

TODAY

- **Sunday School, Greek School, High School & College Graduation** Regular Schedule
- **Memorial**—The Potian Society of the Southeast “Argonaytes” will sponsor a Memorial service for the genocide of the Greek Pontians and N. Smyrna.
- **A special luncheon in recognition of Father Demetri, Presbytera Olga and family on his retirement following the Divine Liturgy. The entire community is invited to attend.**

Mon June 3

- “Warm-up America Ministry” in the Breezeway 9-Noon. A knitting group for ALL ages
- Greek School End of Year Party at Westwood Swim And Tennis Club

Tue June 4

- Adult Discussion 9:30 am

Volunteers Needed to Assist IOCC

Annunciation, W-S has been asked to recruit volunteers for a week in Daytona Beach, Aug 12-17, to help rebuild homes affected by last year’s hurricanes. **Contact Fr. Costa if interested.**

3-DAY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

(9:00am-1:00pm) Wed June 12th–Fri June 14th

Children must bring their own lunch each day

Worship, Lessons, Arts & Crafts, Music, and games

Ages 3yrs old through 5th Grade (Children

must be three years of age by 04/15/2019)

(Please No Children in Diapers)

Registration Deadline: TODAY, June 2nd

COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you have not submitted the information below to the office, please do so at your earliest convenience. **Your information will be included in the July monthly bulletin.**

Name

College Graduated From

Future Plans

Special Honors Received

Wed June 5

- Sunday School Coordinators Meeting 9:00 am
- Sanctuary Improvements & Iconography Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Thu June 6

- Men’s Discussion Group Meeting 7:00 am
- **Holy Ascension**
Matins/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- Foundation Meeting 5:00 pm

Fri June 7

- Last day for Annunciation Christian Academy classes
- Greek School Registration Deadline

Sun June 9

- Regular Schedule
- **Fellowship Hour - Open**

Forms for Greek School Registration are available on Fr. Dennis’ desk. Deadline: June 7th Fee: \$30

Greek Festival 2019

Many, many thanks to all who labored in all areas of the Greek Festival. **All keys, bills, presale tickets and presale ticket money should be turned into the office ASAP. Thank you.**

Annunciation Christian Academy is Offering One Week-Long Summer Camp for Preschool Students!

June 24-28 9:00am to 1:00pm Daily

Two-Year-Olds Young Three-Year-Olds

Older Three-Year-Olds Four-Year-Olds/Pre-K

Registration Forms on Fr. Dennis’ desk

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION....

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Proistamenos - Fr. Demetri Kangelaris **Assistant** - Fr. Costa Shepherd **Deacon** - Chris Burdette
Parish Council President - Sammy Gianopoulos **Philoptochos President** - Kiki Gonzales
Sunday School Coordinators - Zoe Bobotsiars, Helen Karagiorgis, Heather Vlachos

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople and Erasmos of Ochrid & his Companion Martyrs

USHERS – Sammy Gianopoulos, Pete Bobotsiars, Paula Christakos, Johnny Kortesis, Ilias Vlachos

CHURCH SERV COMM Team 3 – George Kalamaras, Chris Spinosa, Pete Mastoras

MAIDENS FOR CHRIST Team 4 – Jackie Nikas, Maria Nikas, Katherine Lontis

READER - Ron Sheppard

ALTAR BOYS Team 2 - Demetri Hodges, Terry Rizos, Max Clark, Danny Gallos, Demetri Kortesis, Spero Moutos, George Sechrest, Christian Gallos, Jack Nolan, Demetri Ioannou

NURSERY – Helen Sialmas, Jessica Strates, Stella Tsiaras

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

Εν εκκλησίαις ευλογείτε τόν Θεόν, Κύριον εκ πηγών Ισραήλ. Σώσον ημάς, Υιέ Θεού, ο Αναστάς εκ νεκρών, ψάλλοντάς Σοι Αλληλούια.*

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

Χριστός Ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοίς εν τοίς μνήμασι, ζωήν χαρισάμενος.

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 της σωτηρίας ημών το Κεφάλαιον, και του απ’ αιώνος Μυστηρίου η φανέρωσις, ο Υιός του Θεού, Υιός της Παρθένου γίνεται, και Γαβριήλ την χάριν ευαγγελίζεται, Διό και ημείς σύν αυτώ τη Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν, Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ο Κύριος μετά σου.

