

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spoke to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Tone

At Mid-feast give You my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for You, O Saviour, did cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Hymn of the Annunciation in the First Tone

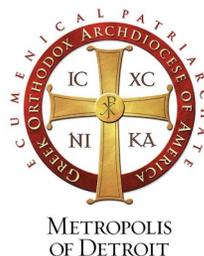
Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before the Ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the great grace. Therefore, with him let us cry out unto the Theotokos, "Hail, Rejoice, O highly favored one; the Lord is with you." Σήμερον τῆς 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 Plagal Fourth Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

FAST FREE WEEK

This week do not fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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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 29th day of the month of May, we commemorate the Sunday of Photini, the Samaritan Woman, St. Theodosia, Virgin-Martyr of Constantinople, Theodosia, the Virgin-Martyr of Tyre, Andrew the New Martyr of Argentes, John of Smyrna the New Martyr .

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

EPISTLE READING - Acts 11:19-30

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works.

You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel Reading - John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that

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living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 29

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** - Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy.

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day

- ◆ **Church will be closed to honor those who lost their lives in service to our country.**

Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **JOY Train Day Memphis 10:00 am**
- ◆ **GOYA End of Year Party 3:00 pm**

Sunday, June 5

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Daughters of Penelope

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Richard Tobias

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Athena Jameson & Anastasia Terranova

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE/JOY TRAIN DAY MEMPHIS - JUNE 4TH - 10:00 AM

Train Day Memphis! This is a free event. We will meet at the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum at 545 S. Main St., Memphis. Looking forward to seeing you there! If you have questions feel free to contact Presvytera Stephanie Thomas [209-640-1301](tel:209-640-1301).

GOYA - END OF YEAR POOL PARTY - JUNE 4TH

Pool Party at the home of the Douglas Family. 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. GOYA will provide the protein and Mitch will send out a SignUp Genius for RSVP and to get volunteers for sides, desserts and drinks. Please watch your email for any last minute updates.

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

Registration **OPEN NOW** for Summer Camp! Please visit:

<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>

SUMMER CAMP 2016 INFORMATION

CAMP DATES: JULY 24-30, 2016

AGES: For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2016) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring 2016).

PRICE

\$375 Early Bird Registration (UNTIL MAY 31ST)

\$425 Normal Registration (JUNE 1ST - JULY 24TH)

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT - FREE CONCERT AT LEVITT SHELL - THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

Join us for a free outdoor concert at Levitt Shell on Thursday, June 16th from 7:30-9:00. The Bo-Keys band will performing. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, your favorite beverage and a little snack. All women in our church are welcome. Please RSVP to Cyndi Detty by June 14th.

www.levittshell.org/events/thebokeys

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH FOR THE DADS OF ANNUNCIATION - SPONSORED BY AHEPA - SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

The men of AHEPA will once again sponsor and cook a pancake brunch to honor the Dads of Annunciation on Father's Day. There is no set fee for treating dad, but donations are greatly appreciated.

AHEPA BREAKFAST GATHERING - JUNE 25TH

Breakfast at Piccadilly Cafeteria, 2055 Exeter Road, Germantown, TN 38138 at 9:00 am. We will gather together to enjoy a wonderful breakfast and whatever conversation arises.