

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 2016

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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.

Apolytikion for Sun. of Orthodoxy in the Second Tone

We worship Your immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Your own will You were well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that You might deliver from slavery to the enemy those who You had fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to You thankfully: You did fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when You came to save the world.

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."

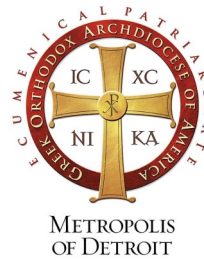
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Tone

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

FASTING THIS WEEK

Today and Saturday wine and oil are allowed. On Friday fish is allowed. The rest of the week 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 13th day of the month of March, we commemorate the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Photini the Samaritan Woman, the Righteous Fathers slain at the Monastery of St. Savas, Saint Cuthbert the Wonderworker, Bishop of Lindisfarne and Myron the New Martyr of Crete.

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

EPISTLE READING - HEBREWS 11:24-26, 32-40

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Daniel 3.26,27.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Loretta Taras

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Sala-Stoian & Ed Morrison

Greeters: George Deitz & Kristine Wagner

Coffee Hour - hosted by Elpis, DOP, St. John & St. Seraphim

Orthodox Sunday

We welcome our brethren from
St. John and & St. Seraphim Orthodox Churches today!

GOSPEL READING - JOHN 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DIALOGUES

March 23 – Speaker: Father Gregory Hohnholt, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity in Nashville

Dinner Hosted by: Men of AHEPA

March 30 – Speaker: Mother Nektaria of St. Paul Skete, Grand Junction, Tennessee

Dinner Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope

ANNUNCIATION DAY

Elpis will be hosting a light brunch after the services on Friday, March 25th. Please plan to bring something for the table.

PARISH BUSINESS

March 21 - Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Greek Independence Day Luncheon will be hosted by Daughters of Penelope on Sunday, March 27th.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

Sweet Bread 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday & Saturday, April 1 & 2

SAVE THE DATE:

♦ **Memphis Greek Festival** Friday and Saturday May 6-7. Check the February Epistle, parish website and Facebook for Workshop schedule and updates.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are now available on the Parish website at go-ann.net. The Scholarship page is updated on a regular basis as we find more information for available scholarships. Please CHECK REGULARLY, so students do not miss out on opportunities.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 20 Sunday of Orthodoxy

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **No Sunday School today - Students meet in Cotros Hall with your Icon.**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12: 00 pm**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Elpis, DOP and the Parishioners of St. John and St. Seraphim
- ◆ **More Than a Meal 3:00 pm**

Monday, March 21

- ◆ **Greek School 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm**
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm**

Tuesday, March 22

- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class - Tour of Sanctuary and Greek Night 6:00 p**

Wednesday, March 23

- ◆ **Greek School 2:00 pm**
- ◆ **Ninth Hour 5:30 pm; Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Lenten Lecture Speaker:** Rev. Fr. Gregory Hohnholt, Presiding Priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Nashville, TN 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Dinner** hosted by the Men of AHEPA

Thursday, March 24

- ◆ **Great Vespers for the Annunciation 6:30 pm**

Friday, March 25 Feast of the Annunciation

- ◆ **Orthros 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ◆ **Elpis hosting Annunciation Day Brunch 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School 4:00 pm**
- ◆ **Great Vespers & Second Salutation to the Virgin Mary 6:00 am**

Saturday, March 26

- ◆ **DOP Monthly Meeting and Prep for Greek Independence Day Luncheon**

Sunday, March 27 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek Independence Day Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting 12:00 Noon**