

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016
14th Sunday of Luke

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You did arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Lifegiver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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."

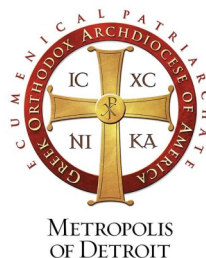
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Tone

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

FASTING THIS WEEK

On Wednesday wine and oil are allowed. On Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week we are 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 17th day of the month of January, we commemorate Xenia, Deaconess of Rome, Hieromartyr Babylas and Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ.

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

EPISTLE READING - 1 TIMOTHY 1: 15-17

Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 27.9,1.

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 24, 14th Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the 2016 Parish Council
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting 12:00 Noon**

Monday, January 25

- ◆ **Greek School 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Studies in the Faith 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm**

Tuesday, January 26

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

Wednesday, January 27

- ◆ **Greek School 2:00 pm**

Thursday, January 28

- ◆ **Elpis Girls' Night Out 7:00 pm** at Painting with a Twist in Germantown

Friday, January 29

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**

Saturday, January 30 Feast of the Three Hierarchs

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**
- ◆ **GOYA Bowling/Evening Vespers/Dinner 3:00 pm** - See Mitch Obradovic for details

Sunday, January 31, 15th Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **40 Day Memorials** for George Nickas and Elias Collins
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Touliatos & Couloubaritsis families in Memory of Elias Collins

GOSPEL READING - LUKE 18: 35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Tina Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty: Bill Joyner & Peter Melonas

Greeters: Athena Jameson & Anastasia Terranova

Coffee Hour hosted by the 2016 Parish Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Studies in the Faith** Monday, January 25 at 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Father Vieron's Adult Greek Class** Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** Sunday, January 23 immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Elpis Girls' Night Out** Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE:

- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon** Sunday February 14
- ◆ **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** Saturday February 13
- ◆ **Young at Heart Valentine Party** with Mike Miller Thursday, February 18
- ◆ **APOKREAS Dinner/Talent Show & Costume Contest** Sunday March 6
- ◆ **ELPIS Art Show** Saturday March 12
- ◆ **Memphis Greek Festival** Friday and Saturday May 6-7