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# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

Sixth Sunday of Mat-  
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**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

**Ushers**

Chris Apalodimas  
John Kay, & Harry  
Sinis

**Epistle Reader**

**Coffee Fellowship**

Hosted by Daughters  
of Penelope

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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*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

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*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

*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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*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

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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.

# Apolytikion for Great Martyr Prokopius

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

You Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

# 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."

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 Second Mode*

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor You.

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

St. Prokopios the Great  
Martyr  
St. Theophilios the  
Myrrhbearer

**Monday, July 9, 2018**

St. Pancratios, Bishop of  
Sicily  
St. Dionysios the Orator

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

The 45 Martyrs Nikopolis,  
Armenia  
St. Apollonios the Martyr

**Wednesday, July 11,  
2018**

St. Euphemia the Great  
Martyr  
St. Olga, Equal-to-the-  
Apostles

**Thursday, July 12, 2018**

Sts. Proklos & Hilarios of  
Ancyra  
St. Michael Maleinus

**Friday, July 13, 2018**

The Synaxis of Archangel  
St. Stephanos of Savvas  
Monastery

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**

St. Aquila of the 70  
St. Joseph the Confessor

## Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

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**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1.  
Psalm 11.7,1**

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.  
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has  
failed.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans  
12:6-14**

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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No fasting restrictions.

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

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## **Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8**

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At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

# Visitation Committee

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**July:** Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

**August:** Elaine Daniels & Friend

**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

**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

**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  
Maria Hetos

Stella Nichols  
Kosta Taras

Georgia Smith  
Jimmy Smith

***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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- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp Registration: CAMP DATES: JULY 22-28, 2018**  
**- WAIT LIST IS NOW OPEN**  
**AGES:** For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring). **PRICE : \$425**  
**Normal Registration**  
<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp Staff — URGENT**  
We are in search of dedicated individuals to serve on the St. Nicholas Summer Camp staff. We have been VERY blessed to have a long history of exceptional people serve on the SNC staff. This year, we are looking to all of you to help continue that tradition! Visit [www.stnicholascamp.org/staff-info](http://www.stnicholascamp.org/staff-info) for more information about staff requirements and to apply!!  
Please email Eva Kostantakos at [snsc@detroit.goarch.org](mailto:snsc@detroit.goarch.org) to let me know whether or not you can help out this year. We cannot run the camp without you... literally! If you cannot make it, we ask that you please share this info with other potential candidates.
- ◆ **Stewardship Cards:** 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!
- ◆ **Library Summer Hours**  
The library is open all summer long 10:00 am—2:00 pm every Tuesday. Please take some time during a lunch break to stop by for a quiet place to read or contemplate. We also have a great Children's Section.
- ◆ **Parish Directory**  
The new directory is available on Sundays and in the Church Office. This will be something we can update on a regular basis. Please pick one up and take a look at the make-up of our Parish. We are accepting a recommended donation of \$5 to help offset the costs, but this is not obligatory.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, July 8th, Sixth Sunday of Matthew**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

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

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by DOP 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

## **Thursday, July 12th**

† Festival Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 pm in the Library

## **Sunday, July 15th, Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

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

† More Than a Meal Cooking Team—Meet in Cotros Hall at Noon to prepare food. Then head to Grace-St. Luke's to serve at 3:00 pm.

## **Monday, July 16th**

† Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library