



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January
13, 2019**

Sunday After Theophany

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Demie Bitinis

Diane Kavelaras

Naji Nassif

Epistle Reader

Kathy Zambelis

Sermon

Rev. Father Simon

Thomas

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by DOP

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

By the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Verse 1. When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a strange people;

Psalm 113:1

Verse 2. Judah became his sanctuary.

Psalm 113:2

Verse 3. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

Psalm 113:3

Verse 4. What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

Psalm 113:5

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

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who were baptized in the river Jordan by John. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Psalm 114:1

Verse 2. For He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Psalm 114:2

Verse 3. The pangs of death encompassed me; the perils of Hades have found me.

Psalm 114:3

Verse 4. The Lord is merciful and righteous; our God is merciful. Psalm 114:5

Third Antiphon

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the word as sure and steadfast. O Christ our God, You have appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to You.

Verse 1. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:1

Verse 2. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:2

Verse 3. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:3

Verse 4. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:4

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Eighth Mode

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Epiphany

Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and has enlightened the world, glory be to You.

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 Fourth Mode

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Sts. Hermyllos & Stratoni-
kos, the Holy Martyrs
St. Maximos the Right-
eous

**Monday, January 14,
2019**

Apodosis of Theophany
The Holy Fathers slain at
Sinai & Taitho

**Tuesday, January 15,
2019**

St. Paul of Thebes
St. John the Hut Dweller

**Wednesday, January 16,
2019**

Veneration of the
Chaine of the Apostle
Peter
St. Makarios Kalogeras of
Patmos

**Thursday, January 17,
2019**

**St. Anthony the Great
St. Anthony of Beroea**

Friday, January 18, 2019

Sts. Athanasios & Cyril,
Patriarchs of Alexandria
St. Xenia the Martyr

**Saturday, January 19,
2019**

St. Makarios the Great of
Egypt
St. Mark of Ephesus

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

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 Letter
to the Ephesians 4:7-13**

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Sunday, January 13, 2019 **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17**

Fast Free | No fasting restrictions.

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Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed) | Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

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Saturday, January 19, 2019

Fast Free | No fasting restrictions.

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Visitation Committee

- January:** 1-15: Need Volunteers
16-31: Jan Futris, Nancy Tashie, & Tina Liollo
- February:** 1-15: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos
16-28: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas
- March:** 1-15: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman
16-31: Diane Kavelaras & Maria Moore
- April:** 1-15: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras
16-30: Kristine Wagner & Sophie Theodore
- May:** 1-15: Need Volunteers
16-31: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, & Georgia Karris
- June:** 1-15: Need Volunteers
16-30: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias
- July:** 1-15: Need Volunteers:
16-31: Diane Kavelaras & Maria Moore
- August:** 1-15: Need Volunteers
16-31: Debi Bookas, Linda Nichols, & Anne Schmitt
- September:** 1-15: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos
16-30: Need Volunteers
- October:** 1-15: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras
16-31: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner
- November:** 1-15: Need Volunteers
16-30: Need Volunteers
- December:** 1-15: Athena Jamison, Phani Mitchell, & Anastasia Terranova
16-31: Need Volunteers

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
Niki Gikas
Maria Hetos
Stella Nichols

Georgia Smith
Jimmy Smith
Kosta Taras

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2019-2020 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.

Announcements

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **House Blessings:** Please sign up for your House Blessings now. The last day for House Blessings will be Friday, March 8th. You can find the House Blessing form at www.goann.net, on our Facebook page, in the January and February 2019 Epistles, in the Narthex or have one emailed to you.

- ◆ **Choir:**

We welcome ALL to choir rehearsals! No auditions required - only your spirit and willingness to sing! Also, There is no obligation to sing in the loft; your voice can be useful in the congregation. Therefore, If you want to simply learn how to improve your knowledge and vocal skills or about our hymn setting, we would be happy to have you at rehearsals! If you have been thinking about joining the choir, rehearsals are a great way to become familiar with our music and how your voice works with others. Reading music notation or Greek language is NOT required. Again, this is open to all! Let us Sing in praise and worship together!

Rehearsals will be held on the following Thursdays: January 31, and February 7 & 28.

- ◆ **Byzantine Chant Classes:**

No Experience Necessary! We will begin learning the Lenten Hymns. Please bring your friends! Classes will be held in the Library. See William Kallas for any questions.

- ◆ **Sunday, January 13th**

12:30 pm—2:00 pm

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 16th**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 23rd**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **Thursday, January 24th**

5:00 pm—6:00 pm

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 30th**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Workshop Schedule**

All participants of the 2019 St. John Chrysostom Festival are encouraged to attend two workshops, to be held after Sunday School classes in the Parish Library. Contact William Kallas for more details!

Sunday, January 20th

Sunday January 27th

Sunday, February 3rd

Sunday, February 10th

Sunday, February 17th

Sunday, March 3rd

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 13th. Sunday after Theophany

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Oath of Office for the 2019 Parish Council following Services
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by DOP 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † Byzantine Chant Class 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Library

Tuesday, January 15th

- † Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 Pm

Wednesday, January 16th

- † Byzantine Chant Class 5:30 pm
- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 17th, Feast of Saint Anthony the Great

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am

Sunday, January 20th

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Elpis General Meeting 12:00 Noon
- † St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival—Participant Workshop 12:00 Noon
- † Coffee Fellowship :OPEN
- † More Than A Meal—Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Monday, January 21st

Parish Offices Closed in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library
- † Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall