

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, August 22, 2010**

**The assignment of our priest has been finalized!**

**Father Vasileios Flegas** will be our new Proistamenos effective September 1, 2010. Father Vasileios has most recently been serving at Assumption Cathedral in Denver, Colorado.

He is a graduate of Holy Cross School of Theology.

He is married to Presvytera Stella and they have a young daughter, Nikoletta.

Please pray for Father and Presvytera as they transition from Denver to Austin.

**Father Vasileios plans to be with us next Sunday, August 29.**

**Parish Assembly**

We will have our second general assembly for 2010 **next Sunday, August 29**, following a short coffee fellowship time. This is an important meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

**Levendia**

There will be an important meeting after church in the board room for parents whose middle/high school kids are planning on participating in the Levendia Greek Dance Troupe at Transfiguration. The next scheduled performance is October 2 at the Mediterranean Festival in Austin.

**Choir Rehearsal**

Sue Stevens is leading choir rehearsal for anyone interested in learning how to chant!

The rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 in Mt Tabor Hall. Contact Sue at [sues@lavoce.us](mailto:sues@lavoce.us) if you have any questions.

**Sunday School Teacher Meeting**

There will be a final preparation meeting for the teachers on Saturday, Sept. 11th at 9:00am. Breakfast will be provided.

**Sunday School Announcements**

We are excited to announce a new class for 3 year olds! Please register all children, from age 3 through 12th grade. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Annual Sunday School Kick-Off Roller-skating Party on the first day of classes, September 12 at 5:30pm. See you then!

**Philoptochos**

- Philoptochos is gathering our members for the 2010-2011 year. If you haven't filled out a form as yet stop by the Philoptochos nook during our pre-membership drive and get all of your information. We have lots of good things planned for this year and our first is a tea at Ellen Apostolakis' home on October 2nd. It will be a great time to meet other women who are able to help as well as to hear of our upcoming events. We will also be enjoying some terrific foods, fellowship and prizes! We need your help.
- Scrip cards are at the Philoptochos nook ready for you. Think of doing your part to help Transfiguration with renovations by purchasing these cards.

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors: George, Gianakopoulos, Gimenez, Giuseffi, Glarakis**

**Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:  
The Stamatis and Read families**

**Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Glaros, Gouris, Halter, Harris, Horwedel**

**Today's ushers are:  
Steve Levendakes and Sami Yagnam**

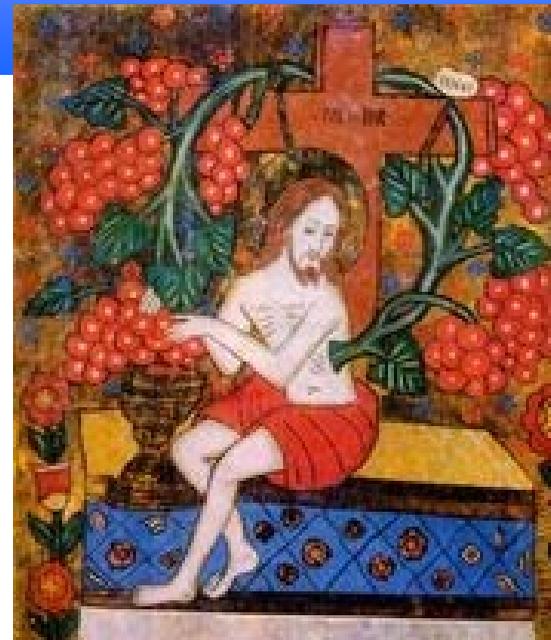
**Next week's usher will be:  
Chris Harris and Sami Yagnam**

If you would like to help with ushering, there is a sign up sheet in the Mt. Tabor hallway bulletin board or you can contact Steve Levendakes at 927-2344. Thank You!

SUNDAY BULLETIN

AUGUST 22, 2010

**13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:30AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM

*AUGUST 22, 2010 - 13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW*

We unfortunately do not have a priest to serve with us today. Therefore we will have a reader's service which includes the Orthros service followed by the prayers for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours. Thank you, Sue Stevens, for preparing this service; and to Sue, Diana, Stephen and Ken for leading us in it.

