



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 18,
2018**

Forgiveness Sunday
(Cheesefare)

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Scott McKee

Coffee Fellowship

GOYA Pot Luck
Fundraiser for Mid-
South Food Bank

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 Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

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 Sixth Mode

O Master, Prudence, Guide of Wisdom, Instruction to the foolish and Defender of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it discernment. Give me words, Word of the Father, for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying out to You, "O Merciful One, have mercy on me who has fallen."

Sunday, Feb 18, 2018

St. Leo, Pope of Rome
St. Agapetus the Confessor

Monday, Feb 19, 2018

St. Philemon, Archippus of the 70
St. Philothea, Martyr of Athens

Tuesday, Feb 20, 2018

St. Leo, Bishop of Catania
St. Agathon, Pope of Rome

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2018

St. Timothy the Righteous
St John III, Patriarch of Constantinople

Thursday, Feb 22, 2018

Relics of Martyrs in Eugenios
Sts. Thalassius & Baradatus

Friday, Feb 23, 2018

St. Polycarp, Bishop of Symrna
St. Proterios, Archbishop of Alexandria

Saturday, Feb 24, 2018

First & Second Finding of Head of John the Baptist
St. Erasimos of the Kiev Caves
St. Theodore—Kollyva Miracle

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.
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 Letter to the Romans
13:11-14; 14:1-4**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

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Fast Day | (Dairy, Eggs, and Fish Allowed) Refrain from Meat.

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

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Saturday, Feb 24, 2018

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

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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 Liollo

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
Alec Collis

Alex Gogonelis
Maria Hetos

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

- ◆ **Our Parish Library** has books available for the upcoming lenten season for those looking to add some reading to their lenten schedule. Come check us out on Tuesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm or see me after services and I will help you find a book
- ◆ **GOYA Pot Luck Coffee Fellowship Fundraiser for Mid-South Food Bank**, Sunday, February 18th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, February 19th, 6:16 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Local Oratorical Festival**, Saturday, February 24th, 12:00 Noon. Please join us for our Local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Show your love & support to the children in our church family as they share their heartfelt feelings on various topics. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn to speak in front of those who LOVE them the MOST—US! **** **Festival Participants**—please be at church NO LATER than 11:15 am with all your necessary paperwork in hand and ready to go!
- ◆ ◆ **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: “Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being “**, Sunday, February 25th, 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!
- ◆ **Stewardship Cards:** By now you should all have received your 2018 Stewardship Information packet in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and turn your Stewardship Card in to Maria Moore or mail to/drop it by the church office. Thank you! Maria Moore, Stewardship Chairman

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 18th, Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † GOYA Pot Luck Coffee Fellowship Fundraiser for Mid-South Food Bank 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- † More Than A Meal Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Church
- † Forgiveness Vespers 6:00 pm

Monday, February 19th , Clean Monday/Great Lent Begins

Presidents' Day

Office is Closed

- † Funeral for Helen Mavraganis 11:00 am followed by burial at Memorial Park Cemetery . Makaria will be held afterward back at Annunciation.
- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library
- † Fr. Vieron's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall

Wednesday, February 21st, Great Canon III

- † Ninth Hour 5:30 pm
- † Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm
- † Lenten Dinner hosted by YAL & Lecture by Fr. John Mashburn, St. John Parish AOC, Memphis, TN

Thursday, February 22nd, Great Canon IV

- † Festival Workshop—Koulourakia 9:00 am—4:00 pm in the Kitchen

Friday, February 23rd, Salutations to the Theotokos

- † Festival Workshop—Koulourakia 9:00 am—4:00 pm in the Kitchen
- † Salutations to the Theotokos 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 24th, Saturday of Souls

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Oratorical Festival 12:00 Noon

Sunday, February 25th, Sunday of Orthodoxy

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School meet in Cotros Hall after Communion for Icon Procession
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by DOP, Elpis, St. John Church & St. George Church 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † **NOTE DATE CHANGE** "Fundamentals of Financial Well Being" - part 1 of a series 12:00 Noon in the Library