

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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 St. Mary of Egypt in the Plagal Fourth Tone

In you the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up your cross, you did follow Christ, and by your deeds you did teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passes away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

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

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

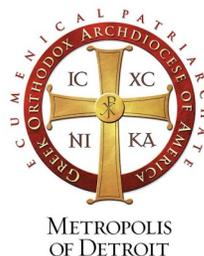
Epistle Reader: Scott McKee

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by the Semos family for the 1 year memorial of Evangeline Semos



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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 2nd day of the month of April, we commemorate the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, Titus the Wonderworker, Theodora the Virgin-martyr of Palestine and Amphianos & Aedesios the Martyrs of Lycia.

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

Epistle Reading -Hebrews 9:11- 14

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, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading - Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Zoe Nickas

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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

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

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

LITURGICAL DONATIONS

Father Simon is often approached by parishioners wanting to donate Liturgical items. If you would like to donate towards these items, the typical cost of each item is as follows:

Wine - \$25, Oil - \$20, Incense - \$10

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe the Fast for Great Lent by abstaining from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil. Saturday and Sunday, wine & oil are allowed.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2 Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- ◆ 1 Year Memorial for Evangeline Semos
- ◆ 40 Day Memorial for Robert "Bob" Allphin
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ Coffee Hour hosted by the Semos Family for the 1 year memorial of Evangeline Semos 12:00 Noon
- ◆ GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon

Monday, April 3

- ◆ Great Compline 6:30 pm
- ◆ Fr, Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 4

- ◆ Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5

- ◆ Service of the 9th Hour 5:30 pm
- ◆ Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm
- ◆ Lenten Lecture & Dinner 7:00 pm
 - ◆ Speaker: Rev. Fr. Stavros Ballas, Annunciation Church, Chattanooga, TN
 - ◆ Dinner Hosts: Sinis Family

Thursday, April 6

- ◆ DOP baking Tsoureki/Koulouria for Palm Sunday Bake Sale 9:00 am

Friday, April 7

- ◆ DOP baking Tsoureki/Koulouria for Palm Sunday Bake Sale 9:00 am
- ◆ GOYA Lenten Retreat 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 8 Saturday of Lazarus

- ◆ Orthros/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast 11:00 am
- ◆ Palm Cross Making 11:00 am
- ◆ Parish Work Day 11:00 am
- ◆ Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors 12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

- ◆ Orthros 8:45 am
- ◆ Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- ◆ Nursery Available 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Sunday School 11:00 am
- ◆ Palm Sunday Luncheon hosted by Elpis Philoptochos 12:00 Noon
- ◆ DOP Bake Sale 12:00 Noon
- ◆ Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Scholarship Information** can be found on the Parish Website at <http://goann.net/education/scholarships> and on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Annunciation-Greek-Orthodox-Church-120815681264112/>
- ◆ **GOYA Lenten Retreat/Lock In** - Friday, April 7 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Saturday of Lazarus, April 8**
 - ◆ **Orthos/Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**
followed by:
 - ◆ Pancake Breakfast
 - ◆ Palm Cross Making
 - ◆ Parish Work Day
 - ◆ Athenian Dance Troupe Practice - Seniors 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Luncheon and DOP Bake Sale, Sunday, April 9** in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp** is moving to a new location, Loucon Training and Retreat Center in Leitchfield, KY this summer. Camp Dates are July 23-29, 2017 and registration is now open. Using our CampDoc online registration system, we are accepting Camper Registrations now and we will be accepting Staff Applications very soon. For this year, camper registration fees will remain the same as last year. Financial assistance will be available through the generosity of Leadership 100 and the Friends of the Metropolis. Visit the camp website at <http://www.stnicholascamp.org/> for more details.

Memphis Greek Festival Workshop Schedule

<u>Kourambiethes</u>	<u>Pre-Packs</u>	<u>Meat Skewering</u>
Thursday & Friday, April 27 & 28 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Sunday May 7 12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm Monday May 8 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Wednesday, May 10 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
<u>Sweet Bread</u>	<u>Chicken Prep</u>	<u>Galaktoboureko</u>
Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Wednesday, May 10 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Thursday, May 11 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

To volunteer to help out **during** the Festival please sign up under one of the tabs at <http://bit.ly/2mbMNoA>