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Sunday Bulletin

May 27, 2018

Holy Pentecost

The Holy Hieromartyr Helladius; John the Russian of Evia;
Theodora the Virgin-martyr & Didymos the Martyr; Venerable Bede

Festal Eothinon

*PLEASE NOTE: During the Cathedral Expansion construction period,
Sunday Services will be held in the Martel Hall*

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN May 27, 2018
Sunday Service Schedule
8:15 am Orthros + 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today!

We're glad you're here! Please join us at our Fellowship Coffee immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Visit the Welcoming Committee table to meet fellow parishioners and learn more about our community.

Please silence all mobile devices while in the Holy Sanctuary. Thank you.

Special Hymns at Liturgy:

Apolytikion for Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλάνθρωπε δόξα Σοι.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὑψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἐνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

Appointed Scripture Readings:

Matins (Orthros) Gospel

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were gathered, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Epistle Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 2:1-11.

Εν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, ἦσαν ἅπαντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὥσπερ φερομένης βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθήμενοι. Καὶ ὤφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέν τε ἐφ' ἓνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἐτέραις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν. Γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης, συνῆλθεν τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἰς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαλούντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον, λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, Οὐκ ἰδοῦ πάντες οὗτοι εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ᾗ ἐγεννήθημεν; Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἑλαμίται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρηνήν, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημῶντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοι τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρήτες καὶ Ἄραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading

Holy Pentecost

John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 7:37-52, 8:12

Eν δὲ τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ μεγάλῃ τῆς ἐορτῆς εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραζε λέγων· εἴάν τις διψᾷ, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ῥεύσουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὗ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς αὐτόν· οὐπω γὰρ ἦν Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἐδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφή εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυῖδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἤθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιᾶσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπ' αὐτόν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἦλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ

Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι· διατί οὐκ ἠγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται· οὐδέποτε οὕτως ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὡς οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μή τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτόν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὗτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἷς ὢν ἐξ αὐτῶν· μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ ἀκούσῃ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γινῶ τί ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγγέρεται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσῃ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.

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Holy Pentecost (May 27)

After the Savior's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren—all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.



The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to

the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marveling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Savior, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvelous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. In the second vision of The Shepherd of Hermas we read: "Now brethren, a revelation was made unto me in my sleep by a youth of exceeding fair form, who said to me, 'Whom thinkest thou the aged woman, from whom thou receivedst the book, to be?' I say, 'The Sibyl.' 'Thou art wrong,' saith he, 'she is not.' 'Who then is she?' I say. 'The Church,' saith he. I said unto him, 'Wherefore then is she aged?' 'Because,' saith he, 'she was created before all things; therefore is she aged, and for her sake the world was framed.'" Saint Gregory the Theologian also speaks of "the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ" (PG 35:1108-9). Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the

nations who believed with one accord" (PG 96, 1357c). According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "was created before the sun and moon"; and a little further on, "The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit" (PG 74, 708-712). Saint Gregory Palamas says, "Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors" (Homily 24, 10). And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, "After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests" (PG 87, 3981B). Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of bread, "that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries-"and in prayer" (Acts 2:42).

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

All foods allowed during the week following Pentecost.



Holy Communion is reserved for those who have been Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Eastern Orthodox Faith. The Communion Prayers are our final preparation to receive the Sacrament, along with fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays each week, and in the morning prior to the Divine Liturgy. (We, of course, continue to take prescribed medications.) We also prepare ourselves through regular confession. Please follow the directions of an usher to invite you to join the Communion line. When you approach the chalice, please give your Baptismal name to the priest. The order of communion is the newly baptized (with lit candles) and the congregation, pew by pew, beginning from the front of the nave.

Altar Group for May 27 – Saint Savas

Nicholas Bogott, Nicholas Kyriakides-Crowe, Andrew Lambakis, Nicholas Lambakis, Thomas Lorentzatos, Matthew Mickelis, Gregory Rubio, Luke Sullo, Jonathan Varcados

Altar Group for June 3 - Saint Gerasimos

Jacob Bass, Luke Bass, Charles Butta, Stavros Cotsoradis, Stephano Cotsoradis, Chrysanthos Fetokakis, Vasilis Germanides, Chris Hoekel, Nicholas Krasnosky, Aidan Paek, Nicholas Strickler, Nicholas Sullo, Diamantis Zavitsanos

Parish News And Events

PHILOPTOCHOS

Save the Date! Please join us for Philoptochos' year-end social and fellowship on Tuesday, June 5, at Charlie's BBQ. All are welcome!

