

*SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015*  
*SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone**

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has wrought might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for Luke the Evangelist in the Third Tone**

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

**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**

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

*FASTING THIS WEEK*

On Wednesday we observe a strict fast and on Friday wine and oil are allowed. The rest of the week is fast free.



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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 18th day of the month of October, we commemorate Saint Luke The Evangelist and Marinos the Martyr.

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

## EPISTLE READING - COLOSSIANS 4:5-11, 14-18

Brethren,<sup>5</sup> conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.<sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. <sup>7</sup> Tych'icus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, <sup>9</sup> and with him Ones'imus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. <sup>10</sup> Aristar'chus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, receive him), <sup>11</sup> and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

<sup>14</sup> Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brethren at La-odice'a, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup> And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the La-odice'ans; and see that you read also the letter from La-odice'a. <sup>17</sup> And say to Archip'pus, "See that you fulfil the ministry which you have received in the Lord."

<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

#### **Epistle Reader:**

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

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

**Greeters:** Pete & Jan Futris

**Coffee Hour:** hosted by Athena Jameson to remember her husband Michael

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

**December 13**

**December 20**

**December 27**

Please contact Fr. Simon if you are interested in being Coffee Hour Coordinator.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class** - Monday Nights, October 26 at 6pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **DOP General Meeting** Sunday October 18 at 12 noon
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** Monday October 19 at 6:15 pm
- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** Tuesday October 20 at 9:00 am
- ◆ **St. Gerasimos & St. Demetrios Luncheon** Sunday, October 25 at 12 noon
- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** Monday, October 26 at 9:00 am
- ◆ **Community Christmas Card** participation - \$25 payable to ELPIS by Nov 23. See Sophie Theodore for details.

## GOSPEL READING - LUKE 10:16-21

<sup>16</sup> The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." <sup>21</sup> In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will."

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, October 18**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12 noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Athena Jameson to remember her husband Michael
- ◆ **Flu Shots** will be available today
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope General Meeting** 12 noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12 noon in the GOYA Room
- ◆ **More Than a Meal** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Monday, October 19**

- ◆ Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library

#### **Tuesday, October 20, Feast of St. Gerasimos**

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

#### **Friday, October 23**

- ◆ **Greek School** 3:00 pm

#### **Sunday, October 25**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12 noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Sts. Demetrios & Gerasimos Luncheon** - All Ticket Sales and Donations will fund the Campaign for St. Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center.
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice** - Juniors 12:30 pm; Seniors 2:30 pm