

***SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015***  
***12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW***

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone**

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 hat He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for the Dormition in the First Tone**

In giving birth, you did preserve your virginity; in your dormition, you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, since you are the Mother of Life; and by your intercessions did you redeem our souls from death.

**Hymn of the Annunciation in the First Tone**

*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."*

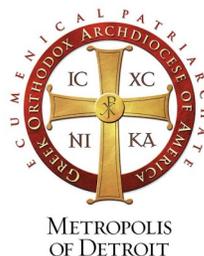
*Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζειται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.*

**Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone**

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelled in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

***FASTING THIS WEEK***

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday this week we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. The rest of the week is fast free.



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We welcome you to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate 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 a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/chrismated Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

***THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS***

On this the 23rd day of the month of August, we commemorate: the Leave-taking of the Dormition, Ireneus the Bishop of Lyons, Kallinikos the Patriarch of Constantinople, Lupus the Martyr, Father Nicholas of Sikelion and the 38 Martyrs of Thrace.

By their holy intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Ted Poplos

**Prosforo:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 1:** Magdi Wassef

**Greeters:** John Tashie & Daughters Sophia and Sarah

**Coffee Hour:** Back to School Luncheon - hosted by Sunday School

**The Coffee Hour sign up for 3rd quarter still has several openings, including but not limited to the following:**

**September 6**

**September 27**

**October 18**

Please consider serving your parish in this way. We are also looking for a coffee hour coordinator. Please contact Father Simon if interested.

## GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 19:16-26

And behold, one came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Looking for Volunteer Organist for Choir. Please see Fr. Simon for more information.

- ◆ Hall in Germantown (Athenian Dancers will perform at noon.)
- ◆ Grandparents Luncheon (Honoring Seniors 90 & Over) - Sunday September 13
- ◆ Pneumonia Shots Sunday September 13
- ◆ Auxiliary Fair Sunday September 20

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Germantown Multi-Cultural Festival Saturday August 29 11:00 am - 5:00 pm at Great

## EPISTLE READING - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday August 23**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School**
- ◆ **Back to School Luncheon**

**Saturday August 29**

**Feast of Beheading of John the Baptist**

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:00am**

**Sunday, August 30**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30am - 12noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope hosting Breakfast Coffee Hour 12:00noon**
- ◆ **Acolyte Workshop 12:00 - 1:00pm**