

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday in the First Tone

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, You did raise up Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to You, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday in the Fourth Tone

As by baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, so by Your Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising You, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Second Tone

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

Announcing a NEW 2017 Church Directory!

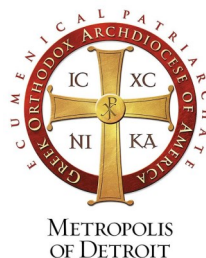
We will be starting to take pictures THIS Sunday, April 2nd!

1. After church on Sundays during the month of April please see Diane Kavelaras and her Directory Team in Cotros Hall to check spelling, update address(es), add/or change listings. All pictures will be taken in the month of April.
2. Sign up for a time slot for your family to get their picture taken! Don't wait until the last min or we will run out of time slots.
3. We need about 15-20 families to be ready to take pictures THIS Sunday! If you are interested in a time slot for this Sunday please email Presvytera Stephanie Thomas: s_c_thomas@yahoo.com or call 209-640-1301.
4. If you like your family's picture, you may purchase it and the digital file will be emailed to you.

Thank you,
Directory Team

FASTING THIS WEEK

This week we observe the Fast for Great Lent by abstaining from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil. Today fish is allowed and on Great and Holy Pascha we will be fast free.



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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 9th day of the month of April, we commemorate Palm Sunday, The holy Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea, Vadim the Righteous of Persia and Raphael, Nicholas, Irene & Olympias of Mytilene.

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

Epistle Reading -Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 117.26,1.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

Gospel Reading - John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Patricia Grantham

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 2: Naji Nassif, Diane Kavelaras & Demie Bitinis

Greeters:

Palm Sunday Luncheon hosted by Elpis Philoptochos

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 10 Holy Monday

- ◆ Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm
- ◆ Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 11 Holy Tuesday

- ◆ Bridegroom Service 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12 Holy Wednesday

- ◆ Service of the Ninth Hour 8:30 am
- ◆ Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 am
- ◆ Holy Unction 3:30 am
- ◆ Holy Unction 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday

- ◆ Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil - Mystical Supper 7:00 am
- ◆ Service of the Passion of Christ 6:30 pm

Friday, April 14 Holy Friday

- ◆ Royal Hours 9:00 am
- ◆ JOY - Spiritual Education - Holy Friday Lenten Youth Retreat 10:30 am
- ◆ Removal of Christ from the Cross 3:30 pm
- ◆ Lamentations Service 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday

- ◆ Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil - Proclaiming the Resurrection 9:00 am
- ◆ Athenian Dance Troupe Practice
 - ◆ Juniors 1:00 pm
 - ◆ Seniors 1:45 pm
- ◆ Canon of the Resurrection 11:00 pm

Sunday, April 16 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

- ◆ Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection 12:00 am
- ◆ Resurrection Meal 2:00 am
- ◆ NO Sunday School or Nursery
- ◆ Agape Vespers 11:00 am
- ◆ Agape Meal 12:00 Noon
- ◆ More Than a Meal 3:00 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/>
- ◆ **Holy Friday Candles** Place your request to receive one of our Holy Friday candles by contacting Joanne Gikas or Joy Touliatos before Holy Week. Donations accepted. All money received will be placed towards Philoptochos charities.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Luncheon and DOP Bake Sale, Sunday, April 9** in Cotros Hall immediately following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Agape Meal Sunday, April 16** immediately following Agape Vespers
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon, Thursday, April 20** at 11:30 am
- ◆ **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

ANNUNCIATION MEMBERS

Important Festival Notes

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

Please park at CHICKASAW COUNTRY CLUB or use Shuttles from: St Michael's Church, Life Church or Poplar Plaza Shopping Center. If you are working Saturday evening - wrist bands will be required after closing. Pick up your wrist band at the Welcome Center when you arrive.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Join us for the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, April 9th

We invite all members of our
community to join us for the
annual Palm Sunday Luncheon.

Menu: Baked Tilapia, Shrimp, Potatoes, Green Beans,
Salad, Bread and Dessert

Tickets: \$12 Adult; \$7 Children under 12
Children under 6 - Free

Hosted by Elpis Philoptochos