

*SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016*  
*Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone**

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

**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 First Tone**

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

**FASTING THIS WEEK**

This week dairy is allowed.



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 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 6th day of the month of March, we commemorate Judgement Sunday(Meatfare), the 42 Martyrs of Amorion in Phrygia and the Finding of the Precious Cross by St. Helen.

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

**EPISTLE READING - I CORINTHIANS 8:8-13; 9:1-2**

**Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 146.5;134.3.**

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 25:31-46**

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Father Nicholas Pathenos is here with us today to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

**LENTEN DIALOGUES**

**March 16** – Speaker: Eva Kokinos-Konstantakos, Youth Director for Metropolis of Detroit

Dinner Hosted by: Youth Families and Young Adults of Annunciation

**March 23** – Speaker: Father Gregory Hohnholt, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity in Nashville

Dinner Hosted by: Men of AHEPA

**March 30** – Speaker: Mother Nektaria of St. Paul Skete, Grand Junction, Tennessee

Dinner Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope

**UPCOMING FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS**

**Macaroons** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Monday-Tuesday, March 14 & 15

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- ◆ **ELPIS Art Show** Saturday March 12
- ◆ **Memphis Greek Festival** Friday and Saturday May 6-7
- ◆ Check the February Epistle, parish website and Facebook for Workshop schedule and updates.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Scholarship Applications are now available on the Parish website at go-ann.net. The Scholarship page is updated on a regular basis as we find more information for available scholarships. Please CHECK REGULARLY, so students do not miss out on opportunities.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

**Epistle Reader:** Richard Tobias

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

**Usher Duty Team 1:** Maria Moore, Bill Joyner, Pete Ruby

**Greeters:** Angela Buchanan & Alex Vergos

**Coffee Hour** hosted by Cyndi Detty

## *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

### **Sunday, March 6 Judgement Sunday (Meatfare)**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following:**
- ◆ **40 Day Memorial** for Don Cooper
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Cyndi Detty
- ◆ **Apokreas Dinner & Talent Show** 5:30 pm

### **Monday, March 7**

- ◆ **Greek School** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday, March 8**

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

### **Wednesday, March 9**

- ◆ **Greek School** 2:00 pm

### **Friday, March 11**

- ◆ **Greek School** 4:00 pm

### **Saturday, March 12 Saturday of Souls**

- ◆ **Orthros** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Elpis Art Show** 1:00 pm

### **Sunday, March 13 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** - Available