

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016*  
*15th Sunday of Luke*

**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 for Unmercenaries Cyrus and John  
in the Plagal First Tone**

Since You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since You alone art good and the Friend of man.

**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 ἢ 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 First Tone**

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

**FASTING THIS WEEK**

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



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016**

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 31st day of the month of January, we commemorate Cyrus & John the Unmercenaries, Holy women Martyrs Theodote, Theoktiste and Eudoxia and Our Righteous Father Arsenius of Parus.

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

## EPISTLE READING - 1 TIMOTHY 4:9-15

### **Prokeimenon. Grave Tone. Psalm 28.11,1.**

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Funeral Services** for the servant of God, Don Cooper will be held at Annunciation on Monday, February 1 at 11:00 am at Annunciation. Makaria will be held at 1:15 pm back at Annunciation after burial. Visitation will be held tonight at Memorial Park from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- ◆ **The Annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** is set for 9am February 13<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. A lunch will be provided to all participants and visitors. Students will be able to practice their speech after church on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see Andrew or Tina Douglas for more information.
- ◆ **REAL (formerly YAL) Super Bowl Party** at Alexis Moore's home Sunday February 7 at

4:30 pm

- ◆ **GOYA "Souper Bowl" Party** Sunday February 7 at 5:00 pm in the GOYA Room
- ◆ **AGAPE Godparent Luncheon** Sunday February 14
- ◆ **Young at Heart Valentine Party** with Mike Miller Thursday, February 18

### SAVE THE DATE:

- ◆ **APOKREAS Dinner/Talent Show & Costume Contest** Sunday March 6
- ◆ **ELPIS Art Show** Saturday March 12
- ◆ **Memphis Greek Festival** Friday and Saturday May 6-7

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Scholarship Applications are now coming available on the Parish website at goann.net and in the church office.

## GOSPEL READING - LUKE 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchae'us; he was a chief tax 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, "Zacchae'us, 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 Zacchae'us 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."

### THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Reader:** Endy Carter

**Prosfora:** Laura Couloubaritsis

**Usher Duty:** Diane Kavelaras & Pete Ruby

**Greeters:** Pete & Jan Futris

**Coffee Hour** hosted by Touliatos & Couloubaritsis families

### Thank you

Thank you for all of your prayers, thoughts and we'll wishes during my surgery and recovery. They were and are greatly appreciated. What a great honor it is to be part of the Annunciation family.

Me agape

Ted Poplos and family

## *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

### **Sunday, January 31, 15th Sunday of Luke**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **40 Day Memorials** for George Nickas and Elias Collins
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Touliatos & Couloubaritsis families in Memory of Elias Collins
- ◆ **Visitation for Don Cooper** at Memorial Park Funeral Home 5:00-7:00 pm. Trisagion Service 6:00 pm

### **Monday, February 1**

- ◆ **Funeral for Don Cooper** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Interment** at Memorial Park Cemetery
- ◆ **Makaria** 1:15 pm
- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday, February 2, Feast of the Entrance of the Lord**

- ◆ **Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

### **Wednesday, February 3**

- ◆ **Greek School** 2:00 pm

### **Thursday, February 4**

- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 3:30 pm

### **Friday, February 5**

- ◆ **DOP Board Meeting** 10:30 am - See Anastasia Terranova for location
- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

### **Sunday, February 7**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by families of R Stoian, D Damsa & M Trif
- ◆ **Oratorical Practice** - See Announcements for details
- ◆ **REAL (formerly YAL) Super Bowl Party** at Alexis Moore's home 4:30 pm
- ◆ **GOYA "Souper Bowl" Party** 5:00 pm in the GOYA Room