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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 17, 2017

St. Sophia & her
daughters, Faith,
Hope, and Love

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Maria Moore

Bill Joyner

Pete Ruby

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Cathe Skefos

Coffee Fellowship

hosted by Cathe &
Harry Skefos to honor
her mother Dr. Maria
Hetos on the occa-
sion of her 98th Birth-
day

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

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

Verse 1: O God, my God, attend to me; why have you forsaken me?

Psalm 21:1

Verse 2: Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

Psalm 21:1

Verse 3: O my God, I will cry to You by day but You will not hear.

Psalm 21:2

Verse 4: But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in a sanctuary.

Psalm 21:3

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

Save us, O Son of God, Who was crucified in the flesh. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Why, O God, have you rejected us forever?

Psalm 73:1

Verse 2: Remember Your congregation which You have acquired from the beginning.

Psalm 73:2

Verse 3: This is Mount Zion where You have dwelled.

Psalm 73:2

Verse 4: God is our eternal King; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Psalm 73:12

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

Save, O Lord, your people and bless your inheritance. Give victory to Your leaders against their adversaries, and protect Your commonwealth by Your cross.

Verse: The Lord reigns; let the people rage. The Lord is great in Zion, and is high over all the people. Let them give thanks to Your great name, for it is terrible and holy.

Psalm 98:1-3

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung after the Small Entrance in the Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You have despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to You.

Hymn for the Holy Cross

Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance; grant You unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Your Cross do You preserve Your commonwealth.

Hymn of the Annunciation

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

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

St. Sophia & her daughters, Faith, Hope, & Love

Sts. Herkleides & Myron

Monday, Sept. 18, 2017

St. Eumenios, Bishop of Gortyna

St. Ariadne the Martyr

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017

Sts. Trophimos, Sabbatios, & Dorymedon

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017

St, Eustathios & family

St. Eustathios, Archbishop of Thessalonica

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017

St. Quadratus the Apostle

Friday, Sept. 22, 2017

St. Phocas, Bishop of Sinope

St. Phocas the Gardener

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017

Conception of St. John the Baptist

Sts. Mardonios & Stratonicos

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

**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 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

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Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017

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

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Friday, Sept. 22, 2017

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

Saturday., Sept. 23, 2017

Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Visitation Committee

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

Kosta Taras

Diana Mazas

Father Nicholas

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

- ◆ **Weekly Library Hours**, every Tuesday 10:00 am—2:00 pm.
Parents, did you know that the parish offers resources for those that home school? Our parish library offers a place for parents to bring their children to read and learn about their faith. We have books for all ages, from pre-school to adult that are available to check out for personal use. The library is open on Tuesday's from 10:00am to 2:00pm for those who wish to visit and take advantage of what we have to offer. We can even assist you in searching for the right books if you wish. New titles will be offered from time to time so there is always something new to see. Come check us out, we'd love to see you!
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting with Lunch and Y2AM Ministry; T-Shirt Project, and “Ask Father Simon”**, Sunday, September 17th, 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room.
- ◆ **Greek School Registration** , Sunday, September 17th, after Divine Liturgy in Cotros Hall. See Despina Karas if you are interested.
- ◆ **More Than A Meal Serving Team and GOYA Service Project**, Sunday, September 17th, 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Church.
- ◆ **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 Kickoff.
Check the September Epistle, the parish website at 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

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 & Harry 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

Monday, September 18th

† Parish Council Meeting 6:16 pm

Wednesday, September 20th

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 21st

† Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am

Saturday, September 23rd

† GOYA Outing—Tigers vs SIU (Tailgate and Game) 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 24th, First Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Elpis Membership Luncheon 12:00 pm at Chickasaw Country Club