

*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017*  
*SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You did arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Lifegiver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

**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 Third Tone**

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

***THIS WEEK'S SERVERS***

**Epistle Reader:** Scott McKee

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

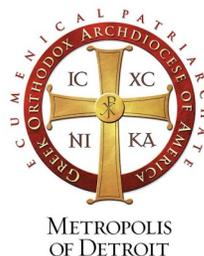
**Usher Duty Team 2:** Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras, Demie Bitinis

**Greeters:** Andrew & Tina Douglas

**Agape Godparent Luncheon** hosted by Daughters of Penelope

***FASTING THIS WEEK***

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



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

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 12th day of the month of February, we commemorate the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch, Antonius, Archbishop of Constantinople, Christos the New Martyr and Meletios of Ypseni.

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

## Epistle Reading - I Corinthians 6:12-20

**Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 32.22,1.**

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

### 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 Liollio

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

## Gospel Reading - Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

### Kollyva Makers

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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **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

### **Monday, February 13**

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

### **Tuesday, February 14**

- ◆ **Bible Study** 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, February 16**

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

### **Saturday, February 18 Saturday of Souls**

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Girl Scout Thinking Day** - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### **Sunday, February 19 Sunday of Judgement (Meatfare)**

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **More Than a Meal - Serving Team** 3:00 pm
- ◆ **Apokreas Dinner, Talent Show & Costume Contest** 5:30 pm

### **Monday, February 20**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Young at Heart Valentine Luncheon**, Thursday, February 16 at 11:30 am
- ◆ **Girls' Night Out** - Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm Painting Class at Painting with a Twist at 3116 Village Shops Drive (Target Plaza) in Germantown. \$35.00 and reservations are required. Please visit [www.paintingwithatwist.com](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com) for more information regarding the class. Please contact Cyndi Detty 482-6397 or [Cyndi.detty27@gmail.com](mailto:Cyndi.detty27@gmail.com) to place your reservation.
- ◆ **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/>

## 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