

# THE MESSENGER

Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta Georgia  
**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Κυριακή, 29η Ιανουαρίου 2017**  
**Sunday of the Canaanite - Κυριακή τῆς Χαναναίας**

*Removal of the Relics of Ignatius the God-Bearer, Lawrence the Recluse of the Kiev caves, Ignatius and Nicandrus of Sianai.*

*"By the intercessions of Your Holy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen!"*

## 40 Day Blessing

Baby of Mark & Lea (Tsilakis) Hayes

## Today's Memorial

*Found on Page 93 of Divine Liturgy Book*

1 Year Memorial for James (Demetrios) Zambounis

## Congratulations to the 2017 Endowment Foundation Board of Directors:

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## Greek School Class Presentations

In Honor of the Celebration of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters, our Greek School students will lead us in chanting the Apolytikion of the Annunciation, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Also, the Epistle will be read in Modern Greek.

## Sunday School Class Presentations

PreKA - "In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

PreKB - "God Our Father"

PreKC - "The Lord's Prayer" in English

Kindergarten - "The Trisagion" and "The Lord's Prayer" in Greek

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - "Our Favorite Bible Stories"

## Removal of the Relics of St. Ignatius the God-Bearer

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bare God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (Ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God." Saint John Chrysostom has a homily in honor of the translation of the Saint's relics



# ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

## Αρολυτικιον Απολυτίκια

### Απολυτίκιον Ἡγος βαρὺς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἡνέῳξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἅγιου Ἡγος δ'

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν πρᾶξιν εὑρες θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας ὄρθιοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις αἴματος, Ἱερομάρτυρος Ἰγνατίου. Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων Ἡγος 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 τήν ἀνάπταυσιν.

### Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ Ἡγος 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 Ἡγος α'

Ο μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Άλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode grave

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

### Apolytikion for the Saint. Mode 4

Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save 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.

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# SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE - Κυριακή τῆς Χαναναίας

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING:  
ST PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 6:16-18; 7:1**

**EPISTLE READER: CHARLES STEWART**

**PROKEIMENON: *The Lord will give strength to His people.***

**VERSE: *Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.***

**B**RETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. "Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 15:21-28**

**H**t that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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### **ACOLYTES GROUP THREE**

Gus Karas	Alexander Vastakis
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Robert Weimar	Constantine Dallis
Anastasi Dallis	Nicholas Vastakis
George Dallis	George Poulos
Mario Dallis	Theo Weimar
Nick Karas	Ted Tzavaras

### **HANDMAIDENS GROUP THREE**

Kysia Katsoudas	Anastasia Zaharis
Christina Dallis	Elena Karas
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Remy Hughes	Paulina Katsoudas

The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Divine Liturgy:

**Chris Adams**

**George Karolis**

**Charlie Burland**

**Tom McBride III**

**George Koulouris**

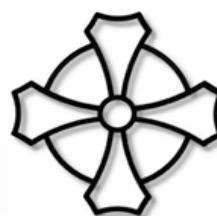
**Dimitri Shreckengost**

### **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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