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Sunday Bulletin

February 24, 2019

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

First & Second Finding of the Venerable Head of John the Baptist
Romanos, Prince of Uglich
Boswell, Abbot of Melrose Abbey
Cumine the White, Abbot of Iona

Plagal Second Mode + Sixth Eothinon

Sunday Service Schedule

7:45 am Orthros + 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Youth Sunday Church School following Divine Liturgy until 12:15 pm

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:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ 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.

Apolytikion for 1st and 2nd Finding of the Head of the Forerunner in the Fourth Mode

The Forerunner's sacred head, having dawned forth from the earth, doth send incorruption's rays unto the faithful, whereby they find healings of their ills. From on high he gathereth the choirs of the Angels and on earth he summoneth the whole race of mankind, that they with one voice might send up glory to Christ our God.

Ἐκ γῆς ανατείλασα ἡ τοῦ Προδρόμου κεφαλὴ, ἀκτίνας ἀφήσιν τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, πιστοῖς τῶν ἰάσεων, ἀνωθεν συναθροίζει, τὴν πληθὺν τῶν Ἀγγέλων, κάτωθεν συγκαλεῖται, τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ὁμόφωνον ἀναπέμψαι, δόξαν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ.

Apolytikion of the Church

On this day when our salvation is crowned for eternity and the revelation of the mystery of the ages. The Son of God becomes on this day the Virgin's Son, with Gabriel proclaiming the tidings of God's Grace. And we also join in the cry unto the Theotokos singing: Hail to You who are filled with grace; the Lord is with You.

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.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, ἀποσιωπήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

Appointed Scripture Readings:

Matins (Orthros) Gospel

Luke 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven

to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 4:6-15.

Α δελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμψαι, ὃς ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἔχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὀσφρακίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἧ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν· ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐξαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλείπομενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι· πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Αἰεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὡστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. ἔχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν· εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι' ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρὶ· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος

εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφύλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατήρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκιατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱὸς μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παιδῶν ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτόν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατήρ αὐτοῦ ἐξεληθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρὶ· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱὸς σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.



First & Second Finding of the Venerable Head of John the Baptist (February 24)

The first finding came to pass during the middle years of the fourth century, through a revelation of the holy Forerunner to two monks, who came to Jerusalem to worship our Saviour's Tomb. One of them took the venerable head in a clay jar to Emesa in Syria. After his death it went from the hands of one person to another, until it came into the possession of a certain priest-monk named Eustathius, an Arian. Because he ascribed to his own false belief the miracles wrought through the relic of the holy Baptist, he was driven from the cave in which he dwelt, and by dispensation forsook the holy head, which was again made known through a revelation of Saint John, and was found in a water jar, about the year 430, in the days of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger, when Uranius was Bishop of Emesa.



Youth Choir Schedule

Calling All Singers! Please join us as we sing the beautiful hymns of the Divine Liturgy.

- February 24th – Adult Choir and Youth Choir
- March 10th – Youth Choir
- March 24th – Adult Choir and Youth Choir
- April 14th – Youth Choir

“Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord” (Psalm 100.1)



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 February 24 – AGOC Retro Altar Group

Altar Group for March 3 – Saint Nektarios

Basil Anaipakos, Michael Botti, George Catechis, Tommy Maglaras, Stephen Mucher, Theodore Mucher, Pete Nicolaou, Nicholas Schnur

Parish News And Events

AGOC Adult Bible Studies

“He who sits on the throne will dwell among them” (Rev. 7:15)

We will meet Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 1:00pm in Room 230, and at 6:30pm in the Council Room (219) to continue our study of the Book of Revelation.

Topics:

1:00pm Session: *The Trumpets Sound (Rev. 7-9)*

6:30pm Session: *The Trumpets and Woes, continued (Rev. 9-10)*

Readings: Rev. 7:1-10:11; Williamson, 152-184; Averky, 134-175

(Scanned copies of Averky will be sent out)

+Fr. Demetri

Arcadians of Texas

APOKRIATIKI GLENDI

The Arcadians of Texas invite you and your *parea* to their **18th Annual Apokriatiko Glendi, Saturday, March 9, at the Martel Hall.** Tickets will be available after the Divine Liturgy on February 24 and March 3. Proceeds to benefit the Educational Fund.

2019 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL (SENIOR DIVISION-Grades (10-12))

Congratulations to Maria Georgeton, chairperson, of the 2019 Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival held on February 17th for the SENIOR DIVISION, Grades 10-12.

Thank you to the thirteen high school students for your incredible presentations in the senior division oratorical festival. We are so proud of you for taking the initiative to select a topic, research, and present your topic to your peers, parents and clergy.

