



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, October
14, 2018**

Sunday of the 7th
Ecumenical Council

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Madeleine Donnelly

Bill Joyner

Epistle Reader

Endy Carter

Coffee Fellowship

Soup Sunday

Fundraiser hosted
by the Daughters
of Penelope to
benefit Penelope
House

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

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

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 Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord has wrought might with His arm, He has trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead has He become. From the belly of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

Hymn for the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

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 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, October 14, 2018

Sts. Nazarios, Gervasios,
Protasios, & Celsius
St. Kosmas the Hagiopolite

Monday, October 15, 2018

St. Loukianos of Antioch
St. Savinos, Bishop of Ca-
tania

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

St. Longinos the Centurion

**Wednesday, October 17,
2018**

Hosea the Prophet
Sts. Cosmas & Damian of
Arabia

**Thursday, October 18,
2018**

St. Luke the Evangelist
St. Marinos the Martyr

Friday, October 19, 2018

Joel the Prophet
St. Varyn the Martyr

**Saturday, October 20,
2018**

St. Artemios of Antioch
St. Gerasimos of Cephalo-
nia

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.
Daniel 3.26,27**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 **Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

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

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The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Visitation Committee

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: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

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: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

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

Georgia Smith
Jimmy Smith
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

- ◆ **GOYA Meeting for Students & Parents re: 2019 Ionian Village Trip**, Sunday, October 14th at 12:00 Noon in the Library
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope host Soup Sunday Luncheon to raise funds for Penelope House**, Sunday, October 14th at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young Adult League (YAL) Barbeque**, Sunday, October 14th at 4:30 pm at the Zambelis Home. Please RSVP to Kathy Zambelis at 901-359-1055.
- ◆ **Pastoral Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas.**
Oct 20th-21st † Church Sanctuary
His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit will make a Pastoral Visit to our Parish on Saturday, October 20th and Sunday, October 21st. During this visit, he will bless the work recently completed in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars for this visit.
- ◆ **Sts. Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon** hosted by the Ladies of Elpis Philoptochos, Sunday, October 21st at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, October 15th at 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, October 28th at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Greek School Classes**
Greek School Classes will begin the week of October 8th. Please check with Despina for exact times and days for your class.
- ◆ **Weekly Choir Rehearsals**
Weekly Choir Rehearsals are held **each Thursday evening from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm** unless there is a service scheduled!

Stewardship Update

Within the next couple of weeks you will be receiving your current Stewardship Statements listing your progress towards your 2018 commitment. If you notice any errors, please let the Parish Office know so that we can address them.

Additionally, you will also be receiving a 2019 Stewardship Commitment Card (we'll have them in the Narthex as well) and ask that you prayerfully consider your 2019 commitment.

It is much appreciated by The Annunciation Parish. It's God's home...It's our home.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, October 14th, Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 40 Day Blessing for Elisabeth Anna Buring, daughter of Jacob & Michele

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† DOP hosts Soup Sunday to benefit Penelope House 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† GOYA Meeting for Students & Parents re: 2019 Ionian Village trip 12:00 Noon in Library

† Young Adult League (YAL) Barbeque Party 4:30 pm at home of Zambelis family

Monday, October 15th

† Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library

Tuesday, October 16th

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, October 17th

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 18th

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

† Young at Heart Luncheon

† Choir Practice 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Saturday, October 20th, Feast of St. Gerasimos

Pastoral Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

† Elpis Ladies Cooking & Setting up for Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, October 21st, Sixth Sunday of Luke

Pastoral Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Sts. Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon hosted by Ladies of Elpis 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's