



# Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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**Sunday Bulletin**

**April 22, 2018**

## **Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

Theodore of Sykeon; Nathaniel, Luke, & Clemente the Apostles;  
Nearchos the Martyr; Gregory Gravanos of Nisyros

### **Second Mode \* Fourth Eothinon**

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

### **Sunday Service Schedule**

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

**Sunday Church School immediately  
following the Divine Liturgy, until 12:00 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:

### **Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode**

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

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἢ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος. ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελὼν τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρῷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο, ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις Γυναίξι, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα. Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος, ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε, Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### **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 ἢ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τὴ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν, Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

### **Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode**

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατηῆλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

## **Appointed Scripture Readings:**

### **Matins (Orthros) Gospel**

Luke 24:1-12

**O**n the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

### **Epistle Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

**I**n those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the

apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 6:1-7.

**Ε**ν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθύνοντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χήραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἄρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσωμεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τιμόνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχεά, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἤϋξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἄριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

## Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

**A**t that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Κατὰ Μάρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτῆς, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδωρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσή ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλειψωσιν αὐτόν. Καὶ λίαν πρῶτῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. Καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασα θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρητῶνα τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. Ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἰπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτάς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

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## Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women (April 22)

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared



to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joseph" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was

therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).



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 April 22 – Saint Nektarios

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

## Altar Group for April 29 – Saint Savas

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

## Parish News And Events

### **What's Being Taught in the Adult Sunday Church School Classes, that begin immediately following the 9 am Divine Liturgy and end at 12 pm?**

**Adult Bible Study. Facilitator: Fr. Gabriel Gadah, [fgabriel@agoc.org](mailto:fgabriel@agoc.org), Room 226.**

The Sunday Adult Bible Study Class will not meet Sunday April 22. You are asked to attend either one of the other Adult Sunday Church School classes. We will resume on April 29.

**Inquirer's Class, Orthodoxy 101, Facilitator: Inquirer's Class, Orthodoxy 101, Facilitator: Kosta Georgeton, [georgantonis@protonmail.com](mailto:georgantonis@protonmail.com), Room 224.**

Orthodox Etiquette

- Should I be sitting or standing? - Why does he cross himself so much? - Is it a sin to cross my legs in Church? - Won't God accept me no matter what I wear to Church?

These and many additional etiquette-related questions have led both to Traditions and to traditions within the Church. This week we will talk about etiquette, which ultimately means how we as Orthodox Christians show respect for God and His Church.

**Living the Liturgy, Facilitator: Fr. Demetri Tagaropulos, [fatherdemetri@agoc.org](mailto:fatherdemetri@agoc.org), Room 228.** Last Sunday we reviewed how people understood the Liturgy in the time of St. John Chrysostom, and we introduced the Liturgy in the time of St. Maximus the Confessor. As part of the introduction, we discussed the Christological disputes of the Fifth Century that inspired St. Maximus the Confessor's Mystagogia and his postulation that not only does Jesus Christ have two distinct natures, but, two energies and two wills as well. The latter was affirmed by the Sixth Ecumenical council in 680. On Sunday, we will continue with the development of the Liturgy in Maximus' time. Readings: Wybrew, 85-95.

## **AGOC Adult Bible Study**

We will meet on WEDNESDAY, April 25 at 1:00pm in Room 230, and at 6:30pm in the Council Room (219). The first part of each session, there will be a short presentation, I at the 1:00pm session and Dr. Trabulsi at the 6:30pm one, regarding the various men called James in the New Testament and their relationships. In addition, he or I will speak about the relationships of the women at the tomb, and their role, as well as women in general, in anointing the dead according to Jewish tradition.

During the second part we will discuss the remaining verses in Chapters 11 and 12 in the Gospel of St. Mark left to be studied. In preparation, please read and reflect on the citations below.

### Topics:

1. *Men Called James in the New Testament and their Relationships*
2. *The Women at the Tomb and their Role in Anointing the Dead*
3. *Chapters Eleven and Twelve in St. Mark, Remaining Verses to be Studied*

Readings: Mark 11: 12-33; 12: 1-27; Farley, 182-198

Come join us for some interesting and fruitful discussions.

+Fr. Demetri

### **100 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT ANNUNCIATION GO CATHEDRAL!**

WE'RE WORKING ON THE 100TH YEAR COMMEMORATIVE BOOK. WE'RE ESPECIALLY CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE CHURCH.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN CIVIC OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL? WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL US YOUR STORY. HOW AND WHY DID YOU JOIN? WHAT ARE YOUR EXPERIENCES? IS THIS IN ADDITION TO OR INSTEAD OF BEING INVOLVED AT ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL'S MINISTRIES OR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS?



