

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017**  
**GREAT & HOLY PASCHA**

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

**Hymn for Great & Holy Pascha (Second Tone)**

They, who were with Mary came before dawn, in finding the stone rolled away from the Sepulcher heard from the Angel: "Why do you seek as man among the dead, Him, Who dwells in Light Eternal? Behold the burial shroud; make haste to proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, putting Death to death; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

**Kontakion of Great & Holy Pascha (Second Tone)**

Even though You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of Hades; You arose as a victor, O Christ our God, and sing to the Myrrh-bearing Women, "Hail!" and to Your Apostles granting peace; You also grant resurrection to the fallen.

*Instead of the Trisagion (Holy God, Holy Mighty, ...):* All those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

*Instead of the Axion Estin"(It is Truly Meet ...):* The Angel cried out to the one full of grace: "Rejoice! Holy Virgin, and again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the Tomb on the third day." Shine, shine, the new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Rejoice now and be glad, O Zion; and you, O All-pure Theotokos, delight in the Resurrection of Him, to Whom you gave birth.

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

**Epistle Reader:** Andrew Douglas

**Prosfora:** Enosis Touliatos

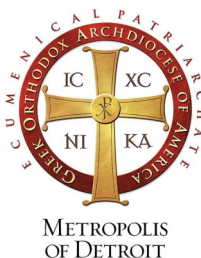
**Usher Duty Team 3:** Romulus Stoian & Chris Apalodimas

**Greeters:**

**AGAPE Meal** following Agape Vespers

**BRIGTH WEEK - 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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**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017**

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 16th day of the month of April, we commemorate the Great & Holy Pascha, Agape, Chionia and Irene, the Holy Martyrs and Leonideas and Charissa, Nike, Galene, Kallida, Nounenchia, Vasilissa and Theodora the Martyrs.

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

### *Epistle Reading - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8*

**Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Tone. Psalm 117.24,29.**

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

### *Gospel Reading - John 1:1-17*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

### *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.*

### **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](mailto: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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **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

### **Monday, April 17**

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

### **Thursday, April 20**

- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon** 11:30 am
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Application** due by 3:00 pm
- ◆ **AHEPA Scholarship Application** due by 3:00 pm

### **Friday, April 21**

- ◆ **Chris Douglas Scholarship Application** due by 12:00 Noon

### **Saturday, April 22**

- ◆ **District Oratorical Festival** 10:30 am
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice**
  - ◆ Juniors 2:00 pm
  - ◆ Seniors 2:45 pm

### **Sunday, April 23 Sunday of Thomas**

#### **Feast of St George the Great Martyr**

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour open**
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope General Meeting to Elect Officers** 12:00 Noon

### **Monday, April 24**

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** 6:15 pm
- ◆ **Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class** 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/>
- ◆ **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

#### Kourambietes

Thursday & Friday,  
April 27 & 28  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Pre-Packs

Sunday May 7  
12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm  
Monday May 8  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Meat Skewering

Wednesday, May 10  
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Galaktoboureko

Thursday, May 11  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Sweet Bread

Friday & Saturday,  
May 5 & 6  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### Chicken Prep

Wednesday, May 10  
9:00 am - 4:00 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!**