

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, August 29, 2010

Service Schedule

Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year - Wednesday, Sept. 1
Orthros - 8:00am; Liturgy - 9:00am

Welcome, Fr. Vasileios, Presvytera Stella and Nikoletta!
We are so blessed to have you here!

Parish Assembly

Please attend our 2nd Parish Assembly for 2010 which will begin after a short coffee hour.
 This is a very important meeting!

Parish Beautification Workdays!

We need your help to beautify and prepare our Parish for our 25th anniversary!
 There will be tasks for young and old alike. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
High-schoolers: This is a great opportunity to fulfill those community service hours required for this year!
Please mark these dates on your calendar: September 11th 9 A.M. and September 25th 9 A.M.
 Sign up on the signup sheet in Mt. Tabor Hall or by emailing Brandon at bsuehs@mail.utexas.edu

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.
Classes begin on Sept. 12th!
 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: Glaros, Gouris, Halter, Harris, Horwedel

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
George, Gianakopoulos, Gimenez, Giuseffi, Glarakis

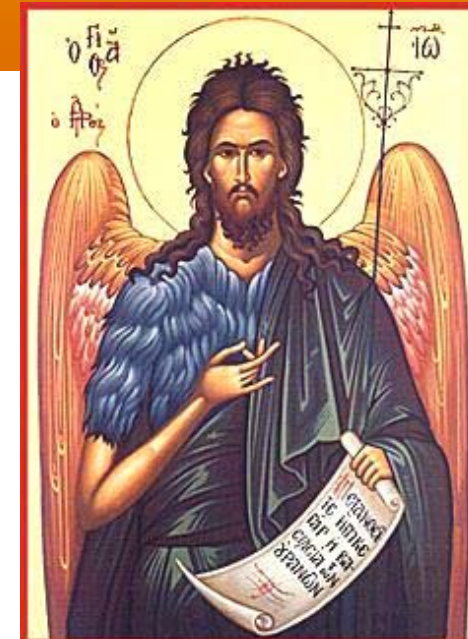
Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Jernigan, Jerome, Jones, Justice, Kalpaxis

Today's ushers are:
Chris Harris and Sami Yagnam

Next week's usher will be:
Nick Spiropoulos 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!

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
 ORTHROS 8:30AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM

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HOLY SCRIPTURE READING

EPISTLE – ACTS 13: 25-33

GOSPEL – ST. MARK 6: 14-30

“And as John was fulfilling his course, he kept on saying, ‘Whom do ye suppose me to be? I am not He. But behold, He cometh after me, of Whom I am not worthy to loose the sandal of His feet.’ “Men, brethren, sons of the race of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation was sent forth. “For they who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew not this One and the voices of the prophets who are read on every Sabbath, they fulfilled them, having condemned Him. “And though they did not find even one charge of death in Him, they themselves demanded that Pilate put Him to death. “And when they fulfilled all the things that were written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a sepulcher. “But God raised Him from the dead; “and He appeared for many days to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. “And we announce to you the good tidings—the promise which was made to the fathers. “For God hath fulfilled this for us their children, having raised up Jesus. As it also hath been written in the psalm, the second one: ‘Thou art My Son, today have I begotten Thee.’

At that time, King Herod heard that Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Resurrection Hymn (1st Plagal Tone)

“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 Prophet and Forerunner and Baptist John

“The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou has proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou did rejoice to appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.”

Hymn for Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

“Metemorforthis 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. By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”

Kontakion

“Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by the holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.”

Communion Hymn for St. John the Forerunner

“In everlasting remembrance may the Righteous be.”

Memory Eternal

The 40 Day Memorial Service this morning is for Noor Yagnam, Sami Yagnam’s granddaughter.

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 Father Vasileios after services.

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, Jeff