

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Hieromartyr Babylas in the Fourth Tone

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, you found discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, you did also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls 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 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: Loretta Taras

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian, Ed Morrison, Ted Poplos

Greeters: Sarkis & Jenny Kish

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall



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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 4th day of the month of September, we commemorate the 11th Sunday of Matthew, Our Righteous Father Anthimus of Coroucle in Cephalenia, Babylas the Holy Martyr, Moses the Prophet & Godseer, Hermione the Martyr, daughter of St. Phillip the Deacon and Anthimos the new ascetic.

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

Epistle Reading - I Corinthians 9:2-12

Prokeimenon. Second Tone. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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.

FASTING THIS WEEK

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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.

Tuesday, September 6

- ◆ OCF 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 7

- ◆ Orthros/Divine Liturgy for Nativity of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 11, Sunday Before Holy Cross

- ◆ Orthros/8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ Auxiliary Fair - All Church Organizations 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors 12:00 Noon

WELCOME

We welcome this morning, Chris & Connie Hillman, Patti Stathis & Randy Langel, Greg Pantages and Paul & Vivi Tziouvaras.

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

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **GOYA Kick-Off Meeting** - Sunday September 18 at 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room.
- ◆ **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

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ Elpis General Meeting and card making with our Youth for local veterans - Sunday October 3 following Divine Liturgy