

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015
13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for the Forerunner in the Second Tone

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, you did rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

Hymn of the Annunciation in the First Tone

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."

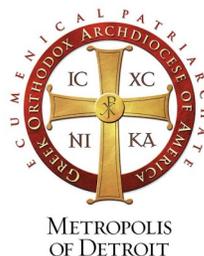
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life.

FASTING THIS WEEK

Wednesday and Friday this week we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. The rest of the week is fast free.



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We welcome you to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate 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 a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/chrismated Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 30th day of the month of August, we commemorate: The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Forerunner, Alexander, John and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople, Phantinos the Righteous of Calagria, the 16 Monk-martyrs of Thebes, the 6 Martyrs of Melitene, the Synaxis of the Holy Hierarchs of Serbia and the Holy New Martyrs of Serbia

By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 30

- ◆ Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ Coffee Hour hosted by Daughters of Penelope 12:00noon
- ◆ Acolyte Workshop 12:00 - 1:00pm

Tuesday, September 1

- ◆ Elpis Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30pm in the Library

Sunday, September 6

- ◆ Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00am
- ◆ Coffee Hour:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunger Action Month Memphis Food Bank - Bring non-perishable food items to fellowship hall any time in September. Food will be delivered to the Highland Heights Food Bank.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saturday September 12

- ◆ DOP Fashion Show 11:00am

Sunday September 13

- ◆ Grandparent Luncheon (Honoring our Seniors 90+) 12Noon
\$10/adults \$5/12 & under

- ◆ Pneumonia Shots during and after Luncheon - details to follow

Sunday September 20th

- ◆ Auxiliary Fair after Liturgy
- ◆ More than a Meal 3:00 - 5:00pm
- ◆ Community Picnic & Softball Game sponsored by AHEPA & DOP 4:00pm at Houston High School Park

Monday September 21st

- ◆ Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm

Saturday September 26th

- ◆ Prosfora Bread Workshop 9:00am

Sunday September 27th

- ◆ Elpis Annual Membership Luncheon 12noon at Chickasaw Country Club

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Ted Poplos

Prosforo: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Maria Moore & Harry Sinis

Greeters: Nick Fox and Nicole Fox

Coffee Hour: Hosted by Daughters of Penelope

The Coffee Hour sign up still has several openings, including but not limited to the following:

September 6

October 18

November 1

November 8

Please consider serving your parish in this way. We are also looking for a coffee hour coordinator. Please contact Father Simon if interested.

EPISTLE READING - I CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Acha'ia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Steph'anas and Fortuna'tus and Acha'icus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men.

The churches of Asia send greetings. Aqu'ila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"