



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 4,
2018**

Sunday of the Prodi-
gial Son

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliaotos

Ushers

Madeleine Donnelly
Bill Joyner

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Maria Moore

Coffee Fellowship

hosted by the Daniels
& Thomas Families in
memory of Art Daniels

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: My heart has uttered a good matter;

Psalm 44:1

Verse 2: My tongue is the pen of a quick writer.

Psalm 44:1

Verse 3: Grace has been shed forth on Your lips.

Psalm 44:2

Verse 4: Therefore God has blessed you forever.

Psalm 44:2

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 were carried in the arms of Simeon the Just. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Gird your sword upon your thigh.

Psalm 44:3

Verse 2: And bend you bow, and prosper, and reign.

Psalm 44:4

Verse 3: Your weapons are sharpened, Mighty One, the nations shall fall under you.

Psalm 44:5

Verse 4: The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of righteousness.

Psalm 44:6

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

Hail, full of grace Virgin Theotokos. For from you arose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, giving light to those in darkness. Be glad also righteous Elder, for you have received in your arms the Deliverer of our souls, who bestows on us resurrection.

Verse 1: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

Psalm 44:11

Verse 2: The rich among the people shall supplicate Your favor.

Psalm 44:13

Verse 3: I will mention Your name from generation to generation.

Psalm 44:17

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.

Apolytikion for the Presentation of our Lord

Sung after the hymn above in the First Mode

Rejoice, you who are full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, you also, O righteous Elder, as you receive in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also grants unto us the Resurrection.

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.

Sunday, Feb 4, 2018

St. Isadore of Pelusium
St. Nicholas the Confessor

Monday, Feb 5, 2018

St Agatha the Martyr
St Polyeuktos, Patriarch
of Constantinople

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2018

St. Photios, Patriarch of
Constantinople
St. Bubolos, Bishop of
Smyrna

Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018

St. Parthenios, Bishop of
Lampsakos
St. Luke the Righteous

Thursday, Feb 8, 2018

St. Theodore the General
Zechariah the Prophet

Friday, Feb 9, 2018

The Leavetaking of the
Presentation
St. Nicephoros of Antioch

Saturday, Feb 10, 2018

St. Haralambos the Martyr
St. Anastasios, Patriarch
of Jerusalem

Epistle: I Corinthians 6:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 2.

Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Sunday, Feb 4, 2018
Fast Free Day

Monday, Feb 5, 2018
Fast Free Day

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2018
Fast Free Day

Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018
Strict Fast | Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

Thursday, Feb 8, 2018
Fast Free Day

Friday, Feb 9, 2018
Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed) | Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

Saturday, Feb 3, 2018
Fast Free Day

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Visitation Committee

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: NEED VOLUNTEERS

September: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollio

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

Maria Hetos

Stella Nichols

Alex Gogonelis

Helen Mavraganis

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

- ◆ **GOYA Super Bowl Party**, Sunday, February 4th, 5:00 pm, at home of Austin & Jackson Detty. Sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F4CA5AB23A57-super
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Elpis Board Meeting**, Tuesday, February 13th, 6:30 pm in Library
- ◆ **Bible Study**, Wednesday, February 14th, 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Valentine's Luncheon**, Thursday, February 15th 11:30 am in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Last day for House Blessings, Friday, February 16th**. Please pick up form in office, in Narthex or online at www.goann.net.
- ◆ **GOYA Pot Luck Coffee Fellowship Fundraiser for Mid-South Food Bank**, Sunday, February 18th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **"Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being "**, Sunday, February 18th, in the Library following services. This first in a series is offered by Maria Popa, MBA and Financial Advisor. The topic of this presentation will be: Common Money Mistakes & Budget Building - a. Managing Finances; b. Mitigating Financial Setbacks; c. Staying on Track; d. Making Decisions; e. Assess your income; f. Track your spending; g. Understand expenses; h. Categorize your expenses; i. Keep up with your budget; and j. Prepare for the unexpected. Please join us!
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practice**, Sunday, February 18th, 12:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Team**, Sunday, February 18th, 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's
- ◆ **CLocal 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 at the Metropolis Clergy Retreat Monday—Wednesday, February 5-7.**

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 4th Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Five Year Memorial for Art (Athanasius) Daniels
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Daniels & Thomas Families in memory of Art Daniels
- † Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm
- † GOYA Super Bowl Party at home of Greg & Cyndi Detty - 5:00 pm

Monday, February 5th

- † Father Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 6th

- † Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Saturday, February 10th Feast of Saint Haralambos/Saturday of Souls

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † DOP Monthly General Meeting & Set Up for AGAPE/Godparent Luncheon 11:30 am

Sunday, February 11th Judgement Sunday (Mealfare)

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † AGAPE/Godparent Luncheon

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