

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016**

**9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Tone**

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to You.

**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 do 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 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 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 dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

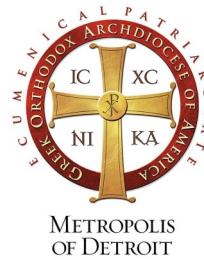
**Epistle Reader:** Scott McKee

**Prosfora:** Enosis Toulaiatos

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

**Greeters:** Nick Fox & Nicole Fox

**Coffee Hour** hosted by



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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 21st day of the month of August, we commemorate the 9th Sunday of Matthew, The Holy Apostle Thaddeus, The Holy Martyr Bassa and Her Sons: Theognis, Agapius and Pistus, The Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary and Athanasios Patelaros, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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

## *Epistle Reading - I Corinthians 3:9-17*

**Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Tone. Psalm 75.11,1.**

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

## *Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:22-34*

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## *FASTING THIS WEEK*

This week we observe a strict fast on Wednesday and Friday.

The rest of the week we are fast free.

## *VISITATION COMMITTEE*

The following parishioners have requested visitation. Please contact them directly to schedule visitations. For address &/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the office.

Alec Collis

Pat Bacopulos Cooper - contact Marianthe Pilcher for visiting arrangements

George Limberakis

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Sophie Theodore

Presvytera Bess Vieron

## *Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017*

**January:** Nancy Tashie & Jan Futris

**February:** Vicki Hoover & family

**March:** Linda Nichols & family

**April:** Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

**May:** *OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS*

**June:** Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

**July:** *OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS*

**August:** Stephanie Poplos & friend

**September:** Susanna Peters & Maria Apalodimas

**October:** Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

**November:** Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

**December:** Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

*Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the visitation committee.*

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, August 21, 9th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Special Coffee Hour** for Dormition of the Theotokos - hosted by Angela Buchanan, Janet Boosalis and Alex Vergos in memory of their mothers
- ◆ **More Than A Meal 3:00 pm**

### **Tuesday, August 23**

- ◆ **Bible Study - Introduction 6:30 pm** in Cotros Hall

### **Saturday, August 27**

- ◆ **Memphis Redbirds Game 6:30 pm** at Redbirds Stadium

### **Sunday, August 28, 10th Sunday of Matthew**

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Informational Meeting 12:00 Noon** in the Library

## CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE

The Annunciation Parish is honored to sponsor a concert to benefit the **St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center in New York City**, featuring **Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame Member Chris Hillman**, along with **Herb Pedersen** and **The Agape Trio**, at the **Malco Paradiso Theatre on Sunday, September 4, 2016, at 4:00 pm.**

Tickets are limited and are on sale in the office during the week.

**Section A:** \$50      **Section C:** \$35

**Section B:** \$40      **Section D:** \$30

**VIP Meet & Greet:** \$10 additional

**Dinner Plan:** \$10 additional

**Tickets can now be purchased online through  
Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/2aYc4hb>**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Fall Bible Study** begins on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm. We will meet in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Meeting** Sunday, August 28th, immediately after Sunday School in the Library. All interested parents and dancers please meet in the Library to hear about the exciting new changes coming to the dance program, discuss the coming year, and obtain your yearly paperwork.
- ◆ **The AHEPA Men's Club** is hosting this years church outing to the **Memphis Redbirds game.** The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th at 6:30 PM. The cost per person is \$16.00 which includes a voucher for a free hot dog, drink & a baseball hat. We will be sitting on the 3rd base side above the Redbirds dugout. There will also be a fireworks display after the game. If you have purchased tickets, they will be available for pick up in Cotros Hall on Sunday, August 21. If you missed the deadline you can still purchase tickets by calling Tyler Odle of the Redbirds organization at 901-722-0204.

## SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **Auxiliary Fair** - Sunday September 11 after Divine Liturgy in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** - Thursday September 15 at 11:30 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **AHEPA Community Picnic** - Sunday September 18 4:00 pm at Houston High School Park
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Tea & Installation of Officers** - Saturday September 24 - location TBA
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon** - Sunday September 25 at 12:00 Noon at Chickasaw Country Club