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# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 6,  
2019**

HOLY THEOPHANY

## **Holy Bread**

Enosis Touliatos

## **Ushers**

Madeleine Donnelly

Bill Joyner

## **Epistle Reader**

Sophia Douglas

## **Sermon**

William Kallas, Pastoral Assistant

## **Coffee Fellowship**

Vasilopita Sunday  
hosted by Elpis  
Philoptochos

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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*By the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!*

Verse 1. When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a strange people;

Psalm 113:1

Verse 2. Judah became his sanctuary.

Psalm 113:2

Verse 3. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back.

Psalm 113:3

Verse 4. What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

Psalm 113:5

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

# Second Antiphon

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*Save us, O Son of God, Who were baptized in the river Jordan by John. We sing to You: Alleluia.*

Verse 1. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Psalm 114:1

Verse 2. For He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Psalm 114:2

Verse 3. The pangs of death encompassed me; the perils of Hades have found me.

Psalm 114:3

Verse 4. The Lord is merciful and righteous; our God is merciful. Psalm 114:5

# Third Antiphon

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*When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the word as sure and steadfast. O Christ our God, You have appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to You.*

Verse 1. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:1

Verse 2. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:2

Verse 3. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:3

Verse 4. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 117:4

## **Apolytikion for Holy Epiphany**

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

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

## **Seasonal Kontakion**

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*Sung after the hymn above in the Fourth Mode*

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

The Theophany of Our  
Lord & Saviour Jesus  
Christ

## **Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

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**Prokeimenon. Mode 4.**

**Psalm 117.26,1**

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

Synaxis of John the Holy  
Glorious Prophet, Baptist,  
& Forerunner

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

St. George the  
Chozebite  
St. Dominic the Righteous

**Wednesday, January 9,  
2019**

St. Polyeuctos, the Martyr  
St. Eustratios the Wonder-  
worker

**Thursday, January 10,  
2019**

St. Gregory of Nyssa  
St. Dp,etoam. Bishop of  
Melitene

**Friday, January 11, 2019**

St. Theodosios the Ceno-  
biarch  
St. Vitalis of Gaza

**Saturday, January 12,  
2019**

St. Tatiana the Martyr  
St. Mertios the Martyr

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mer-  
cy endures forever.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

## Sunday, January 6, **Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

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**Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

**Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

**Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

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

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

**Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

**Friday, January 11, 2019**

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

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

**Fast Free** | No fasting restrictions.

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

# Visitation Committee

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- January:** 1-15: Need Volunteers  
16-31: Jan Futris, Nancy Tashie, & Tina Liollo
- February:** 1-15: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos  
16-28: Vicki Hoover & Evangelina Panas
- March:** 1-15: Elaine Daniels & Maria Wasserman  
16-31: Diane Kavelaras & Maria Moore
- April:** 1-15: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras  
16-30: Kristine Wagner & Sophie Theodore
- May:** 1-15: Need Volunteers  
16-31: Demie Bitinis, Tricia Grantham, & Georgia Karris
- June:** 1-15: Need Volunteers  
16-30: Despina Karas & Angela Tobias
- July:** 1-15: Need Volunteers:  
16-31: Diane Kavelaras & Maria Moore
- August:** 1-15: Need Volunteers  
16-31: Debi Bookas, Linda Nichols, & Anne Schmitt
- September:** 1-15: Susanna Peters & Cathe Skefos  
16-30: Need Volunteers
- October:** 1-15: Cary Chiungos & Mary Katherine Taras  
16-31: Sophie Theodore & Kristine Wagner
- November:** 1-15: Need Volunteers  
16-30: Need Volunteers
- December:** 1-15: Athena Jamison, Phani Mitchell, & Anastasia Terranova  
16-31: Need Volunteers

**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  
Niki Gikas  
Maria Hetos  
Stella Nichols

Georgia Smith  
Jimmy Smith  
Kosta Taras

***Please contact Kristine Wagner if you would like to volunteer to be on the 2019-2020 Visitation Committee, a ministry of the Elpis Philoptochos.***

# Announcements

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- ◆ **Vasilopita Sunday and Special Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis**, Sunday, January 6th, 2019
- ◆ **Swearing in of the 2019 Parish Council**, Sunday, January 13, 2019 after Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Young at Heart Luncheon**, Thursday, January 17th, 2019 11:30 am in Cotros Hall. We will be playing Bingo after the luncheon.
- ◆ **Parish Council Meeting**, Monday, January 21st, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the Library
- ◆ **Elpis Ladies' Night Out, Sunday**, January 27th, 2019 4:00 pm at Poplos Home
- ◆ **Houses Blessings:** Please sign up for your House Blessings now. The last day for House Blessings will be Friday, March 8th. You can find the House Blessing form at [www.goann.net](http://www.goann.net), on our Facebook page, in the January and February 2019 Epistles, in the Narthex or have one emailed to you.

- ◆ **Choir:**

We welcome ALL to choir rehearsals! No auditions required - only your spirit and willingness to sing! Also, There is no obligation to sing in the loft; your voice can be useful in the congregation. Therefore, If you want to simply learn how to improve your knowledge and vocal skills or about our hymn setting, we would be happy to have you at rehearsals! If you have been thinking about joining the choir, rehearsals are a great way to become familiar with our music and how your voice works with others. Reading music notation or Greek language is NOT required. Again, this is open to all! Let us Sing in praise and worship together!

***Rehearsals will be held on the following Thursdays: January 10 & 31, and February 7 & 28.***

- ◆ **Byzantine Chant Classes:**

No Experience Necessary! We will begin learning the Lenten Hymns. Please bring your friends! Classes will be held in the Library. See William Kallas for any questions.

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 9th**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **Sunday, January 13th**

12:30 pm—2:00 pm

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 16th**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 23rd**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **Thursday, January 24th**

5:00 pm—6:00 pm

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 30th**

5:30 pm—6:30 pm

- ◆ **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Workshop Schedule**

All participants of the 2019 St. John Chrysostom Festival are encouraged to attend two workshops, to be held after Sunday School classes in the Parish Library. Contact William Kallas for more details!

**Sunday, January 20th**

**Sunday January 27th**

**Sunday, February 3rd**

**Sunday, February 10th**

**Sunday, February 17th**

**Sunday, March 3rd**

# Weekly Schedule

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## **Sunday, January 6th, HOLY THEOPHANY**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† DOP General Meeting 12:00 Noon in the Library

† Vasilopita Sunday Special Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elpis 12:00 in Cotros Hall

## **Monday, January 7th, Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

## **Tuesday, January 8th**

† Elpis Board Meeting 6:30 pm in the Library

## **Wednesday, January 9th**

† Byzantine Chant Class 5:30 pm in the Library

† Bible Study 6:30 pm

## **Thursday, January 10th**

† Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

## **Sunday, January 13th. Sunday after Theophany**

† Orthros 9:00 am

† Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

† Sunday School 11:00 am

† Oath of Office for the 2019 Parish Council following Services

† Byzantine Chant Class 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Library

† Coffee Fellowship hosted by DOP 12:00 Noon in Cotros Hall