboureko Assembly** May 10th 9:00 am—4:00 pm in Kitchen/Cotros Hall
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp Registration** is now open! **CAMP DATES: JULY 22-28, 2018**
AGES: For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring). **PRICE : \$375 Early Bird Registration (UNTIL MAY 15) \$425 Normal Registration (AFTER MAY 15)**
<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 8th , GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

- † Divine Liturgy 12:00 am
- † Resurrection Meal 2:00 am
- † No Sunday School
- † Agape Vespers 11:00 am
- † Agape Meal 12:00 Noon

Monday, April 9th Bright Monday

- † Office Closed
- † Fr. V's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 10th Renewal Tuesday

- † Library Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- † Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 11th Renewal Wednesday

- † Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

Sunday, April 15th, Thomas Sunday

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by Matthew & DoraThea Barre 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † GOYA Meeting & Y2AM 12:00 Noon in GOYA Room
- † More Than a Meal 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church