

TODAY

- **Cheese Fare Sunday** Regular Schedule 4th-6th grade Angel Choir
Adult Sunday School 9:15am.
- **Fellowship Hour** is offered by The Daughters of Evrytania. They will be selling laganas, kites, octopus, gigantes, halva — just a few traditional foods eaten on Kathari Deftera (Clean Monday). Ala Carte pricing. Free Kite with a \$25.00 purchase or more.
- **Forgiveness Vespers 7:00pm**

Mon Feb 19

- Great Lent Begins
- “Warm-up America” in the Breezeway 9-Noon. A knitting group for ALL ages.
- HOPE & JOY Meeting & Confession 6:00-7:15pm

Tue Feb 20

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

Wed Feb 21

- Presanctified Liturgy 7:00pm. Please bring your favorite Lenten dish to share after service

Fri Feb 23

- 1st Salutations 7:00pm

Sat Feb 24

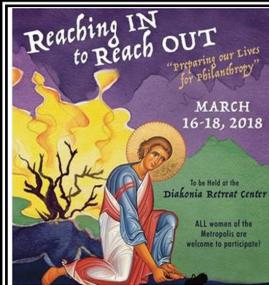
- **3rd Saturday of Souls**
Matins & Divine Liturgy 8:45am

Sun Feb 25

- **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 - Open**

Vacation Church School

We are currently in the process of planning for this year’s VCS. We are considering either a 3-day program June 13th - 15th with a longer day (9am-1pm) OR a standard 5-day program June 18th - 22nd. Parents with input contact Fr. Costa by phone, text or email (336-399-4655 or kostashep@gmail.com). We are wanting to make a decision by this week.



Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat

All women are encouraged to attend the 12th Annual Spiritual Retreat at the Diakonia Retreat Center on Friday, March 16th through Sunday, the 18th. This year’s spiritual theme is "Reaching IN to Reach OUT: Preparing Our Lives for Philanthropy."

To encourage our members to attend, the Ladies of Philoptochos will be subsidizing the registration fee. The registration amount of \$165 will be reduced to \$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. Registration material will be available at the General Meeting scheduled for this Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Breezeway.

Registration Deadline is March 1, 2018.

Correction to the **Ladies of Philoptochos Stewardship Commitment** communicated last month. The Metropolis Per Capital was increased for 2018 from \$7 to \$10. We have recalculated the commitment of \$27 to fulfill our obligation to the National Per Capital of \$15, and the Metropolis Per Capital increase of \$10, which then leaves an additional \$2 for our local.

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION....

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Parish Council President - Stan Carroll
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Assistant - Fr. Costa Shepherd
Philoptochos President - Kiki Gonzales

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - Cheesefare Sunday

Leo, Pope of Rome and Agapetus the Confessor

USHERS – Stan Carroll, Greg Karagiorgis, Paula Christakos, Ted Kazakos
CHURCH SERV COMM Team 3 – George Kalamaras, Virginia Moutos, Chris Spinosa, Vic Pappas
MAIDENS FOR CHRIST Team 6 – Athanasia Ballas, Anastasia Katsiadas
READER - Ron Sheppard
ALTAR BOYS Team 4 - Vasileios Karagiannis, Stevie Raptis, Max Rogatsios, Dimitrios Mitropoulos, William Nolan, Niko Vlahos, Nektarios Vgenopoulos, Pavlos Anson, Vasili Johnson, Andreas Kazakos
NURSERY – Christina Soriano, Irene Chamis, Nia Kazakos

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. Ἀλληλούια.
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)

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

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 Γαβριὴλ 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 guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

Please see back of bulletin for calendar information

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 13:11-14, 14:1-4 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἢ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νύξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κόμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἐριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἄλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιῆσθε, εἰς ἐπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὅς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενεῖτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θεὸς στῆσαι αὐτόν.

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:14-21 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἐὰν γὰρ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος· ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, οὐδὲ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὥσπερ οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποὶ· ἀφανίζουσι γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀπέχουσι τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἀλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι, ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων, ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδώσει σοι ἐν τῷ φανερῷ. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σὴς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσι καὶ κλέπτουσι· θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὔτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· ὅπου γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θησαυρὸς ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

Forgiveness Sunday

The Gospel According to Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."