



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, Decem- ber 30th, 2018

Sunday After Na-
tivity

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliaotos

Ushers

Endy Carter,
Ted Poplos
Vasili Semos

Epistle Reader

Endy Carter

Sermon

Rev. Father Simon
Thomas

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee will be
available in Cotros
Hall

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: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, always telling of Your wonders.

Psalm 9:1

Verse 2: In the company of the upright, and in the congregation.

Psalm 110:1-2

Verse 3: The works of the Lord are great, adapted to all His purposes.

Psalm 110:2

Verse 4: Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever and ever.

Psalm 110:3

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

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who were born of the Virgin. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Blessed is he who fears the Lord; he will delight greatly in His commandments.

Psalm 111:1

Verse 2: His seed shall be might in the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psalm 111:2

Verse 3: Glory and riches shall be in His house, and His righteousness endures forever and ever.

Psalm 111:3

Verse 4: To the upright light has sprung up in darkness.

Psalm 111:4

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

Your birth, O Christ our God, brought to the world the light of Knowledge. For through it those who had adored the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as the Dawn from Heaven. O Lord, glory to You.

Verse 1: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit on My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool.

Psalm 109:1

Verse 2: The Lord shall send out a rod of power for you out of Zion: rule in the midst of your enemies.

Psalm 109:2

Verse 3: With You is dominion in the day of Your power, in the splendour of You saints.

Psalm 109:3

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Fifth Mode

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You have despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to You.

Hymn for the Nativity

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars were instructed by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Dayspring from on high. O Lord, glory be to You.

Hymn for the Sunday After Nativity

Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode

O Joseph, proclaim the wonders to David, the ancestor of God. You have seen a Virgin great with child; you have given glory with the shepherds; you have worshipped with the Magi; and you have been instructed through an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Hymn of the Annunciation

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

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· Χάριε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin bears the Transcendent in essence; * to the Unapproachable, * the earth does offer a small cave; * Angels join in choir with shepherds * in giving glory; * with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; * for our sakes is born a young Child, * He that existed * before the ages as God.

**Sunday, December 30,
2018**

St. Anysia of Thessaloniki
St. Gideon of Mount Ath-
os

**Monday, December 31,
2018**

Apodosis of the Nativity
St. Melania, Nun of Rome

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Circumcision of Christ
St. Basil the Great

**Wednesday, January 2,
2019**

St. Sylvester, Pope of
Rome

**Thursday, January 3,
2019**

The Prophet Malachi
St. Gordios, Martyr of
Caesarea

Friday, January 4, 2019

Synaxis of the 70 Apostles
St. Theoctistos the Right-
eous

**Saturday, January 5,
2019**

Eve of Theophany
Sts. Theopemptos & The-
onas

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 67.35,26

God is wonderful among his saints.
Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Fast Free | No fasting restrictions.

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Visitation Committee

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

March: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

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: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

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

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.

Announcements

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party**, Monday, December 31st, 7:00 pm **after Divine Liturgy**. Space is limited to 150 people so make your Reservations soon. Payment will be required when Reservation is made. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Please see Kathy Zambelis in Cotros Hall on Sundays or call Erin in the Parish Office during the week.
- ◆ **The Parish Offices will be closed** on Tuesday, January 1st, to celebrate the New Year.
- ◆ **Feast of the Epiphany Weekend services:**
 - Friday, January 4th:*
Royal Hours 9:00 am,
 - Saturday, January 5th:*
Orthros 9:00 am, **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am, **Blessing of the Waters** 11:00 am, at Annunciation, followed by the **Blessing of the Mississippi River** 12:30 pm at the boat launch of the Greenbelt Park at Harbortown. Barbeque lunch & fellowship will be held at St. John Orthodox Church afterwards.
- ◆ **Vasilopita Sunday and Special Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis**, Sunday, January 6th, 2019
- ◆ **Swearing in of the 2019 Parish Council**, Sunday, January 13, 2019 after Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, January 17th, 2019 11:30 am in Cotros Hall. We will be playing Bingo after the luncheon.
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, January 21st. 2019 at 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Elpis Ladies' Night Out, Sunday**, January 27th, 2019 4:00 pm at Poplos Home

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 30th, Sunday After Nativity

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † NO Sunday School
- † Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall

Monday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

- † Orthros 5:00 pm
- † Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm
- † New Year's Eve Party & Marquerade Ball 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st, Circumcision of Christ, Feast of Saint Basil the Great New Year's Day

- † **Parish Offices Closed**

Thursday, January 3rd

- † Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, January 4th

- † Royal Hours 9:00 am

Saturday, January 5th

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Blessing of the Waters 11:00 am
- † Blessing of the Mississippi River 12:00 Noon
- † Lunch with St. John Orthodox Church 1:00 pm

Sunday, January 6th, HOLY EPIPHANY

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † DOP Board Meeting 12:00 Noon in the Library
- † Vasilopita Sunday Special Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis 12:00 in Cotros Hall