

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sunday, March 7, 2010

Service Schedule for the 4th week of Lent

Presanctified Liturgy - Wednesday, March 10 - 6:00pm

Salutations to the Holy Theotokos - Friday, March 12 - 7:00pm

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

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 sign our Guest Book.

Dance lessons!

The Austin IOCC Committee will be sponsoring a series of dance lessons to raise \$\$ for IOCC. The first group of lessons will be Greek Dancing and are scheduled to begin on April 11. Please see Liz Strong for info.

Donations for Flowers for Pascha

We are accepting donations for flowers for the decoration of the Epitaphion (Christ's Tomb) as well as for the Altar.

Philoptochos

*Thank you to all who walked in the charity walk on Saturday. The walk was to raise money for Loaves and Fishes, Hospice and other national charities. To those of you who didn't have the opportunity to sponsor anyone there is still time to make a donation for these needy causes at the Philoptochos table.

*March 13th is the date of the retreat to Holy Archangels Orthodox Monastery in Kendalia Texas. The Dallas Philoptochos of St. Barbara's is hosting this retreat. If you are interested in joining us, please see Judy Eagle at the Philoptochos table so she can make the arrangements .

*Today we are able to offer a very special opportunity to purchase some **other** scrip (gift) cards...Liz Strong has some new store possibilities! Check out the list, located on every table in the Mt. Tabor hall, of the other stores besides H E B that will offer Transfiguration discounts. When you do your regular shopping using these cards, Transfiguration will realize the financial benefit. Please purchase your cards today. **We currently have movie theatre cards on hand...just in time for Spring Break!**

*Easter will be here before you know it so please pre order your Easter breads today. They will be ready for you Easter celebration.

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 10th at 9:30am.

Greek School

Tuesday evening at 6:45pm.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Petropoulos, Phillips, Phocas, Phoumivong, Pon

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

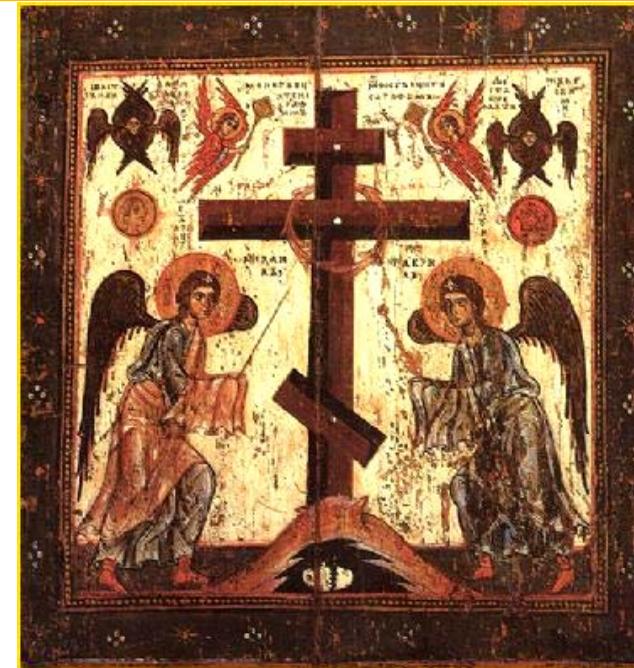
Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Poulos, Price, Qatato, Randol, Read

*Thank you to today's ushers: Sophia Khan and Sami Yagnam
Next week's usher will be: Elizabeth George and Sami Yagnam*

SUNDAY BULLETIN

MARCH 7, 2010

**THE 3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:45 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

Reverend Fr. Michael Lambakis, Proistamenos

MARCH 7, 2010
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HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS 4: 14-16; 5: 1-6

GOSPEL - MARK 8: 34-38; 9: 1

Having then a great High Priest Who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us be holding fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is not able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who hath been tempted in all respects according to our likeness, without sin. Let us therefore be coming with boldness to the throne of grace, that we might receive mercy and find grace for help in due season.

For every high priest being taken from among men is being appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins, who is able to feel in due measure with those who are ignorant and led astray, since he himself also is compassed about with weakness. And by reason of this he ought, even for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no one taketh the honor to himself, but he who is called by God, even as also Aaron. Thus also the Christ glorified not Himself to become a high priest, but the One Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." Even as He saith also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek";

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

Hymn for the Holy Cross

“Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.”

“Soson Kirie ton laon Su ke evlogison tin klironomian Su nikas tis vasilefsi kata varvaron thorumenos ke to Son filaton thia tu Stavu Su politevma.”

Resurrection Hymn (Second Plagal Tone) (p.21-22 in Hymnal)

“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body.

For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead, Lord we give glory to You.”

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 3rd 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 the Trisagios Hymn

“O Your Cross do we venerate O Lord, and do we glorify Your Holy resurrection we glorify. Ton Stavron Su proskynumen Thespoti ke tin again Su Anastasin thoxazomen.”

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.”

Special Communion Hymn of the Cross

“Upon us shines the light the light of Your countenance O Lord O Lord. Alleluia.”
“Esimiothi efimas to fos tu prosopu Su Kirie Kirie. Alleluia.”

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.