

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sunday, March 21, 2010

Service Schedule for the 6th week of Lent

Great Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation - Wednesday, March 24 - 6:00pm
Feast of the Annunciation - Thursday, March 25 - *Orthros*-8:00am; *Liturgy*-9:00am
Lazarus Saturday - March 27 - *Orthros*-8:30am; *Liturgy*-9:30am

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

Lazarus Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Palm Folding

Please join us for Liturgy at 9:30am on Saturday, March 27 - Lazarus Saturday. Immediately after the Liturgy we will have a community pancake breakfast and we will all fold the palms into crosses for Palm Sunday. Everyone is invited!

Easter Egg Hunt

It is time to begin preparing for the children's Easter Egg Hunt! We need a lot of eggs and candy! So, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies and the plastic filling-eggs. You can bring your donations to the church office.

Join us for a luncheon celebrating the Great Feast of the Annunciation and Greek Independence. The Greek School students will have a special program for us!

Greek Dancing

Greek Dancing for the students will begin on April 11 after church. For more information, please contact Cynthia Price (327-6407) for the middle/high school age group and Eleni Ackerman (340-0761) for the elementary age children.

Philoptochos

- *Easter is only 2 weeks away. We have been taking orders for the Easter breads for the past 2 weeks but time is running out. Stop by the Philoptochos table and place your order today!
- *A big thank you to the Philoptochos ladies who prepared several of the Lenten dinners on Wednesdays.
- *Last week one of our church members told us of her wonderful idea. She is renovating her kitchen and remembered Transfiguration. By buying our scrip cards to purchase her appliances at Lowes or Home Depot, Transfiguration will be making 4% of her full purchase! Garden supplies and home do-it-yourself projects can also benefit our church. Planning to take Mom out for a **Mother's Day** dinner? Many different restaurants participate in the scrip program! With just a little planning ahead of time, you can really help our church.
- *PLEASE STOP BY AND GET YOUR CARDS TODAY.

IOCC 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 from 5pm to 6pm at St. Elias Orthodox Church. We will have 4 sets of types of dance lessons including Swing, Country/Western and Salsa! The lessons will cost \$40 per set (4 lessons in each set, but you can choose which sets you would like to learn.) Please see Liz Strong for more information.

Donations for Flowers

We are accepting donations for flowers for the decoration of the Epitaphion as well as for the Altar during Holy Week and Pascha.

Thank you to today's Luncheon Sponsors: AHEPA in celebration of Greek Independence Day

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Poulos, Price, Qatato, Randol, Read
Next Week's Palm Sunday Luncheon Sponsors: The Parish Council

Thank you to today's ushers: Peter Kangos
Next week's usher will be: Nick Spiropoulos
 contact Steve Levendakes at 927-2344 if you would like to help with ushering.

SUNDAY BULLETIN
 MARCH 21, 2010

**THE 5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
 SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
 ORTHROS 8:45 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

Reverend Fr. Michael Lambakis, Proistamenos

MARCH 21, 2010
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS 9: 11 - 14

GOSPEL - MARK 10: 32 - 45

But Christ, Who came as High Priest of the coming good things, by means of the greater and more perfect tabernacle—not made by hand, that is, not of this creation, nor by blood of goats and of calves, but by His own blood—entered once for all into the holies, having Himself obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and of goats and ashes of a heifer, sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctifieth to the purity of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of the Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works in order to worship the living God?

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Hymn (Fourth Plagal Tone) (p.24 in Hymnal)

“From on high did you descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.”

Hymn for Saint Mary of Egypt

“In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou did follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou did teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passes away, but to attend the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.”

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 5th Sunday of Great Lent

“A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

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 sign our Guest Book.

Receiving Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved only for 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.

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, Malone and family, Tracy, Richard, Lilly, Kimberly, Dion, Jamil, Dimitrios, Lisa