

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Tone

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You have despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Martyr James the Persian in the First Tone

Be You entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Your Saints which they endured for You, O Lord, and do You heal all our pains, we pray, O 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 Third Tone

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

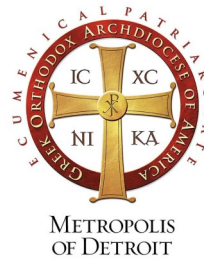
Epistle Reader: Loretta Taras

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 3: Romulus Stoian, Ed Morrison & Ted Poplos

Greeters: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

Coffee Hour hosted by the Tingle & Wells families in memory of Sophia & Mike Nedelkavic



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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 27th day of the month of November, we commemorate the 13th Sunday of Luke, James the Great Martyr of Persia, Nathaniel of Niritria & Pinouphrios of Egypt, the Righteous, Gregory of Sinai and his disciple Gerasimos, Arsenios of Rhaxos and James the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov.

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

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10.

Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 27.9,1.

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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 Marianne Pilcher for visiting arrangements

Edna Nichopoulos

Zoe Nickas

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2016-2017

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

February: Vicki Hoover & family

March: Linda Nichols & Anne Schmitt

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

May: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham & Emily Love

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

July: Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

August: Stephanie Poplos & friend

September: Susanna Peters, Maria Apalodimas & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

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

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week, during the Nativity Fast, fish is allowed on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Wine & Oil are allowed on Wednesday and on Friday we observe a strict fast.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 27, Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **NO Sunday School today**
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by the Tingle & Wells Families in memory of Sophia & Mike Nedelkavic

Tuesday, November 29

- ◆ **OCF at Ole Miss 6:00 pm**
- ◆ **Bible Study 6:30 pm**

Wednesday, November 30 Feast of Saint Andrew

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**

Saturday, December 3

- ◆ **DOP & Elpis Philoptochos Christmas Party** at Ridgeway Country Club 11:30 am

Sunday, December 4 Tenth Sunday of Luke & Feast of Saint Barbara

- ◆ **Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy immediately following**
- ◆ **Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon**
- ◆ **Sunday School 11:00 am**
- ◆ **AHEPA St. Nicholas Shrine Pancake Breakfast** immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Parish Christmas Tree Decorating** in Cotros Hall immediately following the AHEPA Pancake Breakfast.
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **Elpis Month of Giving:**

- ◆ **Bring white cotton socks, chap stick, crackers/granola bars and bottled water for Blessing Bags** for the homeless any time during November.
- ◆ **Food Bank Collection** - bring Non-Perishable items for the Highland Heights Food Pantry any time during November.
- ◆ **Giving Thanks Wall Display** - Stop by the table in Cotros Hall to purchase and complete your "I am thankful for..." card. Cards can be purchased for \$5 each and proceeds will benefit various Philoptochos charities.
- ◆ **AHEPA St. Nicholas Shrine Pancake Breakfast**, Sunday, December in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **TRIM THE TREE!** - After the AHEPA Pancake Breakfast on December 4th, we will be decorating our Parish Christmas Tree in Cotros Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us!

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **Parish Assembly & Parish Council Elections**, Sunday December 11 in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon**, Tuesday, 13 December 11 at 11:30 am at Chickasaw Country Club
- ◆ **Blessing of the Pets**, Saturday December 17 at 10:00 am in the Parking Lot
- ◆ **Sunday School Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 18 following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **DOP Christmas Bake Sale**, Sunday, December 18 in Cotros Hall following Christmas Pageant
- ◆ **JOY & GOYA Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm - meet in Parking Lot
- ◆ **GOYA at Memphis Grizzlies**, Thursday, December 29 at 5:00 pm
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party**, December 31st in Cotros Hall at 8:00 pm immediately following Great Vespers - RSVP on Sundays in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy