



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 19,
2018**

Twelfth Sunday of
Matthew

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Madeleine Donnelly
Bill Joyner

Epistle Reader

Maria Moore

Coffee Fellowship

Special Dormition
Coffee Fellowship
hosted by Elpis

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 unto God, all the earth.

Psalm 65:1

Verse 2: Give thanks to Him, praise His name.

Psalm 99:4

Verse 3: In the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God.

Psalm 47:7

Verse 4: His place has been in peace, and his dwelling in Zion.

Psalm 75:2

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: The Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

Psalm 86:2

Verse 2: Glorious things have been spoken of you, O city of God.

Psalm 86:3

Verse 3: God has founded it forever.

Psalm 47:8

Verse 4: The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle.

Psalm 45:4

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

Third Antiphon

In giving birth, O Theotokos, you have retained your virginity, and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world. You are the Mother of life and have passed over into life, and by your prayers you have delivered our souls from death.

Verse 1: My heart, O God, is ready, my heart is ready.

Psalm 56:8

Verse 2: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has rendered to me?

Psalm 115:3

Verse 3: I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 115:4

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 Dormition

Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode

In giving birth, you did preserve your virginity; in your dormition, you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, since you are the Mother of Life; and by your intercessions do you redeem our souls from death.

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

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

Sunday, August 19, 2018

St. Andrew & his 2,593

Soldiers

Sts. Timothy, Agapius &

Thecla

Monday, August 20, 2018

Samuel the Prophet

St. Lukios the Counselor

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

St. Thaddeus of the 70

St Bassa & her sons

**Wednesday, August 22,
2018**

St. Agathonikos & his
Companions

St. Anthusa, the Martyr

**Thursday, August 23,
2018**

St. Ireneaus, Bishop of Lyons

Friday, August 24, 2018

St. Eutyches the Hieromartyr

St. Kosmas of Aetolia

Saturday, August 25, 2018

The Return of the body of
Bartholomew

St. Titus of the 70

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Prokeimenon. Third Tone. Psalm 46.6,1.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11.

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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Gospel: Matthew 19-16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, 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." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Visitation Committee

August: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

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

June: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

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

Georgia Smith
Jimmy Smith

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 Summer Hours**

The library is open all summer long 10:00 am—2:00 pm every Tuesday. Please take some time during a lunch break to stop by for a quiet place to read or contemplate. We also have a great Children's Section.

◆ **Looking for Books.**

If you have previously checked out a book from the library and have finished it, we encourage you to bring it back in and check out another gem to read. You can drop the book off during the week at the office, Tuesday's during library hours, and even after service, just give them to Billy Benson.

◆ **St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund Presentation Coffee Fellowship & Presentation after the Liturgy, Sunday, August 26 in Cotros Hall.**

Annunciation invites you to attend a presentation by Peter & Sharon Georges representing the St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund. Come & learn about this exciting Orthodox ministry to AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in the slums of Kampala, Uganda. Pete & Sharon will share their experiences from more than sixteen years serving in Uganda and provide a colorful and inspiring update on the current work of the Children's Fund.

◆ **Parish Auxiliary Fair, Sunday, September 9th**

Please watch for details.

◆ **St. Photios Greek Orthodox Shrine Annual Essay Contest**

The St. Photios Foundation, Inc. invites all 13-19 year olds to submit a 1,000 word essay to the St. Photios Essay Committee for the Annual Essay Contest. Prizes are awarded to the top three essays: 1st Place: \$500/2nd Place \$250/3rd Place \$100. For more information, please visit the website at <http://stphotios.org/assets/files/2018-19%20Essay%20Contest.pdf>.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 19th, Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Dormition Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† GOYA Parent & GOYAN Informational Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

Monday, August 20th

† Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library

Wednesday, August 22nd

† Bible Study, 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Sunday, August 26th, Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† DOP Coffee Fellowship for St. Phanourios hosted by DOP 12:00 pm in Cotros Hall

† St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund Presentation 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

Wednesday, August 29th, Beheading of St. John the Baptist

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Bible Study, 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall