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# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, September  
10, 2017**

Sunday Before Holy  
Cross

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

**Ushers**

Endy Carter  
Vasili Semos

**Greeters**

**Epistle Reader**

Sophia Douglas

**Coffee Fellowship**

Auxiliary Fair in Co-  
tros Hall & Parking  
Lot immediately fol-  
lowing Divine Liturgy

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. We are blessed that you have come to our worship service, and hope that you will be both enlightened and inspired. Every Sunday we celebrate 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 attending an Orthodox Church for the first time, our service may be foreign and perplexing to you. We assure you that everything we do is firmly rooted in the Scriptures. Please feel free to participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper – to be, among other things, the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Faith. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practices of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the end of the service.

## First Antiphon

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*By the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!*

Verse 1: Lord, remember David and all his weakness.

Psalm 131:1

Verse 2: Behold, we heard of it in Ephratha; we found it in the fields of the wood.

Psalm 131:6

Verse 3: Glorious things have been spoken of you, O city of God.

Psalm 86:3

Verse 4: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.

Psalm 45:5

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever,  
and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

## Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: The Lord swore in truth to David, and He will not annul it.

Psalm 131:11

Verse 2: Of the fruit of your body will I set a King upon your throne.

Psalm 131:11

Verse 3: There will I cause a horn to spring up to David: I have prepared a lamp for mine anointed.

Psalm 131:17

Verse 4. For the Lord has elected Zion, he has chosen her for a habitation for himself.

Psalm 131:13

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

## Third Antiphon

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*Your Nativity O Theotokos heralded joy to the whole universe for from you rose the Sun of  
righteousness, Christ our God. He canceled the curse and poured forth his grace; He  
vanquished death and granted us eternal life.*

Verse: For the Lord has elected Zion, he has chosen her for a habitation for himself. The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle. Holy is Your temple, wonderful in righteousness.

Psalm 131:13; Psalm 45:4; Psalm 64:5

# Resurrectional Apolytikion

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*Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Fifth Mode*

Let us worship the Word, O you faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

# Hymn for Nativity of the Theotokos

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

*Your Nativity O Theotokos heralded joy to the whole universe for from you rose the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God. He canceled the curse and poured forth his grace; He vanquished death and granted us eternal life.*

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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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

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017**

Sts. Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora, & Poulcheria the Empress

**Monday, Sept. 11, 2017**

St. Theodora of Alexandria

St. Euphrosynos the Cook

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017**

St. Autonomos the Hieromartyr

St. Cournoutos, Bishop of Iconium

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017**

Memorial of Founding of Holy Resurrection of Christ Church

**Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday, Sept. 15, 2017**

St. Nikitas the Great Martyr

St. Philotheos the Righteous

**Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017**

St. Euphemia the Great Martyr

St. Melitina the Martyr

## Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

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**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.**

**Psalm 27.9,1**

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017**

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

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Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017**

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017**

Fast Day (Wine & oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.)

**Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017**

Strict Fast Day (Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.)

**Friday, Sept. 15, 2017**

Strict Fast Day (Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.)

**Saturday., Sept. 16, 2017**

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

## **Gospel: John 3: 13-17**

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The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

**COMMENTARY BY ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN.** Gregory of Nazianzus: Let us praise the Son first of all, venerating the blood that expiated our sins. He lost nothing of his divinity when he saved me, when like a good physician he stooped to my festering wounds. He was a mortal man, but he was also God. He was of the race of David but Adam's creator. He who has no body clothed himself with flesh. He had a mother who, nonetheless, was a virgin. He who is without bounds bound himself with the cords of our humanity. He was victim and high priest—yet he was God. He offered up his blood and cleansed the whole world. He was lifted up on the cross, but it was sin that was nailed to it. He became as one among the dead, but he rose from the dead, raising to life also many who had died before him. On the one hand, there was the poverty of his humanity; on the other, the riches of his divinity. Do not let what is human in the Son permit you wrongfully to detract from what is divine. For the sake of the divine, hold in the greatest honor the humanity, which the immortal Son took on himself for love of You. *POEM 2.*

