



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, Dec 10,
2017**

Tenth Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Maria Moore

Bill Joyner

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Sophia Douglas

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by the Mitchell family to honor Kristin on the day of her Chrismation

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

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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 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 Martyr Menas & Companions

Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle! That these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.

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."

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

Sung after the hymn above in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

Sunday, Dec 10, 2017

Sts. Menas, Jermones, & Eugraphos
St. Thomas of Bithynia

Monday, Dec 11, 2017

St. Daniel the Stylite
St. Luke Stylite of Chalcedon

Tuesday, Dec 12, 2017

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
St. Peter the Aleut

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017

St Auxentios & martyrs of Sebaste
St. Lucia the Virgin Martyr
St. Herman of Alaska

Thursday, Dec 14, 2017

Sts. Thyrsos, Leucius, & Callinicos

Friday, Dec 15, 2017

St. Eleutherios, Bishop of Illyria
St. Susannah the Deaconess

Saturday, Dec 16, 2017

Haggai the Prophet
St. Modesto, Archbishop of Jerusalem

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.
Psalm 63.11,1**

**The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Visitation Committee

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

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Connie Cotros, Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

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
Larkin Griffin

Sarantos Hatzigeorgiou
Diana Mazas
Stella Nichols

Zoe Nickas
Kosta Taras

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

- ◆ **Library Hours**, Every Tuesday from 10:00 am—2:00 pm unless there is a service that morning and then it will open at 11:00 am. The parish library has added several new books to its collection: The Explanation by Blessed Theophylact of the Holy Gospel According to St Matthew & The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to John, also by Blessed Theophylact, and In Peace Let Us Pray to the Lord: An Orthodox Interpretation of the Gifts of the Spirit by Fr Alexis Trader. Come check them out. I can be of help most any Sunday after liturgy, Wednesday nights after bible study, and Tuesdays during library hours. Come on in, I'd love to assist you in finding that next book. - Billy Benson
- ◆ **Sunday School Practice for Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 10th, 11:00 am in the High School Classroom on the second floor of the Education Building
- ◆ **Parish Assembly for Approval of 2018 Budget**, Sunday, December 10th, 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Blessing of Pets**, Saturday, December 16th, 10:00 am in the Parking Lot
- ◆ **Dress Rehearsal for Sunday School Christmas Pageant**, Saturday, December 16th at Noon in the Nave
- ◆ **AHEPA Christmas Party**, Saturday, **December 16th**, 3:00 pm at home of John & Nancy Kay. Spouses are invited. Please RSVP to John at 901-605-9831 or 901-835-5846.
- ◆ **Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Sunday**, December 17th, following Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Christmas Bake Sale**, Sunday, December 17th, at Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **HOPE/JOY/GOYA Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm. More details to follow
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Party**, Tuesday, December 19th, 11:30 am at Chickasaw Country Club. To RSVP or for more details, please contact Sophie Theodore at 901-458-0451 or Athena Jameson at 901-853-2976 before December 14th.
- ◆ ELPIS Board Meeting/Christmas Get-Together, Tuesday, Dec 19th—time/place TBD
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Special Reception** hosted by ELPIS, Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 pm in Cotros Hall following Christmas Eve Vespers Liturgy
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Party**, December 31st in Cotros Hall. 6:30 pm Cocktails & Appetizers/8:00 pm Dinner/9:30 pm Vasilopita Cutting. RSVP on Sundays in Cotros Hall or in the office during the week. Reservation Forms can be found in the Epistle -online and in print, on our Facebook page, on the website at www.goann.net or in the office. This year we are adding some extra FUN to our party! Our theme is a "MASQUERADE BALL" - so please bring a FUN mask and get dressed up to ring in the New Year 2018.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 10th

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Chrismation for Kristin Mitchell following Divine Liturgy

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School Practice for the Christmas Pageant, 11:00 am in the High School Classroom

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Mitchell family to honor Kristin on the day of her Chrismation 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† Parish Assembly—Budget Approval 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† Young Adult League Christmas Party 5:00 pm at home of Alexis Moore

Tuesday, December 12th, Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Library Open 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13th

† Bible Study 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Saturday, December 16th

† Blessing of the Pets 10:00 am in Parking Lot

† DOP Set up for Bake Sale 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† Sunday School Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant 12:00 Noon in Nave

† AHEPA Christmas Party 3:00 pm at home of John & Nancy Kay

Sunday, December 17th Eleventh Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 1 Year Memorial for Dimitra Fronimos following Divine Liturgy

† Sunday School Christmas Pageant following Memorial Service

† Nursery Open 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Daughters of Penelope Christmas Bake Sale 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† HOPE/JOY/GOYA Christmas Caroling 2:45 pm meet in parking lot for 3:00 pm departure

† More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Church