



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 20,
2017**

Eleventh Sunday of
Matthew

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliaotos

Ushers

Maria Moore

Bill Joyner

Pete Ruby

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Paul Vieron

Coffee Fellowship

Special Coffee Fellowship for Dormition hosted by the Boosalis Family in memory of Inga Boosalis

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: Shout unto God, all the earth.

Psalms 65:1

Verse 2: Give thanks to Him, praise His name.

Psalms 99:4

Verse 3: In the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God.

Psalms 47:7

Verse 4: His place has been in peace, and his dwelling in Zion.

Psalms 75:2

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

Psalms 86:2

Verse 2: Glorious things have been spoken of you, O city of God.

Psalms 86:3

Verse 3: God has founded it forever.

Psalms 47:8

Verse 4: The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle.

Psalms 45:4

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

In giving birth, O Theotokos, you have retained your virginity, and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world. You are the Mother of life and have passed over into life, and by your prayers you have delivered our souls from death.

Verse 1: My heart, O God, is ready, my heart is ready.

Psalms 56:8

Verse 2: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has rendered to me?

Psalms 115:3

Verse 3: I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Psalms 115:4

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Second Mode

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of You Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Feast of the Dormition

Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode

In giving birth, you did preserve your virginity; in your dormition, you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, since you are the Mother of Life; and by your intercessions do you redeem our souls from death.

Hymn of the Annunciation

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· Χαῖρε εὐχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

**Sunday, August 20,
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Samuel the Prophet
Holy Martyr Luke of
Bouleutos

**Monday, August 21,
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St. Thaddeus of the 70
St. Bassa & her sons

**Tuesday, August 22,
2017**

St. Agathonikos & his
Companions
Martyr Anthusa

Wed., August 23, 2017

St. Ireneaus, Bishop of
Lyons

Thurs., August 24, 2017

St. Eutyches the Hiero-
martyr
St. Kosmas of Aetolia

Friday, August 25, 2017

Return of the body of
Bartholomew
St. Titus of the 70

Sat., August 26, 2017

Sts. Adrian, Natalia &
33 Companions
Righteous Joseph

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Prokeimenon. Mode 2.

Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corin-
thians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a sister as wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

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Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Announcements

- ◆ **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: Amazon, Target, Babies"R"Us, and Pottery Barn Kids.
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Fall Fashion Show Luncheon**, Saturday, September 16th, 11:30 am in Cotros Hall. Tickets—\$30.00 will be available in Cotros Hall on Sundays. Tickets will be \$35.00 at the door. Tables of 8 can be reserved with pre-event day ticket purchase. Funds raised will benefit the DOP Scholarship Fund and various other charitable organizations. For more information, please see the flier on the parish website, on the bulletin board, on Facebook and in Father Simon's weekly email.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 20th – 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 21st

† Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm

Tuesday, August 22nd

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Wednesday, August 23rd

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

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† Sunday School 11:00 am

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† GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon