

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

***FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE***

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Tone**

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 Martyr Callistratus and Companions in the Fourth Tone**

Your Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for You received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful.

**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 Second Tone**

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 thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

***FASTING THIS WEEK***

On Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast. 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 27th day of the month of September, we commemorate the First Sunday of Luke, Callistratus the Martyr and his 49 Companions, Mark, Aristarchos and Zenon, Apostles of the 70, Akylina the New Martyr of Thessaloniki and Gideon the Righteous.

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

### EPISTLE READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18; 7:1

<sup>16</sup> Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." <sup>17</sup> Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." **7** Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Father Simon will be out of the office this week at the Clergy-Laity Conference in Detroit.**

**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

◆ **Daughters of Penelope** Hosting the Luncheon with Guest Speaker Dr. Aileen Ajootian, Chair, Department of Classics, University of

Mississippi, speaking on: "My Athens: Past and Present". Your generous donation is welcome. All proceeds will benefit the University of Mississippi Museum's Greek and Roman Antiquities Collection.

- ◆ **AHEPA Meeting** October 6 at 6:15 pm
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class** - Monday Nights, October 12 & 26 at 6pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** October 15 at 11:30am

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Ted Poplos

**40 Day Memorial** for Angelina Laskaris

**1 Year Memorial** for Evyenea (Jean) Ellington

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 1:** George Deitz & George Karkatsugas

**Greeters:** Sarkis & Jenny Kish

**Coffee Hour:** Hosted by Alex Laskaris and family to remember his mother, Angelina Laskaris

**The Coffee Hour sign up still has several openings:**

**November 29**

**December 13**

**December 20**

**December 27**

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

### GOSPEL READING - LUKE 5:1-11

**5** At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. <sup>2</sup> And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, <sup>7</sup> they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup> For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday September 27**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12 noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** 12 noon
- ◆ **Greek School Registration Table** in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Elpis Annual Membership Luncheon** 12 noon at Chickasaw Country Club

#### **Sunday, October 4**

- ◆ **Orthrox 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12 noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12 noon in GOYA room
- ◆ **Greek School Registration Table** in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope** Hosting the Luncheon with Guest Speaker Dr. Aileen Ajootian, Chair, Department of Classics, University of Mississippi, speaking on: "My Athens: Past and Present".