

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017
Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Tone

Let us worship the Word, O you faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers 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 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.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this the 16th day of the month of July, we commemorate the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon, the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis, Julia the Virgin-martyr of Carthage, Helier the Hermit, Martyr of Jersey and 1,015 Martyrs in Pisidia.

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



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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.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Reader: Patricia Grantham

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

Usher Duty Team 4: Endy Carter & Vasili Semos

Greeters:

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

Epistle Reading - Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 31.11,1.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.

Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions have been forgiven.

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading -Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Fasting this Week

This week we observe a strict fast on Wednesday and Friday.
The rest of the week we are fast free.

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

Kosta Taras - contact Loretta Taras for visiting arrangements

Presvytera Bess Vieron

Visitation Committee Volunteers for 2017

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

June: Despina Karas/Angela Tobias

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 16, Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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

Monday, July 17

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting** 6:15 pm

Thursday, July 20 Feast of the Prophet Elijah

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

Sunday, July 23, Seventh Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:30 am ** Please note time change
- ◆ **Nursery available** 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Coffee available** in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Youth depart for St. Nicholas Summer Camp - load bus at 11:00 am/ departing Parish at 11:30 am**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp**, July 23-29, located at Loucon Training and Retreat Center in Leitchfield, KY. Father Simon will be joining our youth that week at camp.