

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul Letter to the Colossians Chapter 2, Verses 8-12: BRETHREN, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 4-7

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 2, Verses 20-21, 40-52: At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 2 ἐδάφ. 1-12

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** We extend our heartfelt wishes for a blessed New Year to you and your loved ones today. May the peace, joy, and love of the Lord be with you all in 2023. Καλή Χρονιά!

**ELPIDA PARENTS MEETING:** We will hold a parents' meeting next Sunday, January 8 with Director **Mia Fanourgiakis**. We encourage all of our current and perspective parents to attend!

**VASILOPITA BRUNCH:** Please join us Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> for our Vasilopita Brunch following Divine Liturgy. We will cut the Vasilopita for all of our ministries to begin the New Year!

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES:** We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at <https://agkozak.com/intro> to learn more.

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**PAVER PROJECT UPDATE:** It is time to get more pavers inscribed in our courtyard! Join our "Adopt a Paver" program. To learn more, pick up a brochure at the *pangari*, call **Jim Vorrises**, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or email at [jim.vorrises@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.vorrises@annunciation.org)

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST:** (Mode 1) Μορφὴν ἀναλλοιώτως ἀνθρωπίνην προσέλαβες, Θεός ὢν κατ' οὐσίαν, πολνεύσπλαγχνε Κύριε, καὶ Νόμον εκπληρών, περικομήν, θελήσει καταδέχη σαρκικὴν, ὅπως παύσης τὰ σκιώδη, καὶ περιέλης τὸ κάλυμμα τῶν παθῶν ἡμῶν, Δόξα τῇ ἀγαθότητι τῇ σῇ, δόξα τῇ εὐσπλαγχνία σου, δόξα τῇ ἀνεκφράστῳ Λόγε συγκαταβάσει σου.

Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly receivest circumcision in the flesh, that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away the veil of our sinful passions. Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. Glory be to Thy compassion. Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension



*“The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified.”*