



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, October 22,
2017**

Sixth Sunday of Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Naji Nassif

Diane Kavelaras

Demie Bitinis

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Andrew Douglas

Coffee Fellowship

Sts Gerasimos & De-
metrios Luncheon
hosted by Elpis
(Special Speaker:
Alex Gogonelis/
Subject: OXI Day

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: 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

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

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

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Hymn for Abercius of Heirapolis

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause, thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Abercius, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Hymn for 7 Youths of Ephesus

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Hymn of the Annunciation

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."

Seasonal Kontakion

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 22, 2017

St. Averkios of Hierapolis
St. Rufus the Righteous

Monday, Oct 23, 2017

St. James the Apostle,
Brother of Our Lord
Our Righteous Father
Ignatius, Patriarch of
Constantinople

Tuesday, Oct 24, 2017

St. Arethas the Great
Martyr
St. Sebastiane the Mar-
tyr

**Wednesday, Oct 25,
2017**

Sts. Marcianos & Martiri-
os
St. Tabitha, raised by
Peter

Thursday, Oct 26, 2017

Great Earthquake in
Constantinople
St. Demetrios the Myrrh-
Streamer

Friday, Oct 27, 2017

St. Nestor of Thessaloniki
St. Kyriakos, Patriarch of
Constantinople

Saturday, Oct 28, 2017

Holy Protection of the
Theotokos
Sts. Terrance & Eunice

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

**Prokeimenon. Mode 3.
Psalm 46.6,1**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians
1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Visitation Committee

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 & Evangelina Panas

March: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

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

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **GOYA Meeting & Y2AM**, Sunday, October 22nd at 12:30 in the GOYA Room. Reflecting on our experience at the National Civil Rights Museum, Father V. will meet with our youth and share his personal experiences of that time period.
- ◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, October 29th, 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **JOY Care Package Building**, Sunday, November 5th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
JOY will be assembling Care Packages for the Homeless. Please meet in Cotros Hall after Sunday School.
- ◆ **DOP hosts Mother Nektaria**, November 4th. Details to follow.
- ◆ **Holy Trinity Nashville Centennial Celebration**, November 3-5, Nashville, TN
Please visit the website for details. <https://holytrinitycentennial.org/>

Weekly Schedule

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
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Monday, October 23rd, St. James, the Brother of the Lord

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 24th

Library Open 10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Wednesday, October 25th

Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 26th, Feast of Saint Demetrios

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday, October 29th, Seventh Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Parish Assembly 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Detty family In honor of Kalliope Lefes on her Birthday