



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 12,  
2018**

Eleventh Sunday of  
Matthew

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

**Ushers**

Endy Carter

Vasili Semos

Ted Poplos

**Epistle Reader**

Endy Carter

**Coffee Fellowship**

Open

Coffee will be avail-  
able in Cotros Hall

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: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

*Psalm 47:1*

Verse 2: Who established the mountains in Your strength,

*Psalm 64:7*

Verse 3: Who robes Himself with light as with a garment.

*Psalm 103:2*

Verse 4: The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord.

*Psalm 97:8*

*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 were transfigured  
on Mount Tabor, we sing to You: Alleluia!*

Verse 1: His foundations are in the holy mountains.

*Psalm 86:1*

Verse 2: The Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

*Psalm 86:2*

Verse 3: Glorious things have been spoken of you, O city of God.

*Psalm 86:3*

Verse 4: A man shall say, Zion is my mother, and such a man was born in her.

*Psalm 86:5*

*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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*You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, and showed Your glory to Your disciples according to their capacity. Shine Your everlasting light upon us also, who are sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of Light, glory to You.*

Verse: I will sing of Your mercies, Lord, forever. The heavens shall declare Your wonders, O Lord. Blessed are the people that knows the joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance, and in Your Name shall they rejoice all the day.

*Psalm 88:1, 5, 15-16*

# Resurrectional Apolytikion

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

When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then did You slay Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You did also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to You.

# Hymn for the Transfiguration

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Grave Mode*

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as each one could endure. You Shine forth on us, who are sinners all, Your light ever-unending, through the prayers of the Theotokos. Light-bestower, glory be to You.

# Hymn of the Annunciation

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*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

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Grave Mode*

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

Sts. Photios & Aniketos of  
Nicomedeia

The Twelve Soldier-  
martyrs of Crete

**Monday, August 13, 2018**

St. Maximos the Confessor

**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

The Forefeast of the Dor-  
mition

Micah the Prophet

**Wednesday, August 15,  
2018**

DORMITION OF THE  
THEOTOKOS

**Thursday, August 16,  
2018**

Translation of the Image  
of Christ

St. Diomedes of Tarsus

**Friday, August 17, 2018**

St. Myron the Martyr of  
Cyzicus

Sts. Straton, Philip, Eu-  
tychian, & Cyprian the  
Martyrs of Nicomedeia

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

Sts. Floros & Lauros of Illyr-  
ia

Sts. John & George, Patri-  
archs of Constantinople

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 2.**

**Psalm 117.14,18**

The Lord is my strength and my song.  
Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corin-  
thians 9:2-12**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a sister as wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**  
**Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed)** | Wine and oil

are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

**Monday, August 13, 2018**  
**Strict Fast** | Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**  
**Strict Fast** | Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**  
**Fast Day (Fish Allowed)** | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**  
**Today is Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

**Friday, August 17, 2018**  
**Strict Fast** | Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**  
**Today is Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

## **Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35**

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The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

# Visitation Committee

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**August:** Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

**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

**May:** Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, Emily Capadalis Love, & Georgia Karris

**June:** Despina Karas & Angela Tobias

**July:** Maria Moore & Diane Kavelaras

**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

Georgia Smith  
Jimmy Smith

***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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- ◆ **Fall Sunday School Information**

The first day of Sunday School for the Fall Session will be today, August 12th.

- ◆ **Library Summer Hours**

The library is open all summer long 10:00 am—2:00 pm every Tuesday. Please take some time during a lunch break to stop by for a quiet place to read or contemplate. We also have a great Children's Section.

- ◆ **Looking for Books.**

If you have previously checked out a book from the library and have finished it, we encourage you to bring it back in and check out another gem to read. You can drop the book off during the week at the office, Tuesday's during library hours, and even after service, just give them to Billy Benson.

- ◆ **Water & Hydration for our First Responders at Tillman Police Station & Fire Station # 17**

IT'S STILL SUMMER! We will be collecting bottled water, Gatorade, Powerade, etc. for the next few weeks during this hot summer. You can drop donations off at the designated table in Cotros Hall any time the church is open.

- ◆ **"It Happens At Home: An Evening of Education and Action Surrounding Human Trafficking" August 18 7:00 pm**

It may be easy to relegate the issue of slavery to the history books, but the truth is it exists today in ways most of us don't even realize. Human trafficking continues to plague our society, not only in the farthest reaches of the developing world but also here in America, and right here in the Mid-South. It has been described by our Ecumenical Patriarch as "Old Problems in A New World."

Join us for an evening of education with community members working alongside survivors of human trafficking. This event will be free; however, sponsorship opportunities are available to support local organizations. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Hawkins.

- ◆ **St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund Presentation Coffee Fellowship & Presentation after the Liturgy, Sunday, August 26 in Cotros Hall.**

Annunciation invites you to attend a presentation by Peter & Sharon Georges representing the St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund. Come & learn about this exciting Orthodox ministry to AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in the slums of Kampala, Uganda. Pete & Sharon will share their experiences from more than sixteen years serving in Uganda and provide a colorful and inspiring update on the current work of the Children's Fund.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, August 12th, Eleventh Sunday of Matthew**

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † 40 Day Blessing for Beatrice Paulus, daughter of Bethany & Basil Paulus
- † 40 Day Blessing for Ava Grace Hong, daughter of Ramona & Tony Hong
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † First Day of Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Coffee Fellowship—OPEN: Coffee will be available in Cotros Hall

## **Monday, August 13th, Small Paraklesis**

- † Supplication Service 6:30 pm

## **Tuesday, August 14th**

- † Orthros 6:00 pm
- † Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos 7:00 pm

## **Saturday, August 18th**

- † Elpis—prep for evening event 12:00 pm
- † Human Trafficking Awareness Event—hosted by Elpis 7:00 pm in Cotros Hall

## **Sunday, August 19th, Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Dormition Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † GOYA Parent & GOYAN Informational Meeting 12:00 Noon
- † More Than a Meal 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's

## **Monday, August 20th**

- † Parish Council Meeting 6:15 pm in the Library