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Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

24 March 2024, Tone 1: Sunday of Orthodoxy Transference of Feast of Annunciation (3/25)



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Great Vespers every Saturday at 5:30 pm unless otherwise indicated.

- Sunday, March 24, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Reader's Typika for Annunciation, Fellowship, Parish Council**
- Thursday, March 28, **5:30 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Dn Jeremy Finzel**
- Friday, March 29, **6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos**
- Sunday, March 31, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy with Fr David Moga, Fellowship, Adult Education**

See separate sheet for full Lenten service schedule.

WORSHIP

- *The “Glory” hymn at the end of Matins:*

DOXASTICON FOR ANNUNCIATION IN TONE SIX

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today is revealed the mystery that is from eternity, and the Son of God becometh the Son of man; that, in partaking of what is worse, He may impart unto me of what is better. In ancient times Adam was cheated of his hopes, and he became not God as he desired. God becometh man, that He might make Adam God. Let creation be glad, let nature dance for joy; for the Archangel standeth in fear before the Virgin, bringing to her the salutation: Rejoice, which is the contrary of sorrow. O Thou Who by Thy bowels of mercy becomest man, O our God, glory be to Thee.

GREAT DOXOLOGY & APOLYTIKION FOR ANNUNCIATION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

- *Reader’s Typika service follows, with additions for Annunciation.*

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

People: Amen.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places, and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of life, come, and dwell in us, and cleanse us from every stain; and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name’s sake. Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON FOR ANNUNCIATION

Verse: O God, give Thy judgment to the king, and Thy righteousness to the son of the king. Let the mountains receive peace for the people, and let the hills receive righteousness.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of His salvation. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it; of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

Refrain: **Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: **Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

THE SECOND ANTIPHON FOR ANNUNCIATION

Verse: He shall come down like rain upon a fleece, and like raindrops that fall upon the earth. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle.

Refrain: **Save us, O Son of God, Who wast incarnate for our sake; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Verse: God shall come visibly, yea, our God, and shall not keep silence.

Refrain: **Save us, O Son of God, Who wast incarnate for our sake; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Verse: In His days shall righteousness dawn forth an abundance of peace, until the moon be taken away.

Refrain: **Save us, O Son of God, Who wast incarnate for our sake; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Verse: Glory... Both now... O Only-begotten Son and Word of God...

THE BEATITUDES

- + In Thy kingdom, remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.
- + Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- + Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
- + Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
- + Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.
- + Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
- + Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
- + Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
- + Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- + Blessed are ye when men shall revile ye, and persecute ye, and say all manner of evil against ye falsely for My sake.
- + Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.
- + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- + Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
- + Remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.
- + Remember us, O Master, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.
- + Remember us, O Holy One, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

• ***The Scriptures of the day:***

THE EPISTLE (For Annunciation)

Reader: **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:11-18)**

Reader: Brethren, the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from One; for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Thy Name to

My brethren; in the midst of the Church I will praise Thee.” And again, “I will rely on Him.” And again, “Lo I, and the children whom God has given Me.” Since then “the children” have become partakers in the flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise partook of both things; that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil; and release all those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For surely He did not take upon Himself the nature of angels; but, He took upon Himself “the seed of Abraham.” Therefore, it behooved Him to be in the likeness of His “brethren” in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, for the atonement of the sins of the people. For in that He has suffered, and was Himself tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

Chanter: His name shall be blessed unto the ages, before the sun doth His name continue!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Annunciation)

Leader: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:24-38)

At that time, Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, “Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.” In the sixth month the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the archangel came to her and said, “Rejoice, O favored one, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the archangel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb and bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the archangel, “How shall this be, since I have known no man?” And the archangel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will overshadow thee; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the archangel departed from her.