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)

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Please see back of bulletin for calendar information

Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὄσιος.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 16:16-34 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο δὲ πορευομένων ἡμῶν εἰς προσευχὴν παιδίσκην τινὰ ἔχουσαν πνεῦμα πύθωνος ἀπαντῆσαι ἡμῖν, ἣτις ἐργασίαν πολλὴν παρεῖχε τοῖς κυρίοις αὐτῆς μαντευομένη. αὕτη κατακολουθήσασα τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ ἐκράζε λέγουσα· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι δούλοι τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου εἰσίν, οἵτινες καταγγέλλουσιν ἡμῖν ὁδὸν σωτηρίας. τοῦτο δὲ ἐποίει ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας. διαπορθῆεις δὲ ὁ Παῦλος καὶ ἐπιστρέψας τῷ πνεύματι εἶπε· παραγγέλλω σοι ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῆς. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ. Ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ κύριοι αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐξῆλθεν ἡ ἐλπίς τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῶν, ἐπιλαβόμενοι τὸν Παῦλον καὶ τὸν Σίλαν εἵλκυσαν εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄρχοντας, καὶ προσαγγόντες αὐτοὺς τοῖς στρατηγοῖς εἶπον· οὗτοι οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐκταράσσουν ἡμῶν τὴν πόλιν Ἰουδαίῳ ὑπάρχοντες, καὶ καταγγέλλουσιν ἔθνη ἃ οὐκ ἔξεστιν ἡμῖν παραδέχεσθαι οὐδὲ ποιεῖν Ῥωμαίοις οὔσι. καὶ συνεπέστη ὁ ὄχλος κατ' αὐτῶν. καὶ οἱ στρατηγοὶ περιρῆξαντες αὐτῶν τὰ ἰμάτια ἐκέλευον ῥαβδίσειν, πολλὰς τε ἐπιθέντες αὐτοῖς πληγὰς ἔβαλον εἰς φυλακὴν, παραγγείλαντες τῷ δεσμοφύλακι ἀσφαλῶς τηρεῖν αὐτούς· ὃς παραγγελίαν τοιαύτην εἰληφώς ἔβαλεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὴν ἐσωτέραν φυλακὴν καὶ τοὺς πόδας αὐτῶν ἠσφαλίσατο εἰς τὸ ξύλον. Κατὰ δὲ τὸ μεσονύκτιον Παῦλος καὶ Σίλας προσευχόμενοι ὕμνον τὸν Θεόν· ἐπηκροῶντο δὲ αὐτῶν οἱ δέσμιοι. ἄφνω δὲ σεισμός ἐγένετο μέγας, ὥστε σαλευθῆναι τὰ θεμέλια τοῦ δεσμοτηρίου, ἀνεώχθησάν τε παρακρήμα αἱ θύραι πᾶσαι καὶ πάντων τὰ δεσμὰ ἀνέθη. ἔξυπνος δὲ γενόμενος ὁ δεσμοφύλαξ καὶ ἰδὼν ἀνεφωμένους τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, σπασάμενος μάχαιραν ἔμελλεν ἐαυτὸν ἀναίρειν, νομίζων ἐκπεφευγῆναι τοὺς δεσμίους. ἐφώνησε δὲ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ ὁ Παῦλος λέγων· μηδὲν πράξης σεαυτῷ κακόν· ἅπαντες γὰρ ἔσμεν ἐνθάδε. αἰτήσας δὲ φῶτα εἰσεπήδησε, καὶ ἐντρομος γενόμενος προσέειπε τῷ Παύλῳ καὶ τῷ Σίλᾳ, καὶ προαγῶν αὐτοὺς ἔξω ἔφη· κύριοι, τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν ἵνα σωθῶ; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· πιστεῦσον ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ σωθήσῃ σὺ καὶ ὁ οἶκός σου. καὶ ἐλάλησαν αὐτῷ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ αὐτοῦ. καὶ παραλαβὼν αὐτοὺς ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ὥρᾳ τῆς νυκτὸς ἔλουσεν ἀπὸ τῶν πληγῶν, καὶ ἐβαπτίσθη αὐτὸς καὶ οἱ αὐτοῦ πάντες παρακρήμα, ἀναγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ παρέθηκε τράπεζαν, καὶ ἠγαλλιάσατο πανοικί

Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

With the end of the academic year, we would like to recognize the students graduating from Sunday School, High School, College and other institutions of higher learning.

