



METROPOLIS  
OF DETROIT

# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 15,  
2018**

Thomas Sunday

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

**Ushers**

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

**Greeters**

**Epistle Reader**

Kathy Zambelis

**Coffee Fellowship**

Hosted by Matthew  
& DoraThea Barre

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

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*Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!*

Verse 1. Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Psalm 65:1

Verse 2. Sing to His name; give glory to His praises. Psalm 65:2

Verse 3. Say to God: "How awesome are Your works". Psalm 65:3

Verse 4. Let all the earth worship You, and sing praises to You. Psalm 65:4

*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

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

Verse 1. God be merciful to us and bless us. Psalm 66:1

Verse 2. May He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us. Psalm 66:2

Verse 3. That Your way may be known upon earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 66:2

Verse 4. Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples give thanks to You. Psalm 66:3

*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

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Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tomb granting life.

Verse 1. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Him flee from before Him. Psalm 67:1

Verse 2. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire; Psalm 67:2

Verse 3. So let the sinners perish before God, and let the righteous rejoice; Psalm 67:2-3

Verse 4. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Psalm 117:24

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen*

## **Apolytikion for Great & Holy Pascha**

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*Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Fifth Mode*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death has He trampled down death, and on those in the graves has He bestowed life

## **Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday**

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Seventh Mode*

Whilst the tomb was sealed, You, O Life, did shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and while the doors were shut, You did come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Your great mercy.

## **Seasonal Kontakion**

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Sixth Mode*

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

St. Crescens the Martyr  
St. Leonidas, Bishop of Athens

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

Sts. Agape, Chionia, & Irene  
the Martyrs

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

St. Symeon, Bishop of Persia  
St. Makarios, Bishop of Corinth

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

St. John the Righteous, disciple of Gregory of Decapolis  
St. Euthemios, Enlightener of Karelia

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

St. Basil the Confessor of Parium  
St. Anthoussa of Constantinople

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

St. Martin, Pope of Rome

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Sts. Aristarchos, Pudens, & Trophimos  
St. Thomais of Alexandria

## Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Psalm 146.5;134.3**

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.  
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

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**Today is Fast Free** | No  
fasting restrictions.

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**Fast Day (Wine and Oil**  
**Allowed)** | Wine and  
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## **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

# Visitation Committee

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**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

**February:** Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas

**March:** Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

**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

Alex Gogonelis

Sarantos Hatzigeorgiou

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

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- ◆ **Becoming Truly Human**—Follow Basil as he navigates our modern cultural landscape, engaging with a group of spiritual "nones" (religious unaffiliated) in honest and open discussion on religion and spirituality, while recounting his own journey as a "none" in search of spiritual wholeness. **Tickets are FREE, and can be ordered by clicking the links below:**

## 3 Screenings

**Tuesday, April 24 7:00 pm**—Malco Forest Hill Cinema Grill

Book your tickets on Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2oHabf7>

**Wednesday, April 25 7:00 pm**—Malco Studio on the Square

Book your tickets on Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/2CRZxaG>

**Thursday, April 26 7:00 pm**—Cordova Town Cinema

- ◆ **GOYA Meeting & Y2AM**, Sunday, April 15th at 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room
- ◆ **More Than a Meal Teams**, Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 pm at Grace-St.Luke's
- ◆ **Bible Study**, Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, April 19th, 11:30 am
- ◆ **Athenian Dance Troupe Practices**
  - April 21st**, 9:00 am—12:00 Noon; **April 22nd**, 12:30 pm—3:00 pm; **May 5th**, 9:00 am—12:00 Noon; **May 6th**, 12:30 pm—3:00 pm (Mandatory); **May 9th**, 4:00 pm—7:00 pm (Mandatory)
- ◆ **Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being**, Sunday, April 22nd, in the Library following services. The third in a series is offered by Maria Popa, MBA and Financial Advisor.
- ◆ **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!

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 20th**

On **Sunday, May 20** we will be honoring our High school & College Graduates. Please send in your information along with a photo for our Graduation Program no later than Wednesday, May 9th to Erin at: [annunciationmemphis@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationmemphis@gmail.com) and copy Kathy Zambelis at [kzambelis@gmail.com](mailto:kzambelis@gmail.com).

Information should include:

- 1) Name of graduate
- 2) Parent's names
- 3) Name of school
- 4) Any notes of interest (recognitions, awards, area of study, future plans, and future school attending, etc).

A reception will be held in honor of the Graduates following the ceremony hosted by Philoptochos and Daughters of Penelope. We look forward in honoring your graduate, so please send your information in on time!

## **YOUTH WORKER TRAINING WEEKEND**

**The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit Youth and Young Adult Ministries e-Update**

**April 27-29, 2018**

**\$60.00/per person (includes material and most meals)**

All Clergy and Parish Youth Workers are invited to attend this weekend focused on growing and improving parish youth and young adult ministries. Discussion topics will include Curriculum, Addressing Youth in Crisis, and Parish Youth Safety. Event will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Nashville, TN. **For more information or to register by April 18, 2018, visit [www.Detroit.Goarch.Org/YWSouth](http://www.Detroit.Goarch.Org/YWSouth)**

## **2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Scholarship applications are available on the Parish website at <http://www.goann.net/education/scholarships>. Check back regularly for updates.

