

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone

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

Apolytikion for Sun. of the Holy Fathers in the Plagal Fourth Tone

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Great Martyr Marina in the Fourth Tone

O Lord Jesus, unto You Your lamb does cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, You I love; and seeking You, I now contest, and with Your baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You; for Your sake I die, that I may live in You: accept me offered out of longing to You as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since You are great in mercy.

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.



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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 July, we commemorate Sunday of the 630 Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon, The Holy Great Martyr Marina (Margaret) and Veronika & Speratos the Martyrs.

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

Epistle Reading - Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 31.11,1.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.

Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions have been forgiven.

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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 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

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)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 4: Vasili Semos, Harry Sinis, Endy Carter

Greeters: Sarkis & Jenny Kish

Coffee Hour hosted by the Nichols Family & the Bookas Family

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 17 Sunday of the Holy Fathers

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Nichols Family in honor of Linda's birthday and by the Bookas Family
- ◆ **More Than A Meal 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Monday, July 18

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm**

Wednesday, July 20 Saint Elijah the Prophet

- ◆ **Orthros 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**

Sunday, July 24 5th 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 after Divine Liturgy

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week on Wednesday and Friday wine and oil are allowed.

The rest of the week we are fast free.