This year's participants in the SENIOR DIVISION Parish Oratorical Festival in the order of their presentations, *are*: Basil Anaipakos (Grade 10), Anastasia Matzakos (Grade 11), Artemis Postolos (Grade 10), Charlie McGee (Grade 11), Antonios Patsatzis (Grade 11), Paleologos Pavlidis (Grade 10), Georgia Elgohary (Grade 12), Helen Lykos (Grade 11), Amalia Nichols (Grade 11), Sophia Gazis (Grade 11), Nia Botti (Grade 10), Mary Polydoros (Grade 12), and Andrew Lambakis (Grade 10).

Artemis Postolos (Grade 10) wrote on Topic 5: *"In view of St. Paul's exhortation in Colossians 3:16 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,' discuss the importance of being biblically literate today, and came in 3rd Place with a cash award of \$250, **Charlie McGee** (Grade 11) came in 2nd Place with a cash award of \$350, and **Antonios Patsatzis** (Grade 11) came in 1st Place with a cash award of \$750. Charlie and Antonios both wrote on Topic #3: *"The hymns of the Church contain the whole of its theology. Pick one hymn from the Lenten or Holy Week period and describe how it speaks to you personally."**

Many thanks to the **Senior Division judges** who had a difficult task because of the excellent presentations. The judges were Greg Halvatzis, Yianni Georgeton, Chris Katerinakis, Melina Sitaras, and Dean Petrou. Alexia Sitaras was the timekeeper, Joni Zavitsanos introduced the speakers, and Poppy Padley was the photographer.

First Place winner, **Antonios Patsatzis**, will be representing Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in the Denver Metropolis St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, April 5-7, hosted by St. Spyridon Orthodox Church in Loveland, CO.

AGOC RETRO ALTAR BOY SUNDAY
SUNDAY February 24, 2019



IF YOU SERVED AS AN ALTAR BOY IN THE 1970'S OR 80'S
PLEASE CONTACT FR. MICHAEL TO SERVE ON Sunday February 24th!

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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Spring Parish Assembly

Sunday March 3th, 2019

Immediately following the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

The agenda is attached.

Privileges for this assembly are extended in accordance with the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Archdiocese.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Ekonomos Michael J. Lambakis

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Vasilios Mathews

Parish Council President



Katie Constantatos

Parish Council Secretary

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Spring Parish Assembly

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019

Agenda

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| 1. Call to order | Vasilios Mathews |
| 2. Invocation | Father Michael |
| 3. Election of Assembly Chairperson | |
| 4. Pastor's Remarks | Father Michael |
| 5. Parish Council President's Remarks | Vasilios Mathews |
| 6. Approval of 2018 Fall Parish Assembly Minutes | Assembly Chair |
| 7. Update on Cathedral Expansion | Expansion Committee |
| 8. Stewardship Update | Dean Pappas |
| 9. Treasurer Report | Dean Liollio |
| 10. Endowment Report | George Postolos |
| 11. New / Continuing Business | |
| Election of Parish Council Nominating Committee | Assembly Chair |
| Election of Delegates to Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference | Assembly Chair |
| 12. Adjournment | Assembly Chair |
| 13. Benediction | Father Michael |

2019 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
Elementary Division



Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2

February 24, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm, small Martel Hall

Kindergarten

Hymn: Lord Have Mercy; Kirie Eleison,
The Cross Song. Topic:
One thing I have learned about the Holy Cross...

Grade 1

Hymn: Save Us O Son of God. Topic:

- Tell us one Bible story:
- One of Jesus' Miracles,
- Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan

Grade 2

Hymn: Save Us O Son of God. Topic:

- Tell us how you show your love for Jesus...
- One symbol of the Church is...
- My favorite saint is...

Grades 3 & 4

March 17, 11:15 am- 12:15 pm, small Martel Hall

Grade 3

Hymn: Praise the Lord. Topics:

- The hardest commandment for me to follow is...
- How can you be a good disciple of Jesus?
- What happened on the day of Pentecost?

Grade 4

Hymn: Praise the Lord. Topics:

- One way I participate in the Divine Liturgy is...
- It is important to pray because...
- The Virgin Mary is the greatest saint in the Orthodox Church because...

Grades 5 & 6

March 24, 11:15 am-12:15 pm, small Martel Hall

Grade 5

Hymn: Those Who Have Been Baptized. Topics:

- Who is your favorite Bible hero?
- What's your favorite Commandment?
- What lessons have you learned from reading Sermon on the Mount?

Grade 6

Hymn: Those Who Have Been Baptized. Topics:

- Who is Jesus to you?
- Jesus taught us to be good stewards. What does that mean to you?
- God is Love, What does this mean to you?

Did You Know?...

Many thanks to all of you who are contributing to support the daily operations and ministries of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Did you know:

That according to a monthly Bill Estimator report issued by Reliant Energy an average 3000 square foot house with a gas heating system costs \$260.00 per month to maintain. A water bill in Houston averages \$100.00 per month. Cable bill runs about the same. Property taxes on the same home valued at \$330,000 costs \$600.00 per month. Finally, and the most important category is according to the Washington Post, the disposable income averages around \$3,258 per month.

Did you know:

THAT 69% OF OUR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS GIVES LESS THAN \$1800 PER YEAR

- ❖ **38%** of our families donate from \$1 - \$500 **annually (that is less than \$50 a month)**
- ❖ **18%** of our families donate from \$501 - \$1000 **annually (that is less than \$65 a month)**
- ❖ **13%** of our families donate from \$1001- \$1799 **annually (that is less than \$120 a month)**

Did you know:

- ❖ that because of your generous donations we are able to staff the cathedral with an incredible team of priests and support staff
- ❖ our ability to keep our beloved cathedral in pristine condition is because of your support
- ❖ your stewardship also supports our young people that participate in GOYA
- ❖ that with your stewardship we are able to help support our senior's activities
- ❖ with your stewardship we are able to maintain an active Greek School program
- ❖ your generosity also helps to support our successful Original Greek Festival
- ❖ that because of your stewardship we are able to add additional HPD security during church Liturgies and other functions

Did you know that when stewardship is down that many of these ministries falter?

For all of these reasons we ask for your help. With your stewardship the cathedral is able to function at a high level and to provide support to our community as well as the Houston area community. By the same token, when stewardship is down the ministries and events suffer. Please consider raising your pledge/stewardship so that we can continue our ministry that is Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Together we are able to fulfill our charge of spreading the good news and ministering to the greater Houston community.

As of February 21, 2019 the 2019 Stewardship Campaign has collected \$238,420 from 337 families toward our goal of \$1,600,000.

If you have not 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 support.

Gratefully,
Dean Pappas

CLEAN MONDAY RETREAT – MARCH 11, 2019

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

3511 Yoakum Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006

Martha Stefanidakis – 281-469-0986

DIGITAL NOISE AND INNER SILENCE RECLAIMING OUR INTEGRITY IN AN AGE OF DISTRACTIONS

10:00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS (CATHEDRAL)
10:15 AM	<i>"DIGITAL NOISE AND THE FRAGMENTATION OF THE HUMAN PERSON"</i>
SESSION I	
11:15 AM	<i>"BECOMING WHOLE PEOPLE IN THE CONTEMPORARY AGE"</i>
SESSION II	
12:00 PM	LUNCH (MARTEL HALL)
1:00 PM	<i>"IS THERE A PLACE FOR DIGITAL MEDIA IN OUR PURSUIT OF INTEGRITY?"</i>
SESSION III	
1:45 PM	Q&A
2:00 PM	DISMISSAL

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



Father Jeremy Troy was born in Michigan and is a convert to the Orthodox Christian faith. He is married to Presvytera Allison and they have one son, Brendan.

He received a Master of Arts Degree in philosophy from the University of Wyoming in 2013 and a Master of Divinity degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 2018.

Jeremy Troy was ordained to the Diaconate on May 21, 2018 and the Holy Priesthood on September 30, 2018. He is an Associate Priest at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, TX.

Fr. Jeremy Troy – "Digital Noise and Inner Silence, Reclaiming our Integrity in an Age of Distractions."

Yes, I will be attending "Digital Noise and Inner Silence, Reclaiming our Integrity in an Age of Distractions" at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, TX.

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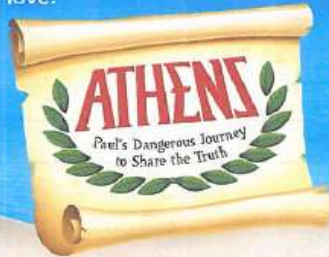
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The Clean Monday Seminar is sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

THIS VBS WILL MAKE A SPLASH!

Grab a pair of sandals, your bathrobe, and your sense of adventure, and meet us in ancient Athens! We'll talk to the Apostle Paul to learn all about his dangerous journey to share the truth about God's love.



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

Location: (church name)

3511 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

The adventure will last: (VBS dates)

JUNE 10-14, 2019

Celebration begins at: (VBS starting time)

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The day's adventure ends at: (VBS ending time)

Irene Cassis - ireneccassis@agoc.org

For more information, call: (church phone number)

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Today at the Cathedral:

Memorial Service is offered at the Divine Liturgy for **Pauline Verges (40 days), Georgia Markopoulos (3 months) and Nick F. Demeris (1 year).**

Join us in the Martel Hall for the Fellowship Coffee immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The Coffee today is sponsored by the **Families of Nick F. Demeris, Georgia Markopoulos and Pauline Verges.**

**11:15 am – St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival – Elementary Division
(Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2)**

This week at the Cathedral:

Tuesday,
February 26

6:30 pm – Adult Greek School

Wednesday,
February 27

1:00 pm – Bible Study, Room 230

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Room 219

Friday,
March 1

5:00 pm – Greek School

Saturday,
March 2

1st Saturday of Souls

Orthros 8:30 am / Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

11:00 am – HOPE & JOY Prosforo Baking,
Boozalis Festival Center