



METROPOLIS  
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# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

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**Sunday, August 13,  
2017**

Tenth Sunday of  
Matthew

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliaotos

**Ushers**

Endy Carter  
Vasili Semos

**Greeters**

**Epistle Reader**

Cathe Skefos

**Coffee Fellowship**

Hosted by the Was-  
sef Family to Honor  
the Obradovic Fami-  
ly as they move to  
Maryland

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

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*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

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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

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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*

# Resurrectional Apolytikion

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*Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the First Mode*

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.

# Apolytikion for Transfiguration

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Grave Mode*

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as each one could endure. Shine forth You on us, who are sinners all, Your light ever-unending, through the prayers of the Theotokos. Light-bestower, glory be to You.

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth 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· Χαίρε εχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

# Seasonal Kontakion

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*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.

**Sunday, August 13,  
2017**

St. Maximos the Con-  
fessor

**Monday, August 14,  
2017**

Holy Prophet Micha

**Tuesday, August 15,  
2017**

The Dormition of our  
Most Holy Lady the  
Theotokos and Ever  
Virgin Mary

**Wed., August 16, 2017**

Translation of the Icon  
of Christ, "Mandilla"  
St. Diomedes of Tarsus

**Thurs., August 17, 2017**

St. Myron of Cyzicus

**Friday, August 18, 2017**

Sts. Floros & Lauros of  
Illyria  
Sts. John & George,  
Patriarchs of Con-  
stantinople

**Sat., August 19, 2017**

St. Andrew & his 2,593  
Soldiers

## **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16**

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 1.  
Psalm 32.22,1**

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corin-  
thians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**Sunday, August 13,  
2017**

Fast Day (Refrain from  
meat, fish, dairy and  
eggs; wine & oil al-  
lowed)

**Monday, August 14,  
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Strict Fast (Refrain from  
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**Tuesday, August 15,  
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Fast Free Day

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## **Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23**

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At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

# Visitation Committee

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**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*

# Announcements

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- ◆ **Sunday School will start after Communion beginning today.**

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!

- ◆ **Coffee Fellowship** hosted by the Wassef Family, Sunday, August 13th in Cotros Hall following Divine Liturgy.

Today we honor the Obradovic Family as they move to Maryland.

- ◆ **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, nounas, 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.

- ◆ **NEW!! Weekly Library Hours**—every Tuesday 10:00 am—2:00 pm beginning August 22nd. Children are welcome.

- ◆ **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. Registry: Target or Babies"R"Us

## The New 2017 Church Directory

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1. 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.

2. For any questions, please email Presvytera Stephanie Thomas: [s\\_c\\_thomas@yahoo.com](mailto:s_c_thomas@yahoo.com) or call 209-640-1301.

3. If you like your family's picture, you may purchase it and the digital file will be emailed to you.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Tenth Sunday of Matthew**

† Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

† 40 Day Memorial for John Chelsoi

† 10 Year Memorial for Linda Demos

† Nursery Open 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Wassef Family to Honor the Obradovic Family as they move to Maryland 12:00 Noon

† Elpis General Meeting 12:00 Noon

## **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy—Feast of the Dormition 6:00 pm

## **Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

## **Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

## **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

† Inaugural Evening Celebrating the Theotokos 6:30 pm

## **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Eleventh Sunday of Matthew**

† Orthros, 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

† One Year Memorial for Inga Boosalis (Jim & John)

† Nursery Open 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Dormition Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Boosalis Family in Memory of Inga Boosalis 12:00 Noon

† More Than a Meal 3:00 pm

## **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

† Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm