

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued- Sunday, January 9, 2011

Philoptochos News

- **AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION**
Vasilopita and many other delicious home-made breads and other goodies are going to be auctioned on January 23rd during the coffee hour.
 Bill Colovas and Brandon Suehs will be our talented auctioneers! Plan to attend this fun event while raising money for children and St. Basil's Orphanage.
- **GREAT NEWS RIGHT OFF THE INTERNET!!!!**
TARGET will be available on scrip cards! So now you can get HEB, Starbucks, Walmart, Target, Macy's, Old Navy, Home Depot, Lowes and many other stores and restaurants.....so, what are you waiting for? Make us your stop before you shop! Purchase your scrip cards today....Transfiguration can use your help. If you want us to explain the program a little bit more, just stop by and we will be glad to help.
- Philoptochos is planning a game night! We will be having a night of fun and games. More details will follow, be we want to get an idea of how many of you can attend on February 4th at 7:00pm. Let us know if you will be able to join us.
- Within the next couple of weeks, the bookstore will be offering lots of books for the Lenten period. We will also have some beautiful new icons. Come by the bookstore and browse!
- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bake Prosfora for the Sundays and feast days in January. Your ministry is so valuable! Now let's start planning for February! Begin looking at your calendars to see what days you would like to provide the Prosfora for Liturgy. Thank you!
- Thank you to Diana Angelo, Pat Mitchell and the Khans for taking down the Christmas decorations and tree!

SAVE THE DATE...FEBRUARY 19TH!
 APOKRIA / CARNIVAL DANCE!
 DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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 last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Suehs, Suehs, Terzi, Thanos, Tindle

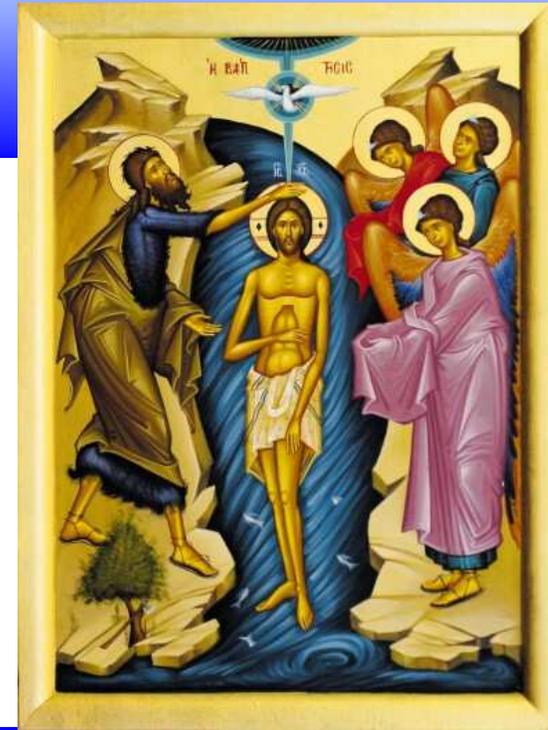
Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Tracey, Tsihlas, Willmann, Wynn, Yoder

Today's usher: Stuart Yoder

Next week's usher will be: John Chronis

SUNDAY BULLETIN
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SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

Brethren, to each of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of the Christ. Wherefore, He saith, "Having ascended on high, He led captivity captive" and "gave gifts to men." Now that He ascended, what is it except that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? The One Who descended is the same also Who ascended above all of the heavens, in order that He might fill all things. And He gave some to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some shepherds and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of ministering, to the building up of the body of the Christ, until we all might come to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ.



Ἀδελφοί, ἐνὶ ἑκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἀνέβη, τί ἐστὶν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβάς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταστήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ χριστοῦ.

GOYA LUNCHEON

The luncheon today is sponsored by our GOYAnS to help with the Basket Ball Tournament.

Many thanks to Crissi Gianakopoulos and Cynthia Price who have prepared a scrumptious spaghetti lunch with all the trimmings including salad, bread and dessert!

Please support your youth and plan to attend this luncheon with a generous heart!

Our Sympathies to:

Jim and Elizabeth George on the passing of his mother, Calliope;
and to Ken Pon on the passing of his grandmother, Mai Oy

May their memory be eternal

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Fr. Vasileios is leading the ladies in a discussion of Elder Paisius' newest book Spiritual Awakening. **Next class is Tuesday, January 11, from 9:30 to 11:30.** - hope to see you there!

THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHONERS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE A STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FOR 2011.

Your stewardship contributions are essential to meeting not only the basic operational needs of the Parish, but also to providing the support necessary for us to expand our Parish ministries and outreach. To date we have received stewardship commitments from over 90 families for a total just over \$185,000. Our stewardship goal for 2011 is \$225,000. With your help, we hope to not only meet this goal, but to exceed it. As a reminder, it is necessary to turn in a new stewardship commitment card each year in order to participate in Parish General Assemblies and to vote in Parish Council Elections.

