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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 25,
2018**

Sunday of Ortho-
doxy

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Endy Carter

Ted Poplos

Vasili Semos

Greeters

Epistle Reader

Kathy Zambelis

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday of Ortho-
doxy Fellowship host-
ed by DOP, Elpis, St.
John Church & St.
George Church

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: The Lord reigns; He has clothed Himself with honour; the Lord has clothed and girded himself with strength. Psalm 92:1

Verse 2: For he has established the world, which shall not be moved. Psalm 92:1

Verse 3: Who shall tell the mighty acts of the Lord, and cause all His praises to be heard? Psalm 105:2

Verse 4: *Let them say so who have been redeemed by the Lord, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.* Psalm 106:2

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1: Let him acknowledge to the Lord His mercies, and His wonderful works to the children of men. Psalm 106:8

Verse 2: Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. Psalm 106:32

Verse 3: The eyes of the Lord are upon those that fear Him, those that hope in His mercy. Psalm 32:18

Verse 4: To hear the groaning of the fettered ones, to loosen the sons of the slain. Psalm 101:20

Third Antiphon

The Beatitudes

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3-12

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O you faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Apolytikion for Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sung after the hymn above in the Second Mode

We worship Your immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Your own will You were well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that You might deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom You had fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to You thankfully: You did fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when You came to save 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."

Hymn of St. John the Evangelist

Sung after the hymn above.

O apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Hymn of St. George the Great Martyr

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Sunday, Feb 25, 2018

St. Tarasios, Patriarch of
Constantinople
St. Reginos, Bishop of
Akopelos

Monday, Feb 26, 2018

St. Porphyrios, Bishop of
Gaza
St. Photini the Samaritan
& sisters

Tuesday, Feb 27, 2018

St. Prokopios the Confessor
St. Raphael of Brooklyn

**Wednesday, Feb 28,
2018**

St. Basil the Confessor
St. Kyranna of Thessaloniki

Thursday, Mar 1, 2018

St. Eudokia of Heliopolis
St Andonica the New
Martyr

Friday, Mar 2, 2018

St. Hessychios the Martyr
St Nicholas Planas

Saturday, Mar 3, 2018

Sts. Eutropios, Kleonikos,
& Vasilikos
St. Theodoretos of Antioch

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.
Daniel 3.26,27**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews
11:24-26, 32-40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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Gospel: John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Visitation Committee

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

February: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

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

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

- ◆ **Today is Sunday of Orthodoxy.** We welcome our fellow Orthodox Christians from St. John & St. George parishes as we worship together enjoy the fellowship at our Community Luncheon afterward in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **GOYA will meet today** after Coffee Fellowship in the GOYA Room **with Father Alex and the youth group from St. John.**
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Festival Workshop—Spanakopita**, Friday & Saturday, March 2nd & 3rd, 9:00 am—4:00 pm in the kitchen. Bring your apron, a fun spirit, lo and come enjoy working &/or learning how to make Koulourakia! Everyone is welcome to participate!
- ◆ **NOTE DATE CHANGE:** The Oratorical Festival, originally scheduled for Saturday, February 24th has been rescheduled fro Saturday, March 3rd at 12:00 Noon
- ◆ **Scout Sunday will be March 4.** We're looking forward to another great turnout this year of our Church members who are scouts. Any Church member who is a scout is asked to participate. An email has been sent to those who have participated in the past. Please contact the office if you need more information.
- ◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, March 11th 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

Weekly Schedule

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

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Monday, February 26th

† Great Compline 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 27th

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28th

† Ninth Hour Service 5:30 pm

† Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

† Lenten Dinner hosted by the Romanian Families with Guest Lecture Fr. Mark Sutton of St. George (OCA) Memphis 7:00 pm

Friday, March 2nd, Salutations to the Theotokos

† Festival Workshop—Spanakopita 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 4th, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Scout Sunday

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 40 Day Memorial for Diana Mazas

† Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by family of Diana Mazas for her 40 Day Memorial 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall and by the Scout Parents for Scout Sunday

† Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm

† DOP Board Meeting 12:00 Noon in Library