

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017
SUNDAY OF JUDGEMENT (MEATFARE)

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, 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 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

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Mitch Obradovic

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian & Chris Apalodimas

Greeters: Pete & Jan Futris

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall.

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we fast from meat, with dairy, fish, wine & oil allowed.



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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 19th day of the month of February, we commemorate Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday), the Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon, Apphia, Archippus and Onesimus, Philothei the Righteous Martyr of Athens and Niketas the Younger.

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

Epistle Reading - I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 146.5;134.3.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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 Gran-
tham & Emily Love
June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias
July: Maria Moore & Diane Ka-
velaras
August: Stephanie Poplos & friend
September: Susanna Peters, Maria
Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos
October: Sophie Theodore & Kris-
tine 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.*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Thursday, February 23

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Koulourakia** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- ◆ **Girls' Night Out** 7:00 pm

Friday, February 24

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Koulourakia** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, February 25 Saturday of Souls

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

Sunday, February 26 Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare)

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Scout Sunday**
- ◆ **Coffee** will be available in Cotros Hall

Kollyva Makers

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Apokreas Dinner, Talent Show & Costume Contest**, Sunday, February 19, 5:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Girls' Night Out** - Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm Painting Class at Painting with a Twist at 316 Village Shops Drive (Target Plaza) in Germantown. \$35.00 and reservations are required. Please visit www.paintingwithatwist.com for more information regarding the class. Please contact Cyndi Detty 482-6397 or 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