

THE ANNUNCIATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday of St. John Climacos/Martyr Edward King of England

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Rev. Fr. Joseph Gingrich, Parish Priest

Altar Boys

All Available

Ushers On Duty 1

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:17-31

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

APOLYTIKION FOR SUN. OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH 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 John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ροαῖς, τῆς ερήμου τό ἀγονον ἐγεώργησας, καί τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατόν τούς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καί γέγονας φωστήρ, τῆ οικουμένη λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν, Ὅσιε, Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

DISMISSAL HYMN FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN THE FOURTH MODE

On this day when our salvation is crown'd for eternity, and the revelation of the Mystery of the ages. With divine grace the Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel's good tidings proclaim the news. For this we rejoice in song unto the holy Theotokos: Hail to you who are filled with grace, the Lord is with you.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν το κεφάλαιον καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνας μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, Ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς συν αὐτῷ τῆ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν. Χαιρε, κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σου.

SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE PLAGAL FOURTH MODE

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Τὴ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε, Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: Brethren: ¹³When God made a promise to Abraham, since he could swear by no one greater, he swore by himself, ¹⁴saying, "I will surely bless and multiply you." ¹⁵Thus, having patiently endured, Abraham obtained the promise. ¹⁶For humans indeed swear by someone greater, and in every dispute they have, the oath is final to get things settled. ¹⁷In this way, being determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable nature of his purpose, God intervened with an oath. ¹⁸And so, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, may we have a strong encouragement, since we have sought refuge and taken hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹We have this hope as an anchor of the soul, a hope which is both sure and solid. It reaches beyond the veil, ²⁰where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

MARK 9:17-31

¹⁷Someone in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸Wherever [the spirit] seizes him, it throws him to the ground and my son foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not able." ¹⁹Jesus answered him, "Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰They brought the son to him, and when he saw Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed the boy who fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"Often, it has thrown him both into the fire and into water, in order to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us!" ²³Jesus said to the man, "If you are able! All things are possible to the one who believes!" ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, "I believe! Help my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" ²⁶The spirit cried out, convulsed greatly, and came out of the boy. He became as dead, so much that many said, "He is dead!" ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up; and the boy stood up. ²⁸When Jesus entered into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹He answered, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting." ³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee, [and] Jesus did not want anyone to know it. ³¹He was teaching his disciples and told them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and when he is killed, he will rise again on the third day."

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY
MEMORIALS TODAY:

8:15 AM

+Frangula Zinzingk

40 days

+Theodoros Karabalis 2 years
+Vasiliki Karabalis 20 years

The Memorial Service is found on page 164 of the burgundy Divine Liturgy book.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of +Ula Zinzingk by the Zinzingk and Spyrou Families; Altar flowers given in loving memory of +Theodoros Karabalis and +Vasiliki Karabalis from Athens Greece by Spiro and Pat Karabalis.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR is provided by Spiro and Pat Karabalis in loving memory of +Theodoros Karabalis and +Vasiliki Karabalis from Athens Greece.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19TH

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. 19 th	Greek School	5:30 pm	Community Center
Tue. 20 th	GAPA Meeting	1:00 pm	Athenagoras Room
	Adult Catechism	7:00 pm	Athenagoras Room
Wed. 21st	Marian Prayer Group	3:00 pm	Church
	Evzonakia, Levendopeda & Nisiotes	5:45 pm	Community Center
	Presanctified	6:00 pm	Church
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm	Church
Thur. 22nd	Great Cannon St Mary of Egypt	6:00 pm	Church
	<i>Altar Flowers provided by Theona Russell In Memory of Mary Dimitriou and Olympia Collis</i>		
Fri. 23rd	Akathist Hymn	7:00 pm	Church
	<i>Refreshments provided by AHEPA</i>		
Sat. 24th	Great Vespers		
	/Artoclasia for the Annunciation	6:00 pm	Church
	<i>Altar Flowers provided by David and Andrea Casey Refreshments provided by Philoptochos</i>		

EXTEND, O LORD, YOUR MERCY AND PROTECTION UPON YOUR SERVANTS

Please pray for the health and salvation of your brothers and sisters in Christ during today's Divine Liturgy and throughout the week: *Dora Protos, Nick Kirbabis, Konstantinos Haritos, Mary Saloom, Mike Mokas, Katherine Xidas, Magdeline Tisinger, Peter Mihalislis, Elli Bambakidis, Stephanie Michaelson, Mary Leakas, Maria Polychronis, Alex Gounaris, Athie Zavakos, Stephen Fricioni, John Wagner, Tom Xarhoulacos, Helen County, Evangelia Panson and Marilyn Lusa*

FROM FR. JOSEPH

-ADULT CATECHISM. Adult Catechism class is this Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Due to Lent I will not have the time to adequately prepare full lectures. As such, these sessions will be more question driven by you. So, please do your part by bringing questions to the classes. I will certainly lecture on the reading but not in the length and depth I did previously. For homework read from Volume 2: The Daily Cycle of Prayers. Questions for Volume 2 are on the glass kiosk as you enter the Community Center. Our last Catechism Class for Lent will be March 20th. Class will resume at a later date.

-PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY. *Presanctified Liturgy* is cancelled Wednesday March 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF ELECTIONS OPEN SEAT

The parish council is seeking a parishioner who would be interested in sitting on the Board of Elections, Nominating Committee. Interested parishioners should contact Maria Abboud at mmabboud13@gmail.com

JOY COURTYARD AND MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE:

Hardscaping on the project is nearly complete. Landscaping, lighting and furniture are on the horizon. Due to a slight design change, there are a few more naming opportunities available. Please contact Deb Pulos (478-2367) for further information.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful project that enhances our beautiful campus!

FLOWERS FOR THE TOMB OF CHRIST (Kouvouklion), are an important and beautiful part of our celebration of the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are seeking donations to purchase flowers for two items (1) the Kouvouklion--Any donation amount is appreciated (2) Easter Lilies--\$25 per Lily. Thank you for your support in purchasing the many flowers that beautify our Church during Easter services. If writing a check be sure to note what the money is for in the memo line.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Palm Sunday Luncheon is Sunday April 1st. Tickets will be sold after Church starting March 4th, 2018. Deadline for pre-paid reservations is Sunday, March 25, 2018. There will not be any ticket sales the day of the event. Adults: \$12.00 / Children: \$6.00

Chairpersons for the Palm Sunday Luncheon: Katina Tsatalis 937-291-1748
Irene Zalants 513-594-5481

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE EASTER TSOUREKI

In partnership with Boosalis Baking and Café \$6.00 EACH (1 lb. loaf) Deadline for orders: Monday, March 26th
Orders may be picked up at the: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Community Center, Saturday & Sunday Saturday March 31st or Sunday April 1st from 11a.m. – 1p.m. To place an order, please contact: Melissa DeBernardi Smith by phone (412)512-5242 Or e-mail: myguiness14@hotmail.com

AHEPA DISTRICT #11 – BUCKEYE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Application Submission Process

This year's application will only be accepted via the online application process
www.bsf.buckeyedistrictll.org.

The application is now available and will be **due March 31, 2018**. For those of you that have applied in the past **please note that the due date has changed this year.**

Awards are given only to students *entering college or in undergraduate school*, who are active members of the AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, or whose parent(s) have been active members of the Senior Orders for 3 consecutive years (2 years plus current year).

If there are any questions, contact Nick Regopoulos 937.748.2794

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

If you are visiting our Parish, please fill out the "Visitor Information Card," located in the Narthex, and hand it to one of the Welcome Committee greeters. You are welcome to come forward to receive a piece of "antidoron" (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service and join us in the Memorial Center for our Fellowship Hour following the Divine Liturgy.

If you are a "newcomer" to our Parish, please introduce yourself to our priest. He would be most happy to schedule a time to meet with you and discuss the ministries and fellowship opportunities available within our Parish.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Orthodox Christians

When preparing to receive Holy Communion, please remain quietly in your pews until an Usher/ Parish Council Member directs you to approach from the center aisle. Your prayerful attention helps sustain the solemnity of the Divine Liturgy for those praying the "Prayers of Preparation" and following Holy Communion the "Prayers of Thanksgiving." You will find these prayers in the burgundy Divine Liturgy book located in the pew backs. The "Prayers of Preparation" begin on page 29 and the "Prayers of Thanksgiving" begin on page 40.

Please allow the acolyte to place the Holy Communion Cloth beneath your chin. This ensures that no particle of the Eucharist falls from your lips. Recite your baptismal name aloud; open your mouth wide; and close your mouth as the Communion Spoon enters your mouth. After receiving Holy Communion, blot your lips on the cloth and return to your pew by the side aisles.

You will find an acolyte offering you a bowl of antidoron from which you should take a single piece to ensure you consume all traces of Holy Communion.

For Non-Orthodox Christians

We welcome to our worship those Christians not fully united with us (canonically).

It is a consequence of the sad divisions of Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist and for which we must all pray.