



# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

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Our Father and Chief Shepherd:

**His Eminence, Metropolitan NICHOLAS of Detroit**

**REV. FR. SIMON THOMAS**, Parish Priest

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**MR. WILLIAM A. KALLAS**, Pastoral Assistant

## 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, February 10, 2019**

**SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE**

**Holy Bread:** Enosis Touliatos

**Epistle Reader:** Nick Douglas

**Homilist:** Fr. Simon Thomas

**Memorials:** Helen Mavraganis (1 year)  
& Sarantos Hatzigeorgiou (40 Days)

**SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:45am**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE AT 10:00am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

### 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: FOURTH MODE

**GREEK TEXT:** Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**GREEK PHONETICS:** To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma ek tu angelu mathuse e tu Kiriou mathitrie ke tin progonikin apfasin aporrripsase tis Apostolis kafhomena elegon eskilefte o thanatos i gerthi Christos o Theos thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.

**ENGLISH TEXT:** Having learned the joyful tidings the angels told when they proclaimed the Resurrection, the women followers of the Lord did cast aside the ancient curse laid up on the forefathers. To the apostles, the women cried out with pride: Death has lost its armored might, and Christ God is risen from the dead, granting His great mercy to all the universe!

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

### APOLYTIKION FOR SAINT HARALAMBOS: FOURTH MODE

*MELODY: COME QUICKLY*

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος τῆς οἰκουμένης σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες, ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου, ἔλυσας τῶν εἰδώλων, τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρῴρησιν Χριστῶ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμας.

O pillar of Christ's Church that cannot be shaken or moved, an ever resplendent lamp that has illumined the world, O wise one Haralambos. Shining over Creation by your station as a martyr, you ended the moonless darkness of the idols, O Blessed one. In speaking out with boldness to Christ, intercede that we may be saved.

### APOLYTIKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION: FOURTH MODE

**GREEK TEXT:** 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.

**GREEK PHONETICS:** Simeon tis sotirias imon to kefaleon ke tu ap eonos mistiriu e fanerosis, o Ios to Theou, Ios tis Parthenu ginete ke Gavriil tin harin evangelizete. Thio ke e mis sin afto ti Theotoko voisomen, Haire ke haritomeni o Kirios meta Su.

**ENGLISH TEXT:** 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: SECOND MODE

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians which cannot be put to shame, Mediation unto the Creator unwavering, do not turn from the pleading voices of those who have sinned, but quickly now unto the aid of all the faithful who cry out unto you, who are kind and good. Hasten your intercession, and speedily make supplication, for you at all times will protect, Theotokos, those who honor you.

## READINGS OF THE DAY

### EPISTLE READING

#### **Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:1-10)**

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63**

*The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord.*

*Verse: Hear my voice, O God.*

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

### GOSPEL READING

#### **The Gospel According to Saint Matthew (15: 21-28)**

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## DURING THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 10th** (*Hieromartyr Haralambos, Anastasios—Patriarch of Jerusalem*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

12:00pm — St John Chrysostom Oratorical Workshop

12:00pm — Godparent Luncheon host by Daughters of Penelope

**Monday, February 11th** (*Blaise the Holy Martyr of Sebastia, Theodora the Empress*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

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

**Tuesday, February 12th** (*Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

Library Open 10:00am—2:00pm

6:30pm — Elpis Board Meeting (Parish Library)

**Wednesday, February 13th** (*Martinian of Palestine, Aquilla & Priscilla the Apostles*)

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

5:30pm — Byzantine Chant Class

6:30pm — Bible Study

**Thursday, February 14th** (*Auxentius of the Mountain, Cyril—Equal to the Apostles*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

**Friday, February 15th** (*Onesimus the Apostle of the 70, Anthimus the Elder of Chios*)

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

**Saturday, February 16th** (*Pamphilus the Martyr & his Companions*)

**Fast Free: No fasting restrictions**

5:00pm — Ionian Village Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Cotros Hall)

**Tickets on sale for \$20**

### 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

**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 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!

**St. Nicholas Summer Camp:** Tentative Dates are from Sunday, July 21st through July, 27th to be held at Camp Loucon in Leitchfield, Kentucky! Any young adult or college student interested in being a STAFF MEMBER, contact Father Simon or our Pastoral Assistant!



### *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**

### **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 Thursday: February 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](mailto: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](mailto:vasilioskallas@gmail.com)) for further details.

### **Greekfest Workshop**

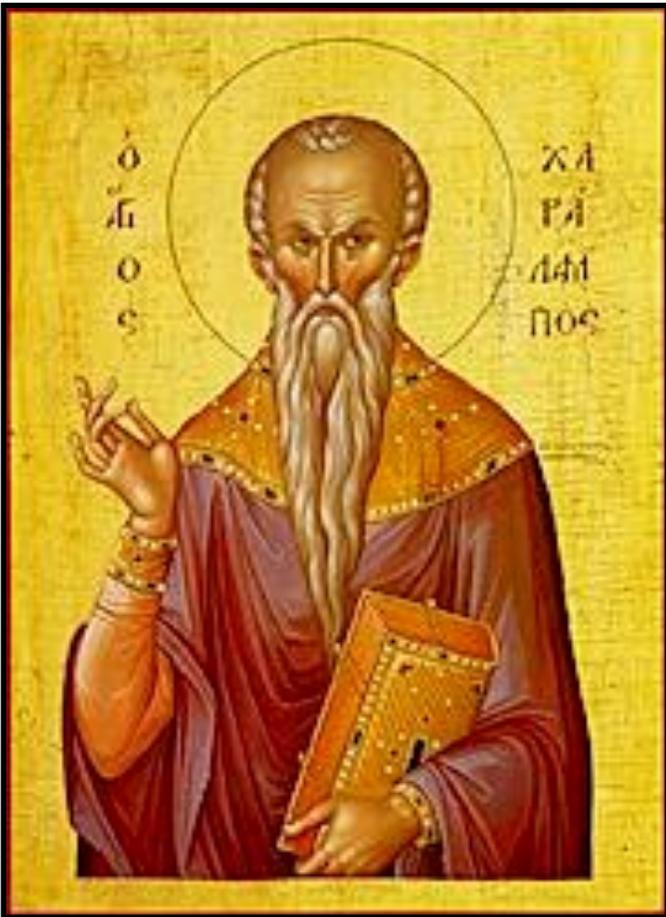
Save the dates for Friday, February 22nd and February 23rd from 8am—4pm. Our parish will be preparing Spanakopita. Everyone is welcome to join us! For more details, contact the Church office.

## Hieromartyr Haralambos

**February 10th**

This Saint was a priest of the Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103 years of age.

St. Haralampus is commemorated on February 10th, with the exception when this date falls on the Saturday of the Souls preceding Lent or on Clean Monday (the first day of Lent), in which case the feast is celebrated on February 9th.



*Reading provided by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*

## Blaise the Holy Martyr of Sebastia

**February 11th**

Saint Blaise was Bishop of Sebastia. Divine grace, through which he healed the diseases of men and beasts, and especially of infants, made his name famous. He contested for the Faith under Licinius in the year 316. Saint Blaise is invoked for the healing of throat ailments.