A list of their plans and honors is included for your information.

We congratulate all of them and wish them success in their future endeavors as well as continuous progress in faith and in life.

This list of graduates may not be not complete.

We hope to receive all information for a complete list to be included in the July bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Maria Anthony is graduating from RJ Reynolds High School and will be attending Virginia Tech to major in Biomedical Engineering. Special Honors - National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, National Honor Society for Dance Arts, and Co-Captain of the RJR Dancing Boots.

Anthony Bridges is graduating from RJ Reynolds High School and will be attending UNC-Wilmington in the fall.

Maximilian Clark is graduating from Mount Tabor High School and will be attending East Carolina University in the fall to major in Business.

Corina Helmer is graduating with honors from North Davidson High School and is a recipient of the Black Knight Memorial Scholarship. She is planning to attend UNC Charlotte where she has been accepted into the College of Arts and Architecture.

Demetri Constantine Hodges is graduating from Forsyth Country Day School and will be attending Virginia Tech—School of Natural Resources & Environment to major in Packaging Design & Business.

Alexandros Kalogeromitros is graduating from East Rowan High School and will be attending East Carolina University to major in Exercise Physiology

Vasileios Karagiannis is graduating from West Forsyth High School and is undecided on his future plans.

Ritsa Liaskonis is graduating from Ronald W. Reagan High School and will be attending Forsyth Technical College to pursue an Associates Degree in Science.

Marcus Neacsu is graduating from the North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics in Durham and has been accepted into the Engineering Program at UNC-Charlotte.

Aristides Raptis is graduating from RJ Reynolds High School and will be attending Forsyth Technical College. Special Honors - National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Maria Shepherd is graduating from Ronald W. Reagan High School and is planning to attend Forsyth Technical Community College

Zoe Claire Spanos is graduating from RJ Reynolds High School and will be attending NC State's Poole College of Business.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Noelle Arvanitis graduated Cum Laude from Winston-Salem State with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work and will attend Salem College for a Masters in Education.

Georgia Kontos graduated from George Washington University with a Master's Degree in Molecular Biology and will be working at the Blood Bank at Baptist Medical Center.

George Vlahos graduated from UNC-Wilmington with B.S. in Exercise Science. Special Honors - Deans List, 4-yr Swim Team, Academic All-CAA.

George Vlasis graduated from Wake Forest University with a Masters in Business Management.



Congratulations to all our graduates. This is an exciting time that can also be filled with some anxiety, as you move on to either additional academic or vocational opportunities. As you graduate from one level to the next, you will find that you will have additional freedom and with freedom comes choices. This additional freedom in deciding your direction also requires of you more responsibility. One of the greatest choices we make today is what will our priorities be in life.

As a graduate you are receiving a small token from the parish, a book entitled "The Morning Offering" written by Abbot Tryphon. It has daily devotional readings for everyday of the year and it is our hope that you take advantage of this wonderful book. We would like to share an excerpt from the book that we hope will be inspirational to you as graduates, but also to all of us, concerning priorities.

..... *"It is through this (Holy) Tradition that we bind ourselves to Christ, serving only Him. All else must be secondary. When the Lord says, "you cannot serve God and mammon" He is referring to things of a material nature. (Matt. 6:24) He asks us all to declare whom we serve: God or mammon? And the way to determine whom or what you love the most is to see where your loyalties lie. When you face a choice between God and anything else, what is your choice? Do you choose to attend church on Sunday, or do you choose to sleep in? Do you prioritize your life around your relationship with God, or do sporting events, vacations, family outings, entertainment, or friends take center stage? Do prayer reading the Bible, serving others, financially supporting the Church and its mission, and giving alms serve as your central theme, or do you choose personal gain and pleasure as central to your life?"*

You are entering a most exciting, but challenging time in your lives. We pray for God's Mercy and Blessings for you and we want you to remember that we love you all, and that we, and all our community are here to support you in any way that we can.

In Christ,
Fr. Demetri and Fr. Costa