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 & Stamati 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 Pals if you are interested to participate: theodosiospals@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 made your 2020 Stewardship commitment, please remember to make it at your earliest convenience.
If you have not completed 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

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 1920s, 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 Pals, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
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**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος 1Τι 1:15-17**

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσας ἀποδοχῆς δέξιος, ὅτι Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἤλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἀμαρτωλῶν σώσας, ὅν πρῶτος εἰμὶ ἐγώ ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτῳ ἐνδείξηται Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς τὴν πᾶσαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεύειν ἐπ’ αὐτῷ εἰς ἑαυτὸν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ βασιλεί τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφράτω, ἀνάφλοτο, ἀφόατο, ἀμοίβα, ἀνατρεπόντα ὅπως πάντας τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν ἀμηλῶν ἐκεῖνος τῷ Θεῷ, τῆς τιμῆς καὶ ὁδών εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους τῶν αἰώνων ἀμηλῶν ἐπιλέξας.

**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 Ἰη 35 - 43**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ἐγένετον τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς Ἰεριχὼ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν. ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί ἤρθη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ Δαυὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ ἀλλὰ δὲ πολλῷ ἔκραζεν 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 εἶπε αὐτῷ Ἀναβλέψον · ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Ἰησοῦ.