Sunday, February 7th 16th Sunday of Matthew

Memorials
Nicholas Carthage, Anna Panagiotakos, Gus S. Kouroz, Nicholas Mylonas, Angela Pandelidis, Julia Mylonas (3mo), Orania Kanteres (9mo), Eleni Lynists (2yrs), Juliana Cavel(2yrs), Panagiotis Iliadis (5yrs), Dimitri Mounas, George Patounas, Nicholas Kalargyros, Angeliki & George Agapis, Despina & Vasilios Kalargyros, Angeliki & Stefanos Billis, Kostantinos Platis, Evangelia Mounts, Alexandros & Stella Mountis, Kostantinos Mamas, Stavros Mamas, Haralambos & Christophilina Gngradories, Dimitrios & Kybonia Papadimitrou, Constantine Canias, Christos & Eugenia Gabriel, Gust & Koula Manis, Joachim & Manto Beake, Maria, Stamatios & George Manolakis, Leonia & Panayotis Halahis, Kalliope & Siliamias Flournas, Angeliki & Kostantinos Flournas, Linda Mylonas, Nicholas Valudes, Herman Swords, Nicholas Kambouriglos, Demetrios & Katina Speros, John Dianastasis, Marianthi & Nicholas Vekios, Despina & Anastasia Dianastasis, Irene & Michael Mavrides, George Mylonas, Nicholas Kacandes.

A reminder that masks must be worn in the church before, during, and after the services; and please do not congregate in the Narthex.

**Collection for the Dimopoulos Family**

Our church will be having a special collection to support the Dimopoulos family while Peter remains hospitalized long-term due to COVID-19 complications. This fund will support the family during this difficult time as we pray for Peter’s full recovery.

Checks may be made payable to “Annunciation Church” with “Dimopoulos Family” on memo line.

**Altar Coverings**

Donations are being accepted for the purple Lenten coverings in memory of loved ones.

- Small Icon Stands (2) - $195 each
- Large Icon Stand - $220
- Pulpit Cover - $95
- Narthex Cover (Icon Stand) - $95
- Solea Tables (2) - $275 each

You may call the church office to claim the cover(s) you wish to sponsor in memory of loved ones.

**Wednesday Evening Book Study with Fr. Hector**


**St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2021**

Tuesday evening March 30th, 6pm
Contact Fr. Theodosios Palis if you are interested to participate: theodosiospalis@gmail.com

**OUTDOOR ICE SKATING EVENT**

For our Youth Groups and All Parishioners At Heritage Hills Resort 2810 East Prospect Road York, Pennsylvania 17402
Monday, February 15th 2021 (Presidents Day) 10 AM—12 PM

Our parishioners will have exclusive use of the rink. The rink rental is covered by our youth account.

- Ice skate rental is $2
- Email Fr. Theodosios at theodosiospalis@gmail.com or call church office to reserve spots for your family.

**Bereavement**

Angela Pandelidis (86), mother of parishioner, Kathy Granbois, reposed in the Lord, January 30th, 2021
Gus Kouroz (77), reposed in the Lord, January 31st
Nicholas Carthage (99), father of parishioner, Renie Beileman, reposed in the Lord, February 4th
Anna Panagiotakos (98), reposed in the Lord, Feb. 2nd.

**Saint Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr**

The holy Martyr Theodore was from Euchaita of Galatia and dwelt in Heraclea of Pontus. He was a renowned commander in the military, and the report came to the Emperor Licinius that he was a Christian and abominated the idols. Licinius therefore sent certain men to him from Nicomedia, to honor him and ask him to appear before him. Through them, however, Saint Theodore sent back a message that it was necessary for various reasons, that Licinius come to Heraclea. Licinius, seeing in this a hope of turning Saint Theodore away from Christ did as was asked of him.

When the Emperor came to Heraclea, Saint Theodore met him with honor, and the Emperor in turn gave Theodore his hand, believing that through him he would be able to draw the Christians to the worship of his idols. Seated upon his throne in the midst of the people, he publicly bade Theodore offer sacrifice to the gods. But Theodore asked that the emperor entrust him with the most venerable of his gods, those of gold and silver, that he might take them home and himself attend upon them that evening, promising that the following day he would honor them in public. The Emperor, filled with joy at these tidings, gave command that Theodore’s request be fulfilled.

When the Saint had taken the idols home, he broke them in pieces and distributed the gold and silver to the poor by night. The next day a centurion named Maxentius told Licinius that he had seen a pauper pass by with the head of Artemis. Saint Theodore, far from repenting of this, confessed Christ boldly. Licinius, in an uncontaminable fury, had the Saint put to many torments, then crucified. While upon the cross, the holy Martyr was further tormented—his privy parts were cut off, he was shot with arrows, his eyes were put out, and he was left on the cross to die. The next day Licinius sent men to take his corpse and cast it into the sea; but they found the Saint alive and perfectly whole. Through this, many believed in Christ. Seeing his own men turning to Christ, and the city in an uproar, Licinius had Theodore beheaded, about the year 320.

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The Saint’s holy relics were returned to his ancestral home on June 8, which is also a feast of the Great Martyr Theodore.

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

**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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Mt. 25.30

But the one who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of that servant came and settled accounts with him. And he said in answer to his master, ‘Lord, you delivered to me one talent; I have not made use of it, and I have not done anything with it.’

His master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not winnowed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’

But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not winnowed; then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was mine with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.

For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’

The Epistle 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Brethren, when you come together, each one of you has a prayer to offer. In your assembling together let there be no slothfulness, but zeal, as also in all good work.

But if your conduct is dissolute and your heart is carnal, who will entreat on your behalf? If you are rejected, how will you entreat? If you are of the number of those cast out, how will you escape?

Live as free men, and do not use your freedom as an opportunity for evil; but use it with reverence, for it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’; and, ‘Dress yourself with holiness and reverence, because you are a holy nation to the Lord your God, and do not let the evil desires of your heart seduce you to return to the sects to which your ancestors went back.

In the same way you, beloved, should not be astonished at the report which you hear, but ought to give glory to God. Let it be known to you that the Lord is the vindicator of the righteous, and will give back to them the glory due to them; for he will not only give life to those who are asleep, but will also bring with himself those who sleep in the Lord. For this reason also you must be ready, for the day and hour of the Son of Man has been concealed from no one.

3. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (FOURTH MODE)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. For 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 (FIRST MODE)

You sanctified the virgin 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.