

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

15TH 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 have 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 of Timothy of the 70 in the Fourth Tone

Since you had been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and were vigilant in all things, you were clothed with a good conscience as befits one holy. You did draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, you did finish a like course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Apolytikion of Martyr Anastasius the Persian in the Fourth Tone

Your Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for You received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since he possessed Your strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful.

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."

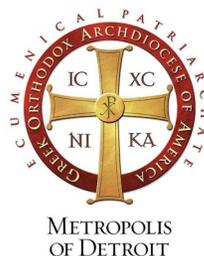
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Richard Tobias

Prosfora: Enosis Touliaos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian, Chris Apalodimas

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by John & Nancy Kay for 40 Day Blessing of Spiro Castellucci

Epistle Reading - Timothy 4:9-15

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.

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading - Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements.

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 22nd day of the month of January, we commemorate the 15th Sunday of Luke, Joseph the Sanctified, Timothy the Apostle of the 70 and the Righteous Martyr Anastasius of Persia.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22, Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **40 Day Blessing** for Spiro Castellucci, infant son of Brianna & Conan Castellucci
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by John & Nancy Kay for 40 Day Blessing of Spiro Castellucci

Monday, January 23

- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 24

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy - Feast of Saint Gregory** 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 29

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by DOP
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** 12:00 Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **JOY - Making Valentines for Parish Shut-ins**, Saturday, February 4, 10 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, February 5th in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Parish Oratorical Festival** - Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 am
Judges should arrive to meet with Paul Vieron at 9:00 am
Registration for orators begins at 9:30 am
Competition begins at 10:00
Lunch will follow in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope Sunday, February 12 immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Apokreas Dinner, Talent Show & Costume Contest**, Sunday, February 19, 5:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Memphis Greek Festival Workshops** are beginning at the end of February. Watch the Epistle, weekly bulletins and social media for times and dates.
- ◆ **In order to schedule a House Blessing** - please contact Father Simon to make an appointment.

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