

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 2015*  
*14TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Tone**

Let us worship the Word, O you faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

**Apolytikion for Archangel Michael in the Fourth Tone**

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of Heavens, we, the unworthy, impertune and beseech you that by your supplications you encircle us in the shelter of the wings of your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to you with fervour: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

**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 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 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 we abstain from meat, dairy and fish with wine and oil permitted. On Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week is fast free.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

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 6th day of the month of September, we commemorate the Holy Martyr Calodote and the Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae.

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

### EPISTLE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-24; 2:1-4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith

For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

### 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** available today

**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

### GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 22:2-14

The Lord said this parable, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday September 6**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30am - 12noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** (3rd & 4th grade classes will now meet downstairs.)
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12noon - 1:30pm**

**Monday September 7**

- ◆ Church and Office Closed

**Tuesday September 8**

**The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00am

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- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Fashion Show** 11:00 am

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### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Ted Poplos

**Prosforo:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 4:** Diane Kavelaras & Ed Morrision

**Greeters:** Andrew & Tina Douglas

**Coffee Hour:**

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

**September 27      October 18      November 1      November 15**

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