

Sunday, November 15th

Memorial: Irene Mavrides (40 day)

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

Nativity Fast Begins

Monday, November 16th

7:00 PM GOYA Zoom Bible Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 17th

7:00PM DOP Meeting (Zoom), any questions, please call Kathy Granbois, 717-471-1097

7:30PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th

6:00 PM Live Stream Book Study w/ Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos the Leper

Thursday, November 19th

9:30–11:00AM Food Box Distribution & Delivery — In memory of Dimitrios & Stamatia Madonis and Nicholas and Evdoxia Hadgis

Friday, November 20th

9:00AM Paraklesis to The Theotokos

Saturday, November 21st Entrance of The Theotokos

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

2021 Stewardship Pledges

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>

Annual Community Christmas Card & Decorations

If you would like to be included in the Annual Community Christmas Card or to make a contribution to purchase Christmas Poinsettias & Decorations please complete the form found in November's Annunciator and return it to the church office by **December 4th**. A \$15 minimum donation per family is greatly appreciated. All donations support the various ministries of the Annunciation Church.

Special thank you to all our volunteers for their time, donations, & service to our parish during our Annual Bazaar.

CENTENNIAL SPIRITWEAR

There are 35 extra Centennial Aprons available for sale.

\$20 each

Please contact Tina Georges if you are interested in purchasing one at 717-314-4678 or email at tineli79@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Appeal

Please mail in your Monetary Thanksgiving Donation in the Thanksgiving envelope found in the November Annunciator.

All the donations from this year's Thanksgiving Appeal will go directly towards the Annunciation Church Food Box Ministry, which provides 125 food boxes to neighbors in need of food every other Thursday.

ANNUNCIATION APPAREL

The online store to purchase Annunciation Apparel is now open!

This GOYA fundraiser makes a perfect gift for the Holidays.

The store is open now through November 27th

Use the link:

sppartners.tuosystems.com/stores/sppartners-oct28-145043

Donors needed for:

Altar Flowers, Altar Candles, & Candelabra Candles for November 22, 26 & 29; December 20, 25 & 29.

Please call the Church Office 717-394-1735 to make your donation.

Sponsor a Renovated Classroom!

If you are interested in sponsoring the renovation of a classroom in memory of a loved one, please contact our Parish Council President, Dr. Spencer Phillips (drsp Phillips@mdvip.com), Fr. Hector Firoglanis (frhector@agochurch.com), or call the church office (717-394-1735). By God's grace and your generosity it is our prayer that we will renovate all the classrooms of our church building during our 2021 Centennial Year!

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA

SUNDAY, November 15th, 2020 — 8th Sunday of Luke

*Gurias, Shamuna, and Habib, Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa
Thomas, Archbishop of Constantinople*



Orthros Mode: Plagal Second

Orthros Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgy Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Liturgy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Nativity Fast Begins Today

For forty days the Church seeks to prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas. Most of us need time to prepare for special events. It takes time to plan for a trip, a vacation, for entering college, for a baptism or a wedding. We need time to anticipate, to prepare for practical aspects, to think about their significance for us. With adequate preparation we enjoy these events much more.

During the liturgical year the Church has several periods of preparation prior to great feasts. The first such period begins on November 15, the Christmas Fast, which is not as strict as the Great Lent prior to Easter. **For forty days we anticipate and prepare for the coming (advent) of Christ into the world and into our lives.** How will you prepare for Christmas this year?

Some Practical Advice

As part of your preparation for Christmas resolve to give closer attention to the Word of God by reading, for example, one chapter a day from the Gospels for the next forty days. Getting to know more about the life of Christ will make you appreciate more deeply the significance of His coming which we celebrate on Christmas. In your daily prayers include thanksgiving for the Lord's coming, invite Him to be at the center of your life and let your heart leap for joy as you meditate on God's gift of His Son to the world.

Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos, A Year of the Lord, Vol. 2, p. 1-3

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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Liturgy Epistle & Gospel Readings in Greek & English

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος *Εφ 2:4-10*

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς πλούσιος ὢν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ· χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι· καὶ συνήγειρεν καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσι τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως· καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν, Θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθαι. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἔσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ Θεὸς ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

The Epistle *Eph. 2:4-10*

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον *Λουκ 25 - 37*

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ πειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· Ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν· εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· Ὁρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποιεῖ καὶ ζῆσθι. ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιῶν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν· Καὶ τίς ἐστί μου πλησίον; ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλὴμ εἰς Ἱεριχὼν, καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσαν· οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεὺς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρήλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευίτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρήλθε. Σαμαρείτης δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὔριον ἐξελθὼν, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὃ, τι ἂν προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς ληστὰς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· Ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποιεῖ ὁμοίως.

The Gospel *Lk. 10:25-37*

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Apolitikia Hymns of the Day in English & Greek

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 (Plagal Second)

When the angelic powers were at your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, Who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

2. FOR THE MARTYRS

You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an impregnable fortress, O Christ our God. At their entreaties, frustrate the plots of foreign enemies, and strengthen our nation, for You alone are good and love humanity

3. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (Fourth 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."

4. KONTAKION (Fourth Mode)

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Εἰσοδικόν

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

1. ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ (Ἦχος πλ. β')

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

2. ΤΩΝ ΜΑΡΤΥΡΩΝ (Ἦχος πλ. α')

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν ἁγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον, ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, βουλάς ἐθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς Βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὡς ὁ μόνος ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

3. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (Ηχ. Δ')

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

4. KONTAKION (Ηχ. δ')

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.