On Jan. 23rd, we will have a 2nd Stewardship Sunday message for the new year.

If you have already made a commitment of your time, talents, and treasurers for the current year, THANK YOU! If you have not already turned in a stewardship commitment card, please prayerfully consider a commitment of your first fruits to the work of the church. Stewardship commitment cards are available in the narthex and in Mt. Tabor Hall. If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding stewardship, please do not hesitate to discuss them with Fr. Vasileios, or to contact any of your Parish Council representatives. Again, thank you for your faithful support of Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church.

Poinsettias

It is time for the lovely poinsettias to find a new, loving home.
They have been moved to the foyer of Mt. Tabor Hall.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE AS MANY AS YOU LIKE HOME WITH YOU.



Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene

Saint Polyeuctus was the first martyr in the Armenian city of Meletine. He was a soldier under the emperor Decius (249-251) and he later suffered for Christ under the emperor Valerian (253-259). The saint was friend also of Nearchos, a fellow-soldier and firm Christian, but Polyeuctus, though he led a virtuous life, remained a pagan.

When the persecution against Christians began, Nearchos said to Polyeuctus, "Friend, we shall soon be separated, for they will take me to torture, and you alas, will renounce your friendship with me." Polyeuctus told him that he had seen Christ in a dream, Who took his soiled military cloak from him and dressed him in a radiant garment. "Now," he said, "I am prepared to serve the Lord Jesus Christ."

Enflamed with zeal, St Polyeuctus went to the city square, and tore up the edict of Decius which required everyone to worship idols. A few moments later, he met a procession carrying twelve idols through the streets of the city. He dashed the idols to the ground and trampled them underfoot.

His father-in-law, the magistrate Felix, who was responsible for enforcing the imperial edict, was horrified at what St Polyeuctus had done and declared that he had to die for this. "Go, bid farewell to your wife and children," said Felix. Paulina came and tearfully entreated her husband to renounce Christ. His father-in-law Felix also wept, but St Polyeuctus remained steadfast in his resolve to suffer for Christ.

With joy he bent his head beneath the sword of the executioner and was baptized in his own blood. Soon, when the Church of Christ in the reign of St Constantine had triumphed throughout all the Roman Empire, a church was built at Meletine in honor of the holy Martyr Polyeuctus. Many miracles were worked through the intercession of St Polyeuctus. In this very church the parents of St Euthymius the Great (January 20) prayed fervently for a son. The birth of this great luminary of Orthodoxy in the year 376 occurred through the help of the holy Martyr Polyeuctus.

St Polyeuctus was also venerated by St Acacius, Bishop of Meletine (March 31), a participant in the Third Ecumenical Council, and a great proponent of Orthodoxy. In the East, and also in the West, the holy Martyr Polyeuctus is venerated as a patron saint of vows and treaty agreements.

The Polyeucte Overture of French composer Paul Dukas is only one of many pieces of classical music inspired by the saints. It premiered in January of 1892. French dramatist Pierre Corneille has also written a play, Polyeucte (1642), based on the martyr's life.

House Blessings

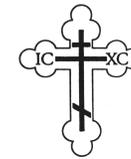
Father Vasileios will begin our house blessings beginning this week.

Call the church office to set your appointment to have your home blessed.

If you have recently had your home blessed by Father, you do not need to schedule another one.

**The Philoptochos live Auction has been moved to January 23rd!
Read the Philoptochos news on the back page for more information.**

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν. Καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καφαρναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλίμ· ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος, Γῆ Ζαβουλῶν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλίμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθημένος ἐν σκότει φῶς εἶδεν μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρῦσσειν καὶ λέγειν, Μετανοεῖτε, ἤγγικεν γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Resurrection Hymn *(4th Plagal Tone)*

*“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.*

Epiphany Hymn

*“When Thou was baptized in the Jordan O Lord the worship of the Trinity was
made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee,
calling Thee His beloved Son.
And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word.
O Christ our God, Who has appeared and has enlightened the world,
glory be to Thee.”*

Hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

*“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.”*

*“Metemorfothis en to ori, Christe o Theos,
dixas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos i dynando
Lampson ke imin tis amartolis to fos Sou to aidion,
presvies tis Theotokou Fotodota doxa Si.”*

Kontakion

*“On this day Thou has appeared unto the whole world,
and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord,
is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge:
Thou has now come, Thou has appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.”*

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!*

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 faith outside
the Orthodox Christian Church. If you are not Orthodox, you are invited with every-
one to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the end of service. 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.**

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, Susan, Xenophon, Jane, Romeo, Clara,
Dina, Costa*

MEMORY ETERNAL

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY IS FOR:
ARTHUR MITCHELL -10 YRS

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15: GREAT VESPERS - 6:00PM