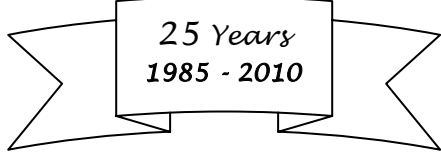


Silver Jubilee Ball*Saturday, November 6th at the Hyatt Regency Austin*


25 Years
1985 - 2010

Please make sure that you turn in your money for any tickets or ads that you have purchased. Stop by the Jubilee table in the hall foyer to see any of the committee ladies about this...or about buying a ticket. We still have space available! You can also see about bidding on one of the silent auction items!

Philoptochos News

- Along with the Council and our fellow parishioners, the Philoptochos women were able to create a wonderful reception for Fr. Vasileios, Presvytera Stella and Nikoletta. Thank you to all who were able to set up the tables, decorated the hall so beautifully, who put everything back in its place ready for Sunday! ...and of course, thank you to the cooks who created such delicious meals, and still had the energy to do some wonderful Greek dancing. Everything was perfect! We are so blessed to have Father Vasileios and his family!
- The bookstore will have lots of new items any day now. Please stop by and see what gifts you can buy. Browse around and get some ideas for Christmas.
- The scrip cards are available for purchase. Before you leave the coffee hour today, stop by and pick up your cards for the week. We have HEB, Home Depot, Starbucks, movie theatres, restaurants and others. Stop and see!
- We are still gathering the vendors for the Bazaar. We also need help with advertising and the kitchen. Please come by the table to see what you can do to help out.....November 20th will be here soon!
- Effie Ambrose is collecting names for this year's Transfiguration Christmas cards. Register for this at our table.

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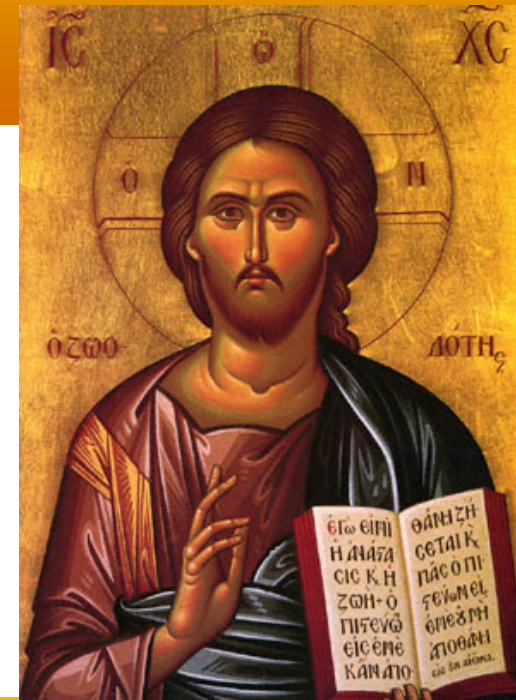
All college students are invited to join us for our OCF FALL RETREAT to be held on November 5th - 7th. The cost is \$45 per student and will be held at the John Knox Ranch in Fischer, TX. The theme for the weekend is: "Our God is the God of the Impossible!"

You can get a form at:
<https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B61cuVkJKeOF9ZmIxNWZyYUUtMmFkNy00YzA3LWVzZmUtMzNmMjlyOWRiOTky&hl=en>

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Make checks payable to St. Elias Church and mail your form to
St. Elias (408 E. 11th St., Austin, 78701) attention Andrea Gaspar.

Questions? contact Andrea Gaspar- 713-962-4641 or by email - agaspar.amg@gmail.com

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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EPISTLE - EPHESIANS 2: 4 - 10

Brethren, God Who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in transgressions, made us alive together with the Christ—by grace have ye been saved—and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, that He might show forth Himself in the ages which are coming the surpassing wealth of His grace in kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; the gift is of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His work, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, in order that we should walk in them.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 31, 2010

General Assembly

Our General Assembly is today following a brief coffee hour. Please plan to stay for this very important meeting! One of the items on the agenda is to approve of the slate of candidates for next year's Parish Council.

Thank you to the OCF and our GOYans for the very special and fun HOLY HOUSE event yesterday evening.