The Scripture readings below are for your benefit.

Next Sunday, our new Proistamenos, Fr. Vasileios Flegas will be with us!

*HOLY SCRIPTURE READING*

*EPISTLE – I CORINTHIANS 16: 13 - 24*

*GOSPEL – ST. MATTHEW 21: 33 - 42*

Keep on watching, standing fast in the faith, conducting yourselves in a courageous way, and being strong. Let all your things be done in love.

But, I beseech you, brethren—ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they set themselves to ministering to the saints— that ye also be submitting to such, and to everyone who is helping in the work and toiling. And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, and of Fortunatos, and of Achaikos; for that which ye lacked, these supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore be acknowledging such ones as these.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, with the church in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The greeting of me Paul with mine own hand. If anyone love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema. The Lord hath come. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

*HYMN FOR TODAY*

*Resurrection Hymn (Fourth Tone)*

*“When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”*

*Saints Commemorated on August 22nd*

**Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia, and others who suffered under Maximian**

The Martyrs Agathonicus, Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno and others accepted death for Christ during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305).

The Martyr Agathonicus was descended from the illustrious lineage of the Hypasians, and he lived at Nicomedia. Well versed in Holy Scripture, he converted many pagans to Christ, including the most eminent member of the Senate (its "princeps" or leader). Comitatus Eutolmius was sent to the Pontine (lower Black Sea) region, where he crucified the followers of the Christian Zoticus, who had refused to offer sacrifice to idols. He took Zoticus with him.

In Nicomedia, Eutolmius arrested the Martyr Agathonicus (together with the princeps), and also Theoprepus, Acindynus and Severian. After tortures, Eutolmius ordered that the martyrs be taken to Thrace for trial by the emperor.

But along the way, in the vicinity of Potama, the Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus and Acindynus were unable to proceed further behind the chariot of the governor because of wounds received during torture. Therefore, they were put to death. The Martyr Severian was put to death at Chalcedon, and the Martyr Agathonicus together with others was beheaded with the sword by order of the emperor, in Selymbria.

The relics of the Martyr Agathonicus were in a church named for him at Constantinople, and were seen in the year 1200 by the Russian pilgrim Anthony. And in the fourteenth century Philotheus, the archbishop of Selymbria, devoted an encomium to the Martyr Agathonicus.

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**Hieromartyr Athanasius the Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia and the Venerable Anthusa the Nun**

The Hieromartyr Athanasius, bishop of the Cilician city of Tarsus, who baptized the holy Nun Anthusa, was beheaded by the sword under the emperor Aurelian (270-275).

St Anthusa, a native of the city of Seleucia (in Syria), was the daughter of illustrious pagans. Learning of the teachings of Christ, she under pretense of visiting her benefactress, journeyed instead to Tarsus to St Athanasius and received Baptism from him.

Her parents were enraged at their daughter for becoming a Christian. She received monastic tonsure from St Athanasius, then settled in the desert, where she spent 33 years at ascetic deeds. She died at the end of the third century while she was praying. The Martyrs Charisimos and Neophytus, who had been baptized together with the Nun Anthusa, were her servants, and they too accepted death for Christ.

*WELCOME VISITORS!*

*We welcome all new visitors who worshipped with us this morning. Please join us next door after service for coffee and fellowship. There is material in the entrance of the church regarding ministries and events of our church. Please sign our guest book!*

*PRAYERS FOR HEALTH*

*Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, Phyllis, Katheryn, Panayioti, Anna, Margaret, Sami, Abraham, Mary, George, Susan, Matthew, Ellen, Gary, Katina, Nelda, Nick, Elaine, Fotini, Malone, Tracy, Richard, Lilly, Kimberly, Dion, Jamil, Dimitrios, Lisa, Maggie, Mindy, Joan, Nakis, Estela, Koula, Micky, Kiane, Lari, Ed, Sally, Mariana, Brian, Kaeley, Tristan, Matt*