

ANNUNCIATION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Sermon: Mary's "Yes"

Orthros

Tone: One

Eothinon: Luke 1:39-49, 56 (of the Feast)

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18 (of the Feast)

Gospel: Luke 1:24-38 (of the Feast)

Epistle Reader: Karen Hood

Prophora: Jim & Joelle Bardos

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Elaine Wade April Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Bonnie Mitrosilis

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Dina Andrews, Annamarie Sylvia, Fane Zambros (IN THE FOTION FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Parish Council: Vasilios Marutsos, Philip Rausch, George Mitsanas

Altar Boys Team: Four

Next Week's Team: One

Parish Schedule for the Week March 25, 2018		
Sunday, March 25 <i>Holy Annunciation</i> <i>Greek Independence Day</i>	Orthros	9:00 AM
	Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM
	Sunday School (High School in the 2 nd floor Conference Room)	11:00 AM
	Adult Orthodox Studies (Fotion Fellowship Hall – Rm 104B)	11:00 PM
	Annunciation/Greek Independence Day Luncheon & Program	12:00 PM
	GOBL Home Game (v. St. George)	3:00 PM
Monday, March 26	Compline & Confessions	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 27	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 28	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Confessions	10:00 AM
	Bible Study & Pot-Luck (Fotion Fellowship Hall)	11:00 AM
	Parish Council Meeting	6:00 PM
	Boys Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 29	Girls Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, March 30	Pre-sanctified Liturgy & Confessions	10:00 AM
	Greek Language School	4:00 PM
	Youth Palm Tying Event	6:00 PM
Saturday, March 31 <i>Saturday of Lazarus</i>	Orthros	9:00 AM
	Divine Liturgy & Confessions	10:00 AM
	Philoptochos Tsourekia Baking	11:00 AM

Resurrection Hymn (Tone One): Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life, whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who loves mankind.

A Parish Wedding – Let's Celebrate!

Fr. Michael and Pres. Maria invite all stewards of St. Katherine to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony of Thania Mungarro to their son Gabriel on Saturday, April 21 at 3:30PM. Reception (adults only) to follow at the church. RSVP before March 31 online at www.thaniaandgabriel.wedding or via text at 310-697-2458.

Palm Sunday Luncheon – Next Sunday – be sure to RSVP as prices will go up after TODAY (March 25):

Palm Sunday is just around the corner (April 1). Reserve your seats soon for this beloved event. Fish Plaki(\$20) or pasta(\$10) meals will be served. Turn in your paid reservations as soon as possible.

Fresh-baked tsourekia for your Pascha table – Pre order today for only \$10/loaf:

Order your lovingly baked traditional Easter bread today at Philoptochos' table (outside the FFH) or by phone through Tuesday, March 27, by calling 310-371-2339 or 310-483-3591. Make checks out to St. Katherine Philoptochos: memo: "Tsourekia". Loaves will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday.

Philoptochos is asking for dedicated experienced bakers to help bake tsourekia – Saturday, March 31, 11AM:

Many hands make for light work. Join us after liturgy and help us produce these delicious and famous loaves.

Book your Lenten confession without delay – Just a few openings are left:

Fr. Michael will hear confessions by appointment only. To book your appointment please call the church office.

Fasting... YES! Fainting... NO!! Let our Physicians Ministry help protect you from the rigors of the Fast:

Our Saint Katherine's Physicians Ministry has prepared a very helpful pamphlet on safe fasting practices. Please visit the brochure rack and avail yourself to the great information presented in this "safe fasting" publication.

Adult Religious Education – Join Demetrios Wilson in the Fotion Hall and learn about your Orthodox Faith:

All are welcome to attend the Adult Catechism/Orthodox Theology class during Sunday School hour, especially those preparing for baptism/chrisation. Bible Study (+ bonus vegan potluck) will be on Wednesdays after Presanctified.

GOYA Night & the art of tying Palm Crosses – Friday, March 31 at 6PM:

Adults are invited to join our Sr. & Jr. GOYAns as they gather to prepare Palm Crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday. We will enjoy fellowship and a Lenten meal and then we will help our young people make Palm Crosses.

Myrrh Bearers needed for Holy Week:

The Holy Order of the Myrrh Bearers is a Youth Ministry Program of St. Katherine, open to all girls in the Sunday School Program (grades 3-12.) This is a great opportunity to be an important part of the Holy Week services and to serve our Lord. Interested young ladies are invited to call Deborah Korakis, 310-530-7394 or Zoi White, 310-541-2561 or contact them directly on Sunday after the Divine Liturgy to sign up for specific Holy Week Services.

GOBL At Home Game TODAY – Stick around after the luncheon and cheer our teams to victory!

We wish our basketball teams the best of luck as they compete against the teams from St. George!. **GO TEAMS!!**

Annual St. Anthony GOYA Volleyball Tournament – Saturday, May12 (9:30AM-5:30PM) – Join us for FUN!!

We hope to field teams across 3 divisions (Jr:12-13yrs., Intermediate:14-16, Sr:17-19). \$25 reg. fee includes awards dinner dance. Team practices set for Sundays 4/15, 4/22 & 5/06 (12:30-1:30pm at Alta Vista Park) and the evening of Fri. 4/27 at church. Contact Archer Deferios: deferiosfamily@mac.com or Aidan Murphy: marie.murphy@mac.com.

St. Katherine Foundation 2018 Scholarship packets still available in the church office:

Please give yourself enough time to meet the **April 11** deadline (**5PM sharp!**) Awards ceremony will be on May 20.

“Kenosis: A Wondrous Ecumenical Arts Happening” – Save the date, Saturday, April 14 (5-10PM):

Celebrate Bright Week with twenty invited artists and musicians who will share their works inspired by the Akathyst Hymn of Thanksgiving, some from our own St. Katherine parish. Please join us on Saturday, April 14 from 5PM-10PM at “LOFT 2” (2nd Floor Gallery and Studios - 401 S. Mesa, San Pedro).

The Information Station: Tidbits of news and info about local events and other items of interest.

- **St. Sophia's Annual Greek Easter Picnic (Apr. 8–1-7pm):** Celebrate Pascha and meet up with so many of your old friends. Join us at Brookside Park in Pasadena (adjacent to Rose Bowl). Free parking. Enjoy fabulous food & desserts, live Greek music, dancing & activities for the kids. Adults \$10, children 16 & under free.
- **Summer Odyssey in Greece – Student Travel Program:** June 24 to July 9, headed by Dr. Jim Dimitriou and the Hellenic American University. For info visit www.magellaningreece.com or contact Dr. Jim at jfdplato@aol.com.
- **St. Sophia Debutante Ball:** To be held at the Beverly Wilshire on January 20, 2019. Interested young ladies are invited to a meeting at St. Sophia, May 20 (12:30pm). For more info call Georgia Kezios at 562-822-2229.