Youth Choir Practice

Our Nativity Pageant will be on December 12th at 5:00pm. The children will practice next Sunday, November 7th immediately following Sunday School. If you have any questions, please contact Lainie Horwedel at mymmommysings@gmail.com.

GOYA Basketball Practices

It's that time of year again! Our "Sunday after church at O. Henry" basketball practices have begun. We should be able to start practice at 12:50 and be finished by 2:30. For November, the practices will be at this same time on Sundays. Questions? Contact Pete or Cynthia Price - colovasprice@austin.rr.com

The registration website for the 2011 GOYA Basketball Tournament is now open and can be found at: <https://www.goyahoops.net/>.

Greek School

Classes will be Tuesday evenings from 6:45pm to 8:00pm.

GOLF

The ladies are reading/discussing the book Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain, by Priestmonk Christodoulos. Next class is Tuesday, November 2, from 9:30 to 11:30. - hope to see you there!

Men's Fellowship

The men will begin a study of the book The Gurus, the Young Man and Elder Paisios. Fr. Vasileios will lead the study on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of each month. Their first meeting will be tomorrow evening (Nov. 1) in the conference room beginning at 6:30. Food will be provided. Please contact Allen Wynn for more information - awynn3816@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal

Sue Stevens is leading choir rehearsal for anyone interested in learning how to chant. The rehearsals are on Saturdays at 5:15pm before Vespers. You can contact Sue at sues@lavoce.us if you have any questions.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Papadatos, Papanikolaou, Pappas, Pavlos

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
O'Brien, Omer, Orthmann, Ousaklidis, Panoutsakos

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Petropoulos, Phocas, Phoumivong-Naresh, Pon

Today's ushers are:
Steve Levendakes and Sami Yagnam

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



The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians

Cosmas and Damian

(celebrated on November 1)

The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother St Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, St Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men.

Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for

their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Freely have you received, freely give." (Mt. 10:8). The fame of Sts Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians.

Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse.

When St Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. St Damian also died shortly afterward, and everyone wondered where St Damian's grave should be. But through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God. The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia).

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.

Two fiercesome men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, "My rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?"

They replied, "We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian," and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time the holy brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life. From ancient times, their veneration spread also to Russia.

The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17).

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GOSPEL - ST. LUKE 16: 19 - 31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον, εὐφραίνόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. Πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἠλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχόν, καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανεν δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος, καὶ ἐτάφη. Καὶ ἐν τῷ Ἄϊδῃ ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὄρα τὸν Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν, καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. Καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπεν, Πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με, καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον, ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος, καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου· ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. Εἶπεν δὲ Ἀβραάμ, Τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακὰ· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾷσαι. Καὶ ἐπὶ πάσιν τούτοις, μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνανται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. Εἶπεν δὲ, Ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρὸς μου, ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς, ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. Λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ, Ἔχουσιν Μωσέα καὶ τοὺς προφήτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ· ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. Εἶπεν δὲ αὐτῷ, Εἰ Μωσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδέ, ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ, πεισθήσονται.

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Plagal Tone)

“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre 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

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

Kontakion

“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.”

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.

Please allow the Church School children and teachers to go to Holy Communion first so they can leave for their classes. All others should wait until the ushers dismiss you by rows to receive Communion.

MEMORY ETERNAL

THE 1 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY IS FOR JAMES HICKS,
BELOVED HUSBAND OF VICKIE HICKS.

40 DAY BLESSING

This morning we celebrate the 40 Day Blessing of Camilla Nicole Lubov Crenshaw. Congratulations to her parents, Elena and Brian Crenshaw.

Welcome Back!!!

Welcome home baby Mariana and Elissa Bjeletich!
We are so glad to have you back. God grant you many years!

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 community. 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, Ibrahim, 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, Micky, Kiane, Lari, Ed, Sally, Mariana, Brian, Kaeley, Tristan, Matt, Jeff, Sophia, Konstandinos, Angela, Jennifer, Rose Marie, Elia, Bilyana, Maria, Mai Oy, Susan

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

FEAST OF STS. COSMAS AND DAMIANOS - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 -
ORTHROS 8:00AM; LITURGY 9:00AM

SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS - NOVEMBER 6 - **4:00 PM**

(NOTE THE SPECIAL TIME DUE TO OUR JUBILEE BALL)