## 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 April 19, we have collected \$575,471 from 556 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](http://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

## Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Thank you all for your contributions of time, talent, and treasure in service to our Cathedral. Through your generosity, we fund our daily operations and ministries, however, it has become increasingly difficult to meet our needs. If you are able, would you please consider becoming a Sustaining Member with an annual pledge of \$1,800 or \$150/month?



For questions or to make a pledge or donation please contact [bethself@agoc.org](mailto:bethself@agoc.org) or call 713-526-5377

<http://agoc.org/Donate/pledging.html>

# W A N T E D

## **2018 Annunciation Cathedral Graduates** AGOC Stewards

May 20, 2018, 9 am Divine Liturgy  
High School Graduates & University Graduates  
will be recognized and presented with a gift.  
Please sit in the first two front rows on the  
left side of the Martel Church.

Following the Divine Liturgy, brunch will be  
served in the Trophy Room, where we will all  
share this joyous occasion.

To help us plan accordingly, please complete the  
2018 Graduate Registration Form and send to  
Irene Cassis at [irenecassis@agoc.org](mailto:irenecassis@agoc.org).

# 2018 Annunciation Cathedral Graduates

Parents of graduates must be current members of  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Baptismal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating High School \_\_\_\_\_ University \_\_\_\_\_

University & Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
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Future Plans? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to share ONE important accomplishment?

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Attending the 9 am Liturgy May 20th? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and email to [ireneecassis@agoc.org](mailto:ireneecassis@agoc.org)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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.



## The 100 Year Anniversary Committee *Needs Your Story!!*

We are asking for *written stories* and *photographs* of families, both Greek and non-Greek, who call Annunciation Cathedral their home from 2007 to 2017. You can share a story about your family as part of this community of believers.

Are you a *convert* to the Faith? We want your story too! Tell us how you found the Church and some of your experiences. Why did you come to Annunciation Cathedral?

We have reached out to twenty **Cathedral Ministries, Fraternal and Hellenic Organizations** to let us know what your ministry or organization has been up to the past ten years (2007-2017). I have received five updates.

Have you received accolades from the Church or Houston community during 2007 thru 2017? Tell us about it!

We hope to incorporate some of these stories in the *100 Year Anniversary Commemorative Book and History*.

So get out your laptop, open up your notebook, look through your photographs, and get thinking about why YOU (or your family) chose this wonderful Cathedral to be your own. Send all of it to **Irene Cassis** ([irenecassis@agoc.org](mailto:irenecassis@agoc.org)). (*Deadline for submissions: NOW!*)



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 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The 75<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> 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*

The 1980s saw changes and transitions among the priests at the Annunciation Cathedral. George Thanos, a long-time member of the Cathedral, was ordained a lay priest and served as an assistant to Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou and Fr. Louis Christopulos. His ministry included hospital visitations, teaching Orthodoxy classes, and assisting with the liturgy. He also served churches in surrounding areas such as Port Arthur and Galveston.

Father Dan Christopulos served as assistant to Fr. Nick from 1983 to 1985. His primary responsibility was the youth, but he was reassigned to serve as a missionary priest in Africa. Though Dan is no longer a priest, he works for International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) in Baltimore, MD. When he left Annunciation for Africa in 1985, Dan was succeeded by his brother, Fr. Louis Christopulos.

Father Leonidas Soukis, a cabinet maker by trade before he was called to the priesthood, became a full-time associate priest at Annunciation.

The most profound change in the community came in 1987, when Archbishop Iakovos informed the Parish Council that “the Reverend Nicholas Triantafilou will serve the church at large in the new capacity of a Vicar General for the Archdiocese.” The Houston Chronicle marked his departure with a feature article that noted “under Triantafilou church membership has grown . . . because [people] feel the Orthodox Church. . . is the true Christian church.”

*(Christ Is In Our Midst)*

## Today at the Cathedral:

Memorial Service is offered at the Divine Liturgy for **Marina Barges (40 days), Larry Senkel (2 years), Steve (Stelios) Mouzourakis (10 years)**.

Join us for the Fellowship Coffee in the Trophy Room following the Divine Liturgy. The Coffee today is sponsored by the **Families of Larry Senkel and Marina Barges**.

## This week at the Cathedral:

Monday,  
April 23

**Great Martyr George**  
**8:30 am – Orthros**  
**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy**  
**St. George Chapel**

Wednesday,  
April 25

1:00 pm – Bible Study, Room 230  
6:30 pm – Bible Study, Room 219

Friday,  
April 27

5:00 pm – Greek School