

*SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016*  
*SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC*

**Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Tone**

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

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone**

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

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

**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.



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**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016**

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 May, we commemorate the Sunday of the Paralytic, Basilicus the Martyr, Bishop of Comana, Holy New Martyrs Demetrius and Paul of Tripoli and John-Vladimir, Ruler of Serbia

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

## *EPISTLE READING - Acts 9:32-42*

**Prokeimenon. Third Tone. Psalm 46.6,1.**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### **ST NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP**

Registration OPEN NOW for Summer Camp! Please visit:

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

### **SUMMER CAMP 2016 INFORMATION**

**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)

**\$425 Normal Registration (JUNE 1ST - JULY 24TH)**

## *GOSPEL READING - JOHN 5:1-15*

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

## *THIS WEEK'S SERVERS*

**Epistle Reader:** Mitch Obradovic

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 4:** Vasili Semos & Harry Sinis

**Greeters:** Todd & Cyndi Bagatelas

**Coffee Hour** hosted by the Nichopoulos family in memory of Dr. George Nichopoulos

## *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

### **Sunday, May 22**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Memorial Service** for Dr. George Nichopoulos
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour Luncheon** hosted by the Nichopoulos Family in memory of Dr. George Nichopoulos
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** 12:00 Noon

### **Monday, May 23**

- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon

### **Tuesday, May 24**

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

### **Wednesday, May 25 Mid-Pentecost**

- ◆ **Orthros** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Greek School** 2:00 pm

### **Friday, May 27**

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

### **Sunday, May 29**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** - Available

### **Monday, May 30 Memorial Day**

- ◆ **Church will be closed to honor those who lost their lives in service to our country.**