IOCC Local Volunteer Dates

The IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) will be in the Houston area June 4-9 and June 11-16 and needs local volunteers to help rebuild homes during that period. They have availability Tuesday-Saturday of both those weeks. If interested, please contact Rana Deeba, IOCC Volunteer Coordinator at volunteercoordinator@iocc.org. *(see flyer for additional dates and information)*

2018 Stewardship Ministry Campaign

Many thanks to all of you who are making contributions to support the daily operations and ministries of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Your contributions help fund the following integral needs:

- Our incredible team of priests and committed support staff.
- Ministry programs such as Religious Education for all ages, GOYA and other youth programs, Greek School, Senior Citizen fellowship, choir, hospital visitations, college ministries, and so much more.
- Daily building maintenance, security, utilities, and repairs that keep our Cathedral pristine.

The Stewardship Campaign for 2018 is now underway, and, as of May 24, we have collected \$703,871 from 613 families towards our goal of **\$1,500,000**.

If you haven't yet made your commitment, here are several convenient ways to do so:

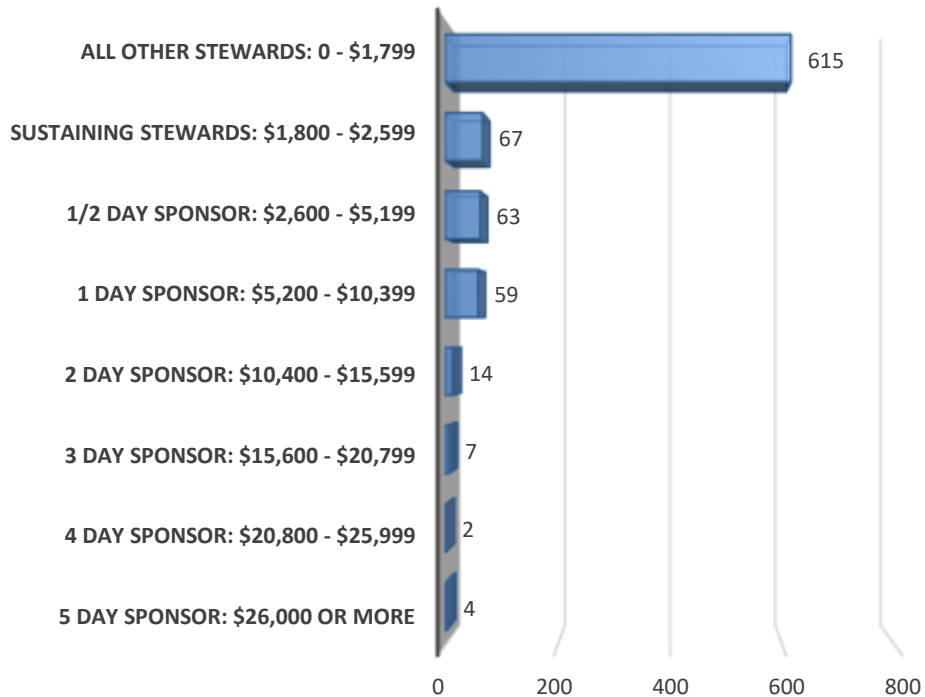
- **By text:** Simply send a text to [713-766-6357](tel:713-766-6357) with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount (example: \$25). Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.
- **Pledge online** at www.agoc.org/stewardship.
- **By mail:** Complete a pledge card and mail your pledge to our administration office.
- **By phone:** Call Betti Self at 832-242-9272.
- **Through the AGOC mobile app:** Download GivePlusChurch for free from the App Store or Google Play. Search for "GivePlusChurch" to download the app and make a donation from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully,

Dean Pappas
2018 Stewardship Chair

AGOC Pledging Members as of May 24, 2018





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LOOKING FOR A FUN-FILLED WEEK WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY?

BABYLON: Daniel's Courage in Captivity **BEGINS June 4-8, 2018, 9:30 am -12:30pm** for all participants, Age 4 thru Grade 6, \$35 donation (Including high school leaders and middle school assistants), at St. George Orthodox Church.

We are looking for responsible and dependable High School students and Adults who love children and the Faith to come join us. Middle schoolers (Grades 7-8) can also help as Assistant Tribe Leaders and assistants to Marketplace shopkeepers. The hours for the leaders that week are 9am thru 1 pm. There is also a **mandatory two-hour training meeting on Saturday, June 2, 10am - 12pm at St. George Orthodox Church.**

Some of you may be looking for service hours for your school and this sure is a great way to earn close to 25 hours of service.

