

*SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015*

*9TH 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 of the Entry of the Theotokos  
in the Fourth Tone**

Today is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and she proclaims Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O you fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation.

**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**

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

***FASTING THIS WEEK***

Fish is allowed all week except Wednesday when Wine & Oil is allowed & Friday when we observe a strict fast.



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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 22nd day of the month of November, we commemorate Archippus the Apostles, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul, Holy Martyr Cecilia and those with her and the Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple.

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

## EPISTLE READING - EPHESIANS 4:1-7

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

BRETHREN, I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Community Christmas Card** participation - \$25 payable to ELPIS by Nov 23. See Sophie Theodore for details.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Luncheon** in Cotros Hall on Sunday, November 22, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please see flier in Epistle and on Bulletin Board for details.
- ◆ **AHEPA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** for St. Nicholas Shrine Sunday, December 6 in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **General Assembly to Approve Budget** Sunday, December 6 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Election of Parish Council** before General Assembly Sunday, December 6, in Library
- ◆ **GOYA Christmas Caroling** Sunday December 6 - See GOYA advisors for details.
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon** Tuesday, December 15 11:30am at Chickasaw Country Club

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:**

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 3:** Maria Moore & Harry Sinis

**Greeters:** Pete & Jan Futris

**Thanksgiving Luncheon** lovingly prepared by the Touliatos Family & Friends.

## GOSPEL READING - LUKE 12:16-21

<sup>16</sup>The Lord told this parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 22**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Luncheon by Elpis 12 noon**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm Juniors/1:30 pm Seniors**

**Monday, November 23**

- ◆ **Parish Council Nominations Due**
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class 6:00 pm in the Library**

**Tuesday, November 24**

- ◆ **Greek School 3:00 pm**
- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy for St. Katherine the Great Martyr 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, November 25**

- ◆ **Office closes at noon**

**Thursday - Saturday, November 26-28**

- ◆ **Offices and Church Closed** to Celebrate the Thanksgiving Holidays

**Sunday, November 29**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12 noon**
- ◆ **No Sunday School classes today**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Ted & Stephanie Poplos