Sunday, August 23rd 11th Sunday of Matthew

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
4:00 PM Baptism
4:30 PM GOYA Summer Meeting & Elections
Amos Herr Park, Landisville

WEDNESDAY, August 26th
6:00 PM Live Stream Book Study
w/ Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Phanourios

THURSDAY, August 27th
9:30-11:30 AM Crisis Relief Box Distribution and Delivery

FRIDAY, August 28th
9:00 AM Paraklesis to The Theotokos

SATURDAY, August 29th Beheading of John the Baptist
8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM Vespers

Please help IOC C supply Hygiene Kits for Lebanon
( Please carefully follow these instructions)

Fill a one-gallon zip top plastic bag with the following items:
- (1) cotton hand towel (15”x28” to 16”x32” - no fingertip, bath, dish, or microfiber)
- (1) cotton washcloth (no microfiber)
- (1) wide-tooth comb without packaging
- (1) fingernail or toenail clipper without packaging
- (1) bath size bar of soap in its wrapper
- (1) toothbrush in its package
- (10) standard size Band-Aids

Bring completed kits to Annunciation church office or drop off in box down the stairs from Narthex.

For monetary donations please send you check made payable to:
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Liturgical Reminders

Sunday Worship Attire
Please remember that during the warm weather months, entering the sanctuary is still a sacred experience which our attire should reflect.

Wearing Masks during Services
Out of humble obedience and love for your neighbor, please wear your mask during the services since we are many people singing in an enclosed space.

We ask that you do not congregate in the Narthex at the dismissal of the services.

Upcoming Ministries

† A hybrid youth ministry program is being developed for our HOPE, JOY, and GOYA groups.
† A safety plan for Sunday School is being prepared to begin classes, God willing, at the beginning of October.
† The Greek School will begin the first quarter with strictly online instruction through the Ellinopoula program.
† A health and safety plan for the Preschool is being developed to start classes at the beginning of October.

Stay up to date with Parish Emails, Sunday Bulletins, the Annunciator, and the Parish Website!

OCMC Coin Boxes
Please remember to bring your filled Coin Boxes to Church or drop them off in the Church Office. The money is used to help missionaries share the Good News of the Gospel all over the world!

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA

SUNDAY, August 23, 2020 — 11th Sunday of Matthew
Apodosis of the Dormition; Ireneaus, Bishop of Lyons

Orthros Mode: Second

Liturgy Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12
Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

Saint Ireneaus of Lyons, Commemorated on August 23

The Hieromartyr Ireneaus, Bishop of Lyons, was born in the year 130 in the city of Smyrna (Asia Minor). He received there the finest education, studying poetics, philosophy, rhetoric, and the rest of the classical sciences considered necessary for a young man of the world.

His guide in the truths of the Christian Faith was a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian, Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23).

Saint Polycarp baptized the youth, and afterwards ordained him presbyter and sent him to a city in Gaul then named Lugdunum [the present-day Lyons in France] to the dying bishop Potinus.

...After the martyrlic death of Bishop Potinus, Saint Ireneaus was chosen a year later (in 178) as Bishop of Lugdunum. “During this time,” Saint Gregory of Tours (November 17) writes concerning him, “by his preaching he transformed all Lugdunum into a Christian city!”

When the persecution against Christians quieted down, the saint expounded upon the Orthodox teachings of faith in one of his fundamental works under the title: Detection and Refutation of the Pretended but False Gnosis. It is usually called Five Books against Heresies (Adversus Haereses).

At that time there appeared a series of religious-philosophical gnostic teachings. The Gnostics [from the Greek word “gnosis” meaning “knowledge”] taught that God cannot be incarnate [i.e. born in human flesh], since matter is imperfect and manifests itself as the bearer of evil. They taught also that the Son of God is only an emanation (“emanation”) of Divinity. Together with Him from the Divinity issues forth a hierarchical series of powers (“aeons”), the unity of which comprise the “Pleroma” i.e. “Fullness.” The world is not made by God Himself, but by the aeons or the “Demoungus,” which is below the “Pleroma.”

