

THE MESSENGER

Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta Georgia

Sunday, January 21, 2018 - Κυριακή, 21 Ιανουαρίου, 2018

15th Sunday of Luke - Κυριακή ΙΕ' Λουκά

Maximus the Confessor, Neophytos the Martyr, the Righteous Father Zosimos, Bishop of Syracuse, Eugene, Valerian, Candidus and Acylas the Martyrs of Trapezous, Agne the Martyr, The holy Four Martyrs of Tyros, Neophytos the Righteous of Vatopedi Monastery, who heard the voice of the Theotokos

TODAY'S MEMORIALS

Service can be found on p. 93 of the Divine Liturgy Book

9 Day Memorial for Kostantinos Pouloukefalos

40 Day Memorial for Demetrios Poggas

1 Year Memorial for Vivian (Maria Stavroula) Economy

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parent Open House TODAY for PreK-A-5th Grades.

Parents - please visit your child's classroom the last 15 minutes of class time.

***Open House for 6th-12th has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 28th**

6th-12th Grade Students and Teachers will meet in the following classrooms TODAY

*6th & 7th Graders will meet in Rooms 18/19, the 7th Grade classroom

*8th & 9th Graders will meet in the Media Center, the 9th Grade classroom

*10th-12th Graders will meet in the Boardroom located on the 1st floor of the Hellenic Center

6th-12th Grade Parents will meet in the Sanctuary, following today's Divine Liturgy

HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our 2018 Annunciation Cathedral Participants!

Asteria (6th - 9th Graders) received a Silver Medal

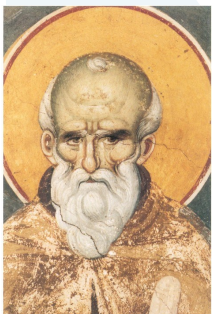
Yi Anemos & Fotia (9th-12th Grade) received a Bronze Medal as well as the Folk Expression Award for their exceptional execution of the dance "Kato Sta Eksi Marmara".

Thank you to their instructors for teaching them, their parents for bringing them to practice each week and to all of our dancers for making our parish proud.

Today we honor our GOYA Girls Team on winning second place at this years Winter Youth Rally!

Congratulations!

ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR



The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East (See also August 13).

(From the website of the Orthodox Church of America)

ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Απολυτίκιον Απολυτίκια

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. ᾠχος πλ. δ'.

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου ᾠχος πλ. δ'.

Ὁρθοδοξίας ὁδηγέ, εὐσεβείας διδάσκαλε καὶ σεμνότητος, τῆς οἰκουμένης ὁ φωστήρ, τῶν μοναστῶν τὸ θεόπνευστον ἐγκλώπισμα, Μάξιμε σοφέ, ταῖς διδαχαῖς σου πάντας ἐφώτισας, λύρα τοῦ Πνεύματος· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. ᾠχος πλ. δ'.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστασι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. ᾠχος δ'.

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.

Κοντάκιον ᾠχος α'.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίασας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of the Saint. Mode pl. 4.

Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion for the Departed. Mode pl. 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Apolytikion of the Church. Mode 4.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

Kontakion. Mode 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.



DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 13 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK

15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE - KYPIAKH IE' ΛΟΥΚΑ

THE READING IS FROM ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY 4:9-15
TODAY'S EPISTLE READER: PLATON CONSTANTINIDES

PROKEIMENON: *Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

VERSE: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.*

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: LUKE 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaïos; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaïos, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaïos stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

"Take up and read, take up and read." St. Augustine, *Confessions XII*

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ACOLYTES GROUP TWO

Charlie Nelms
Demetre Lignos
Nicholas Pappas
Niko Reynolds
Peter Kessler
Spears Vavalides

Christopher Harakas
Konstantine Vlahos
Michael Michaels
Nikolaos Constantinides
Pete Constantinides
Platon Constantinides

HANDMAIDENS GROUP TWO

Bella Reynolds
Gabriella Pappas
Laila Turner
Paulina Katsoudas
Zoe Nelms

Christina Nastopoulos
Isabella Pappas
Marcella Vlahos
Sophia Karamelas

**The following Parish Council members are on duty for services this week:
Group: St. John Chrysostom**

**Chris Adams
Constance Nagle**

**Tom McBride III
George Karolis**

**Stacie Nefos
Dimitri Shreckengost**

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

"How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." Psalm 83 (84): 1-2



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