

*SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017*  
*SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS*  
*OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL*

**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 Holy Ascension in the Fourth Tone**

You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that You are the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

**Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council in the Plagal Fourth Tone**

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

**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 ἡ 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 Second Tone**

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

**THIS WEEK'S SERVERS**

**Epistle Reader:** Kathy Zambelis

**Prosfora:** Bessie Kolopanas

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

**Greeters:**

**Coffee Hour** hosted by Tina Douglas in memory of her parents' 50th Anniversary



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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 28th day of the month of May, we commemorate the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, The Holy Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene, Nikitas, Bishop of Chalcedon, Helikonis the Martyr, Heladios the Hieromartyr of the East, and Zacharias the New Martyr.

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

*Epistle Reading - Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36*

**Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Daniel 3.26,27.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

*Gospel Reading - John 17:1-13*

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

*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**

**May:** Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Love & Georgia Karris

**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 Katherine Taras

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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, May 28th**

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Tina Douglas in Memory of her parents' 50th Anniversary

### **Monday, May 29th Memorial Day**

- ◆ **Parish & Office closed** in remembrance of those who died in service to our country

### **Thursday, June 1**

- ◆ **Girl Scouts** 4:30 pm

### **Saturday, June 3 Saturday of Souls**

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

### **Sunday, June 4 Pentecost**

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** hosted by Daughters of Penelope

**Father Simon will be away from the Parish from Sunday afternoon, June 4th through Friday, June 23rd.**

**Father Nicholas Pathenos will be here on Sunday, June 11th, and Sunday, June 18th.**

## *Kollyva Makers*

If you have an interest in being a Kollyva maker for memorials, please contact us in the parish office.

## **FAST FREE WEEK**

This week wine & oil are allowed on Wednesday & Friday. The rest of the week we are fast free.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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 and Staff Applications now. 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.
- ◆ **Father's Day Brunch**, Sunday, June 18th, hosted by AHEPA. Donations will go towards the AHEPA Scholarship Fund.

## **Post Festival Food Sales**

**See Anna Paris for details**

Meat: 5/\$10 kabobs  
5/\$15 lamb chops

Pastries: Baklava- \$2.50  
Koulouria - \$1.00  
Kourambiethes-\$1.50  
Paximathia -\$1.50

## *Sanctuary Renovation Donations*

We have received donations for the Icon Screen, Bishop's Throne and Chant Stand.

We are still accepting donations for:

Pulpit - \$20,000.00  
Epitaphio - \$15,000.00

## *Parish Directory - Last Call!*

We will be taking pictures one more Sunday, June 11th, after Divine Liturgy. Please contact Diane Kavelaras or Presvytera Stephanie to reserve your time. If you can't have your picture made and would still like have your picture included in the directory, please send a hi-res jpeg image, preferably on a white background, to the parish email at [annunciationmemphis@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationmemphis@gmail.com). Thank you!