

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

HOLY PENTECOST

Apolytikion for Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Tone

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, Who has shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them did draw the world into Your net. O Befriender of man, glory be to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Tone

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Andrew Douglas

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters:

Coffee Hour hosted by Daughters of Penelope

Sanctuary Renovation Donations

We have received donations for all of the items for the Sanctuary Renovation: Icon Screen, Bishop's Throne, Chant Stand, Pulpit and Epitaphio.

Thank you for your generosity.

FAST FREE WEEK

This week we are 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 4th day of the month of June, we commemorate HOLY PENTECOST, Sophia of Thrace, Mother of Orphans, Mary & Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, Our Father Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople, and Petroc, Abbot of Pedstrow .

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

Epistle Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone. Psalm 18.4,1.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel Reading - John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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

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

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

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, June 11 Sunday of All Saints

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee** will be available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**An Evening Celebrating the Theotokos
Saturday, August 19**

We will be hosting an elegant, catered, seated dinner honoring our Mothers, Yiayias, Nounas, Sisters and Friends. The event will raise money to benefit the National Philoptochos Cancer Fund and Other Major Illness Fund. Donors may designate an individual to honor and/or in their memory. Donors will be recognized on the evening of August 19. Tickets will be \$75 per person. You won't want to miss this wonderful event.

More information coming soon!

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. Thank you!

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

The following food items are still available for purchase:

Spanakopita 10/\$10

Paximathia \$1/each

Saganake Cheese - \$8/block

Ask about other items.

Post Festival Publicity

Next time you go grocery shopping, pick up a copy of the June issue of *4Memphis* magazine. It's free. It also contains photos of our Greek Festival and a nice article about our Pastor Emeritus. But hurry before Father Vieron picks them all up!