- ◆ Local Scholarship Applications are due in the Parish Office on the following dates: DOP—April 19th @ 3:00 pm Chris Douglas—April 20th @ Noon Elpis—April 27th @ 12:00 noon AHEPA—April 27th @ 12:00 noon. Each Application and all corresponding documents should be sealed and labeled with your name and the scholarship name. Late applications will not be accepted.



**ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION** IS NOW OPEN!

**CAMP DATES: JULY 22-28, 2018**

**AGES:** For children 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall) – 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring). **PRICE : \$375 Early Bird Registration (UNTIL MAY 15) \$425 Normal Registration (AFTER MAY 15)**

<http://www.stnicholascamp.org/camper-info/>

### **ALTAR CLEAN OUT DAY**

Sunday, April 29th † After liturgy In preparation for the renovation of the sanctuary, we will be clearing out the Altar following Liturgy on April 29th. Services will continue to take place from the Soleas on Sundays during the renovation.

### **44TH BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY**

July 1-5, 2018 at the Marriott—Boston Copley Place. To register, please visit [www.clergylaity.org](http://www.clergylaity.org)

# **FINANCIAL SEMINARS- THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FINANCIAL WELL-BEING**

**A series offered by Maria Popa, MBA and Financial Advisor.**

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Planning for retirement/ Sources of retirement income ( 1 hr)

- \* Envision your retirement
- \* Build your retirement strategy
- \* Sources of retirement income
- \* Building your nest egg
- \* Retirement risks to consider

Sources of retirement income

- \* 401Ks
  - \* IRAs (Traditional and Roth)
  - \* Social security
  - \* Annuities
  - \* Other sources of income
- \* Everybody should participate regardless the age

Sunday, April 29,2018

Building your retirement income now strategy/ Building your retirement income later strategy  
(1 hr)

- \* Longevity
  - \* Inflation
  - \* Healthcare costs
  - \* Housing
  - \* Market
  - \* Excessive withdrawals
- \* Everybody should participate regardless the age

Sunday, May 20, 2018

The social side of retirement (45 min)/ Social Security Retirement Benefits and Your Future

- \* History, background, and a few fun facts
- \* The future of social security
- \* Your social security retirement benefits
- \* Making a decision that's right for you

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Long Term Care Insurance Seminar (45 min)

a. What is the LTC insurance

1. How Long Term Care is defined
2. When and where LTC insurance can be used
3. The benefits of LTC insurance

# 2018 MEMPHIS GREEK FESTIVAL

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60th Annual Memphis Greek Festival will be held on Friday & Saturday, May 11th & 12th.

## PRE-FESTIVAL TICKET SALES & POSTERS/POSTCARDS

The **Pre-Festival Tickets** are available on Sundays in Cotros Hall and in the office during the week. All tickets must be paid in advance. We accept Cash or Check only and the cost is \$15/ticket. These make GREAT GIFTS for family, friends, co-workers, teachers! **Festival Posters & Postcards** are available at the Festival Table in Cotros Hall. Please take some and ask to put at the places you visit.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Please take the time to look over the workshops & find a place to volunteer.

**Sweet Bread:** Friday & Saturday, April 20th & 21st, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Kourambietes:** Wednesday & Thursday, April 25th & 26th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Pre-Pack Assembly:** Sunday, May 6th, 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm & Monday, May 7th, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Galaktoboureko Syrup Making:** Tuesday, May 8th, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

**Chicken Prep:** Wednesday, May 9th, 8:00 am -1:00 pm

**Meat Skewering:** Wednesday, May 9th, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Galaktoboureko Assembly:** Thursday, May 10th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Point of Sale Training:** Monday - Thursday, May 7th - May 10th, Times to be advised

If you are heading up a workshop and haven't scheduled your time, please contact the office ASAP as space in the kitchen is filling up.

## VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Our Festival won't work without YOU! We need volunteers to help set up & to work in the various areas of our Festival for Friday & Saturday! To volunteer, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2GB52Ak> or see Kathy Zambelis on Sundays in Cotros Hall.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, April 15th, Thomas Sunday**

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by Matthew & DoraThea Barre 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † GOYA Meeting & Y2AM 12:00 Noon in GOYA Room
- † More Than a Meal 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## **Monday, April 16th**

- † Parish Council Meeting
- † Fr. V's Adult Greek Class 6:30 pm

## **Tuesday, April 17th**

- † Library Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **Wednesday, April 18th**

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

## **Thursday, April 19th**

- † Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 am
- † DOP Scholarship Applications Due by 3:00 pm in the Parish Office

## **Friday, April 20th**

- † Festival Workshop—Sweet Bread 9:00 am—4:00 pm
- † Chris Douglas Scholarship Applications Due by 3:00 pm in the Parish Office

## **Saturday, April 21st**

- † Festival Workshop—Sweet Bread 9:00 am—4:00 pm
- † Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 9:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † District Oratorical Festival 12:00 Noon—3:00 pm at Holy Trinity in Nashville

## **Sunday, April 22nd , Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † 40 Day Memorial for Dorothy Paris
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Paris Family for the 40 Day Memorial of Dorothy Paris
- † Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being, April 22nd, 12:00 Noon in the Library
- † DOP Monthly Meeting & Nomination of Officers 12:00 Noon
- † Athenian Dance Troupe Practice 12:30 pm—3:00 pm