



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, Nov 19,
2017**

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Toulitos

Ushers

Demie Bitinis

Diane Kavelaras

Naji Nassif

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Cathe Skefos

Coffee Fellowship

Community Thanks-
giving Luncheon

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

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

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

Psalm 102:2

Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:17

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 arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Psalm 145:1-2

Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 145:5

Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Psalm 145:10

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Third Antiphon

Apolytikion of the Sunday

Verse: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 117:24; Psalm 68:34

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Grave Mode

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Hymn of the Annunciation

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

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

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Sunday, Nov 19, 2017

St. Obadiah the Prophet
Sts. Barlaam of Caesarea & Heliodorus the Martyrs

Monday, Nov 20, 2017

Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos
St. Gregory the Righteous of Decapolis

Tuesday, Nov 21, 2017

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Wednesday, Nov 22, 2017

Sts. Philemon & Archippus of the 70
St. Cecilia the Martyr & her Companions

Thursday, Nov 23, 2017

St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium
St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum

Friday, Nov 24, 2017

St. Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria
St. Clement of Rome, the Martyr

Saturday, Nov 25, 2017

St. Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.
Psalm 28.11,1**

The Lord will give strength to his people.
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Visitation Committee

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

March: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

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

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

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
Larkin Griffin

Sarantos Hat-
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Diana Mazas
Stella Nichols

Zoe Nickas
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

- ◆ **Community Christmas Card.** From now to November 24th, for only \$25, you can add your name to the Elpis Philoptochos Community Christmas Card. all proceeds go to our Social Services fund. Please see Sophie Theodore in Cotros Hall on Sundays.
- ◆ **Parish Community Thanksgiving Luncheon,** Sunday, November 19th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Council Elections,** Sunday, November 19th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **GOYA Outing to Elmwood Cemetery,** Sunday, November 19th 1:00 pm
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Serving Team,** Sunday, November 19th 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting,** Monday, November 20th, 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Library Hours,** Every Tuesday from 10:00 am—2:00 pm unless there is a service that morning and it will be open at 11:00 am.
- ◆ **Parish Office will be closed** from Noon on Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **NO Bible Study,** Wednesday, November 22nd
- ◆ **DOP baking for the Christmas Bake Sale,** Friday & Saturday, December 1st & 2nd, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast** hosted by AHEPA to raise money for the St. Nicholas Shrine, Sunday, December 3rd immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope/Elpis Christmas Party,** Saturday, December 9th 11:30 am—2:30 pm at the Ridgeway Country Club. Please contact Phani Mitchell to RSVP at 901-854-4359 or cyprus0674@hotmail.com. For more details check the parish website, the Organization Facebook Pages, or your email.
- ◆ **Blessing of Pets,** Saturday, December 16th, 10:00 am in the Parking Lot
- ◆ **AHEPA Christmas Party,** Saturday, **December 16th,** 3:00 pm at home of John & Nancy Kay. Spouses are invited. Please RSVP to John at 901-605-9831 or 901-835-5846.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Christmas Bake Sale,** Sunday, December 17th, at Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **HOPE/JOY/GOYA Christmas Caroling,** Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm. More details to follow
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Party,** Tuesday, December 19th, 11:30 am at Chickasaw Country Club. Details will follow.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party,** December 31st in Cotros Hall. 6:30 pm Cocktails & Appetizers/8:00 pm Dinner/9:30 pm Vasilopita Cutting. RSVP on Sundays in Cotros Hall or in the office during the week. Reservation Forms can be found in the Epistle -online and in print, on our Facebook page, on the website at www.goann.net or in the office. This year we are adding some extra FUN to our party! Our theme is a "MASQUERADE BALL" - so please bring a FUN mask and get dressed up to ring in the New Year 2018.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 19th Ninth Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † 40 Day Blessing for Pres. Stephanie & Christos Thomas
- † Community Thanksgiving Luncheon 12:00 Noon
- † Parish Council Elections 12:00 Noon
- † GOYA Outing to Elmwood Cemetery 1:00 pm
- † More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm

Monday, November 20th

- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library

Tuesday, November 21st Entrance of the Theotokos

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Library Open 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 22nd

Office Closes at 12:00 Noon

Thursday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

Friday, November 24th

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25th Feast of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday, November 26th

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am