



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, October  
21, 2018**

Sixth Sunday of  
Luke

**Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

**Ushers**

Demie Bitinis

Diane Kavelaras

Naji Nassif

**Epistle Reader**

Kathy Zambelis

**Coffee Fellowship**

Sts. Gerasimos &  
Demetrios Lunch-  
eon hosted by La-  
die of Elpis

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: 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

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*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

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*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

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

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

# Hymn for Hilarion the Great

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Eighth Mode*

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Hilarion our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

# 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 Second Mode*

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed you to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

St. Hilarion the Great  
Relics of St. Chrisodoulos  
of Patmos

**Monday, October 22, 2018**

St. Averkos of Hierapolis  
St. Rufus the Righteous

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

St. James the Apostle  
St. Tgnatius, Patriarch of  
Constaninople

**Wednesday, October 24,  
2018**

St. Arethas the Great Mar-  
tyr  
St. Sebastiane the Martyr

**Thursday, October 25,  
2018**

Sts. Marcianos & Martirios  
St. Tabitha, raised by St.  
Peter

**Friday, October 26, 2018**

St. Demetrios the Myrrh-  
Streamer  
Commemoration of The  
Great Earthquake of Con-  
stantinople

**Saturday, October 27,  
2018**

St. Nestor of Thessaloniki  
St. Kyriakos, Patriarch of  
Constaninople

## Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Psalm 103.24,1**

○ Lord, how manifold are your works. You have  
made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians  
2:16-20**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Sunday, October 21, 2018 **Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

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

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**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

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

**Thursday, October 25, 2018**

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

**Friday, October 26, 2018**

**Fast Day (Wine and Oil Allowed)** | Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

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

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

# Visitation Committee

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**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:** Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman

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

**September:** Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos

**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

Georgia Smith  
Jimmy Smith  
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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◆ **Pastoral Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas.**

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> † Church Sanctuary

His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit will make a Pastoral Visit to our Parish on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. During this visit, he will bless the work recently completed in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars for this visit.

◆ **Sts. Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon** hosted by the Ladies of Elpis Philoptochos, Sunday, October 21st at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

◆ **JOY Event October 27th**

Pumpkin Picking at Cedar Hill Farms again!!! Thank you to Allison Vinograd for coordinating our October gathering! <http://gocedarhillfarm.com/seasons/pumpkin-patch> Don't miss this fun outing down to Hernando, MS meeting **at Cedar Hill Farms at 1pm**. We will be meeting inside at the playground and then we will be taking the hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick our pie pumpkin and see the corn maze and pirate ship playground. Hope to see you there! *All children Toddlers up to 5th grade and older siblings welcome too!*

◆ **GOYA Event—Corn Maze & Cookout**

Tom's Farm in Rossville - Saturday night <https://tomsfarm.org/>

We'll roast hot dogs and marshmallows around an open fire. There will be a pumpkin patch and a corn maze. Bring chairs.

◆ **Parish Assembly**, Sunday, October 28th at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall. Nominations for 2019-2020 new Parish Council Members will be open from today through 9:00 am on Monday, November 5th.

## Stewardship Update

### **“STEWARDS OF OUR FAITH:**

### ***All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ” (Mark 9:23)***

“If I do not feel a sense of joy in God's creation, if I forget to offer the world back to God with thankfulness, I have advanced very little upon the Way.”

**Metropolitan Kallistos Ware**

Here are some interesting facts from this year's budget through August:

Property & Building Maintenance	\$1,530 per week
MLG&W	\$ 705 per week
Church Supplies	\$ 156 per week
Cleaning & Guard Services	\$1,005 per week
Insurance	\$ 513 per week
Office Expenses	<u>\$ 179 per week</u>
Total	\$4,088 per week

Stewardship applies to both sides of the balance sheet. We need and appreciate your stewardship dollars; however, the parish council is constantly looking for ways to reduce costs and be good stewards of God's dollars (your stewardship). We don't take that responsibility lightly.

It is much appreciated by The Annunciation Parish. It's God's home...It's our home.

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, October 21st , Sixth Sunday of Luke**

### **Pastoral Visit from His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Sts. Gerasimos & Demetrios Luncheon hosted by Ladies of Elpis 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† More Than a Meal Serving Team 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's

## **Tuesday, October 23rd**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

† Library Open 11:00 am -2:00 pm

## **Wednesday, October 24th**

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

## **Thursday October 25th**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm for St. Demetrios

## **Saturday, October 27th**

† JOY Outing—Cedar Hill Pumpkin Patch 1:00 pm

† GOYA Event—Corn Maze & Cookout at Tom' Farm 5:30 pm

## **Sunday, October 28th, Seventh Sunday of Luke**

### **OXI Day**

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Detty Family to honor Kalliope Lefes 12:00 Noon

† Parish Assembly 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall