

*SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016*  
*THE 2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW*

**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 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 Second Tone**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

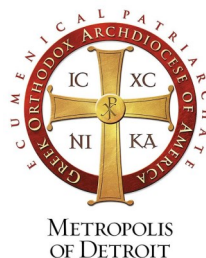
**ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP JULY 24-30, 2016**

Registration **OPEN NOW** for Summer Camp! Please visit:

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

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



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**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 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 3rd day of the month of July, we commemorate Gerasimos the Holy Martyr of Karenesi, Hyacinth the Martyr of Caesarea & Theodotos and Theodota the Martyrs, Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople and the Translation of the Holy Relics of our Father Among the Saints Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow. By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

*Epistle Reading - Romans 2:10-16*

**Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 32.22,1.**

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

*Concert to Benefit  
the St. Nicholas National Shrine*

The Annunciation Parish is honored to sponsor a concert to benefit the **St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center in New York City**, featuring **Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame Member Chris Hillman**, along with **Herb Pedersen** and **The Agape Trio**, at the **Malco Paradiso Theatre on Sunday, September 4, 2016, at 4:00 pm.**

Tickets for the event are limited and are on sale in the office during the week.

**Section A:** \$50      **Section C:** \$35

**Section B:** \$40      **Section D:** \$30

**VIP Meet & Greet:** \$10 additional

**Dinner Plan:** \$10 additional

*FASTING THIS WEEK*

This week we observe a strict fast on Wednesday and on Friday wine and oil are allowed. The rest of the week we are fast free.

*Gospel Reading*

*Matthew 4:18-23*

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

*THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

**Sunday, July 3 2nd Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall**
- ◆ **National Clergy-Laity Congress begins in Nashville**

**Monday, July 4 Independence Day**

- ◆ Church will be closed

**Sunday, July 10 3rd Sunday of Matthew**

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

**\* FATHER SIMON WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE THIS WEEK.**

*THIS WEEK'S SERVERS*

**Epistle Reader:** Paul Vieron

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 2:** Naji Nassif, Peter Melonas, Diane Kavelaras

**Greeters:** Angela Buchanan & Friend

**Coffee** will be available in Cotros Hall