



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Our Father and Chief Shepherd:

His Eminence, Metropolitan NICHOLAS of Detroit

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WELCOME

We are blessed that you have chosen to participate in our worship service and pray that you will be both enlightened and inspired. We encourage you to ask questions and please contact our ministry leaders if you would like to volunteer your time and talents. Thank You!

Sunday, January 27, 2019

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Holy Bread: Enosis Touliatos

Ushers: Team 4

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Homilist: Fr. Simon Thomas

Coffee Fellowship: 40-Day Memorial
of Cyndi Bagatelas

GUIDELINES FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist—the Lord's Supper—to be primarily the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our modern day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. While we fervently pray for this unity, as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church, we must offer a reminder that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the conclusion of our divine services.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

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

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)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: SECOND MODE

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἢ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄιδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

Ἡ τοῦ στόματός σου καθάπερ πυρσὸς ἐκλάμπασα χάρις, τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐφώτισεν· ἀφιλαργυρίας τῷ κόσμῳ θησαυροὺς ἐναπέθετο· τὸ ὕψος ἡμῖν τῆς ταπεινοφροσύνης ὑπέδειξεν. Ἀλλὰ σοῖς λόγοις παιδεύων, Πάτερ Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, πρέσβευε τῷ Λόγῳ Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION: FOURTH MODE

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.

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, "Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you."

SEASONAL KONTAKION: FIRST MODE

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (7:26-28; 8:1-2)

Prokeimenon. First Mode. Psalm 48

My mouth shall speak wisdom.

Verse: Hear this, all you nations

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Saint Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

DURING THE WEEK

Sunday, January 27th (*Removal of St. John Chrysostom Relics, Peter the Righteous of Egypt*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

12:00pm—St John Chrysostom Oratorical Workshop

4:00pm—Elpis Ladies Night Out (Poplas Home)

Monday, January 28th (*Ephraim the Syrian, Isaac the Syrian—Bishop of Ninevah*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

6:30pm—Father Vieron's Greek Class (Cotros Hall)

Tuesday, January 29th (*Removal of Relics of Ignatius the God-Bearer, Laurence the Recluse*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

Library Open 10:00am—2:00pm

Wednesday, January 30th (*Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil, Gregory, and John Chrysostom*)

Fast Day: (Wine and Oil Allowed) Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs

9:00am—Orthros/Divine Liturgy for the Three Hierarchs

3:00pm—Greek School

5:30pm—Byzantine Chant Class/Lenten Hymns (Parish Library)

6:30pm—Bible Study

Thursday, January 31st (*Cyrus & John the Unmercenaries, Arsenius of Parus*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 1st (*Trypho the Martyr, Perpetua & her Companions, Timothy the Confessor*)

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

Saturday, February 2nd (*Presentation of our Lord in the Temple*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

Divine Liturgy will be held at St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church at 9:00am

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2018 Parish Registry Statistics

Baptisms: 17 Chrismations: 10

Marriages: 5 Deaths: 9

2019 Parish Registry Statistics

Baptisms: 1 Chrismations: 0

Marriages: 0 Deaths: 0

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

GOYA BeeTreat –The Archdiocesan Department of Youth & Young Adults is hosting an all day “BeeTreat” with Mr. Steven Christoforou at the Holy Trinity Church in Nashville, TN on Saturday, February 23rd. Please contact our GOYA advisors if you are interested.

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Workshops –All participant of the 2019 Saint John Chrysostom Festival are encouraged to attend two workshops, to be held after Sunday School classes. The Parish Oratorical Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th following Divine Liturgy. Contact William Kallas for more details! The dates available are:

February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th, March 3rd

Ionian Village 2019— This year, we are blessed to have seven young men and women interested in attending the Ionian Village Summer Program in Greece. The cost for each child to attend is approximately \$6,000 dollars. **Please consider supporting our children with our Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 16th from 5-8:00pm. Tickets will cost \$20 dollars or \$10 for Take-Out.** Tickets may be purchased in advance on Sunday’s after Liturgy or at the door. You will not want to miss a special performance by the RSVP A Cappella Chorus!

