

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017
Seventh Sunday of Matthew

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 Hieromartyr Phocas in the Fourth Tone

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, you found discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, you did also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Phocas. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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 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 23rd day of the month of July, we commemorate the Seventh Sunday of Matthew, St. Anna of Levkadio, Phocas the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Sinope, Ezekiel the Prophet, Pelagia the Righteous of Tinos, Trophimos & Theophilios and the 13 others martyred in Lycia, the Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos of Pochaev and the Icon of the Mother of God.

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: Kathy Zambelis

Prosfora: Enosis Touliatos

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

Greeters:

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

Epistle Reading - Romans 15:1-7

Prokeimenon. Plagal Second Tone. Psalm 27.9,1.
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Fasting this Week

This week on Wednesday wine & oil are allowed. On Friday, we observe a strict fast. 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
Zoe Nickas
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

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.

December: Anastasia Terranova &

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 23, Seventh Sunday of Matthew

- ◆ **Orthros/Divine Liturgy** 8:30 am
- ◆ 40 Day Blessing for Mikaela Drosos (daughter of Regina Kolaitis & Yiannis Drosos)
- ◆ **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

Sunday, July 30, Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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

*****Father Simon will be with the Youth at St. Nicholas Summer Camp this week. *****

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.
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