TROPARIA BEFORE THE CREED

1st Reader: The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

2nd Reader: Come unto him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

1st Reader: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

2nd Reader: The choir of holy angels and archangels, with all the powers of heaven, singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

1st Reader: *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

• *Here we say the Creed and the Lord's Prayer*

KONTAKION FOR ANNUNCIATION IN TONE EIGHT

With mystic apprehension of the divine commandment, the bodiless angel quickly appeared in the dwelling-place of Joseph and said to the unwed Virgin: Lo, He Who in His Descent did bow the Heavens is housed unchanged and whole in thee; as I behold Him in thy womb taking on the form of a servant, I marvel and I cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without bridegroom!

KONTAKION OF AKATHIST SATURDAY IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

Readers: Lord, have mercy. (40 TIMES)

Leader: O Christ our God, Who art worshipped and glorified at all times at every hour both in heaven and on earth; Who art long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just man and showest mercy upon the sinner; and Who callest all men to repentance through the promise of blessings to come; receive, O Lord, at this very hour our supplications, and direct our lives in the way of Thy commandments: sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, set our minds aright, cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all affliction, trouble, and distress; compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guided and guarded by them, we may attain unto the unity of the Faith, and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

People: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, thou who without stain bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: We magnify thee.

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

People: Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (3x)

PSALM 33

• *People may come up for Holy Water & Prospora while Psalm is being read*

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O

fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

People: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

- *A homily may be read here.*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION FOR ANNUNCIATION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of the captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for the kings, O great among martyrs, thou victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

- *Prayers for the Living and the Departed, followed by announcements & offerings.*

At the close of the service, children of the parish are invited to process around the church with icons while we celebrate a short service for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, commemorating the restoration of the holy icons in the year 843 AD. See separate sheet.

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

Offering Date	Holy Bread	Food	Usher	Epistle Reader
Sunday, March 24 No Meat or Dairy	church	Ruth Baum	Ruth Baum	Nicole Wiltse
Sunday, March 31 No Meat or Dairy	Leona Kelly	Pot Luck	Andrea Schaefer	Ruth Baum
	Holy Bread	Food	Epistle Reader	
Sunday, April 7 No Meat or Dairy	Robert Abraham	Robert Abraham	Mike Baum	
Sunday, April 14 No Meat or Dairy	Anysia Medawar Genie Sanders Memorial for Sadie Ziady & Mary Bashir	Anysia Medawar Genie Sanders	Nicole Wiltse	
Sunday, April 21 No Meat or Dairy	?	?	?	
Sunday, April 28 Palm Sunday Fish Allowed, No Meat or Dairy	?	Antiochian Men Fish Fry	?	
Everyone, please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas				

Next week we'll welcome Fr David Moga for Matins and Divine Liturgy for the second Sunday of Great Lent, in remembrance of St Gregory Palamas.

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The special offering today and next week is for the 2024 Antiochian Women's project: creating an endowment to help support clergy widows. Khourias help their husbands' ministries in ways that are often under-appreciated, and as widows they usually have very few financial resources to live on. Please give as generously as you can.

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Volunteers needed for Holy Bread & food for fellowship – please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board downstairs, or see Ruth Baum.

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Please note our special mid-week Lenten services. Starting this week, Dn Jeremy Finzel is celebrating Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Thursday evenings with Lenten supper following. And on Fridays we celebrate the Akathist to the Theotokos. Please try to attend as many of these beautiful services as you can!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 – Markella Makou Fousekas
 March 13 – Nick Schaefer
 March 13 – Sandy McLaughlin
 March 21 – Anthony Herrera
 March 22 – Matthew Panizzi

March 23 – Anne Abraham
 March 24 – George Kaleel
 March 25 – Calliope Grace Leonard
 March 30 – Christopher Baran, Dina Desai



Our Parish Mission & Vision

Called by Christ to provide hope to the world, we serve people seeing truth, with a loving community and the worship of the original Christian church. St George strives to be a growing community of believers of all ages, sharing frequent worship services, Christian education, a culture of giving and stewardship, and support to our neighbors.