

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Sun. of Orthodoxy in the Second Tone

Your pure and holy image we honor, Gracious Lord, entreating the forgiveness of all of our sins, O Christ our God; for of Your own free will You deigned to ascend in the flesh upon the Cross to deliver Your creation from Satan's servitude. Thus with grateful hearts we proclaim to You: You have, O Savior, filled the universe with gladness by Your appearing to redeem mankind.

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."

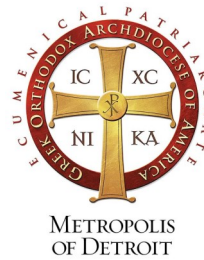
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Tone

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe the Fast for Great Lent by abstaining from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil. Saturday & Sunday wine & oil are 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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Paul Vieron

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Sarkis & Jenny Kish

Sunday of Orthodoxy Coffee Hour hosted by Elpis along with Daughters of Penelope and St. John & St. Seraphim Orthodox Churches

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Daniel 3:26,27.
Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading - John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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

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

February: Vicki Hoover & family

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 March, we commemorate the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Conon the Gardener, Mark the Ascetic, Righteous Father Mark of Athens, John the Bulgarian, Mark the Faster, Parthenios the New Martyr who contested in Didymoteichos, George the New-Martyr of Rapsani, Eulogios the Martyr, Eulabios the Martyr, Conon the Isaurian and Archelaos the Martyr of Egypt.

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 5 Sunday of Orthodoxy

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **NO Sunday School today**
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday of Orthodoxy Coffee Hour** hosted by Elpis along with Daughters of Penelope and St. John & St. Seraphim Orthodox Churches

Monday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 8

- ◆ **Service of the Ninth Hour** 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Presanctified Liturgy** 6:00 pm
- ◆ **Lenten Lecture & Dinner** 7:00 pm
 - ◆ **Speaker:** Fr. Angelo Maggos, Presiding Priest, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Flint, MI
 - ◆ **Dinner Hosts:**

Friday, March 10

- ◆ **Salutations to the Virgin Mary** 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 12 Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas

- ◆ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - MOVE YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR FORWARD**
- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Kay family in memory of Pete James Kay, Sr. and Pete James Kay, Jr.

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

- ◆ **Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 5th** We will be celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy along with St. John and St. Seraphim. At the conclusion of the liturgy, children from all 3 parished will make a procession with the icons. Have your child bring their favorite icon from home! Afterward we will all gather in Cotros Hall for Coffee Hour. We are requesting all Elpis members to please bring something Lenten for the Coffee Hour table
- ◆ **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/>

Lenten Lecture Series

Wednesday, March 8th

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Angelo Maggos, Presiding Priest, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Flint, MI

Dinner Hosts: AHEPA

Wednesday, March 15th

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Nicholas Kotsis, Presiding Priest, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Dinner Hosts: Daughters of Penelope

Wednesday, March 22nd

Speaker: Elizabeth Hawkins, Chaplain at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Memphis

Dinner Hosts: Elpis Philoptochos

Wednesday, March 29th

Speaker: TBD

Dinner Hosts: Romanian Families

Wednesday, April 5th

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Stavros Ballas, Presiding Priest, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dinner Hosts: Sinis Family

Memphis Greek Festival March Workshops

March 17 – 18 & March 31 & April 1: Friday & Saturday

Spanakopita 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

March 23 – 24 Thursday & Friday

Macaroons 9:00 am – 5:00 pm