



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 25, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday
of Luke

Holy Bread

Enosis Toulitos

Ushers

Chris Apalodimas

John Kay

Harry Sinis

Epistle Reader

Andrew Douglas

Sermon

William Kallas, Pas-
toral Assistant

Coffee Fellowship

Sponsored by the
Zambelis & Paris
Families for 30 Year
Memorial for Chris
Paris

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

Verse 2. Glorious things have been spoken of You, O city of God. Psalm 86:3

Verse 3. God is known in her palaces. Psalm 47:3

Verse 4. As we have heard, so also have we seen in the city of our Lord. Psalm 47:8

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

Save us, O Son of God, Who arose from the dead. We sing to You: Alleluia

Verse 1. The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle. Psalm 45:4

Verse 2. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary. Psalm 95:6

Verse 3. This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter by it. Psalm 117:20

Verse 4. Holy is your temple, wonderful in righteousness. Psalm 64:4-5

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

Today is the prelude of the grade of God and the proclamation of the salvation of humanity. In the temple of God the Virgin clearly is shown, and Christ is foretold to all. Therefore to her let us also cry with mighty voices: Hail, you are the fulfillment of the dispensation of the Creator.

Verse 1. The rich of the people of the land shall supplicate Your favor. Psalm 44:12

Verse 2. All the glory of the king's daughter is within; she is arrayed with gold-fringed garments. Psalm 44:13

Verse 3. The virgins that follow her shall be brought to the King, those near her shall be brought to You. Psalm 44:14

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Sung before and after the Small Entrance in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You did arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Lifegiver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Hymn for the Entry of the Theotokos

Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode

Today is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and she proclaimeth Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O thou fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation.

Hymn for Great Martyr Katherine

Sung after the hymn above in the Fifth Mode

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defence, who is also our support and succour and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

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

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

**Sunday, November 25,
2018**

St. Katherine the Great
Martyr
St. Mercurios the Great
Martyr

**Monday, November 26,
2018**

St. Alypius of Adrianopolis,
St. Nikon
St. Stylianos of Paphlagonia

**Tuesday, November 27,
2018**

St. James of Persia
Sts. Nathaniel & Pinouphrios

**Wednesday, November
28, 2018**

St. Stephen the New
St. Irenarchos & the Martyrs
at Sebaste

**Thursday, November 29,
2018**

St Paramonus & the 370
Martyrs
St. Nicholas, Archbishop of
Thessalonica

Friday, November 30, 2018

St. Andrew, the First-Called
Apostle
St. Froumentios, Archbishop
of Abyssina

**Saturday, December 1,
2018**

Nahum the Prophet
St. Philaret the Merciful of
Amnia

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.
Psalm 67.35,26**

*God is wonderful among his saints.
Verse: Bless God in the congregations.*

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians
3:23-29; 4:1-5**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Monday, November 26, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Friday, November 30, 2018

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

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Visitation Committee

November: Loretta Taras & Tasia Vergos

December: Anastasia Terranova & Athena Jamison

January: Nancy Tashie, Jan Futris & Tina Liollo

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

October: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner

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

- ◆ **Visitation Committee Meeting**, Sunday, November 25th at 12:00 Noon in the Library
- ◆ **Byzantine Chant Classes**, Wednesday, November 28th at 5:30 pm and Thursday, November 29th at 5:00 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Decorate the Christmas Tree!** All are invited! Saturday, December 1st, at 9:00 am in Cotros Hall. Come for a fun morning of fellowship & hot chocolate! See Cyndi Detty for details.
- ◆ **Stewardship Sunday**, December 2nd at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Coffee Fellowship to welcome William Kallas**, our new Pastoral Assistant, to the Parish Family, Sunday, hosted by Elpis, December 2nd at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Elpis Philotochos will be collecting non-perishable food items & toiletries throughout the month of November.** Please bring donated items to the table set up in Cotros Hall.
- ◆ Pet Blessing
- ◆ **2019 PanHellenic Scholarships** are now available at www.panhellecicsf.org/apply.
- ◆ **AHEPA Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for St. Nicholas National Shrine**, Sunday, December 9th, 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Parish Assembly to pass 2019 Budget**, Sunday, December 9th, at 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall
- ◆ **Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon**, Tuesday, December 11th, 11:30 am at Jim's Place Grill in Collierville. \$25/ticket. See Athena Jameson or Kathy Zambelis for reservations.

Stewardship Update:

"STEWARDS OF OUR FAITH:

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

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World!

Through faith, God's will is accomplished in the world. Our great example is Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. When Archangel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, tradition and hymnology hold that all creation awaited her response. In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word" (Luke 1:38 NKJV). Mary responds with faith and fulfills God's will for all the world. As Orthodox Christian Stewards, we offer our life to the fulfillment of God's plan.

At this time of Thanksgiving celebration our thoughts turn gratefully to you with warm appreciation and ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your 2019 Stewardship commitment. Happy Thanksgiving!

If you haven't received a 2019 Stewardship commitment form, please reach out to Erin in the office...It is much appreciated by The Annunciation Parish.

It's God's home...It's our home.

Weekly Schedule

† Sunday, November 25th, Feast of Saint Katherine the Great Martyr

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† 30 Year Memorial for Chris Paris

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† NO Sunday School today

† Visitation Committee Meeting 12:00 Noon in the Library

† Coffee Fellowship sponsored by the Zambelis & Paris families for 30 Year Memorial for Chris Paris

Tuesday, November 27th

† Library Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 28th

† Byzantine Chant Class 5:30 pm

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 29th

† Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 pm

† Orthros 6:00 pm

† Divine Liturgy for Feast of Saint Andrew 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 1st

† Decorate the Christmas Tree 9:00 am in Cotros Hall

Sunday, December 2nd, Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

† Orthros/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

† Nursery Available 10:00 am

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Stewardship Sunday 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall

† Coffee Fellowship sponsored by Elpis Philoptochos to welcome William Kallas to our Parish Family

† Youth Christmas Caroling departing from church at 3:00 pm