

Sunday, February 18th, 2018
Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)

A WORD FROM THE FATHERS

God is loving to man, and loving in no small measure. Do not say, 'I have committed fornication and adultery: I have done dreadful things, and not once only, but often: will He forgive? Will He grant pardon?' Hear what the Psalmist says: How great is the multitude of Your goodness, O Lord!

Your accumulated offenses do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds surpass not the great Physician's skill. Only give yourself up in faith: tell the Physician your ailment: say thou also, like David: I said, I will confess me my sin unto the Lord: and the same shall be done in your case, which he says immediately: And you forgave the wickedness of my heart.
+St Cyril of Jerusalem

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 p.m. – Great Compline

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 p.m. – Catechism

6:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 p.m. – 1st Salutations to the Theotokos

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 a.m. – Orthros & Divine Liturgy

+3rd Saturday of Souls

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 19 ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

6:00 μ.μ. - Μέγα Απόδειπνον

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 21 ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

5:00 μ.μ. – Κατήχηση

6:00 μ.μ. – Προηγιασμένη Θ. Λειτουργία

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 23 ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

7:00 μ.μ. – Α' Στάση των Χαιρετισμών

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 24 ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

8:30 π.μ. – Όρθρος & Θ. Λειτουργία

+Γ' Ψυχοσάββατο

A NOTE TO VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not united with us. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we *cannot* extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. We thank you, though, for joining us in prayer and invite you to partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for fellowship in the church hall after Liturgy.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship in the Orthodox Church is holistic – it is an offering of our time, talent, and treasure made to the glory of God. However you choose to support the Annunciation Cathedral with your tithes, offerings, and services, please do so whole-heartedly, prayerfully, and generously. If you submit to Christ and pay attention to His desires; His glory will surely shine through you. Come grow with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us downstairs after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Hour and fellowship! Coffee hour this week is sponsored by Chrysanthe Kondos

DONATIONS FOR PANAGIA

We are in need of donations for flowers so that we may decorate the Icons for our Parish Feast day and for the Salutation Services. If you would like to sponsor the flowers for the Feast day of our Church or for one of the Friday services please contact Fr. Stamati.

ΑΝΘΗ ΤΗΝ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΑ

Όπως κάθε χρόνο έτσι και φέτος για τις Ακολουθίες των Χαιρετισμών αλλά και για την εορτή της εκκλησίας μας χρειαζόμαστε άνθη προκειμένου να στολίσουμε της εικόνες της Παναγίας. Εάν επιθυμείτε να συνεισφέρετε για το σκοπό αυτό, για όποια από τις Παρασκευές επιθυμείτε η και για την εορτή, θα σας παρακαλούσαμε να επικοινωνήσετε με τον π. Σταμάτιο.

CATECHISM CLASSES STARTING

Fr Stamati will be leading catechism classes for anyone interested in joining the Orthodox Church. The first class will meet *this Wednesday, February 21st at 5pm*, and the group will meet every Wednesday evening in Lent. Please contact John in the Church Office if you are interested in joining the class.

SAVE THE DATE – GREEK FEST 2018

It is time to begin planning for the Gold Coast Greek Fest! This year our Festival will take place over the weekend of *June 23-25!* Please mark the dates in your calendar and plan on volunteering to help make this year's festival an even bigger success than last! We need everyone's help to make this year a success!

SATURDAYS OF SOULS

The final Saturday of Souls this year will be February 24th. Please submit any names you would like commemorated to John in the Cathedral Office.

LENTEN FAMILY SYNAXIS RETREAT

Join other Orthodox families at St Demetrios Church in Chicago on Saturday, March 10 for a one-day Lenten Retreat titled *Transforming our Baptismal Garments into the Armor of God*. The retreat leader, Rev. Fr. Ephraim Peters, currently serves Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Chicopee, Mass., and has extensive experience assisting families and individuals in crisis. Workshops for adults, interactive sessions for children, “coffee talks” for teens, as well as child care for babies! Support for children with special needs will be available upon request. Find more information and register online at www.GOCFamilySynaxis.org or email Chicago.Family.Synaxis@gmail.com

MEMORIAL

3 years for the late Jerry Kondos

May his memory be eternal!

TODAY'S READINGS

ST PAUL'S FIRST 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.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST 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."

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

In an effort to maintain the beauty of our sanctuary, please consider offering a gift of love towards a liturgical item which will be used in the upcoming liturgical life of our Cathedral for many years to come!

- ❖ Wood-Carved Gospel Stand – \$1800
- ❖ Set of Hierarchical Ribbons (in blue) – \$300
- ❖ Set of Bishop's Liturgical Candle Holders – \$450
- ❖ 2 Antidoron Bowls with Covers – \$500 each
- ❖ 2 Holy Unction Brushes in Sterling Silver – \$160 each

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to Annunciation Cathedral! We are glad you came, and we hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the liturgy and visit with our Clergy and with members of our parish council. They will answer questions you may have and provide you with information regarding the programs we offer.