

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016**

**8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone**

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for Forefeast of the Dormition in the Fourth Tone**

In faith, O you people, leap for joy while clapping your hands; and gather in gladness on this day with longing and shout in radiant jubilation. For the Theotokos comes nigh to departing from the earth unto the heights; and we glorify her with glory as the Mother of God in our unceasing hymns

**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 Fourth Tone**

In the Immaterial Spirit, the whole world has been mystically adorned upon the glorious memory; and it does cry to you joyously: Rejoice, O Virgin, you boast of the Christian race.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

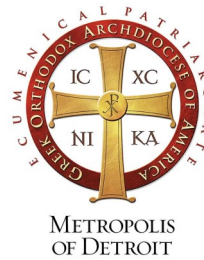
**Epistle Reader:** Mitch Obradovic

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

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

**Greeters:** Andrew & Tina Douglas

**Coffee Hour** hosted by Daughters of Penelope



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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 14th day of the month of August, we commemorate the 8th Sunday of Matthew, The Forefeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, The Holy Prophet Michaias (Michah), and Holy Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apameia.

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

## *Epistle Reading - I Corinthians 1:10-17*

**Prokeimenon. Grave Tone. Psalm 28.11,1.**

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

## *Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:14-22*

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

## *FASTING THIS WEEK*

Today Wine & Oil are allowed. Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week we are fast free.

## *VISITATION COMMITTEE*

The following parishioners have requested visitation. Please contact them directly to schedule visitations. For address &/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the office.

Alec Collis

Pat Bacopulos Cooper - contact Marianthe Pilcher for visiting arrangements

George Limberakis

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Sophie Theodore

Presvytera Bess Vieron

## *Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017*

**January:** Nancy Tashie & Jan Futris

**February:** Vicki Hoover & family

**March:** Linda Nichols & family

**April:** Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

**May:** *OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS*

**June:** Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

**July:** *OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS*

**August:** Stephanie Poplos & friend

**September:** Susanna Peters & Maria Apalodimas

**October:** Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

**November:** Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

**December:** Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

*Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the visitation committee.*

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, August 14, 8th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **First Day of Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Daughters of Penelope

### **Monday, August 15, Feast of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos**

- ◆ **Orthros 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm**

### **Saturday, August 20**

- ◆ **JOY/HOPE - ART Project Memphis 10:30 am** -See Presvytera Stephanie to sign up.
- ◆ **Germantown International Festival** with Daughters of Penelope 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Athenian Dance Troupe will perform at noon.
- ◆ **Elpis Summer Party & General Meeting 6:00 pm** at home of Cyndi Detty.

### **Sunday, August 21, 9th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Special Coffee Hour** for Dormition of the Theotokos - hosted by Elpis

## 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

- ◆ **First Day of Sunday School TODAY.**
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** will be held Monday, August 15 at 6:15 pm in the Library.
- ◆ **Fall Bible Study** begins on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm. We will meet in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Meeting** Sunday, August 28th, immediately after Sunday School in the Library. All interested parents and dancers please meet in the Library to hear about the exciting new changes coming to the dance program, discuss the coming year, and obtain your yearly paperwork.
- ◆ **The AHEPA Men's Club** is hosting this years church outing to the Memphis Redbirds game. The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th at 6:30 PM. The cost per person is \$16.00 which includes a voucher for a free hot dog, drink & a baseball hat. We will be sitting on the 3rd base side above the Redbirds dugout. There will also be a fireworks display after the game. A table will be set up in the Cotros Hall after the liturgy on Sundays August 7 & 14 to collect for the game. Make checks payable to the church.. Deadline is Sunday, August 14. Tickets will be disbursed on Sunday, August 21.

## SPECIAL NOTE PARKING LOT REPAIRS

Due to repairs, the **parking lots and driveways will be closed** in rotating sections between **Tuesday morning August 16th and Friday, August 19th.** If you need to come by the church during that time, please call before you come and we will let you know where to park.