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# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

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**Sunday, October 15,  
2017**

Sunday of the 7th  
Ecumenical  
Council

## **Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

## **Ushers**

Maria Moore  
Bill Joyner  
Pete Ruby

## **Greeters**

## **Epistle Reader**

Ted Poplos

## **Coffee Fellowship**

Daughters of Penelope  
hosting Commu-  
nity Breakfast

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: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

Psalm 102:2

Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:17

*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 arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Psalm 145:1-2

Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 145:5

Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Psalm 145:10

*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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Apolytikion of the Sunday

Verse: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 117:24; Psalm 68:34

# Resurrectional Apolytikion

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*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 Your 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.

# Hymn for the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode*

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

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

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode*

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.

**Sunday, Oct 15, 2017**

St. Loukianos of Antioch  
St. Savinos, Bishop of  
Catania

**Monday, Oct 16, 2017**

St. Longinos the Centuri-  
an

**Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017**

St. Hosea the Prophet  
Sts. Cosmas & Damian  
of Arabia

**Wednesday, Oct 18,  
2017**

St. Luke the Evangelist  
St. Marinos the Martyr

**Thursday, Oct 19, 2017**

St. Joel the Prophet  
St. Varys the Martyr

**Friday, Oct 20, 2017**

St. Artemios of Antioch  
St Gerasimos of Cepha-  
lonia

**Saturday, Oct 21, 2017**

St. Hilarion the Great  
Relics of Christodoulos  
of Patmos

## Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.  
Daniel 3.26,27**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.  
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

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.

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Fast Free Day (No fasting restrictions)

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Strict Fast Day (Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.)

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## **Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

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The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

# Visitation Committee

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**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

**July:** Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

**August:** Stephanie Poplos & Friend

**September:** Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

**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

Diana Mazas

Kosta Taras

Larkin Griffin

Stella Nichols

***Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2018-2019 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.***

# Announcements

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- ◆ **DOP Community Breakfast**, Sunday, October 15th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Directory Picture Review \*\*\*Last Day, Sunday, October 15th\*\*\***

Please stop by the table in Cotros Hall on Sunday to review and select your photos for the Directory. If you do not pick one, a photo will be selected for you. If you didn't have a picture made and would like to add your own to the directory, please submit a hi-res copy to the office by October 15th.
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Cooking Team**, Sunday, October 15th, 1:30 pm in the Kitchen
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Serving Team**, Sunday, October 15th, depart at 2:45 pm with food for Grace-St. Luke's
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, October 16th, 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **St. George Orthodox Church invites us to a public talk from the Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield**, President of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.

Topic: Orthodoxy & Evangelism. Monday, October 16th at 7:00 pm at St. George Orthodox Church, 6984 Hwy 70, Bartlett, TN 38133
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, October 19th, 11:30 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Sts. Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon**, October 22nd, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall. Hosted by ELPIS Philoptochos. Chairpersons: Sophie Sousoulas & Zoe Anaston  
\$12 for 13 y.o & up/\$8 for ages 6-12/Free for 5 y.o & under. Special Guest Speaker: Alex Gogonelis/Subject: OXI Day
- ◆ **School Kit Drive for the Children in Greece.** Sponsored by Elpis Philoptochos & the International Orthodox Christian Charities  
During the month of October, there will be a table set up in Cotros Hall for supply drop off. For more information visit the table, check the Annunciation Facebook page or see the October Epistle.
- ◆ **Make a Difference Month October 2017**

We salute the Brave Men & Women who fearlessly serve our country. We invite members of our community to create homemade "Thank You" cards for soldiers and veterans hospitalized in the Memphis Area VA Hospital. All are welcome to participate.  
Drop-off boxes will be placed in the upstairs Sunday School Hallway as well as Cotros Hall. Please drop off your cards anytime in October. WE will deliver them to the hospital in time for Veterans Day. - sponsored by ELPIS.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, October 15th, Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † 40 Day Memorial for Presvytera Bess Vieron
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Community Breakfast hosted by Daughters of Penelope
- † More Than a Meal *Cooking* Team meet at 1:30 pm in the Kitchen
- † More Than a Meal *Serving* Team depart parish at 2:45 pm with food to Grace-St.Luke's
- † Review Directory Pictures in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy. **\*\*LAST DAY\*\***

## **Monday, October 16th**

- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library

## **Tuesday, October 17th**

- † Library—Closed today

## **Wednesday, October 18th**

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

## **Thursday, October 19th**

- † Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am
- † Orthros 6:00 pm
- † Divine Liturgy for Feast of St. Gerasimos 7:00 pm

## **Saturday, October 21st**

- † Elpis cooking and setup for Sunday Luncheon 9:00 am

## **Sunday, October 22nd, Sixth Sunday of Luke**

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room
- † Sts. Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon hosted by Elpis 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall (Special Guest Speaker: Alex Gogonelis/Subject: OXI Day)