

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Tone

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for the Presentation in the First Tone

Rejoice, you who is full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, you also, O righteous Elder, as you receive in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also grants unto us the Resurrection.

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

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

FASTING THIS WEEK

This 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: Cathe Skefos

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Todd & Cyndi Bagatelas

Parish Assembly immediately following Divine Liturgy

Epistle Reading - II Timothy 3:10-15

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Tone. Psalm 75.11,1.

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading - Luke 18: 10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

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

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 5th day of the month of February, we commemorate the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, Polyeuktos, Patriarch of Constantinople, Agatha the Martyr, Antonios the New Martyr of Athens, Theodosios, Archbishop of Chenigov, the Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple and Theodosios of Antioch.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 5 Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- ◆ Memorial for Spyridon D Hallas
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ Nursery available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Parish Assembly immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ GOYA Souper Bowl of Caring 4:30 pm at the Thomas Home

Monday, February 6

- ◆ Father Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 9

- ◆ Orthros/Divine Liturgy for St. Haralambos 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 11

- ◆ DOP Monthly Meeting & Set-up for AGAPE Godparent Luncheon 8:00 am
- ◆ Parish Oratorical Festival 9:30 am

Sunday, February 12 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- ◆ Nursery available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ AGAPE Godparent Luncheon 12:00 Noon

**** Father Simon will be away at the Clergy Retreat Monday - Wednesday of this week. ****

Kollyva Makers

If you have an interest in being a Kollyva maker for memorials, please contact us in the parish office.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, February 5th in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **GOYA Souper Bowl of Caring** 4:30 pm at the Thomas Home - Greetings GOYA Members and Families. We will once again celebrate the Super Bowl with a party and an opportunity to gather non-perishable foods items for the Souper Bowl of Caring (food donations will go to the Highland Heights Food Pantry). This year's party is graciously being hosted by Father Simon and Presvytera Stephanie. We will gather after 4:30 PM at the Thomas home for the 5:30 PM kickoff. Father Simon invites attendees to bring swim suits - youth can swim if the game is not fun to watch. GOYA will provide the main course. Please RSVP at the SignUp Genius link to let us know how many will attend, and sign up to bring a menu item.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4EAF72DA1FA7-souper>
- ◆ Thanks,
GOYA Advisors
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Scholarship Information** can be found on the Parish Website at <http://goann.net/education/scholarships> and on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Annunciation-Greek-Orthodox-Church-120815681264112/>