

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Great Martyr Barbara in the Fourth Tone

Let us honour Saint Barbara, for she has broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.

Apolytikion for John of Damascus in the Plagal Fourth Tone

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise John, by your teachings you have enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ 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 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 Third Tone

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 4: Endy Carter, Vasili Semos & Harry Sinis

Greeters: Andrew & Tina Douglas

AHEPA Pancake Breakfast for St. Nicholas Shrine immediately following Divine Liturgy



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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 December, we commemorate the 10th Sunday of Luke, Barbara the Great Martyr, John the Righteous of Damascus, New Hieromartyr Seraphim, Bishop of the Phanar in Greece, Juliana the Martyr of Heliopolis and Alexander Hotovitzky, New Hieromartyr of Russia, Missionary to America.

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

Epistle Reading - Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 67.35,26.

God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

BRETHREN, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gospel Reading - Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by 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 Marianne Pilcher for visiting arrangements

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

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

August: Stephanie Poplos & friend

September: Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

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

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week, during the Nativity Fast, fish is allowed every day except for Wednesday when we observe a strict fast and Friday when Wine and Oil are allowed.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4 Tenth Sunday of Luke & Feast of Saint Barbara

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **AHEPA St. Nicholas Shrine Pancake Breakfast** immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Parish Christmas Tree Decorating** in Cotros Hall immediately following the AHEPA Pancake Breakfast.

GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon

Monday, December 5

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm**

Tuesday, December 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas

- ◆ **OCF at Ole Miss 6:00 pm**

Thursday, December 8

- ◆ **Girl Scouts 4:15 pm**
- ◆ **High Point Terrace Neighborhood Meeting 6:00 pm**

Friday, December 9

- ◆ **DOP Cooking for Christmas Bake Sale 8:00 am**

Saturday, December 10

- ◆ **DOP Cooking & Set Up for Christmas Bake Sale 8:00 am**
- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting 12:30 pm**

Sunday, December 11 Eleventh Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Parish Assembly & Parish Council Elections 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice (Seniors) 12:00 Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Sunday School Giving Project** - For this Christmas season, we are encouraging the students to bring paper products (towels, plates, napkins) and kitchen supplies to help "Forgiveness House" – a men's Center at Summer/Highland. A box will be located upstairs until Dec. 18th to place your donations.
- ◆ **AHEPA St. Nicholas Shrine Pancake Breakfast**, Sunday, December in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **TRIM THE TREE!** - After the AHEPA Pancake Breakfast on December 4th, we will be decorating our Parish Christmas Tree in Cotros Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us!
- ◆ **High Point Terrace Neighborhood Meeting**, Thursday, December 8 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Parish Assembly & Parish Council Elections**, Sunday December 11 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon**, Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 am at Chickasaw Country Club
- ◆ **Blessing of the Pets**, Saturday December 17 at 10:00 am in the Parking Lot
- ◆ **Sunday School Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal**, Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 am
- ◆ **Sunday School Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 18 following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **DOP Christmas Bake Sale**, Sunday, December 18 in Cotros Hall following Christmas Pageant
- ◆ **JOY & GOYA Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm - meet in Parking Lot
- ◆ **GOYA at Memphis Grizzlies**, Thursday, December 29 at 5:00 pm
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party**, December 31st in Cotros Hall at 8:00 pm immediately following Great Vespers - RSVP on Sundays in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy