



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Simon Thomas, Parish Priest

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**Sunday, January 21,
2018**

Fifteenth Sunday of
Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Andrew Douglas

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: 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 Eighth Mode

From on high did You descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days have You submitted that You might free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to You.

Hymn for Maximus the Confessor

Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise Maximos, by your teachings you have enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

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St. Maximus the Confessor

St. Neophytos the Martyr

Monday, Jan 22, 2018

St. Timothy of the 70

St. Anastasios the Persian Martyr

Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018

St. Clement of Ancyra, the Hieromartyr

St. Agathangelos the Martyr

Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018

St. Xenia, Deaconess of Rome

St. Babylas the Hieromartyr

Thursday, Jan 25, 2018

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Friday, Jan 26, 2018

St. Zenophon & his Companions

St. Symeon the Elder

Saturday, Jan 27, 2018

Translation of the Relic of John Chrysostom

St. Peter the Righteous of Egypt

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Tone. Psalm 75.11,1.

Make your vows to the Lord our God
and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

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Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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.

Mary Chagaris (phone
call to check in)
Alec Collis

Alex Gogonelis
Diana Mazas

Stella Nichols
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

- ◆ **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.

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Weekly Schedule

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

Monday, January 22nd

- † Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class

Tuesday, January 23rd

- † Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Thursday, January 25th

- † Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am

Saturday, January 27th

- † JOY Event—Ice skating at the Midsouth Icehouse in Olive Branch 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

Sunday, January 28th Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee (Triodion Begins)

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † 40 Day Blessing for Lucy Riederer & her mother Katherine
- † Seven Year Memorial for Ana Trif, mother of Maria Trif
- † Memorial for Petro & Marcela Olariu, parents of Ruxandra Olariu
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by Maria Trif in memory of her mother, Ana Trif, & by Ruxandra Olariu in memory of her parents, Petro & Marcela Olariu

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