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**Sunday, June 24,
2018**

Nativity of the Fore-
runner, St. John the
Baptist

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Madeleine Donnelly
Bill Joyner

Epistle Reader

Patricia Grantham

Coffee Fellowship

OPEN

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 Third Mode

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

Apolytikion for Nativity of John the Forerunner

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

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 Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor You.

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St. Elizabeth, Mother of
the Forerunner

Monday, June 25, 2018

St. Prokopios the New
Martyr
St. Febronia the Righeous

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

St. David of Thessalonika
Appearance of the Icon
of our Most Holy Lady the
Theotokos of Tikhvin

**Wednesday, June 27,
2018**

St. Samson the Hospita-
ble
St. Joanna, the
Myrrhbearer

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Finding of the Relics of
Cyrus & John the Unmer-
cenaries
St. Pappias the Martyr

Friday, June 29, 2018

Sts. Peter & Paul, the Holy
Apostles

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Synaxis of the Holy Apos-
tles
St. Michael, the New
Martyr of Athens

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 63.11,1

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4
Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first be-
lieved; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast
off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us con-
duct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and
drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrel-
ing and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for dis-
putes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the
weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise
him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on
him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass
judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master
that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to
make him stand.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the
things which have been accomplished among us, just as they
were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eye-
witnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also,
having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an
orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilos, that you may
know the truth concerning the things of which you have been
informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest
named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of
the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they
were both righteous before God, walking in all the command-
ments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no
child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in
years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his
division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it
fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.
And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at
the hour of incense.

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

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Tuesday, June 26, 2018

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

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

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

Thursday, June 28, 2018

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

Friday, June 29, 2018

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

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Today is Fast Free | No fasting restrictions.

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And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zacharias after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Visitation Committee

June: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

August: Elaine Daniels & Friend

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

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Capadalis Love, & Georgia Karris

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
Maria Hetos

Stella Nichols
Kosta Taras

Maybell White

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

2018 CAMPER REGISTRATION IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED!!

Due to the wonderful response to camper registration this year, we have put camper registration on hold to ensure that we have proper lodging and staffing before we try to accommodate more campers. Once we get our WaitList system working, we will provide the camper registration link and information regarding our WaitList system.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM! WAITLIST INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS COMING SOON!

Please let me know if you have any questions!

In Christ,

Eva Konstantakos

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp Staff—URGENT NEED**

Christ is Risen!

It's that time of year again! We are in search of dedicated individuals to serve on the St. Nicholas Summer Camp staff. We have been VERY blessed to have a long history of exceptional people serve on the SNC staff. This year, we are looking to all of you to help continue that tradition! Visit www.stnicholascamp.org/staff-info for more information about staff requirements and to apply!!

Please email Eva Kostantakos at snsc@detroit.goarch.org to let me know whether or not you can help out this year. We cannot run the camp without you... literally! If you cannot make it, we ask that you please share this info with other potential candidates.

- ◆ **Stewardship Cards:** 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!

◆ **Parish Directory**

The new directory is available on Sundays and in the Church Office. This will be something we can update on a regular basis. Please pick one up and take a look at the make-up of our Parish. We are accepting a recommended donation of \$5 to help offset the costs, but this is not obligatory.

- ◆ **Father Simon will be away from June 11—July 7.**

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, June 24th, Nativity of the Forerunner, Saint John the Baptist

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Coffee Fellowship - Open

Sunday, July 1st, Fifth Sunday of Matthew

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† One Year Memorial for John Muresan

† Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by Anca Chelsoi for the One Year Memorial for her Father, John Muresan

A SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY TO TURKEY & GREECE! LED BY FATHER SIMON!

Come join Father Simon on an Incredible Spiritual Journey to Turkey & Greece for two weeks **October 1-15, 2018!**

We need a minimum of 25 people to make the trip and the initial deposit is due by June 25th, 2018.— EXTENDED TO JUNE 30TH.

Visit our website at www.goann.net to download the Pilgrimage Packet including the itinerary, pricing, registration & booking contact information.