

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016
GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

*Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death,
and to those in the tombs He has granted life.*

Hymn for Great & Holy Pascha (Second Tone)

They, who were with Mary came before dawn, in finding the stone rolled away from the Sepulcher heard from the Angel: "Why do you seek as man among the dead, Him, Who dwells in Light Eternal? Behold the burial shroud; make haste to proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, putting Death to death; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

Kontakion of Great & Holy Pascha (Second Tone)

Even though You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of Hades; You arose as a victor, O Christ our God, and sing to the Myrrh-bearing Women, "Hail!" and to Your Apostles granting peace; You also grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of the Trisagion (Holy God, Holy Mighty, ...): All those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Instead of the "Axion Estin" (It is Truly Meet ...): The Angel cried out to the one full of grace: "Rejoice! Holy Virgin, and again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the Tomb on the third day." Shine, shine, the new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Rejoice now and be glad, O Zion; and you, O All-pure Theotokos, delight in the Resurrection of Him, to Whom you gave birth.

ST NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

Registration OPEN NOW for Summer Camp! Please visit:

<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>

CAMP DATES: JULY 24-30, 2016

AGES: For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2016) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring 2016).

PRICE

\$375 Early Bird Registration (UNTIL MAY 31ST)



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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 1st day of the month of May, we commemorate Great and Holy Pascha, Jeremias the Prophet, New Martyr Maria of Fourni, Mirabella in Crete, Saint Tamara (Tamar), Queen of Georgia, Nikiforos the Monk of Chios, Synaxis of the Three New Righteous Martyrs of the Holy Mountain, Euthymius, Ignatius and Acacius.

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

EPISTLE READING - ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-8

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Tone. Psalm 117.24,29

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his mercy endures for ever.

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduates will be honored on **Sunday, May 15th** following the Divine Liturgy. ALL High School and College Graduates are encouraged to please participate in our ceremony. Whether you can attend or not, we would love to include information on your achievements. Also, we'd love to have a photo of your graduate along with their information. Please see the format below for submitting.

FULL Name of Graduate:
Full Name(s) of Parent(s):
School Graduating from:
Any Honors, Awards, Achievements:
School will be Attending/Future en-

deavors:

*Or for College Graduates: Will be working/future endeavors:

* Please let us know if you will or will not be attending the **May 15th** ceremony. Any questions, please contact Kathy Zambelis at 359-1055.

Deadline

Send all information to Erin in the church office at: annunciationmemphis@gmail.com **no later than Sunday, May 8**, so it can be published on the **GRADUATES BOOKLET!** If it is not received on time, the information will only be read on Graduation Sunday, but not posted.

GOSPEL READING - JOHN 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 1: Maria Moore, Bill Joyner & Pete Ruby

AGAPE Picnic & Egg Hunt immediately following the Agape Service

BRIGHT WEEK - FAST FREE WEEK

This week do not fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening, April 30

- ◆ **Canon of the Resurrection 11:00 pm**

Sunday, May 1 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

- ◆ **Resurrection Service 12:00 am (Midnight)**
- ◆ **Resurrection Meal 2:00 am**
- ◆ **Agape Vespers 11:00 am**
- ◆ **AGAPE Picnic & Children's Egg Hunt 12:00 Noon**

Monday, May 2

- ◆ Orthros 9:00 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy for Saint George 10:00 am
- ◆ Pre-Pack Workshop 9:00 am
- ◆ Greek School 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, May 3

- ◆ Karithopita Workshop 8:30 am
- ◆ Pre-pack Workshop 9:00 am
- ◆ Greek School 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 4

- ◆ Pre-Pack Workshop 9:00 am
- ◆ Greek School 2:00 pm
- ◆ Meat Skewering 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 5

- ◆ Galaktoboureko Workshop 8:00 am
- ◆ Salad Prep Workshop 9:00 am

Friday May 6

- ◆ Memphis Greek Festival 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 7

- ◆ Memphis Greek Festival 11:00 am - 8:00 am

Sunday, May 8

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour hosted by the Schmitt family to celebrate the birth of their son Michael Alexander**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMPHIS GREEK FESTIVAL

Friday and Saturday May 6-7. 11:30 am - 8:00 pm
Check the Epistle, parish website and Facebook for workshop schedule and updates.

Pre-Festival Ticket Sales

Tickets for our annual Festival (May 6 & 7) are now on sale!

NEW THIS YEAR - All pre-festival tickets must be paid in advance and are non-refundable. Price of \$15 per ticket includes cost of admission, meal and a salad.

You may purchase your tickets from Tina Douglas or Rebecca Nassif on Sundays in Cotros Hall or from Erin in the church office during the week.

Festival Items, Posters & Post Cards

Our Festival short sleeve T Shirts and Hats as well as the NEW Long Sleeve T Shirts are now on sale at special CHURCH Family rates! Please see Anna Paris on **Sunday after church in Cotros Hall** if you would like to purchase any of these items.

Postcards and Posters are also available on the same table. Please feel free to take as many as you can distribute.

Nursery Available

Nursery will be available for the children of our festival volunteers. Please contact Melissa Berretta to reserve your space.