Any person willing to make a financial contribution to help support David Wassef, Rachel Semos, Katherine Hoover, Sophia Douglas, Zoe Johnson, Austin Detty, and Diana Popa; would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Church Office for additional details!



Philoptochos Corner

Open House: January 27th
At Poplas Home from 4-6pm
RSVP: (901) 496-2503

Visitation Committee

January 16-31: Jan Futris, Nancy Tashie, & Tina Liollo

The following members of our parish have requested a visitation. For address and/or contact information, please check the parish directory or contact the Church Office.

Alec Collis, Niki Gikas, Maria Hetos, Stella Nichols,
Georgia Smith, Jimmy Smith, Kosta Taras, Eleni Free,
Einir Valdimarsori

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 House Blessings

Father Simon will be available to bless homes until Friday, March 8th. Please sign-up or contact the parish office. Information is available on our parish website, Facebook page, and monthly Epistle.

Parish Choir

We welcome ALL to choir rehearsals! No auditions, only your spirit and willingness to sing! Also, there is no obligation to sing in the loft; your voice can be useful in the congregation. Therefore, if you want to simply learn how to improve your knowledge and vocal skills or about our hymn setting, we would be happy to have you at rehearsals! If you have been thinking about joining the choir, rehearsals are a great way to become familiar with our music and how your voice works with others. Reading music notation or Greek language is NOT required. Again, this is open to all! Let us sing in praise and worship together! Rehearsals will be held on the following Thursdays: January 31st, February 7th & 28th.

Young Adults

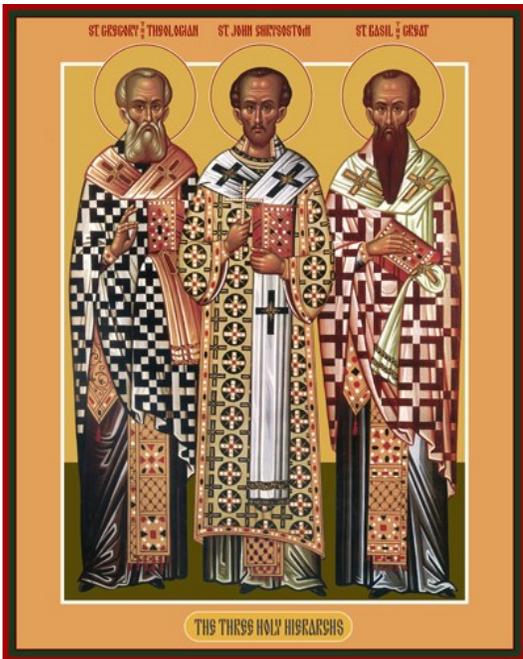
On Sunday, February 3rd at 5:00pm the Young Adults of our parish are invited to attend the YAL Super Bowl Party located at the home of Demetri & Elleni Papastefan. RSVP to Elleni at (850) 509-5923. Please bring an appetizer!

Byzantine Chant Classes

Any person interested in learning about the hymns of our Church, specifically with the Lenten Hymns, please consider participating in our classes. We will begin preparing for Great Lent by practicing the hymns of Compline, PreSanctified Liturgy, and Salutations Services. For any questions, please contact William Kallas for further details! The next class will be held on: Wednesday, January 30th at 5:30pm.

Annunciation Book Club

There is a growing interest to establish a bi-monthly book club within our community. Any person interested in joining this group is encouraged to contact William Kallas (vasilioskallas@gmail.com) for further details.



Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

January 30th

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its

preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

Apolytikion of Three Hierarchs. First Mode.

The three most great luminaries of the Three-Sun Divinity have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true; they are the sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, who with godly knowledge have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams: The great and sacred Basil, and the Theologian, wise Gregory, together with the renowned John, the famed Chrysostom of golden speech. Let us all who love their divinely-wise words come together, honoring them with hymns; for ceaselessly they offer entreaty for us to the Trinity.

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