



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 18, 2018

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Naji Nassif

Diane Kavelaras

Demie Bitinis

Epistle Reader

Maria Moore

Sermon

Rev. Father Simon

Thomas

Coffee Fellowship

Parish Thanksgiving

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

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 Eighth Mode

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to You.

Hymn for Great Martyr Plato

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Your Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for You received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful.

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, November 18,
2018**

St. Plato of Ancyra
St. Romanus the Martyr

**Monday, November 19,
2018**

Obadiah the Prophet
St. Barlaam of Caesarea

**Tuesday, November 20,
2018**

St. Gregory of Decapolis
The Forefeast of the En-
trance

**Wednesday, November
21, 2018**

The Entrance of the The-
otokos into the Temple

**Thursday, November 22,
2018**

St. Philemon of the 70
St. Cecilia & her Compan-
ions

Friday, November 23, 2018

St. Amphilochios, Bishop of
Iconium
St. Gregory, Bishop of Agri-
gentum

**Saturday, November 24,
2018**

St. Clement, Pope of
Rome
St. Froumentios, Archbish-
op of Alexandria

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.
Psalm 75.11,1**

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform
them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in
Israel.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
4:1-7**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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

Saturday, November 24, 2018

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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: 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

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
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

- ◆ **Parish Community Thanksgiving Luncheon**, Sunday, November 18th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall. Cost for the Luncheon is \$15/adult, and \$8/child.
- ◆ **Parish Assembly to Approve By-laws**, Sunday, November 18th, at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Council Elections**, Sunday, November 18th, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Offices will close for Thanksgiving** beginning at Noon on Wednesday, November 21st, through the rest of the Week.
- ◆ **YAL Friendsgiving**, Saturday, November 24th, 6:30 pm at Stefan & Mary Osborn's home. It's going to be potluck so please let Alexis Moore know if you can make it and what you are bringing. RSVP on our Facebook Event Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/255233378492229/> or contact Alexis at 901-828-3982.
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos will be collecting non-perishable food items & toiletries throughout the month of November.** Please bring donated items to the table set up in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **Community Christmas Card**—Elpis Philoptochos invites you to contribute your name to our community Christmas Card. For only \$25, all proceeds go to our Social Services Fund. Please See Ms. Sophie in Cotros Hall to contribute until November 24th.
- ◆ **2019 PanHellenic Scholarships** are now available at www.panhellecicsf.org/apply.

Stewardship Update:

“STEWARDS OF OUR FAITH:

All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ” (Mark 9:23)

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World!

Jesus is concerned about the 5,000 men plus women and children that are with him in the wilderness. His disciples tell him that all they have are five loaves and two small fish that a boy has offered. Jesus' response is the phrase, "Bring them to me." Jesus then takes the loaves, blesses and breaks them, and feeds 5,000 men plus women and children.

We also bring what we have to Jesus. We offer bread and wine. He returns it to us as His body and blood in Holy Communion. We offer ourselves and we become the Church, His body on earth. No matter how much we give, He cannot be outdone. Just like the boy who offered the loaves and the fish, if we offer what we have - however great or small our gift - with prayer and humility, God will receive our gifts and multiply them to feed His people.

We look forward to receiving your 2019 Stewardship commitment. If you haven't received one in the mail, please reach out to Erin in the office...It is much appreciated by The Annunciation Parish. It's God's home...It's our home.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 18th

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Thanksgiving Luncheon 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † Parish Council Elections 11:30 am—1:00 Pm in Cotros Hall
- † Parish Assembly to Approve By-Laws 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † More Than a Meal—Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's

Monday, November 19th

- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in Library

Tuesday, November 20th

- † Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm
- † Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 pm in Library
- † Orthros 6:00 pm
- † Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 21st, Entrance of the Theotokos

- † Parish Offices Close at 12:00 Noon today

Thursday, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day

- † Parish Offices Closed

Friday, November 23rd

- † Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, November 24th

- † YAL Friendsgiving 6:30 pm at home of Stefan & Mary Osborn

† Sunday, November 25th, Feast of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † 30 Year Memorial for Chris Paris
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † NO Sunday School today
- † Visitation Committee Meeting 12:00 Noon in the Library
- † Coffee Fellowship sponsored by the Zambelis & Paris families for 30 Year Memorial for Chris Paris