

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017
TWELFTH 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 of John the Hut-Dweller in the Fourth Tone

Since you had with fervour longed after the Lord from your youth,
* you left the world with its delights and nobly did strive in valiant ascetic deeds. * You did pitch your hut before the gates of your parents; * you did break the demons' snares, O all-blessed Father. * And therefore, as is meet, has Christ God glorified you, O John.

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."

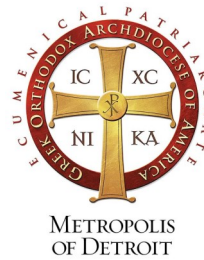
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Tone

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week wine and oil are allowed on Wednesday and 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.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 15th day of the month of January, we commemorate the 12th Sunday of Luke, Paul of Thebes, John the Hut-Dweller and Pansophios the Martyr of Alexandria.

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

Epistle Reading -Colossians 3:4-11

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, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading -Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras, Demie Bitinis

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by the Mazas family to honor Diana Mazas, the oldest member of our Parish, on the occasion of her 100th birthday

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, January 17 Feast of Saint Anthony the Great

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am

Thursday, January 19

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** 11:30 am
- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 4:15 pm

Sunday, January 22, Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** - Open

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, January 19th at 11:30 am
Join Us for a delicious Greek Meal followed by our speaker **Andy Wise from WMC Action News 5**. He will be teaching us "**How Not to Get Scammed**" All those 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 and older are invited to join us!
- ◆ **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