



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 DIVINE SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:45AM

Sunday, February 3, 2019

NURSERY AVAILABLE AT 10:00AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Bread: Enosis Touliatos

Epistle Reader: Cathe Skefos

Homilist: Fr. John Mashburn

Memorial: Diana Mazas (1 year)

Coffee Fellowship Hosted by
Mazas Family

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: My heart overflowed with a good word; I tell my works to the King.

Verse 2: My tongue is the pen of a swift-writing scribe.

Verse 3: You are more beautiful than the sons of men.

Verse 4: Therefore God blessed You forever.

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 were held in the arms of righteous Symeon.

We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1: Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, in Your splendor and Your beauty.

Verse 2: Stretch Your bow, and grant prosperity, and reign, because of truth and goodness.

Verse 3: Your arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. The peoples shall fall under You.

Verse 4: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; Your royal scepter is a scepter of uprightness.

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: Listen, O daughter, behold and incline your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: THIRD MODE

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

APOLYTIKION FOR THE FEAST: FIRST MODE

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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 φιλόνητος.

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 Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:1-10)

Prokeimenon. Third Mode. Psalm 46

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

Verse: Oh, clap your hands all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Saint Matthew (25:14-30)

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

DURING THE WEEK

Sunday, February 3rd (*Synaxis of the Holy & Righteous Symeon the God-Receiver*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

12:00pm—St John Chrysostom Oratorical Workshop

1:00pm—D.O.P. Board Meeting (Perkins Restaurant & Bakery)

5:00pm—YAL Super Bowl Party (Demetri & Eleni Papastefan's Home)

5:00pm—GOYA Super Bowl Party (Hoover's Home)

Monday, February 4th (*Isidore of Pelusium, Nicholas the Confessor, Hieromartyr Abramius*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

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

Tuesday, February 5th (*Agatha the Martyr, Polyuktos—Patriarch of Constantinople*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

Library Open 10:00am—2:00pm

Wednesday, February 6th (*Photius the Great, Bucolus—Bishop of Smyrna*)

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

3:00pm—Greek School

Thursday, February 7th (*Parthenius-Bishop of Lampsacus, Luke of Mount Stirion*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 8th (*Theodore the Commander, Holy Prophet Zacharias*)

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

Saturday, February 9th (*Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch*)

Fast Free: No fasting restrictions

10:00am—D.O.P. Monthly Meeting (Cotros Hall)

7:00pm—GOYA Grizzlies vs. Pelicans Game at the FedEx Forum

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 participants 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

February 17th at 3:00pm

More than a Meal

Grace—St. Luke’s

Episcopal Church

Visitation Committee

February 1-15: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

The following members of our parish have requested a visitation:

Alec Collis, Niki Gikas, Maria Hetos, Stella Nichols,
Georgia Smith, Jimmy Smith, Kosta Taras

There is a need for volunteers for MAY 1 through 15.

Please contact Kristine Wagner to volunteer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome Father John Mashburn as the presiding priest for divine services. We thank him for his availability to serve at our parish. Father Simon will be attending the Metropolis of Detroit Clergy Retreat in Detroit until Wednesday, February 6th.

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

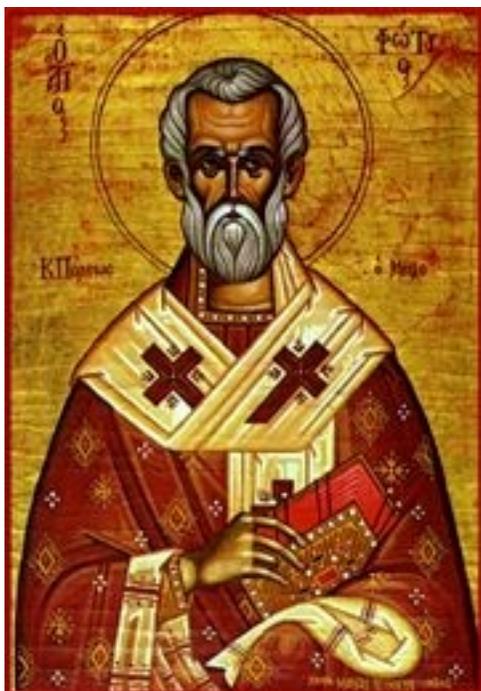
We welcome ALL to choir rehearsals! No auditions, only your spirit and willingness to sing! Also, there is no obligation to sing in the loft; your voice can be useful in the congregation. Therefore, if you want to simply learn how to improve your knowledge and vocal skills or about our hymn setting, 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: February 7th & 28th.

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 (vasilioskallas@gmail.com) for further details! The next class will be held on: Wednesday, February 13th 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.



Photius the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople

February 6th

As for the thrice-blessed Photius, the great and most resplendent Father and teacher of the Church, the Confessor of the Faith and Equal to the Apostles, he lived during the years of the emperors Michael (the son of Theophilus), Basil the Macedonian, and Leo his son. He was the son of pious parents, Sergius and Irene, who suffered for the Faith under the Iconoclast Emperor Theophilus; he was also a nephew of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople. He was born in Constantinople, where he excelled in the foremost imperial ministries, while ever practicing a virtuous and godly life.

An upright and honorable man of singular learning and erudition, he was raised to the apostolic, ecumenical, and patriarchal throne of Constantinople in the year 857.

The many struggles that this thrice-blessed one undertook for the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaeans, the Iconoclasts, and other heretics, and the attacks and assaults that he endured from Nicholas I, the haughty and ambitious Pope of Rome, and the great persecutions and distresses he suffered, are beyond number. Contending against the Latin error of the filioque, that is, the doctrine that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, he demonstrated clearly with his *Mystagogy on the Holy Spirit* how the filioque destroys the unity and equality of the Trinity. He has left us many theological writings, panegyric homilies, and epistles, including one to Boris, the Sovereign of Bulgaria, in which he set forth for him the history and teachings of the Seven Ecumenical Councils. Having tended the Church of Christ in holiness and in an evangelical manner, and with fervent zeal having rooted out all the tares of every alien teaching, he departed to the Lord in the Monastery of the Armenians on February 6, 891.