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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 13,
2018**

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

Sermon

Sermon will be given by our St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival District winners, Nick Douglas, Sophia Douglas & Rachel Semos.

Epistle Reader

Richard Tobias

Coffee Fellowship

Post-Festival Food Sales

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. 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

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

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

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung after the hymn above in the Fifth Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye 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.

Hymn of the Annunciation

Sunday in the Fourth Tone

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 εὐαγγελίζειται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth 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, May 13, 2018
St. Glykeria of Heraclia
St. Sergios the Confessor

Monday, May 14, 2018
St. Isadore the Martyr of Chios
St. Therapon the Hieromartyr

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
St. Pachomios the Great Martyr
St. Achillios, Bishop of Larissa

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
St. Theodoros the Sanctified
St. Peter the Martyr of Blachernae

Thursday, May 17, 2018
Sts. Andronikos & Junia the Martyr
St. Nectarius of Varlaam

Friday, May 18, 2018
Sts. Peter, Dionysius, Andrew & Paul
St. Julian the Martyr

Saturday, May 19, 2018
St. Patrikios, Bishop of Proussa
St. Memnon the Wonderworker

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1.

Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Sunday, May 13, 2018
Today is Fast Free | No
fasting restrictions.

Monday, May 14, 2018
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No fasting restrictions.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Today is Fast Free |
No fasting restrictions.

Wednesday, May 16,
2018
Fast Day (Fish Al-
lowed) | Fish, oil and
wine are allowed. Re-
frain from meat, dairy
and eggs.

Thursday, May 17,
2018
Today is Fast Free |
No fasting restrictions.

Friday, May 18, 2018
Fast Day (Wine and Oil
Allowed) | Wine and
oil are allowed. Re-
frain from meat, fish,
dairy, and eggs.

Saturday, May 19,
2018
Today is Fast Free |
No fasting restrictions.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

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The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

Visitation Committee

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

March: Linda Nichols, Anne Schmitt, & Debbie Bookas

April: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras

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
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

- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **44th Biennial Clergy-Laity** July 1-5, 2018 at the Marriott—Boston Copley Place. To register, please visit www.clergylaity.org

- ◆ **Parish Directory**

The new directory is available on Sundays and in the Church Office. This will be something we can update on a regular basis. Please pick one up and take a look at the make-up of our Parish. We are accepting a recommended donation of \$5 to help offset the costs, but this is not obligatory.

- ◆ **It's Greek to me!** Cookbook 4th Edition will be available in Cotros Hall on Sunday, May 6th after services.

Price is \$20.00. Share the treasured recipes of our ethnic heritage with family and friends. Help support the many charities and community projects of the Elpis Philoptochos Society through our fundraiser. Don't forget that the cookbook makes a great Mother's Day, Graduation, or Wedding Gift!

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

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

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

GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 20th

On **Sunday, May 20** we will be honoring our High school & College Graduates after Divine Liturgy. 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!

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/>

ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Christ is Risen!

It's that time of year again! We are in search of dedicated individuals to serve on the St. Nicholas Summer Camp staff. We have been VERY blessed to have a long history of exceptional people serve on the SNC staff. This year, we are looking to all of you to help continue that tradition!

2018 ST. NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

July 22-28, 2018

Mandatory Staff On-Site Orientation: July 21, 2018

Staff Video Training (Staff must attend one of the two sessions):

Saturday, July 14th OR Sunday, July 15th

Last year, we moved to a new facility – Loucon Training and Retreat Center – which is located about 1.5hrs southwest of Louisville... in Leitchfield, KY. It is a great new home with lots of room for growth.

Ideal candidates are at least 19 years age who are able to commit to the entire week at camp. To be considered, all candidates must complete the online application, which includes clearance to run a background check. We need more staff this year as we are anticipating an increase in registration. This seems right given our early registration counts.

We are looking for individuals to apply for the following positions:

1) 12 Female & 12 Male Cabin Staff

(We need to fill these positions first before ANY other position at camp)

2) 2 Female and 2 Male Adult Volunteers

3) 1-2 Arts and Crafts Director(s)

4) Field/Evening Activities Coordinator

5) Camp Photographer

Visit www.stnicholascamp.org/staff-info for more information about staff requirements and to apply!!

Please email me at snsc@detroit.goarch.org to let me know whether or not you can help out this year. We cannot run the camp without you... literally! If you cannot make it, I ask that you please share this info with other potential candidates.

May God bless you all and I hope that many of you can help us out this summer!

In Christ,

Eva Konstantakos

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 20th, we will be honoring our 2018 High School, College, and Professional Graduates with a special program following Divine Liturgy!



Afterward, we will gather in Cotros Hall for a Coffee Fellowship & Reception to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please join us as we recognize them!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 13th, Sunday of the Blind Man, Mother's Day

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Post Festival Food Sales 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, May 15th

- † Library Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, May 16th,

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 17th Feast of the Ascension

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Saturday, May 19th

- † Metropolis Oratorical Festival at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church—Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI

Sunday, May 20th, Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Graduation Sunday

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † 40 Day Memorial for Athanasios (Tom) Stavros Grammas, father of Debby Dye
- † Nursery available 10:00 am—12:00 Noon
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis & DOP to honor our graduates
- † Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being 12:00 Noon in the Library
- † GOYA Meeting 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room
- † More Than a Meal 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Monday, May 21st, Feast of Saints Constantine & Helen

- † Orthros 9:00 am
- † Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm