

**March 25, 2018**

**THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOST-HOLY  
THEOTOKOS**

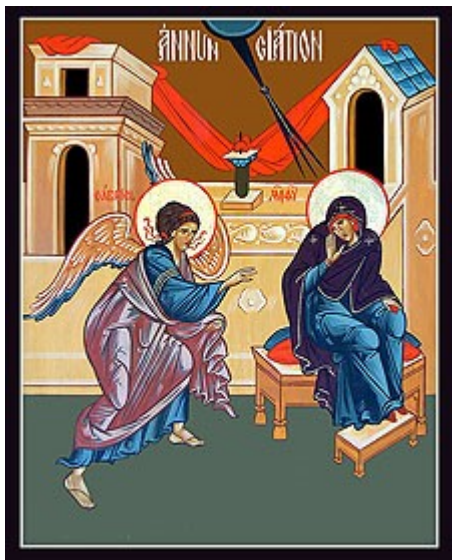
The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. There is a painting of the Annunciation in the catacomb of Priscilla in Rome dating from the second century. The Council of Toledo in 656 mentions the Feast, and the Council in Trullo in 692 says that the Annunciation was celebrated during Great Lent.

The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as “good tidings.” This, of course, refers to the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (1:26-38). The troparion describes this as the “beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery,” for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man.

There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God’s promise to send a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15): “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel.” The Fathers of the Church understand “her seed” to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, which they saw dimly, but the Archangel Gabriel now proclaims that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

*Read the rest, continued at ...*

*Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/03/25/100884-the-annunciation-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-theotokos-and-ever-vi>*



**Please plan to make your Confession before Holy Thursday!**

**The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)**



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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

**ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

**Tone 1 - Eothion 9**

**Matins Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 1:24-38**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 -** 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 Saviour, 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 OF THE ANNUNCIATION - Tone 4 -** 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.

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy, 9:45 am  
Chrismation of Gabe Quinodoz  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am  
Lenten Vespers, 4 pm @ Holy Assumption in Philly, or  
Assumption UOC in Northampton

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	<b>This Week:</b>	<b>Next Week (Apr 1):</b>
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Mary Lynne / Justin	Kristi M.
<b>EPISTLE READER:</b>	Jack Morrash	Brian Fitzgerald
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Ken Hedrick	Bushellis
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Justin & Kate G.	Steve & Carolyn K.
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Hyatt Family	Chris & Natalia
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	All "Mary's"	Shaheen/Horoshak/Cardell/Habib

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED!** Many upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?

**YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautification  
of our church during this holy season. Thank you!**

### Mark Your Calendar:

Ascension  
Thursday, May 17

Pentecost  
Sunday, May 27

Blood Drive  
Wednesday, May 30, 2-7pm

Apostles Fast  
June 4-29

Parish Life Conference  
June 27 - July 1

International Food Festival  
September 21-22

**SAINT PHILIP'S** is a place of prayer and repentance and a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are new to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

## Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)*

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

### This Week:      **Great Fast Continues ...**

- Monday, Mar 26:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Great Compline, 7 p.m.
- Tues, Mar 27:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.
- Wed, Mar 28:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Confession, 6:30 p.m. & Presanctified Liturgy, 7 p.m.
- Thurs, Mar 29:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Philokalia Reading Group, 12:30
- Friday, Mar 30:** Presanctified Liturgy, 10 am  
Compline & Lazarus Canon, 6 pm
- Sat, Mar 31:** *Lazarus Saturday*  
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.  
VESPERS & Artoklasia, 6 p.m.  
Confession 7 pm  
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 pm
- Sunday, Apr 1:** *Palm Sunday*  
MATINS 8:45 a.m.,  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School &  
Teens, 11:45 am  
Bridegroom Matins, 7 p.m.

Pray For:	
Living	Departed
Vladimir R Valentine James E Christine S Angela G Mary K R Maxime Michael I Steven Carolyn-Anna John D Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Elizabeth D Gloria	Constantine John N. Nicholas
Mat. Linda D Mark L Robert C Kristen C Stephanie Helen R Herman E Nicholas A Zafer Ethiopia, Syria & unstable lands	<u>St. Nina's List</u> Catechumens  Couples prepar- ing for marriage  Corrine Faith Mary Michael

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Baby Care Items.

**WISDOM FROM FATHER B.:** The Church is the Arena.

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Mar 17: 60    Divine Services on Mar 18: 203  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$459. Collections, \$844. Youth, \$3. Flowers, \$145. Camping Fund, \$425. Burial Ministry, \$200. Women's Fund, \$60. Stewardship, \$6,284.50. Total received: \$9,514.  
**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**