



METROPOLIS
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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 2, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday
of Matthew

Holy Bread

Enosis Touliatos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

Epistle Reader

Tommy Moore

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by the
Vieron family for
the 1 Year Memorial
of Presvytera
Bess Vieron

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: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

Psalm 102:2

Verse 3: The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:17

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: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Psalm 145:1-2

Verse 2: Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 145:5

Verse 3: The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Psalm 145:10

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

Apolytikion of the Sunday

Verse: This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

Psalm 117:24; Psalm 68:34

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the Fifth 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.

Hymn for Martyr Mammias

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Your Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for You received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since he possessed Your strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful.

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."

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

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

**Sunday, September 2,
2018**

Sts. Mamas the Martyr
St. John, Patriarch of
Constantinople

**Monday, September 3,
2018**

St. Anthimos of Nicome-
dea
Sts. Theoctistus & Euthymi-
us

**Tuesday, September 4,
2018**

St. Babylas the Hieromar-
tyr
Moses the Prophet &
Godseer

**Wednesday, September
5, 2018**

Sts. Zacharias & Elizabeth
Sts. Urban, Theodore, &
Medimnos

**Thursday, September 6,
2018**

The Miracle at Colassai
St. Calodote the Martyr

Friday, September 7, 2018

St. Sozon the Martyr

**Saturday, September 8,
2018**

The Nativity of the The-
otokos
St. Sophronios, Bishop of
Iberia

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

**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 St. Paul's Second Letter to the
Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4**

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Sunday, September 2, 2018 **Gospel: Matthew 22:2-14**

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Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Today is Fast Free | No fasting restrictions.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Strict Fast | Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.

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The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Visitation Committee

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

August: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

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

- ◆ **GOYA Meeting this Sunday, September 2nd, at 12:00 Noon** in the GOYA Room.
We will hold elections for GOYA officers and Y2AM, as well as have a few minutes with Father Simon. Also, if any parents are intrest in co-sponsoring or taking a lead with some Junior GOYA Activities, please let Andrew or Tina Douglas know ASAP.
- ◆ **Father Simon's Weekly Bible Study** has resumed for the Fall Session.
We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Cotros Hall. You are welcome to bring meatless pot-luck to share with the group.
- ◆ **Parish Auxiliary Fair, Sunday, September 9th 12:00 Noon** in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Elpis Philoptochos Membership Luncheon, Sunday, September 16th 12:00 Noon** at Chickasaw Country Club
Breakfast & Salad Buffet—\$25.00. Please RSVP TO Sophie Theodore
- ◆ **Young at Heart Fall Kick-Off Luncheon, Thursday, September 20th, at 11:30 am** in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Community Picnic & Softball Game sponsored by AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope, Sunday September 23rd 4:00 pm** at Houston Levee Park.
Thank you to the Vergos Family (aka—Rendezvous) for donating the barbeque dinner! All Free!
- ◆ **Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Luncheon, Sunday, September 30th at 1:00 pm** at the home of President Phani Mitchell.
All ladies of our Community, ages 18 and over, are invited. Please feel free to bring a friend. For more information, please contact Anastasia Teranova at 901-361-4382.
- ◆ **St. Photios Greek Orthodox Shrine Annual Essay Contest**
The St. Photios Foundation, Inc. invites all 13-19 year olds to submit a 1,000 word essay to the St. Photios Essay Committee for the Annual Essay Contest. Prizes are awarded to the top three essays: 1st Place: \$500/2nd Place \$250/3rd Place \$100. For more information, please visit the website at <http://stphotios.org/assets/files/2018-19%20Essay%20Contest.pdf>.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 2nd, Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † One Year Memorial for Presvytera Bess Vieron
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † GOYA & Y2AM Meeting 12:00 Noon in the GOYA Room
- † Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Vieron family for the 1 Year Memorial of Presvytera Bess Vieron

Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day

- † Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 4th

- † Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, September 5th

- † Bible Study 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 8th, The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

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

Sunday, September 9th, Sunday Before Holy Cross

- † Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- † Nursery Available 10:00 am
- † Sunday School 11:00 am
- † Auxiliary Fair hosted by Elpis Philoptochos 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- † DOP General Meeting 12:00 Noon in the Library