

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015***  
***7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL***

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone**

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You.

**Apolytikion of the 7th Ecumenical Council  
in the Plagal Fourth Tone**

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

**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."

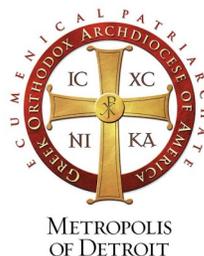
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

**Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

***FASTING THIS WEEK***

On Wednesday and Friday we observe a strict fast. The rest of the week is fast free.



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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015**

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 11th day of the month of October, we commemorate the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, Theophanes, the Confessor, Bishop of Nicaea, Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons, the Holy Martyrs Zenais and Philonilla and Our Holy Father Nectarius, Arsacius and Sisinius, Patriarchs of Constantinople.

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

## EPISTLE READING - TITUS 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds;<sup>[a]</sup> these are excellent and profitable to men. <sup>9</sup> But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. <sup>10</sup> As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, <sup>11</sup> knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. <sup>12</sup> When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup> Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup> And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds,<sup>[b]</sup> so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, October 11**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **40 Day Memorial** for Angelo Liollo
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12 noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Father Simon and Presbyteria Stephanie on the occasion of their daughter Elpinike's ninth birthday
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting** 12 noon

### **Monday, October 12**

- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class** 6:00 pm in Cotros Hall

### **Tuesday, October 13**

- ◆ **Greek School** 2:30 pm

### **Thursday, October 15**

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** 11:30 am
- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 3:30 pm

### **Friday, October 16**

- ◆ **Greek School** 3:00 pm

### **Sunday, October 18**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12 noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Athena Jameson to remember her husband Michael
- ◆ **Flu Shots** will be available today
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope General Meeting** 12 noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12 noon in the GOYA Room
- ◆ **More Than a Meal** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## GOSPEL READING - LUKE 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Tina Douglas

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 3:** Maria Moore & Harry Sinis

**Greeters:** Athena Jameson & Anastasia Terranova

**Coffee Hour:** hosted by Father Simon and Presbyteria Stephanie on the occasion of their daughter Elpinike's ninth birthday

**The Coffee Hour sign up still has several openings:**

November 29

December 13

December 20

December 27

Please contact Fr. Simon if you are interested in being Coffee Hour Coordinator.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 19 at 6:15 pm

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** Tuesday  
October 20 at 9:00 am

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Studies in the Faith Class** - Monday  
Nights, October 12 & 26 at 6pm in  
Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** Thurs-  
day October 15 at 11:30 am
- ◆ **DOP General Meeting** Sunday Oc-  
tober 18 at 12 noon
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** Monday  
October 19 at 6:15 pm
- ◆ **St. Gerasimos & St. Demetrios  
Luncheon** Sunday, October 25 at 12  
noon
- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** Monday,  
October 26 at 9:00 am
- ◆ **Community Christmas Card** par-  
ticipation - \$25 payable to ELPIS by  
Nov 23. See Sophie Theodore for  
details.