

Sunday, January 24th 14th Sunday of Luke

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM Sunday School

Monday, January 25th St. Gregory the Theologian

8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Liturgy

Tuesday, January 26th

7:00 PM OCF & YoPro Meeting

Wednesday, January 27th

6:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos

Thursday, January 28th

10:00 AM Women's Virtual Book Study

Friday, January 29th

9:00 AM Paraklesis to The Theotokos

Saturday, January 30th The Three Hierarchs

8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Liturgy
7:00 PM Vespers

Upcoming Liturgies/Services

- † St. Gregory the Theologian—Jan. 25
- † The Three Hierarchs—Jan. 30
- † Presentation of Our Lord—Feb. 2
- † St. Haralambos—Feb. 10

Bereavement

Nicholas Mylonas, son of parishioner Vasilios Mylonas and the late Julia Mylonas, and brother of Angie Platis & Stamatia Bougiamas, reposed in the Lord, January 18th. Any donations in his memory can be made to the "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church".

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2021

Contact Fr. Theodosios Palis if you are interested to participate: theodosiospalis@gmail.com

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

Theophany House Blessings

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and increasing number of cases during the holiday season, the clergy will not be making the customary house blessing rounds this January. It is our prayer and hope that we will be able to offer house blessings later in the year when conditions improve.

If you still wish to have your home blessed during the January Theophany season, you may email one of the clergy to schedule a socially distanced visit with safety protocols in place.

2020 & 2021 Stewardship

If you have not fulfilled your 2020 Stewardship commitment, please remember to make it at your earliest convenience.

If you have not made your 2021 Church Stewardship Commitment, please make it today by completing a form in the Narthex and placing it in the Stewardship Box on the table. You may also call or email the church office, or fill out an online pledge at: <https://www.annunciationorthodox.org/online-giving/make-a-pledge> **Thank you!**

Service & Outreach

The coat drive continues through January, any new/ slightly used coats & blankets for the families in need. Please drop off your donation in the blue bin located in the breezeway, under the coat rack.

Community Aid

As a partner with Community Aid, our parish benefits from your clothing item donations. The credit that we receive, goes towards the purchase of our Food Box distribution.

We have a clothing collection bin by the breezeway for your donations.

You can also donate your clothing to the Community Aid Thrift Store and Donation Center

Please let them know that you are a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox church or give them our partner number : 40106

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA

SUNDAY, January 24th, 2021 – 14th Sunday of Luke



Xenia, Deaconess of Rome;

St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool for Christ; Hieromartyr Babylas

Orthros Mode: Plagal 4th

Orthros Gospel: John 21 : 15-25

Liturgy Epistle: I Timothy 1:15-17

Liturgy Gospel: Luke 18:35-43



Saint Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

Saint Xenia lived during the eighteenth century, but little is known of her life or of her family. Xenia Grigorievna Petrova was the wife of an army officer, Major Andrew Petrov. Saint Xenia became a widow at the age of twenty-six when her husband suddenly died at a party. She grieved for the loss of her husband, and especially because he died without Confession or Holy Communion. From that time forward, Xenia lost interest in the things of this world, and followed the difficult path of foolishness for the sake of Christ. The basis for this strange way of life is to be found in the first Epistle to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:18-24, 1 Cor. 2:14, 1 Cor. 3:18-19). The Lord strengthened her and helped her to bear sorrow and misfortune patiently for the next forty-five years.

She started wearing her husband's clothing, and insisted that she be addressed as "Andrew Feodorovich." She started giving away all that she had to the poor. Soon she had nothing left for herself, so she wandered through the poor section of Petersburg with no place to lay her head. After a while, Xenia left Petersburg for eight years. It is believed that she visited holy Elders and ascetics throughout Russia seeking instruction in the spiritual life. Saint Xenia eventually returned to the poor section of Petersburg, where she was mocked and insulted because of her strange behavior. When she did accept money from people it was only small amounts, which she used to help the poor. She spent her nights praying without sleep in a field outside the city. Prayer strengthened her, and in her heart's conversation with the Lord she found the support she needed on her difficult path.

When a new church was being built in the Smolensk cemetery, Saint Xenia brought bricks to the site. She did this in secret, during the night, so that no one would know. Soon her great virtue and spiritual gifts began to be noticed. She prophesied future events affecting the citizens of Petersburg, and even the royal family. Against her will, she became known as someone pleasing to God, and nearly everyone loved her. They said, "Xenia does not belong to this world, she belongs to God." People regarded her visits to their homes or shops as a great blessing. Saint Xenia loved children, and mothers rejoiced when the childless widow would stand and pray over a baby's crib, or kiss a child. They believed that the blessed one's kiss would bring that child good fortune.

Saint Xenia lived about forty-five years after the death of her husband, and departed to the Lord at the age of seventy-one. She was buried in the Smolensk cemetery. By the 1820s, people flocked to her grave to pray for her soul, and to ask her to intercede with God for them. Saint Xenia is especially invoked for help in finding employment, lodging, or a spouse.

Taken from the OCA Lives of Saint Website

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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Ὁ Ἀπόστολος 1Τι 1:15-17

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἦλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἁμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι, ὧν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ· ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτῳ ἐνδείξηται Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς τὴν πᾶσαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεύειν ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ βασιλεῖ τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφθάρτῳ, ἀοράτῳ, μόνῳ σοφῷ Θεῷ, τιμὴ καὶ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν.

The Epistle 1 Tim. 1:15-17

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον Λου ιη´ 35 - 43

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ἐγγίζειν τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς Ἱεριχὼ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν. ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· Υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεῖς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτόν λέγων· Τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

The Gospel Lk. 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

1. RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (PL. 4TH MODE)

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.

2. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (4th 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."

3. KONTAKION (1ST MODE)

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



Εἰσοδικόν

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, φάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλοῦϊα.

1. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ἈΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟΝ (ἮΧΟΣ ΠΛ. Δ´)

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

2. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (ἮΧΟΣ Δ´)

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τό Κεφάλαιον, καί τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διό καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

3. KONTAKION (ἮΧΟΣ Α´)

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

