



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, March 25,
2018**

Annunciation of our
Most Holy Lady
the Theotokos

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Endy Carter
Vasili Semos
Ted Poplos

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Kathy Zambelis

Coffee Fellowship

Feast of the Annun-
ciation/Greek Inde-
pendence 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

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

Verse 1. O God, give Your judgement to the king, and Your righteousness to the king's son.
Psalm 71:1

Verse 2. Let the mountains and the hills raise peace to Your people.
Psalm 71:3

Verse 3. Proclaim the salvation of our God from day to day.
Psalm 95:2

Verse 4. The Lord swore in truth to David, and He will not annul it.
Psalm 131:11

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 became incarnate for us. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1. He shall come down as rain upon a fleece, and as drops falling upon the earth.
Psalm 71:6

Verse 2. The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle.
Psalm 45:4

Verse 3. God, our God, shall come manifestly, and shall not keep silence.
Psalm 49:3

Verse 4. In his days shall righteousness spring up, and abundance of peace.
Psalm 71:7

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

Today is the beginning of our salvation and the manifestation of the mystery that is from all eternity. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good tidings of grace. Therefore, let us also join Him and cry aloud to the Theotokos: Hail you who are full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Verse 1. Let His name be blessed forever.
Psalm 71:17

Verse 2. Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who alone does wonders.
Psalm 117:18

Verse 3. Blessed is His glorious name forever, even forever and ever.
Psalm 117:19

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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 Eighth Mode

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!"

Sunday, Mar 25, 2018

Annunciation of the
Theotokos

Monday, Mar 26, 2018

Synaxis of Archangel
Gabriel
26 Martyrs in Crimea

Tuesday, Mar 27, 2018

St. Matrona of Thessa-
loniki
St. Paul, Bishop of Cor-
inth

**Wednesday, Mar 28,
2018**

St. Hilarion the New
St. Herodion of the 70

Thursday, Mar 29, 2018

St. Mark, Bishop of Are-
thusa
St. Cyril the Deacon

Friday, Mar 30, 2018

St. John Climacus
Sts. Sosthenes, Apollos,
Cephas, Caesar, &
Epaphroditos

Saturday, Mar 31, 2018

St. Hypatios the Won-
derworker
St. Innocent, Enlighten-
er of Siberia & Alas-
ka

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18

Prokeimenon. Mode 3.

Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the
humility of his servant.

The reading is from

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18

BRETHREN, he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me. Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Sunday, Mar 25, 2018
Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish Oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy, and eggs.

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Gospel: Luke 1:24-38

In those days, Elizabeth the wife of Zacharias conceived and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord had done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Visitation Committee

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: NEED VOLUNTEERS

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

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.

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-

Alec Collis

Sarantos Hatzigeorgiou

Stella Nichols

Alex Gogonelis

Maria Hetos

Kosta Taras

2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.

Announcements

- ◆ **Luncheon to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation & Greek Independence Day** hosted by Elpis Philoptochos & the Daughters of Penelope. Sunday, May 25th at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall. The Greek School & the Athenian Dance Troupe will be providing the program.
- ◆ ******Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being, Moved to Sunday, April 15th.** Watch for updates in the April Epistle and in the bulletins.
- ◆ **Lenten Dinner hosted by Elpis Philoptochos with our Lenten Speaker: Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou**, Professor of Theology/Archbishop Demetrios Chair in Orthodox Theology & Culture, and Co-Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, Wednesday at 7:00 pm immediately following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- ◆ **Sunday School/Hope/Joy Lenten Art Activity**, Friday, March 30 11:00 am—2:00 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **GOYA Lenten Lock-In, Friday**, March 30 5:00 pm—overnight at Annunciation
- ◆ **Saturday of Lazarus Activities.** Saturday, March 31st, immediately following Orthros & Divine Liturgy. **Parish Breakfast, Palm Cross Folding, Parish Clean up. Athenian Dance Troupe** will practice at 12:30 pm and **Elpis** will cook & set up for the Palm Sunday Luncheon.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Luncheon**, Sunday, April 1st, hosted by Elpis Philoptochos, Sunday, April 1st at 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Palm Sunday Bake Sale**, Sunday, April 1st at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Becoming Truly Human**—Follow Basil as he navigates our modern cultural landscape, engaging with a group of spiritual "nones" (religious unaffiliated) in honest and open discussion on religion and spirituality, while recounting his own journey as a "none" in search of spiritual wholeness. **3 Screenings**

Tuesday, April 24 7:00 pm—Malco Forest Hill Cinema Grill

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 pm—Malco Studio on the Square

Thursday, April 26 7:00 pm—Cordova Town Cinema

- ◆ **Library News:** We have Lenten reading available here in the parish library including The Lenten Spring, Great Lent, and the Lenten Covenant. **New library arrivals**—Tears of Repentance, Know Your Faith, and Everyday Saints and Other Stories. Don't forget to look for our monthly book reviews in the parish epistle! Come check us out on Tuesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm or see me after services and I will help you find a book. Billy Benson
- ◆ **Elpis Spring Canned Goods Drive**, Elpis will be collecting non-perishable food items & toiletries throughout the month of March. Please bring donated items to the table set up in Cotros Hall. All items will be donated to those in need throughout Memphis.
- ◆ **Stewardship Cards:** By now you should all have received your 2018 Stewardship Information packet in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and turn your Stewardship Card in to Maria Moore or mail to/drop it by the church office. Thank you!
- ◆ **2018 Scholarship Applications**, as provided, are available on the Parish website at <http://www.goann.net/education/scholarships>. Check back regularly for updates.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 25th, THE ANNUNCIATION

Greek Independence Day

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

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

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Feast of the Annunciation/Greek Independence Day Luncheon hosted by Elpis Philoptochos & Daughters of Penelope with performances by the Athenian Dance Troupe and Greek School 12:00 pm

Monday, March 26th

† Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm

† Fr. V's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 27th

† Library Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

† Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 28th

† Ninth Hour 5:30 pm

† Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

† Lenten Dinner hosted by Elpis Philoptochos with our Lenten Speaker: Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou, Professor of Theology/Archbishop Demetrios Chair in Orthodox Theology & Culture, and Co-Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 7:00 pm

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† Sunday School/Hope/Joy Lenten Art Project 11:00 am—2:00 pm in Cotros Hall

† GOYA Lenten Lock-In 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 31st, Saturday of Lazarus

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Parish Pancake Breakfast/Palm Cross Folding/Parish Clean Up 11:00 am

† Elpis Set up & Cook for Palm Sunday Luncheon following

Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm—2:00 pm

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† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

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

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Palm Sunday Luncheon hosted by Elpis Philoptochos 12:00 Noon

† Daughters of Penelope Palm Sunday Bake Sale 12:00 Noon

† Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm