

TODAY

- **Sunday of Orthodoxy** - Regular Schedule
Adult Sunday School 9:15am.
At the conclusion of services the youth from Kindergarten-2nd grade will participate in a procession of icons. Please bring your favorite icon from home. No Angel Choir Practice.
- **Fellowship Hour** is offered by the members of the Parish Council.

Mon Feb 26

- "Warm-up America" in the Breezeway 9-Noon. A knitting group for ALL ages.

Tue Feb 27

- Men's Discussion Group Meeting 6:30am
- Adult Discussion 9:30am

Wed Feb 28

- **Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm**
Please bring your favorite Lenten dish to share after service.

Fri Mar 2

- 2nd Salutations 7:00pm

Sun Mar 4

- **Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**
Regular Schedule
Adult Sunday School 9:15am.
***Teaching Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Fellowship Hour - Open**

Senior Citizens Gathering - We have been invited by St. Nektarios Seniors to join them for Lunch and a program on **Thursday, March 8th** at their church. We will carpool!! Please join us on a free trip. We will be departing from Annunciation at 10:30. The Church Van is full and Fr. Costa's van has a couple spots open. Please meet at the Church and make arrangements to carpool if you don't have a spot already.

Reservations should be made by calling the Church Office (336-765-7145).

Hellenic Dance Troupes of Winston-Salem—Festival Dance 2018

Greetings and Kali Sarakosti!

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, we will commence Greek Dance for this year's festival. Please pay close attention to some very important details regarding this year's events:

Dance Practice Times & Locations:

Kindergarten/1st Grade: 6:30pm – 7:30pm Downstairs in New Sunday School Building

2nd Grade/3rd Grade: 6:30pm-7:30pm Upstairs in New Sunday School Building

4th Grade-6th Grade: 6:30pm-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall

7th Grade-9th Grade: 6:30pm-7:30pm in Breezeway

10th Grade-12th Grade: 7:30pm-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Important Dates:

March 25th Greek Independence Day Performance: March 25th, 2018 after services

Holy Tuesday (NO DANCE): April 3rd, 2018

Greek Festival: May 18th-20th, 2018

Registration:

All dancers should have registered online to participate in dance for this year. If your child has not registered, please register your child prior to practice by visiting the church website (www.wsgoc.org) or visit Helen Sialmas in the Breezeway on the first day of practice.

Parking and Drop-Off:

As a reminder, please follow the church rules regarding parking and drop-off. At dismissal, please park in the back parking lot and come in to pick up your child.

We look forward to working with your children this year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stavros Karagiorgis (336-409-1456) or Lisa Siokis (336-407-8613).

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION....

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Parish Council President - Stan Carroll
Sunday School Coordinators - Zoe Bobotsiars, Helen Karagiorgis, Heather Vlachos
Assistant - Fr. Costa Shepherd
Philoptochos President - Kiki Gonzales

ORTHODOXY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople and Reginos, Bishop of Skopelos

USHERS – George Bambalis, Pete Bobotsiars, Pete C. Strates, Sammy J. Ballas

CHURCH SERV COMM Team 4 - Brian McFarlin, Chad Davis, Renee Kortesis, Kim Karahalios

MAIDENS FOR CHRIST Team 1 – Gabriella Ballas, Athena Grisette

READER - George Kalamaras

ALTAR BOYS Team 5 - Ralph Shepherd, George Raptis, Marcus Neacsu, Michael Ioannou, Matthew Moutos, John Kroustalis, Sebastian Neacsu, Harper Satterfield, Harrison Satterfield, Evangelos Paparoupas

NURSERY – Chrissy McCullough, Frances Kazakos, Kathy Koutsoupas

Welcome Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We would like to remind you that Holy Communion is reserved for those who have been baptized or confirmed in the Orthodox Church, and who have prepared themselves to receive the Eucharist. All visitors are welcome to receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Fussy Infants/Children

We love having infants & young children in Church being immersed in worship. However, out of respect for fellow worshippers, if a child is acting up, please step out of Church until he/she calms down. Thank you.

EISODIKON/ENTRANCE HYMN (said by all, page 8 in Liturgy Book)

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι. Ἀλληλοῦια.
Thefte proskinisomen, ke prospesomen Christo, soston imas Yie Theou, o anastas ek nekron, psalonta si alilouia.
Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION (Resurrectional Hymn of the day)

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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

Today is the beginning of our salvation,* and the revelation of a mystery which was hidden;* the Son of God* becomes the Virgin's Son,* and Gabriel announces the grace of this good news,* let us also join with Him,* to the Theotokos calling;* Hail to you O Lady full of Grace,* the Lord is with you.

KONTAKION (Hymn of the season)

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you * triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, * being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. * Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, * from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you * I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Please see back of bulletin for calendar information

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1.44-52

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφηταί, εὕρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωρότα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

The Reading is from John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Sunday of Orthodoxy - the first Sunday of the Great Fast (Lent) commemorating the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council and the restoration of the veneration of icons by order of the Byzantine Empress Theodora in the ninth century. This marked the end of the controversy of the use of icons.

SYNODICAL AFFIRMATION OF ORTHODOXY

As the prophets beheld, as the apostles have taught;

As the Church has received; as the teachers have dogmatized; as the universe has agreed; as the grace has shown forth; as truth has revealed; as falsehood has been dissolved; as wisdom has presented; as Christ awarded;

Thus we declare, thus we assert; Thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints, in words, in writings, in thoughts, in offerings, in Churches, and in Holy Icons.

On the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; And on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES,

THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS,

THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX.

Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat



Please consider joining the Ladies of Philoptochos at the 12th Annual Spiritual Retreat at the Diakonia Retreat Center on Friday, March 16th - Sunday, the 18th. This year's spiritual theme is "Reaching IN to Reach OUT: Preparing Our Lives for Philanthropy." The Ladies of Philoptochos will be subsidizing the registration fee for members and your cost will only be \$65 and covers all program material, 2 nights of lodging, 5 meals, around the clock beverage and snack station. The first 13 women to register are guaranteed a seat in our churches van, which will depart at 1:00 pm on the 16th. Please contact Kiki Gonzales or Krissie Simcox for registration material. **Registration Deadline is March 1, 2018.**