



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, Decem- ber 9, 2018

Tenth Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Madeleine Don-
nelly
Bill Joyner

Epistle Reader

Cathe Skefos

Sermon

William Kallas

Coffee Fellowship

AHEPA Fundraiser
Pancake Breakfast
for St. Nicholas Na-
tional Shrine

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 had granted great mercy to the world.

Hymn for the Conception of the Theotokos

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Today the bonds of childlessness are loosed; for God hearkened to Joachim and Anna. And though it was beyond hope, He clearly promised them that they should bear a divine child, from whom was born the Uncircumscribable One Himself Who became a mortal, and through an Angel commanded them to cry unto her: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

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 world rejoices in the conception of Anna, wrought by God. For she bore the One who beyond comprehension conceived the Logos.

**Sunday, December 9,
2018**

Conception of Theotokos
Hanna the Prophetess

**Monday, December 10,
2018**

Sts. Menas, Hermogenes,
& Eugephos
St. Thomas of Bithynia

**Tuesday, December 11,
2018**

St. Daniel the Stylite
St. Luke the Stylite of Chalcedon

**Wednesday, December
12, 2018**

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
St. Peter the Aleut

**Thursday, December 13,
2018**

St. Auxentios & the Martyrs
of Sebaste
St. Lucia the Virgin Martyr
St. Herman of Alaska

**Friday, December 14,
2018**

Sts. Thyrsos, Leucius, &
Callinicos

**Saturday, December 15,
2018**

St. Eleutherios, Bishop of
Illyria
St. Susannah the Deaconess

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27

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

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22
-27**

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Monday, December 10, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

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Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) |

Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed) |

Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Strict Fast |

Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

Friday, December 14, 2018

Strict Fast |

Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed) |

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Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Visitation Committee

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

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

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

- ◆ **AHEPA Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for St. Nicholas National Shrine**, Sunday, December 9th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Assembly to approve 2019 Budget**, Sunday, December 9th, at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon**, Tuesday, December 11th, 11:30 am at Jim's Place Grill in Collierville. \$25/ticket. See Athena Jameson or Kathy Zambelis by December 7th to RSVP.
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos & DOP Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 15th, 11:00 am at Ridgeway Country Club. See your organization heads to RSVP.
- ◆ **Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 16th, after Services, in Church Nave.
- ◆ **Stewardship Sunday**, December 16th in Cotros Hall after Christmas Pageant
- ◆ **DOP Christmas Bake Sale**, Sunday, December 16th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party**, Monday, December 31st, 7:00 pm after Divine Liturgy. Space is limited to 150 people so make your Reservations soon. Payment will be required when Reservation is made. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Please see Kathy Zambelis in Cotros Hall on Sundays or call Erin in the Parish Office during the week.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

"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!

The base from which we serve as the Voice of Christ in a Changing World is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that is can be.

Let us prepare for the Nativity of our Lord with prayer and meditation.

Every creature made by you offers you thanksgiving. The angels offer you a hymn, the heavens, a star, the magi, gifts, the shepherds, their wonder, the earth, its cave, the wilderness, a manger, and we offer to you, a Virgin Mother.

Orthodox Christian Vesperal Hymn

As we bring 2018 to a close and due to the 31st falling on a Monday, we ask that you fulfill your 2018 commitment by December 23rd. Also, if you haven't received a 2019 Stewardship commitment form, 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, December 9th, Tenth Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Last Day of Sunday School: Pageant Practice 11:00 am in High School Class Room

† AHEPA Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for St. Nicholas National Shrine 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† Parish Assembly to Approve 2019 Parish Budget 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

Tuesday, December 11th

† Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon at Jim's Place Grille 11:30 am

† Elpis Board Christmas Party at Cyndi Detty's home 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 12th, Feast of Saint Spyridon

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Byzantine Chant Class (Learn about the Liturgical Cycle) 5:30 pm in the Library

† Bible Study 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Thursday, December 13th

† Choir Practice 6:30 pm in Choir Loft

Saturday, December 15th

† Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal 9:00 am

† Elpis & DOP Christmas Party 11:00 am at Ridgeway Country Club

Sunday, December 16th, Eleventh Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† NO Sunday School until New Year

† Christmas Pageant after Liturgy

† DOP Christmas Bake Sale 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† GOYA Meeting Y2AM 12:00 Noon in GOYA Room

† Stewardship Sunday 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall