



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Second Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

Epistle Reader

Kathy Zambelis

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by Parish
Friends

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 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 for Gregory the Illuminator

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, you found discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, you did also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Gregory. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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 ἢ 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.

**Sunday, September 30,
2018**

St. Gregory, Bishop of Armenia
Sts. Mardonios & Stratonicos

Monday, October 1, 2018

Holy Protection of Theotokos
St. Ananias, Apostle of the 70
St. Romanos the Melodist

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Sts. Cyprian & Justina
Sts. Eleutherios & Roustikos

**Wednesday, October 3,
2018**

St. Dionysios, the Areopagite
St. John the Chozebite

**Thursday, October 4,
2018**

St. Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens
St. Domnina & her daughters

Friday, October 5, 2018

St. Charitina the Martyr
St. Methodia of Kimolos

Saturday, October 6, 2018

St. Thomas the Apostle
St. Eroteis of Cappadocia

Epistle: II Corinthians 9:6-11

**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 Second Letter to the
Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Visitation Committee

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

August: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

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

Georgia Smith
Jimmy Smith
Kosta Taras

Sophie Theodore

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

- ◆ **Father Simon's Weekly Bible Study**
We meet **every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall**. You are welcome to bring meatless pot-luck to share with the group.
- ◆ **GOYA Bowling Event—Sunday, September 30th at 12:30 pm-3:00 pm**
7219 Appling Farms Pkwy Memphis, TN 38133
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Luncheon, Sunday, September 30th at 1:00 pm** at the home of President Phani Mitchell.
All ladies of our Community, ages 18 and over, are invited. Please feel free to bring a friend. For more information, please contact Anastasia Terranova at 901-361-4382.
- ◆ **Greek School Registration is Open.**
See Despina in Cotros Hall on Sundays after Divine Liturgy.
- ◆ **Weekly Choir Rehearsals**
Weekly Choir Rehearsals are held **each Thursday evening from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm** unless there is a service scheduled. The only exception will be Thanksgiving Week. All are invited to attend and we welcome all current, returning, and new voices!
- ◆ **Please welcome William Kallas, a Pastoral Assistant Candidate. He is joining us this weekend.**

Stewardship Update

"STEWARDS OF OUR FAITH:

All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ" (Mark 9:23)

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has embraced the above theme for the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. We all face hurdles and challenges in our lives. Sickness, anger, depression, financial struggles, divorce and the ultimate challenge, the death of a loved one. Through those struggles however, our faith in our Lord and Savior and His Church helps us deal with our struggles and grow because of it. Our part of the effort however is FAITH.

We are Stewards of the faith within us...Our faith must be cared for, nurtured, encouraged. Spend time in prayer, participate in the Divine Liturgy and embrace our fellow Orthodox Christians in love. Be a good Steward of your Faith, it will prove valuable while living in a broken world.

As with any family, unexpected expenses occur during the year that stretch our finances. This year we had to replace an air conditioning unit that failed. Additionally, our maintenance on a 60+ year old building and security system has been higher than expected. Several of our stewards elect to pay their stewardship obligation with one check, once a year (typically at the end of the year). We deeply appreciate your stewardship and ask, due to our unexpected maintenance expenses, that you consider fulfilling your stewardship commitment sooner if possible.

It is much appreciated by The Annunciation Parish. It's God's home...It's our home.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 30, Second Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by Parish Friends

† GOYA Bowling Event 12:30 pm

† DOP Sisterhood Luncheon & Installation of Officers 1:00 pm at Home of Phani Mitchell)

Tuesday, October 2nd

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

† Elpis General Meeting 6:00 pm at home of Emily Love

Wednesday, October 3rd

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 4th

† Choir Practice 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Sunday, October 7th, Third Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 40 Day Memorial for Chris Demopoulos

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Thomas Family for Elpinike & Christos to celebrate their birthdays

† DOP Board Meeting 12:00 Noon in Library

Monday, October 8th, Columbus Day

† Parish Offices Closed