**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 and presented to the Metropolis for approval.

† The Greek School will begin the first quarter with strictly online instruction through the Elinooula program.

† A health and safety plan for the Preschool is being developed with a targeted start of classes on Monday, September 21st.

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

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**Please help IOCC 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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Baltimore, MD 21204

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**ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 — 12th Sunday of Matthew**

**Orthros Mode: Third**

**Orthros Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Liturgy Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

**Liturgy Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-26**

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**Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople**

Saints Alexander, John and Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople, lived at different times, but each of them happened to clash with the activities of heretics who sought to distort the teachings of the Church. Saint Alexander (325-340) was a vicar bishop during the time of Saint Metrophanes (June 4), the first Patriarch of Constantinople.

Because of the patriarch’s extreme age, Alexander substituted for him at the First Ecumenical Synod at Nicea (325). Upon his death, Saint Metrophanes left instructions in his will to elect his vicar to the throne of Constantinople. During these times His Holiness Patriarch Alexander had to contend with the Arians and with pagans. Once, in a dispute with a pagan philosopher the saint said to him, “In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ I command you to be quiet!” and the pagan suddenly became mute. When he gestured with signs to acknowledge his errors and affirm the correctness of the Christian teaching, then his speech returned to him and he believed in Christ together with many other pagan philosophers. The faithful rejoiced at this, glorifying God Who had given such power to His saint.

The heretic Arius was punished through the prayer of Saint Alexander. Arius had apparently agreed to enter into communion with the Orthodox. When the Emperor asked him if he believed as the Fathers of Nicea taught, he placed his hand upon his breast (where he had cunningly concealed beneath his clothes a document with his own false creed written upon it) and said, “This is what I believe!” Saint Constantine (May 21), unaware of the deceitful wickedness of Arius, set a day for receiving him into the Church. All night long Saint Alexander prayed, imploring the Lord not to permit this heretic to be received into communion with the Church.

In the morning, Arius set out triumphantly for the church, surrounded by imperial counselors and soldiers, but divine judgment overtook him. Stopping to take care of a physical necessity, his bowels burst forth and he perished in his own blood and filth, as did Judas (Acts 1:18).

His Holiness Patriarch Alexander, having toiled much, died in the year 340 at the age of 98. Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25) mentioned him afterwards in an encomium to the people of Constantinople.

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**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 Polis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."