

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016**

**2ND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Tone**

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You had despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to You.

**Apolytikion for Martyrs Cyprian and Justina 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 Cyprian. 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 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**

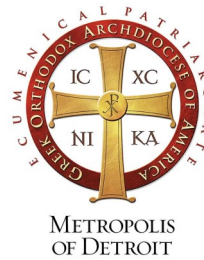
**Epistle Reader:** Richard Tobias

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliaos

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

**Greeters:** Angela Buchanan & Friend

**Coffee Hour** hosted by GOYA - In Support of Storm Damage Repair Project for Ionian Village.



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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 2nd day of the month of October, we commemorate the Second Sunday of Luke, the Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina and Theophilus the Confessor.

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

## *Epistle Reading - II Corinthians 4:6-15*

**Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 27.9,1.**

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

## *Gospel Reading - Luke 6:31-36*

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## *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, October 2 Second Sunday of Luke**

- ◆ **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**

### **Tuesday, October 4**

- ◆ **OCF 6:00 pm**

### **Sunday, October 9 Third Sunday of Luke**

- ◆ **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 Thomas Family in Honor of Elpinike's 10th Birthday
- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice**
  - ◆ Juniors 12:00 Noon
  - ◆ Seniors 1:00 pm

- ◆ Erin will be out of the office Tuesday, October 4 - Friday, October 7. If you need anything please email the parish at [annunciationmemphis@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationmemphis@gmail.com) as she will be checking her emails daily.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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 16<sup>th</sup>! Father Simon will be away on vacation October 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 & Demetrios Luncheon** hosted by Elpis Philoptochos - Sunday, October 23 at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Assembly** Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy