

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

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 Theophany in the First Tone

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and has enlightened the world, glory be to You.

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

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

FASTING THIS WEEK

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



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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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Paul Vieron

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Greeters:

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

Vasilopita Sunday hosted by Elpis Philoptochos

Choir Appreciation Sunday hosted by the Parish Council

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 4:7-13

Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

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

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 8th day of the month of January, we commemorate the Sunday after Epiphany, George of Hozeva, Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople, Atticus and Cyrus, Holy Patriarchs of Constantinople, the Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Emilianos the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikos, Gregory of the Kiev Caves and Pega the Virgin, Hermitess of Peakirk.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8 Sunday after Theophany

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Oath of Office of the 2017 Parish Council**
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Vasilopita Sunday Coffee Hour** hosted by Elpis
- ◆ **Choir Appreciation Sunday** hosted by the Parish Council
- ◆ **Info Table** for Constance Poplos' Spring OCF Trip
- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting** 12:30 pm

Tuesday, January 10

- ◆ **Bible Study** 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 14

- ◆ **Metropolis Winter Youth Retreat**

Sunday, January 15, Twelfth Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ 40 Day Memorial For Robin Duzane
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Special Coffee Hour** hosted by the Mazas family to Honor Diana Mazas, the oldest member of our Parish, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday
- ◆ **DOP General Meeting** 1:00 pm
- ◆ **More Than a Meal** - Serving Team 3:00 pm

Monday, January 16 , MLK Day

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** 6:15 pm
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 6:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Today in the Narthex, Elpis Philoptochos will be taking a collection for St. Basil's Academy, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need.**
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Winter Youth Retreat** - January 14-15. We are excited to announce that the Assumption Church in Louisville, KY has agreed to host this year's St. Nicholas Winter Youth Retreat on January 14-15. This retreat is open to all youth age 8-18. To register, download flier or download the retreat info packet, please visit. www.detroit.goarch.org/winterretreat.
- ◆ **Special Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 15th** will be hosted by the Mazas family to honor Diana Mazas, the oldest member of our parish, on the occasion of her 100th birthday!
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, January 16, 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** (14 week introduction to Greek Language & Culture) begins on Monday evening, January 16 at 6:30 pm. Please see Fr. Vieron for registration information.
- ◆ **Parish Oratorical Festival** - Saturday, February 11

TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL ORATORICAL FESTIVAL!

Join in on the fun and fellowship this year by participating in our wonderful festival. ALL Sunday School students are encouraged to participate. Let's start working on your speeches by submitting their topic and first paragraph to your Sunday school teachers for review **within the next two weeks.**

LITURGICAL DONATIONS

Father Simon is often approached by parishioners wanting to donate Liturgical items. If you would like to donate towards these items, the typical cost of each item is as follows:

Wine - \$25, Oil - \$20, Incense - \$10