

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

1ST SUNDAY OF LUKE

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 Euphrosyne of Alexandria in the Plagal Fourth Tone

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up your cross, you did follow Christ, and by your deeds thou did teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passes away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Euphrosyne, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

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 Second Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Paul Vieron

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Andrew & Tina Douglas

Coffee Hour hosted by the Stoian Family at One Year Memorial of Romulus' mother, Claudia Stoian.



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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 25th day of the month of September, we commemorate the First Sunday of Luke, Our Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh, Euphrosyne of Alexandria, Paphnoutios the Martyr & his 546 Companions in Egypt, the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of Evangelistria, Mochos and Finbar the Confessor, First Bishop of Cork.

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

Epistle Reading - II Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

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, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel Reading - Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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 please.

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 Friday.
The rest of the week we are fast free.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 25

- ◆ **Orthros/8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **1 Year Memorial for Claudia Stoian**, Mother of Romulus Stoian
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Greek School Registration** in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Stoian Family at One Year Memorial of Romulus' mother, Claudia Stoian
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

Tuesday, September 27

- ◆ **OCF 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Bible Study 6:30 pm**

Thursday September 29

- ◆ **Girl Scouts 4:15 pm**

Saturday, October 1

- ◆ **Parish Work Day - Storage Room Clean-up 9:00 am**

Sunday, October 2

- ◆ **Orthros/8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by GOYA in Support of Project to Repair Storm Damage at Ionian Village.
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting & Workshop for Youth to make cards for Veterans 12:00 Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon** - Sunday September 25 at 12:00 Noon at Chickasaw Country Club - \$20 - Pay at Door.
- ◆ **Storage Room Clean-up Day - Saturday, October 1st!** Sounds like a blast, right? Many hands make light work – and there is work to be done cleaning out the storage area in the choir loft. Saturday, October 1st beginning at 9 am we will be cleaning organizing that area in order to make room for files and other items in the Church Office. Please join us!
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting and Card Making with our Youth** for local veterans - Sunday October 2 following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Board Meeting** - Sunday October 9 following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice Sunday, October 9**
 - ◆ **Juniors 12:00 Noon**
 - ◆ **Seniors 1:00 pm**

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **Welcome Father Micah Hirschy** Sunday, October 16th! Father Simon will be away on vacation October 10th-16th. On Sunday, October 16th, Father Micah Hirschy, a former pastoral assistant here at the Annunciation, and currently the Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Cathedral in Birmingham, Alabama will celebrate the Liturgy. Please welcome Father Micah back to the Annunciation in Memphis!
- ◆ **Ole Miss Museum Fund Raiser Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope - Sunday October 16 at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Thomas Family Open House & OktoberFest**, Friday, October 21, 6:00 pm - Midnight (7:00 pm Beer Tasting)
- ◆ **Saints Gerasimos & Dimitrios Luncheon** hosted by Elpis Philoptochos - Sunday, October 23 at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall