

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 6th – Feast of the Transfiguration

- † Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by DOP
- † Last Day to take pictures for the new 2017 Directory
- † Sunday School Registration in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 7th

- † Supplication Service to the Theotokos 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 8th

- † Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 9th

- † Supplication Service to the Theotokos 6:30 pm

Friday, August 11th

- † Supplication Service to the Theotokos 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 13th – 10th Sunday of Matthew

- † Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- † Sunday School Fall Term begins 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Wassef Family 12:00 Noon
- † Elpis General Meeting 12:-00 Noon



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Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

John Kay
Chris Apalodimas

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Paul Vieron

Coffee Fellowship

Open - Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

Welcome to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. We are blessed that you have come to our worship service, and hope that you will be both enlightened and inspired. Every Sunday we celebrate 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 attending an Orthodox Church for the first time, our service may be foreign and perplexing to you. We assure you that everything we do is firmly rooted in the Scriptures. Please feel free to participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist – the Lord's Supper – to be, among other things, the paramount expression of Christian unity. The unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Faith. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every service of the Orthodox Church. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practices of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* All guests are invited to receive the blessed bread at the end of the service.

First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Verse 1: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

Psalm 47:1

Verse 2: Who established the mountains in Your strength,

Psalm 64:7

Verse 3: Who robes Himself with light as with a garment.

Psalm 103:2

Verse 4: The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 97:8

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who were transfigured
on Mount Tabor, we sing to You: Alleluia!

Verse 1: His foundations are in the holy mountains.

Psalm 86:1

Verse 2: The Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

Psalm 86:2

Verse 3: Glorious things have been spoken of you, O city of God.

Psalm 86:3

Verse 4: A man shall say, Zion is my mother, and such a man was born in her.

Psalm 86:5

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Third Antiphon

Verse: I will sing of Your mercies, Lord, forever. The heavens shall declare Your wonders, O Lord. Blessed are the people that knows the joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance, and in Your Name shall they rejoice all the day.

Psalm 88:1, 5, 15-16

Announcements

◆ Don't forget to register for Sunday School!

Please see Anna Paris in Cotros Hall this Sunday, August 6th, immediately following Divine Liturgy.

◆ Sunday School will start after Communion beginning on August 13th.

We welcome all students from 4 years old as of September 1st through High School. All grades are upstairs except for Pre-K/Kindergarten. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

◆ Inaugural Evening Celebrating the Theotokos, Saturday, August 19th @ 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Join us in honoring our most beloved Theotokos and our mothers, yiayias, nouncas, sisters and friends. The Guest Speaker will be Arlene Siavelas, Kehl, National Philoptochos Board Member. The cost is \$75 per person, with proceeds going to benefit the national Philoptochos Cancer Fund & Other Major Illness Fund. Donations may also be made if you are unable to attend.

◆ Dormition Coffee Fellowship Hosted by Elpis, Sunday, August 20th in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy

Our annual Coffee Fellowship in honor of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos is sponsored by the Elpis Philoptochos.

◆ Baby Shower Coffee Hour for Presvytera Stephanie, Sunday, August 27th following the Divine Liturgy in Cotros Hall.

The entire Parish is invited to shower Presvytera Stephanie & Father Simon as they await the arrival of a baby boy in mid-October. This event is being hosted by the Elpis Philoptochos.

The New 2017 Church Directory

1. This Sunday, August 6th, will be the last day to have your picture made for the 2017 Directory.
2. The last day to bring in or email pictures to the church office will be Friday, August 18th. Please try to send HD if possible.
3. For any questions, please email Presvytera Stephanie Thomas: s_c_thomas@yahoo.com or call 209-640-1301.
4. If you like your family's picture, you may purchase it and the digital file will be emailed to you.

Visitation Committee

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 Jamison

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 Capadalis Love, Georgia Karris

June: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

The following members of our parish family have requested visitation. For address and/or contact information please check your parish directory or contact the Church Office.

Alec Collis
Kosta Taras
Presvytera Bess Vieron

Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos

Hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Grave Mode

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples, in so far as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Giver of light, glory to You.

Kontakion for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Sung after the hymn above in the Grave Mode

You were transfigured upon the Mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary Passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

Saint Basil the Great on Creation

From the *Hexaemeron*, Homily III.10 “*On the Firmament*”

“*And God saw that it was good.*” God does not judge the beauty of His work by the charm of the eyes, and He does not hold the same idea of beauty that we do. What He esteems beautiful is that which presents in its perfection all the fitness of art, and that which tends to the usefulness of its end...

May God who after having made such great things ... grant you the intelligence of His Truth so that you may raise yourselves from visible things to the invisible Being, and that the grandeur and beauty of creatures may give you a just idea of the Creator. For the visible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, and His power and divinity are eternal. Thus earth, air, sky, water, day, night, all visible things, remind us of Him who is our Benefactor.

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Holy Martyr Dometius

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St. Emilian the Confes-
sor

St. Gregory of Sinai
and Mount Athos

Wed., August 9, 2017

Holy Apostle Matthias

Thurs., August 10, 2017

Holy Archdeacon Lau-
rence, the Martyr
St. Hyppolytus of Rome

Friday, August 11, 2017

Holy Martyr Euplus the
Deacon

Sat., August 12, 2017

Martyrs Photius & Ani-
cetus

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19

Prokeimenon. Mode Four Psalm 103:24,1

○ Lord, how manifold are your works. You have
made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, ○ my soul.

The reading is from St. Peter's Second Universal Let-
ter

BRETHREN, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Ma-
jestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heav-
en, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You

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Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Mo-
ses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."