



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rev. Father Nicholas Vieron, Pastor Emeritus

**Sunday, May 20,
2018**

Sunday of the Fa-
thers of the First Ecu-
menical Council

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Endy Carter

Ted Poplos

Vasili Semos

Sermon

Epistle Reader

Kathy Zambelis

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by Elpis
Philoptochos &
Daughters of Penelo-
pe to honor our 2018
Graduates

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. Clap your hands all you nations; shout to God with a voice of triumph. Psalm 46:1

Verse 2. For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. Psalm 46:2

Verse 3. He has subdued the peoples under us and the nations under our feet. Psalm 46:3

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

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, Who ascended into glory from us into heaven. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 1. Great is the Lord, greatly is He to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Psalm 47:1

Verse 2. God is known in her palaces, when He undertakes to help her. Psalm 47:3

Verse 3. For behold, the kings of the earth were assembled, they came together. Psalm 47:4

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Third Antiphon

You ascended in glory, Christ our God, and caused Your disciples to rejoice in the promise of the Holy Spirit, assured through the blessing that You are the Son of God, the redeemer of the world.

Verse 1. Hear these words, all you nations, hearken Psalm 48:1

Verse 2. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding. Psalm 48:3

Verse 3. I will incline my ear to a parable; I will open my riddle on the harp. Psalm 48:4

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Sixth Mode

Angelic powers were above Your tomb, and they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Your immaculate Body. You have despoiled Hades and were not tried thereby. You did meet the Virgin and did grant us life. O You Who did arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Holy Ascension

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that You are the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion of Fathers of the First Council

Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

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."

Seasonal Kontakion

Sung after the hymn above in the Sixth Mode

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

Sunday, May 20, 2018

St. Thallelaios & Companions

St. Mark the Hermit

Monday, May 21, 2018

Sts. Constantine & Helen,

Equal to the Apostles

St. Pachomios the New

Martyr

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

St. Basiliskos, Bishop of

Comana

Sts. Demetrius & Paul of

Tripoli

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

St. St. Michael, Bishop of Synada

St. Mary the Myrrhbearer

Thursday, May 24, 2018

St. Symeon the Stylite

St. Vincent of Lerins

Friday, May 25, 2018

Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist

St. Therapon, Bishop of

Cyprus

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Sts. Carpos & Alphaeus of the 70

St. Alexandros of Thessaloniki

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18; 28-36

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 Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

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Gospel: John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

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

◆ **Graduation Sunday, today**

Today 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!

◆ **Stewardship Cards:** 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.

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

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

Sunday, May 27, 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, June 3, 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

◆ **St. Nicholas Summer Camp Registration: 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 : \$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! Visit www.stnicholascamp.org/staff-info for more information about staff requirements and to apply!!

Please email Eva Kostantakos 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, we ask that you please share this info with other potential candidates.

Weekly Schedule

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

† 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

Tuesday, May 22nd

† Library Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

† Young at Heart Barbeque Luau & Costume Contest 11:30 am in Cotros Hall

† Church Tour Follow-Up Dinner 6:00 pm in Cotros Hall

Saturday, May 26th Saturday of Souls

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday, May 27th, HOLY PENTECOST

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

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

† Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being 12:00 Noon in the Library

Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day

† Office Closed