

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017
Second Sunday of Matthew

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You did arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Lifegiver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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 Second Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Maria Moore

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

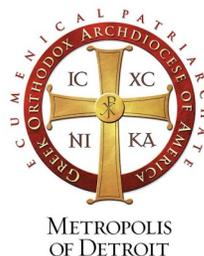
Usher Duty Team 4: Endy Carter & Vasili Semos

Greeters:

Fathers Day Brunch hosted by AHEPA

Fasting this Week

This week during the Apostles' Fast, we hold to a strict fast on Wednesday & Friday. The rest of the week fish is allowed.



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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 18th day of the month of June, we commemorate the Second Sunday of Matthew, Leontius, Hypatius, & Theodulus the Martyrs of Syria, Leontios the Myrrh-Streamer of Argos and Aitherios the Martyr of Nicomedia.

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

Epistle Reading - Romans 2:10-16

Prokeimenon. First Tone. Psalm 32.22,1.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading -Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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!

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

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 Liollio

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 18, Second Sunday of Matthew

Fathers Day

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:45 am
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon

Father's Day Brunch hosted by AHEPA

Sunday, June 25, Third Sunday of Matthew

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

Father Simon will be away from the Parish through Friday, June 23rd.

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

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 Camp-Doc 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.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers** - At the present time, there are two openings for a co-teacher for grades 3-4 and 5-6. Please contact Anna Paris at 359-1918 if you are interested in serving our youth.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Our directory picture taking has finished. However, if you didn't have your picture made and would still like have it included in the directory, please see Diane Kavelaras to fill out your information sheet and send a hi-res jpeg image, preferably on a white background, to the parish email at annunciationmemphis@gmail.com. Thank you!