Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

**Sunday, May 30th**  
**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**Memorial (40 Day):**  
John Papadimitriou, Evangelia Frangeskos & James Hampilos

- 8:15 AM  
  Orthros
- 9:30 AM  
  Liturgy
- 3:30 PM  
  Wedding of Aaron Blain and Magdalena Cremenes

**Monday, May 31st**  
**Memorial Day**  
OFFICE CLOSED

*Memorial Day Prayers at the Cemeteries*

**Wednesday, June 2nd**

- 7:00 PM  
  Paraklesis to St. Paisios

**Thursday, June 3rd**

- 10:00 AM  
  Women’s Orthodox Fellowship Study

**Saturday, June 5th**

- 5:30 PM  
  Catechism Class
- 7:00 PM  
  Vespers

**Gyrofest Tickets**

Please send in your money for Gyrofest sold tickets and return unsold tickets to the Church Office. Thank you!

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**Memorial Day Prayers**

The clergy will offer a Trisagion Prayer Service at the parish cemeteries on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 31, 2021**. The following is the schedule for each cemetery:

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**Stewardship During the Summer**

We know many of our members travel during the summer. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you’ll miss church services this summer, consider setting up recurring giving. It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year.

Visit [www.annunciationorthodox.org](http://www.annunciationorthodox.org) to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card, or debit card. Recurring giving may also be set up from your Give+ App.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our community and various ministries!

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**Honoring High School & College Graduates**

Sunday, June 6th, after the Liturgy.

High School and College graduates will be honored and presented with a gift.

Please call the church office by June 4th if the name of your graduate is not listed in the June/July Annunciator:

- Liturgy Gospel: John 20:1-20
- Liturgy Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

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**Scholarship Forms**

are available through the Church Office. AHEPA has extended deadline for submission to **July 2nd**.

Please submit online only to George Ioannidis at Vyzantio@aol.com

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Holy Ascension** - Thursday, June 10
- **Saturday of Souls** - Saturday, June 19
- **Pentecost** - Sunday, June 20
- **Annual Family Church Picnic** - Sunday, September 12th, more details to follow.
- **Centennial Celebration** - Saturday, October 16, 2021.

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**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

- In today’s Gospel reading we hear the Saviour affirm unexpectedly that He is the Messiah. This declaration takes place before a woman who, it would seem, is an enemy of any right-believing Jew—a Samaritan. During this conversation the subjects of truly serving God, of the place of this servitude, and the conditions of pleasing God are discussed.
- I would like to draw your attention to a comment that the Saviour makes, “You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.” These words reveal the paradigm of true religious life. You often come across people who are convinced in their arrogance that religious life, that church services, and that everything an Orthodox Christian’s life revolves around, are imperfect factors, important only for those who have not reached a complete freedom in spirit. In reality, it is the very self-deception that Christ the Saviour warns us about today. We must do more than worship some kind of personal experience, a personal sensation of the Divine. We must know who it is we believe, who it is that we worship, and who it is really that gives us divine answers.
- True worship of God is possible only in Spirit and Truth. The spirit is created by way of the form; the truth is kept by the holy church. And every person who regularly attends the Divine temple, who takes part in Divine Mysteries knows how this participation in the services affects the soul in a healing and profitable way.
- Those who think that personal prayer is sufficient for them, dispossess themselves. For people attend church not only to tell God about their personal problems. They attend church in order to become a cell of the One Body of Christ, to be close to others who, like them, came to God upon hearing Him call. They come in order to turn their backs on their personal problems towards the needs of others thus becoming live arms of Christ while still here, on earth.
- In today’s Gospel reading the Saviour says, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” But we have to learn how to worship in this manner, and the best school that can teach us this art of arts in extraordinary and inexplicable ways are church services. I want to wish every single one of us to do more than to be outward and formal participants of what takes place in church, but to grow to love this incredible treasury of truth and of meaning that is our Orthodox worship.

Archpriest Pavel Velikanov

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

**SUNDAY, May 30th, 2021 — Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

Isaacius, Abbott of the Monastery of Dalmatius;
Macrina and Emilia, Grandmother and Mother of St. Basil the Great

Orthros Mode: Fourth
Liturgy Epistle: Acts 11:19-30
Liturgy Gospel: John 4:5-42

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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 Firolganis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Paps, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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1. APOLOGETIC OF THE RESURRECTION

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs. He has granted life.

2. HYMN OF THE SMALL ENTRANCE

In the congregation God bless the Lord, who springs out of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, you sing from the dead, We sing to you, Alleluia!

3. RESURRECTIONAL APOLOGETIC

Having learned the joyful proclamations of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women discedips said to the Apostles triumphant, Death is despoiled and Christ is risen, granting mercy great unto the world.

4. APOLOGIA OF THE FEAST MID PENTECOST

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." It is today the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

5. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH

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

1. APOLOGIA TO THE PASSION (Plagal 1st Mode)

Christ is anointed with the ointment. He enters the city of Jerusalem and is condemned by the Sanhedrin. He carries the cross and is crucified. The Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the world.

2. EPISTOLY TO THE PASSION (Plagal 4th Mode)

In the name of Jesus Christ, who is the properly recognized. At the end of the world, an angel+ appears to the three women of the Resurrection and says: "Sister, have you seen my Lord? Have you informed the apostles that he is risen?"

3. ANAGNOSTOS APOLOGIA (Plagal 1st Mode)

The works of the Anagnostes, by the angel who appeared to the Lord at the time of the Resurrection. And in the present day, the angel speaks to the three women and says: "Sister, have you seen my Lord? Have you informed the apostles that he is risen?"

4. APOLOGIA TO THE MOPSINITES (Plagal 1st Mode)

The eloquence of the Eucharist, by which the soul is saved. "Surely you are my chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; you shall proclaim the virtues of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

5. APOLOGIA TO THE NAGYS (Plagal 1st Mode)

The message of the Naga, in which the angel discurseth and sets forth the resurrection of Christ and the glory of his kingdom. "And he said to them, "These are true words that the Lord has spoken to me."

6. KONTAKION TO THE PASSION (Plagal 4th Mode)

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal, yet You called down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrhbearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord, to the fallen great resurrection.