

Welcome Guests!

Annunciation is a parish in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and is under the guidance of Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver. As an Orthodox Christian community of believers, our vision is to experience a foretaste of God's Kingdom in this world and eternal life in His Kingdom to come. We hope you will stay for fellowship after worship as we look forward to getting to know you.

Communion in the Orthodox Christian Church

The Tradition of the Orthodox Christian Church is that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved only for members who have been Baptized and/or Chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Faith, and who are spiritually prepared to receive. We hope one day that Eastern and Western Christian Churches will reunite so that everyone who enters our Church will be able to receive Holy Communion, but until then if you are not yet an Orthodox Christian and would like to begin your journey into the Faith please speak with Fr. Dino.

We are glad you are here!

Liturgy Guide

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SUNDAY, February 5, *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

Matins (Orthros)	9:00 am
Youth Religious Education	9:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:15 am
Coffee Hour: Theodore, Gensler, & Davis Families	12:00 noon
GOYA Meeting	12:30 pm
Greek School @ St. Dionysios	1:15 pm

We invite our young families with small children to sit in the front rows which makes it easier for young children to engage in the services. The Family Room in the Narthex is for when anyone needs to occasionally step out. It is our tradition that every generation worships in the Church, together.

Please take notes/write questions from the sermon in this blank space.

The apostle Paul was imprisoned for the second time by the Romans. Before his death around 67 AD, he wrote his second letter to his disciple Timothy who was in Ephesus at that time, asking him to come speedily to see him and to bring with him Paul's coat and books. Paul encouraged Timothy to be strong in his Christian life and to use the gifts that God gave him to preach the Gospel and tell the truth.

Timothy was a son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother; his grandmother believed in Christ. Timothy became Christian when the apostle Paul went to Lystra. Timothy heard and learned from Paul, and later he joined Paul's team and became one of his disciples. In Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy, we read and feel love, kindness and warm greetings.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus shares the story of the Publican and the Pharisee to warn us of the great danger in being overly-confident of our righteousness and feeling we are better than others. Be careful -- our Lord looks at our hearts and reads our thoughts.

EPISTLE READING

ST. PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

LUKE 18: 10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Blessed be the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplications! (Psalm 28)