

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016**

**6TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Tone**

Let us worship the Word, O you faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

**Apolytikion for Eudocimus of Cappadocia in the Fourth Tone**

The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell \* preserveth your body uncorrupted after ypur death, O saintly Eudocimus; \* for in living modestly and chastely, O blessed one, \* you did keep your flesh free of all stain and defilement; \* with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all be saved.

**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 Grave Tone**

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

**FASTING THIS WEEK**

This week we observe a strict fast except for Saturday when fish is allowed.



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**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 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 31st day of the month of July, we commemorate the Forefeast of the Precious Cross, Joseph the Righteous of Arimathea, Eudocimus the Righteous of Cappadocia and Dionysios the Righteous Martyr of Vatopaidi.

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

## Epistle Reading - Romans 12:6-14

Prokeimenon. Plagal First Tone. Psalm 11.7,1.

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **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

### **Monday, August 1 Dormition Fast Begins**

- ◆ **Paraklesis (Supplication) Service 6:00 pm**

### **Wednesday, August 3**

- ◆ **Paraklesis (Supplication) Service 6:00 pm**

### **Friday, August 5**

- ◆ **Great Vespers 6:00 pm**

### **Saturday, August 6 HOLY TRANSFIGURATION**

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

### **Sunday, August 7 7th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by John Tashie
- ◆ **Sunday School Registration** in Cotros Hall during Coffee Hour

## Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Mitch Obradovic

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

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

**Greeters:** Pete & Jan Futris

**Coffee Hour** hosted by the Hawkins Family in Honor of Elliot's 2nd Birthday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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 ob-

## 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