

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

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

Apolytikion for Resurrection Sunday in the Second Tone

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Tone

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Tone

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

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 Plagal Fourth Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.



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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 30th day of the month of April, we commemorate the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing women, James the Apostle and brother of St. John Martyr and Clement the Hymnographer.

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

Epistle Reading - Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Prokeimenon. Second Tone. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Scott McKee

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jameson

Coffee Hour sponsored by Cyndi Detty in honor of the 2015-2017 Philoptochos Board in recognition of their service to our organization and church.

Gospel Reading - Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

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

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katharine Taras

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 30 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Cyndi Detty in honor of the 2015-2017 Philoptochos Board in recognition of their service to our organization and church
- ◆ **Elpis General Meeting (Election of Officers)** following Coffee Hour

Friday, May 5

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Sweet Bread** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Last day to purchase Pre-Sale Tickets in office** - until 12:00 Noon

Saturday, May 6

- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Sweet Bread** 9:00 am
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice**
 - ◆ **Juniors** - 10:00 am
 - ◆ **Seniors** - 11:00 am
- ◆ **JOY Pool Party** - 2:00 pm

Sunday, May 7 Sunday of the Paralytic

- ◆ **Orthros** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- ◆ **Nursery Available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Last Day of Sunday School** 11:00 am
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Meeting to Elect Officers** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Festival Workshop - Pre-Pack** 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Lunch for Festival Workshop Volunteers** 12:00 Noon

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> or sign up on Sunday in Cotros Hall. 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.

FESTIVAL PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! Sundays in Cotros Hall through May 7 and in the office during the week through Noon May 5th. **Presale price - \$15.00 includes:** Admission to the Festival (\$3) Dinner Meal (\$15) Small Greek Salad (\$3).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **Announcing a NEW 2017 Church Directory!**

We are taking pictures though May!

1. After church on Sundays during the month of May please see Diane Kavelaras and her Directory Team in Cotros Hall to check spelling, update address(es), add/or change listings.
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 each 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

◆ **GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 21st**

On **Sunday, May 21** we will be honoring our High school & College Graduates. Please send in your information along with a photo for our Graduation Program no later than Wednesday, May 10th to Erin at: annunciationmemphis@gmail.com and copy Kathy Zambelis at kzambelis@gmail.com.

Information should include:

- 1) Name of graduate
- 2) Parent's names
- 3) Name of school
- 4) Any notes of interest (recognitions, awards, area of study, future plans, and future school attending, etc).

A reception will be held in honor of the Graduates following the ceremony hosted by Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope. We look forward in honoring your graduate, so please send your information in on time!

Memphis Greek Festival Workshop Schedule

Sweet Bread

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

Pre-Packs

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

Chicken Prep

Wednesday, May 10
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Meat Skewering

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

Galaktoboureko

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