



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 14,
2018**

Sunday After
Theophany

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Naji Nassif
Diane Kavelaras
Demie Bitinis

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Paul Vieron

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall after Divine Liturgy

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

By the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

Verse 1. When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a strange people;

Psalm 113:1

Verse 2. Judah became his sanctuary.

Psalm 113:2

Verse 3. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

Psalm 113:3

Verse 4. What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

Psalm 113:5

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who were baptized in the river Jordan by John. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Psalm 114:1

Verse 2. For He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Psalm 114:2

Verse 3. The pangs of death encompassed me; the perils of Hades have found me.

Psalm 114:3

Verse 4. The Lord is merciful and righteous; our God is merciful. Psalm 114:5

Third Antiphon

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the word as sure and steadfast. O Christ our God, You have appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to You.

Verse 1. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:1

Verse 2. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:2

Verse 3. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:3

Verse 4. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:4

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Grave Mode

You did abolish death by Your Cross; You did open Paradise to the thief; You did transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and did bid Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Hymn for the Theophany

Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and has enlightened the world, glory be to You.

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 Fourth Mode

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Sunday, Jan 14, 2018
Fathers Slain at Sinai &
Raitho

Monday, Jan 15, 2018
St. Paul of Thebes
St. John the Cave
Dweller

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018
Veneration of the
Chains of the Apostle
Peter
St. Makarios Kalogeras
of Patmos

**Wednesday, Jan 17,
2018**
St. Anthony the Great
St. Anthony of Beroea

Thursday, Jan 18, 2018
St.s Athanasios & Cyril,
Patriarchs of Alexan-
dria
St. Xenia the Martyr

Friday, Jan 19, 2018
St. Makarios the Great
of Egypt
St. Mark of Ephesus

Saturday, Jan 20, 2018
St. Euthymios the Great
St. Zacharias the New
Martyr of Patra

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Prokeimenon. First Tone. 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 Letter to the Ephesians
4:7-13.**

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Sunday, Jan 14, 2018

Fast Free Day

Monday, Jan 15, 2018

Fast Free Day

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018

Fast Free Day

**Wednesday, Jan 17,
2018**

Fast Day (Wine & Oil
allowed) | Refrain from
meat, fish, dairy, and
eggs.

Thursday, Jan 18, 2018

Fast Free Day

Friday, Jan 19, 2018

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

Saturday, Jan 20, 2018

Fast Free Day

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Visitation Committee

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: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

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

Alex Gogonelis

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

- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, January 15th at 6:15 pm in Library
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, January 18th at 11:30 am in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **DOP hosting Karen Batshaw - Author of the book "Hidden in Plain Sight"**, Saturday, January 20th at 7:00 pm in Cotros Hall Commemorating the bravery of the Archbishop of Athens and the decency of ordinary people, Hidden in Plain Sight chronicles the SAVage Nazi Occupation of Greece through a bit-tersweet love story.
- ◆ **JOY Event— Ice Skating at MidSouth Icehouse in Olive Branch**—January 27th, 1:30 pm—4:00 pm. Cost is \$10, ages 3 and under \$4. There is an additional \$3 for skate rental. We may be able to secure a group discount once we have a headcount. Those not skating are free. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4caba62ea64-iceskating>.
- ◆ **Apokreas**, Saturday, February 3rd 5:30 pm: It's time for everyone to get their talents in tuned! Our annual Apokreas/Talent Show will be held on Saturday, Feb 3rd at 5:30pm! A feast of delicious meats with other delights will be cooked by our AHEPANS. The Daughters will join in on sponsoring this event too! Be sure to contact Kathy Zambelis at [901-359-1055](tel:901-359-1055) to let her know what you will be performing so she can include you on the line up and introductions!
- ◆ **DOP 29th Agape/Godparent Luncheon**, Sunday, February 11th, 12:00 in Cotros Hall. This day is dedicated to honor and remember your Godparent/s. Celebrate the Divine Liturgy together, and stay after church to enjoy the delicious homemade meal with your Godparent/s. If they are not here, adopt one for the day. Please see Kathy Zambelis, kzambelis@gmail.com so you can honor your Nouna and/or Nouno.
- ◆ **Local Oratorical Festival**, Saturday, February 24th, 12:00 Noon. The 2018 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival topics are ready and are online. Start working on your speeches now! Please visit <https://www.goarch.org/oratorical> to see all of the topics. See Paul Vieron or Kathy Zambelis for more information.

*****Father Simon will be away from the Parish from Sunday afternoon, January 21st, through Saturday, January 27th.**

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 14th

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Chrismation of Trish Owen
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † DOP General Meeting 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † Coffee Fellowship—OPEN

Monday, January 15th Martin Luther King Day

- † Office Closed
- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library
- † Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Tuesday, January 16th

- † Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm
- † Orthros 6:00 pm
- † Divine Liturgy for Saint Anthony the Great 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 17th Feast of Saint Anthony the Great

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 18th Feast of Sts. Athanasius & Cyril

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am

Saturday, January 20th

- † DOP hosts Karen Batshaw, author of the book, Hidden in Plain Sight at 7:00 pm in Cotros Hall

Sunday, January 21st Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship—OPEN
- † GOYA Meeting & Y2AM 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room
- † Elpis General Meeting - 12:00 Noon in Cotros
- † Athenian Dance Troupe 12:30 pm
- † More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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