# Visitation Committee

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**September:** Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

**October:** Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

**November:** Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

**December:** Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

**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 Capadalis Love, Georgia Karris

**June:** Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

**July:** Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

**August:** Stephanie Poplos & Friend

**The following members of our parish family have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.**

Alec Collis

Diana Mazas

Father Nicholas

Helen Demas

Kosta Taras

***Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.***

# Announcements

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- ◆ **NEW!! Weekly Library Hours**, every Tuesday 10:00 am—2:00 pm.  
Don't forget that we now have regular library hours! Billy & Carri Benson are our new librarians. Every Tuesday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the library is open for your use. Come bring your lunch or stop by for coffee and read, study or write. Children are welcome. Books available for all ages.
- ◆ **2017 Annunciation Auxiliary Fair**, Sunday, September 10th immediately following Divine Liturgy.  
Come Learn about all of the great organizations of Annunciation! Where is God Calling YOU to be involved? Fun at the Fair with Food Trucks, Selfie Booths, Face Painting, Carnival Games with Prizes, Crafts, and MOST IMPORTANTLY—Representatives of all of our Organizations will be there to offer information, answer questions, and help you find just the RIGHT SPOT FOR YOU!
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Fall Fashion Show Luncheon**, Saturday, September 16th, 11:30 am in Cotros Hall.  
Tickets—\$30.00 will be available in Cotros Hall on Sundays. Tickets will be \$35.00 at the door. Tables of 8 can be reserved with pre-event day ticket purchase. Funds raised will benefit the DOP Scholarship Fund and various other charitable organizations. For more information, please see the flier on the parish website, on the bulletin board, on Facebook and in Father Simon's weekly email.
- ◆ **AHEPA Family Day Community Picnic**, Sunday, September 17th, 4:00 pm at Houston High School Park.  
The Softball game will begin at 4:00 pm. Afterward, the Vergos family is donating the delicious Rendezvous Barbeque, and Watermelon will be provided. It's all Free!
- ◆ **Young at Heart September Luncheon**, Thursday, September 21st, 11:30 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **GOYA Outing**, Saturday, September 23rd, Tigers vs. SIU 4:00 pm Tailgate, 7:00 Kick-off.  
Check the September Epistle, the parish website at [www.goann.net](http://www.goann.net), and your Facebook page for more details.
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon**, Sunday September 24th at Chickasaw Country Club. Breakfast & Salad Buffet, \$25. Please RSVP to Sophie Theodore by September 20.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Luncheon**, Saturday, September 30 at home of Phani Mitchell. Open to ladies interested in learning about the DOP Organization.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, September 10th, Sunday Before Holy Cross**

- † Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † 40 Day Memorials for Katherine Futris, George Stergion, and George Leem, 6 month for Fran Diedrich, and 4 Year for Michael Jameson
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Auxiliary Fair 12:00 Noon
- † DOP Board Meeting 12:00 Noon

## **Tuesday, September 12th**

- † Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm

## **Wednesday, September 13th**

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

## **Thursday, September 14th, The Elevation of the Venerable & Life-Giving Cross**

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † DOP - Set up and Prepare for Fashion Show Luncheon

## **Friday, September 15th**

- † DOP - Set Up and Prepare for Fashion Show Luncheon

## **Saturday, September 16th**

- † DOP Fashion Show Luncheon 11:30 am

## **Sunday, September 17th, St. Sophia & her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love**

- † Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by Cathe Skefos to honor her mother Dr. Maria Hetos on the occasion of her 98th Birthday
- † GOYA Meeting with Lunch & Y2AM Ministry
- † More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's
- † AHEPA/DOP Community Picnic 4:00 pm at Houston High School Park