In refuting this heresy, championed by Valentinus, Saint Ireneaus presents the Orthodox teaching of salvation. “The Word of God, Jesus Christ, through His inexplicable blessedness caused it to be, that we also, should be made that which He is ...”, taught Saint Ireneaus.

“Jesus Christ the Son of God, through exceedingly great love for His creation, condescended to be born of a Virgin, having united mankind with God in His own Self.” Through the Incarnation of God, creation becomes co-imaged and co-bodied to the Son of God. Salvation consists in the “Sonship” and “Theosis” (“Divinization”) of mankind.

In the refutation of another heretic, Marcian, who denied the divine origin of the Old Testament, the saint affirms the same divine inspiration of the Old and the New Testaments: “It is one and the same Spirit of God Who proclaimed through the prophets the precise manner of the Lord’s coming,” wrote the saint. “Through the apostles, He preached that the fulness of time of the filiation had arrived, and that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand.”

The successors of the Apostles have received from God the certain gift of truth, which Saint Ireneaus links to the succession of the episcopate (Adv. Haer. 4, 26, 2). “Anyone who desires to know the truth ought to turn to the Church, since through Her alone did the apostles expound the Divine Truth. She is the door to life.”

The Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, Saint Polycarp of Smyrna, and Saint Ireneaus of Lyons are three links in an unbroken chain of the grace of succession, which goes back to the Original Pastor, our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1999/08/23/102379

Welcome to all Visitors

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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The Gospel Mt 18:23-35

\[\text{When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, then You slayed Hades with the lighting of Your Divinity. And when You also raised the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.} \]

1. **RE Surrender Apologytikon (Second Mode)**

When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, then You slayed Hades with the lighting of Your Divinity. And when You also raised the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

2. **APOLYTICON OF THE DORMITION (First Mode)**

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver us from death.

3. **HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (Fourth Mode)**

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin and Gabriel proclaims this gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: "Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you."

4. **kontakion of the dormition (Mode pl. 2. Automelon)**

The Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in the Virgin womb.

1. **EN Anastasio Apologytikon (Hy. β)**

"Ote katēlēs prós τοῦ θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄθροισκα ἔνεκρυφσα, τῇ ἀστραπῆ τῆς Θεότοκος. "Ote δὲ καὶ τοῖς τείχοισι αὐτὸς τῶν καταθηκῶν ἀνέστησα, πᾶσαι αἱ δύναμεις τῶν ἐποιμασίων ἐκατοχαίγονται. Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα Σοι.

2. **APOLYTICON TOY KOMHIES (Hy. Α)**

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τῆς παρθένου εὐφάγας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει τοῦ κόσμου οὐ καταλέπτωσες Θεότοκε, Μετέστης πρὸς τήν ζωήν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τής ζωής, καί ταις προσεβείας ταῖς σαΐς λυτρουμένην, εκ βανατοῦ τῆς ψυχῆς ημῶν.

3. **APOLYTICON TOY NAOY (Hy. Α΄)**

Σήμερον τους σωτηρίας ημῶν τοῦ Κεφαλαίου, καί τοῦ ἀπὸ αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου τοῦ Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱός τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ. Τοῦ τῶν αἰώνων ἐπερημμένην σέρνεται τῆς τοιαύτης προστάσεως, αὐτὸς ἡμῖν ἐλπίς νεωτέρας καὶ προστάσεως αμετάθετον ελπίς, καὶ προσφέρεται αὐτῷ τὸν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διό καὶ τοῖς συμμετοχῇ τῆς Αθηναίας Θεσσαλίας, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

4. **Kontakion the Koinhseos (Hy. B)**

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείας αἰώνιον Θεσσαλίαν, καὶ προστασίας αἰώνιον ἑλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκατέρωσε, ως γὰρ ἡ ψυχή Μήτηρ, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτηρ οἰκόπεσος αἰσπάρθησεν.