Please get a Teen Leader Application form from Dn. George Katrib or Irene Cassis and review the requirements and the responsibilities you will be undertaking. Complete and sign the Teen Leader Application form, get your parents signature, and return it to Dn. George Katrib at St. George Orthodox Church or Irene Cassis with your donation of \$35.00. Teen leaders also participate in crafts, food and fun! We sure hope you will join us.



Volunteer on an IOCC "Orthodox Action Home Build Team in Houston"

Since the devastating hurricanes in 2005, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has provided over 1200 volunteers and thousands of man-hours to help families rebuild their lives by building new homes or repairing damaged ones. In 2018 teams of Orthodox and other volunteers will be coming to the Houston area for week-long builds in cooperation with Team Rubicon and other IOCC partners.



As Orthodox members in the Houston area, we would like you to join the team as a day volunteer! You do not need to be skilled — just energetic!

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, but 16 and 17 year olds are accepted if they are accompanied by their parent, legal guardian or an adult with a power-of-attorney to act on their behalf for the duration of the deployment.

We have the following day volunteer opportunities available near you:

June 5 – June 8*	Houston, TX
June 12 – June 15*	Houston, TX
July 17 – July 20*	Houston, TX
July 24 – July 27*	Houston, TX

Space is limited, ACT TODAY! ALSO, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORK FOR THE WHOLE WEEK, JUST LET US KNOW WHICH DAYS YOU CAN BE THERE. There is NO Cost for local volunteers, just pack your own lunch and meet us as instructed.

To volunteer go to iocc.org/actionteams and choose Houston, TX. For other information please contact Rana Deeba at IOCC at volunteercoordinator@iocc.org.

** Each Houston work week is Tuesday – Friday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. On the website the dates will be from Monday through Saturday (e.g. June 4 – June 8) because out of town volunteers will come in on Mondays and depart on Saturdays. So even though you register for those dates on the web site, your work week is only Tuesday – Friday.*

"I did New Orleans a few years ago and had to do another build. This year's Houston build was great! I can't wait for the 2013 build schedule to come out so I can volunteer for another action team next summer!" 2012 Houston Action Team Participant



"Finding Community in Christ"

Throughout the weekend, speakers will invite young adults to explore the questions surrounding how and why it is important to seek community through the Church, and the impact it has on young adults. Discussing issues like vocation, self-care, community building, and leadership, speakers will seek to empower young adults to build strong relationships with each other and Christ.

**Labor Day Weekend
august 31- september 3**

Salt Lake City, UT

REGISTER NOW AT
metofdenveryaconf.org

Contact us at:
MetofDenverYA@gmail.com

All Orthodox Young Adults
from across the nation, ages
19-35, are invited to attend!

The registration fee is \$195,
and includes all meals and
activities for the entire
weekend.





The story of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral began 100 years ago, but we did not formally record it until 1982 as part of the 65th Anniversary celebration. The 75th and 90th Anniversaries saw additional histories and, in 2013, *Greeks in Houston*, was published by Arcadia Publishers. Our story has grown and, as we prepare to celebrate 100 years, we will publish reflections on our faith journey as a community in our weekly bulletin.

100 Years of Keeping the Faith

Annunciation Orthodox School opened its doors to 10 preschool students in 1970. Over the decade, the school expanded within the Polemanakos Educational Building to include the 6th grade and an extended daycare center to accommodate working mothers. In the 1980s, the Houston Endowment authorized its \$200,000 donation be used by AOS to purchase two houses from Harris Pappas that he intended for use as an early childhood center. One of the houses was named the James H. Pappas House; the other was named the Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Childhood Development Center of the Annunciation Orthodox School.

By this time, with over 250 students and under the leadership of Katherine Veletsos, AOS had become one of the finest accredited parochial schools in Houston. Now the benefits for AOS of separation as a legal entity were explored. On April 10, 1989, Annunciation Orthodox School officially separated from Annunciation Cathedral but continues to maintain a close relationship with the parish. In fact, seven of its 21 trustees must be members of the Cathedral.

Annunciation Orthodox School is accredited by the Independent Schools of Association of the Southwest, and its Early Childhood division is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Thirty years after it was conceived by Fr. Nick and Presvytera Diane Triantafilou, AOS grew from 10 students to over 600, and from a preschool to include the 8th grade.

(Christ Is In Our Midst)

Today at the Cathedral:

Join us for the Fellowship Coffee in the Trophy Room following the Divine Liturgy.

Maids of Athena Bake Sale in the Breezeway following the Divine Liturgy.

This week at the Cathedral:

Monday,
May 28

Memorial Day - Cathedral Office Closed