

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sunday, February 28, 2010

Service Schedule for the 3rd week of Lent

Presanctified Liturgy - Wednesday, March 3 - 6:00pm
Salutations to the Holy Theotokos - Friday, March 5 - 7:00pm

Sacrament of Holy Confession - Please call the church office to schedule.

Fr. Michael is in Marble Falls with the GOYA Retreat.

We welcome Fr. David Eckley today. Thank you, Fr. David for being with us today.

Philoptochos

2010 ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHARITY WALK

The annual Philoptochos Charity Walk will take place on Saturday, March 6th beginning at 10:00a.m. at the walking bridge under Mopac at Lady Bird Lake (NORTH SIDE - across from AustinHigh School Parking Lot.

All monies donated to this year's Charity Walk will help Philoptochos support 3 charities -
Hospice and Mobile Loaves and Fishes (locally)
and the Philoptochos Charity Drive (nationally).

Whether you choose to walk or support a walker, your charitable contribution is tax deductible.
All parishioners, babies, bikes, neighbors, friends and pets are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Please sign up this coming Sunday during Coffee Hour.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, Phyllis, Kathryn, Panayioti, Anna, Margaret, Sami, Abraham, Mary, George, Susan, Muna, Matthew, Ellen, Gary, Katina, Nelda, Nick, Elaine, Fotini, Gerasimos, Malone and family, Tracy, Richard, Lilly, Kimberly, Dion, Jamil, Dimitrios, Lisa

Women's Bible Study

G.O.L.F. will meet this Wednesday, March 3rd at 9:30am.

Greek School

Tuesday evening at 6:45pm.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Orthmann, Ousaklidis, Papadatos, Papanikolaou, Pavlos

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Nikas, Nolan, Norman, O'Brien, Nicolaou
Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Petropoulos, Phillips, Phocas, Phoumivong, Pon

Thank you to today's ushers: Brandon Suehs and Sami Yagnam
Next week's usher will be: Sophia Khan and Sami Yagnam

**THE 2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
ORTHROS 8:45 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

Reverend Fr. Michael Lambakis, Proistamenos

FEBRUARY 28, 2010
SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS 1: 10-14, 2: 1-3

GOSPEL - MARK 2: 1-12

And, “Thou, O Lord, in the beginning founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands. “They shall perish, but Thou remainest; and they shall all become old as an outer garment, “and as a covering Thou shalt roll them up, and they shall be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.” But to which of the angels hath He said at any time, “Sit Thou on My right, until I should place Thine enemies as a footstool of Thy feet”? They are all ministering spirits being sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are about to inherit salvation, are they not? On this account, it is necessary for us to give heed more abundantly to the things which were heard, lest ever we should slip away. For if the word spoken by angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which received a beginning to be spoken of by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard,

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Hymn (*First Plagal Tone*) (p.20-21 in Hymnal)

“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.”

Hymn for St. Gregory of Palamas

“Light of Orthodoxy, pillar and teacher of the Church, adornment of monastics, invincible champion of theologians, O Gregory thou wonderworker, boast of Thessalonica, herald of grace: ever pray the our souls be saved”

Hymn for Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

“Metemorphosis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dixas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos I dynando Lampson ke imin tis amarto lis to fos Sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotokou Fotodoto doxa Si.”

“When O Christ our God Thou wast Transfigured on the mountain Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”

Kontakion for the 1st Sunday of Great Lent

“O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.”

“Ti ypermacho stratigo ta nikitiria, os litrothisa ton dinon efcharistiria, anagrafo si I polis su, Theotoke. Allos echusa to kratos aprosmachiton, ek pandion me kindynon eleftheroson, ina krazo si: Chere, nym fi anymfefte.”

Hymn in Place of Axion Estin

“All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace; the assembly of angels and the human race. You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory from whom God was incarnate and become a child our God existing before all ages. He made your womb a throne, and your body more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to you.”

Welcome

We welcome all new visitors who worshipped with us this morning. Please join us next door after service for fellowship. There is material in the entrance of the church regarding ministries and events of our church. Please fill out our Guest Book.

Receiving Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved for only baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by fasting, prayer and confession. The Orthodox Church is not in sacramental communion with any other church outside the Orthodox Christian Faith. If you would like information about the Orthodox Church and becoming an Orthodox Christian, please see Fr. Michael after services.

Please allow the Church School Teachers to receive Holy Communion first, followed by the Sunday School students so that they can get to their classes.

All others should wait until the ushers dismiss you by rows to receive Communion.