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# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 7,  
2018**

Sunday After  
Epiphany

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

**Ushers**

Maria Moore

Bill Joyner

**Greeters**

**Epistle Reader**

Ted Poplos

**Coffee Fellowship**

Hosted by ELPIS for  
Vasilopita Sunday  
and by Joanne Gi-  
kas, Toni Montgom-  
ery & Ted Poplos for  
their birthdays

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. When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a strange people;

Psalm 113:1

Verse 2. Judah became his sanctuary.

Psalm 113:2

Verse 3. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

Psalm 113:3

Verse 4. What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

Psalm 113:5

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen

## Second Antiphon

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*Save us, O Son of God, Who were baptized in the river Jordan by John. We sing to You: Alleluia.*

Verse 1. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Psalm 114:1

Verse 2. For He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Psalm 114:2

Verse 3. The pangs of death encompassed me; the perils of Hades have found me.

Psalm 114:3

Verse 4. The Lord is merciful and righteous; our God is merciful. Psalm 114:5

## Third Antiphon

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*When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the word as sure and steadfast. O Christ our God, You have appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to You.*

Verse 1. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:1

Verse 2. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:2

Verse 3. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:3

Verse 4. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:4

# Resurrectional Apolytikion

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*Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Plagal 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 Theophany

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*Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode*

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and has enlightened the world, glory be to You.

# Hymn for John the Forerunner

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode*

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, you did rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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*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."

# Seasonal Kontakion

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

**Sunday, Jan 7, 2017**  
Synaxis of St. John the  
Baptist

**Monday, Jan 8, 2018**  
St. George the  
Chozebite  
St. Dominica the Right-  
eous

**Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018**  
St. Polyeuctos the Mar-  
tyr  
St. Eustratios the Won-  
derworker

**Wednesday, Jan 10,  
2018**  
St. Gregory of Nyssa  
St. Dometian, Bishop of  
Melitene

**Thursday, Jan 11, 2018**  
St. Theodosios the Ce-  
nobiarch  
St. Vitalis of Gaza

**Friday, Jan 12, 2018**  
St. Tatiana the Martyr  
St. Mertios the Martyr

**Saturday, Jan 13, 2018**  
Sts. Hermylos & Stra-  
tonikos  
St. Maximos the Right-  
eous

## **Epistle: Acts 19:1-8**

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**Prokeimenon. Grave Tone. Psalm 63.11,1.**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8.**

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

**Sunday, Jan 7, 2017**

Fast Free Day

**Monday, Jan 8, 2018**

Fast Free Day

**Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018**

Fast Free Day

**Wednesday, Jan 10,  
2018**

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

**Thursday, Jan 11, 2018**

Fast Free Day

**Friday, Jan 12, 2018**

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**Saturday, Jan 3, 2018**

Fast Free Day

## **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

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At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

# Visitation Committee

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**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

**November:** Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

**December:** Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

**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

Kosta Taras

Alex Gogonelis

Stella Nichols

***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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- ◆ **Please join Father Simon & Presvytera Stephanie as they celebrate the baptism of their son Christos Panayiotis Thomas**, Saturday, January 13th, at 11:00 am, here at Annunciation. A Reception will follow here in Cotros Hall. Regrets only to 209-640-1301 The Godparents will be Christopher & Christine Ronson.
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, January 15th at 6:15 pm in Library
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** begins, January 15th at 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, January 18th at 11:30 am in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **DOP hosting Karen Batshaw - Author of the book "Hidden in Plain Sight"**, Saturday, January 20th at 7:00 pm in Cotros Hall Commemorating the bravery of the Archbishop of Athens and the decency of ordinary people, Hidden in Plain Sight chronicles the SAverage Nazi Occupation of Greece through a bitersweet love story.
- ◆ **JOY Event— Ice Skating at MidSouth Icehouse in Olive Branch**—January 27th, 1:30 pm—4:00 pm. Cost is \$10, ages 3 and under \$4. There is an additional \$3 for skate rental. We may be able to secure a group discount once we have a headcount. Those not skating are free. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4caba62ea64-iceskating>.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, January 7th, Feast of Saint John the Baptist**

### **Vasilopita Sunday**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Oath of Office for Parish Council Members immediately following Divine Liturgy

† Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by ELPIS for Vasilopita Sunday, & by Joanne Gikas, Toni Montgomery, & Ted Poplos for their birthdays 12:00 Noon

† DOP Board Meeting 12:00 Noon in the 7th/8th grade upstairs classroom across from Greek School.

Parish Council Meeting to Elect Officers 12:00 Noon in the Library

## **Tuesday, January 9th**

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

† Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm in the Library

## **Wednesday, January 10th**

† Bible Study 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

## **Saturday, January 13th**

† Baptism of Christos Panayiotis Thomas 11:00 am followed by a reception in Cotros Hall

## **Sunday, January 14th**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† DOP General Meeting 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

Coffee Fellowship—OPEN