



**On Sunday, December 9, 2018 we commemorate:
10th Sunday of Luke**

**The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos
Hannah the Righteous, mother of Samuel the Prophet
Narses the Martyr of Persia**



Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Εὐφραინέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἁγίας

Σήμερον τῆς ἀτεκνίας δεσμὰ διαλύονται· τοῦ Ἰωακείμ γὰρ καὶ τῆς Ἄννης εἰσακούων Θεός, παρ' ἐλπίδα τεκεῖν αὐτοὺς σαφῶς, ὑπισχνεῖται θεόπαιδα, ἐξ ἧς αὐτός ἐτέχθη ὁ ἀπερίγραπτος, βροτὸς γεγονώς, δι' Ἀγγέλου κελεύσας βοῆσαι αὐτῇ. Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Troparion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αιχμαλώτων ελευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν υπερασπιστῆς, ασθενοῦντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Ἐορτάζει σήμερον, ἡ οἰκουμένη, τὴν τῆς Ἄννης σύλληψιν, γεγενημένην ἐν Θεῷ· καὶ γὰρ αὐτὴ ἀπεκύησε, τὴν ὑπὲρ λόγον, τὸν Λόγον κυήσασαν.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

For the Woman Saint

Today the bonds of childlessness are broken. For hearing the prayers of Joachim and Anne, God promised that against all hope they would give birth to the Maiden of God. He, the uncircumscribed, would be born of her, when He would become man, and by the Angel's example, He commands us to call to her: "Rejoice, Maiden full of the grace, the Lord is with you."

Troparion of St. George

Liberator of captives, defender of the Poor, physician of the sick, and champion Of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion

On this day the whole wide world is celebrating that Saint Anne conceived a child, which was a miracle of God. And she gave birth to the one who bore the divine Logos, in ways passing speech and thought.



The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."



The Gospel according to Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Orthros: 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM
Parish Office closed on Friday**

Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, December 9, 2018 Team B Alexandra Casey, Brian Goodale, Scott Morlock

Sunday, December 16, 2018 Team C Lucy Brady, Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, Athena Pagnotti

December Events

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Memorial for Kostadina Haridimos

Thursday, December 13, 2018

**12:00 PM Senior Fellowship Christmas Party Luncheon
Bellevue Cafe**

Sunday, December 16, 2018

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Prep

**12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve – Sponsored by Ifigenia Brown
in Memory of Paul Brown**

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 24, 2018

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Merry Christmas – Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 30, 2018

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

January Events

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Happy New Year – Parish Office Closed

Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 20, 2019

9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy