

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016**

**5TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone**

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for Great Martyr Christina 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 24th day of the month of July, we commemorate Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre, Athenagorus the Apologist, Boris and Gleb, the Passion-bearers, Kapiton, Himenaos and Hermogenes, the Martyrs and Theophilos the New Martyr of Zakyntos.

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

## Epistle Reading - Romans 10:1-10

**Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 103.24,1.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works.

You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

### 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

**The first day of Sunday School** will be August 14th. Registration will be held on Sunday, July 31st and August 7th in Cotros Hall during Coffee Hour.

**Athenian Dance Troupe Meeting** Sunday, August 28th, immediately after Sunday School in the Library. All interested parents and dancers please meet in the Library immediately after Sunday School to hear about the exciting new changes coming to the dance program, discuss the coming year, and obtain your yearly paperwork.

## Gospel Reading - Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Ted Poplos

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

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

**Greeters:** Athena Jameson & Anastasia Terranova

**Coffee** will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 24 5th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour**
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp begins at Camp NaCoMe.**

**Sunday, July 31 6th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Hawkins Family in Honor of Elliot's 2nd Birthday
- ◆ **Sunday School Registration** in Cotros Hall during Coffee Hour

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

### FASTING THIS WEEK

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