

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 2016

10TH 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 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 your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Richard Tobias

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Angela Buchanan & Friend

Coffee Hour hosted by



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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 28th day of the month of August, we commemorate the 310th Sunday of Matthew, the 33 Martyrs of Nicomedeia, Moses the Black of Scete, Diomedes & Laurence the Martyrs, Job of Pochaev and the Synaxis of the Kiev Cave Fathers.

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

Epistle Reading - I Corinthians 4:9-16

Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe a strict fast on Monday and Friday. On Wednesday, wine & oil are allowed. 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

Ed Morrison

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Kosta Taras

Sophie Theodore

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017

August: Stephanie Poplos & friend

September: Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

January: Nancy Tashie & Jan Futris

February: Vicki Hoover & family

March: Linda Nichols & family

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham & Emily Love

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

July: *OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS*

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 28, 10th Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Sinis Family
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Informational Meeting 12:00 Noon** in the Library

Monday, August 29, Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

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

Thursday, September 1, Ecclesiastical New Year

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

Sunday, September 4, 11th Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros/8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour - OPEN**
- ◆ **Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen plus the AGAPE Trio Concert** at the Malco Paradiso 4:00 pm.

Monday September 5, LABOR DAY

- ◆ **Church will be closed.**

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

**Tickets can now be purchased online through
Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/2aYc4hb>**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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.

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **2016 Annunciation Auxiliary Fair**

STEP RIGHT UP...and be part of our family in Christ

Sunday, September 11th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Everyone is invited to the 2016 Annunciation Auxiliary Fair where there will be food, fun, games and a chance to learn more about all the great organization of Annunciation!

Cotros Hall and a small area of the parking lot will be transformed into a carnival where we will have:

- Food Trucks
- Bounce House
- Carnival Games with Prizes
- Face Painting
- Selfie Photo Booth

All organizations of Annunciation will be represented, giving each of us an opportunity to think about where God is calling us to be involved in the life of the Church – where we can use our time and talent to meet a need. Whether we choose a one-time commitment or an on-going obligation, the goal is for everyone to “Step Right Up” and become involved!

For more information, please contact Linda Obradovic (mlobrad@bellsouth.net).

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** - Thursday September 15 at 11:30 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Community Picnic & Softball Game hosted by Annunciation Men's Group (AHEPA) & DOP** - Sunday September 18 4:00 pm at Houston High School Park
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Tea & Installation of Officers** - Saturday September 24 - location TBA
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon** - Sunday September 25 at 12:00 Noon at Chickasaw Country Club