

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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 Afterfeast of the Holy Cross in the First Tone

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance; grant You unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Your Cross do You preserve Your commonwealth.

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

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

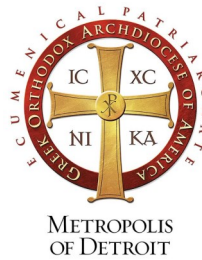
Epistle Reader: Maria Moore

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

Coffee Hour hosted by the Poplos Family



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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 18th day of the month of September, we commemorate the Sunday after Holy Cross, Ariadne the Martyr and Eumenius the Wonderworker.

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

Epistle Reading - Galatians 2:16-20

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, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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 is requesting cards only - no visitors.

Ed Morrison

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

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 & Anne Schmitt

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham & Emily Love

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

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 and on Friday wine and oil are allowed.

The rest of the week we are fast free.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 18, Sunday after Holy Cross

- ◆ **Orthros/8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Poplos Family
- ◆ **GOYA Kick-Off 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **More Than a Meal - Serving Team 3:00 pm**
- ◆ **Community Picnic & Softball Game at Houston High School (Hosted by Annunciation Men's Group and Daughters of Penelope) 4:00 pm**

Monday, September 19

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm**

Tuesday, September 20

- ◆ **OCF 6:00 pm**

Saturday, September 24

- ◆ **DOP Sisterhood Tea & Installation of Officers 11:30 am** at home of Chrysanthe Preza

Sunday, September 25

- ◆ **Orthros/8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School Registration** in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Coffee Hour - Open**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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. The Softball Game will begin at 4:00 pm Afterwards, the Vergos family is donating the Rendezvous Barbeque and Watermelon will be provided It's all Free!
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Tea & Installation of Officers** - Saturday September 24 - 11:30 am at Home of Chrysanthe Preza - Please RSVP to Chrysanthe at 901-283-1238. All ladies of the parish are welcome.
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon** - Sunday September 25 at 12:00 Noon at Chickasaw Country Club - \$20 - Pay at Door. Please RSVP to Sophie Theodore at 901-458-0451 by Wednesday, September 21st.
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting and Card Making with our Youth** for local veterans - Sunday October 3 following Divine Liturgy