

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued
Sunday, January 23, 2011

Philoptochos News

• **TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE VASILOPITA WITH DELICIOUS HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS!**

All of our bakers have worked very hard to bring these wonderful treat to us. All of this is meant to tempt you and coax you to bid with lots of enthusiasm! **This year we will have the opportunity to raise money for St. Basil's Orphanage as well as for a new scholarship for one of our graduates.**

Join the fun in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy and BID, BID, BID!!!

- STOP BEFORE YOU SHOP!.....Get your scrip cards and continue to support Transfiguration.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)

A large basket has been placed in the church hall to collect clothing and travel size toiletry donations for MLF. If you have any questions about MLF or would like to volunteer, please see John Esper. Your donations and time are greatly appreciated. *"Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me."* – Matthew 25:40

Coming in February....Godparent Sunday!

It is a tradition in many churches to celebrate godparents on or near the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. Transfiguration is going to join in that tradition this year!

On Sunday, February 6th we will have our very first Godparent Sunday.

You may have your godchildren sit with you during church and take them to receive Communion. Afterward, we will celebrate with our monthly luncheon.

Make plans to be here with your godchildren!

If you are interested in sponsoring the lunch for this Sunday, please contact Fr. Vasileios or the church office, or Pete Kangos

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:

Zachos, Zotis, Ackerman, Ambrose, Angelo

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Tracey, Tsihlas, Willmann, Wynn, Yoder

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Apostolakis, Appling, Arnold, Atkinson, Aviles

Today's usher: Shelley Ebeling

Next week's usher will be: Marko Bjeletich

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JANUARY 23, 2011

14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE
HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT OF ANCYRA



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

EPISTLE - I TIMOTHY 1: 15 -17

Timothy, my son, faithful is the saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. But for this cause I was shown mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for a pattern to those who are about to believe on Him to life everlasting. Now to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory, to the ages of the ages. Amen.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστός ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι χριστός Ἰησοῦς ἦλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἁμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι, ὧν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ· ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτω ἐνδειξῆται Ἰησοῦς χριστός τὴν πᾶσαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεῦειν ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ βασιλεῖ τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφθάρτῳ, ἀοράτῳ, μόνῳ σοφῷ θεῷ, τιμὴ καὶ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

GOSPEL - LUKE 18: 35 -43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἐγγίξειν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἰεριχῶ, τυφλός τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν· ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου, ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη τοῦτο. Ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. Καὶ ἐβόησεν, λέγων, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ Δαβὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. Καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν, Ἰὲ Δαβὶδ, ἐλέησόν με. Σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτόν, λέγων, Τί σοι θέλεις ποιῆσω; Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. Καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε. Καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψεν, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ, δοξάζων τὸν θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ θεῷ.

St Agathangelus was beheaded with the sword on November 5. The Christians of Ancyra freed St Clement from prison and took him to a cave church. There, after celebrating Liturgy, the saint announced to the faithful the impending end of the persecution and his own martyrdom. On January 23, the holy hierarch was killed by soldiers from the city, who stormed the church. The saint was beheaded as he stood before the altar and offered the Bloodless Sacrifice. Two deacons, Christopher and Chariton, were beheaded with him, but no one else was harmed.

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Today is Stewardship Sunday!

Stewardship commitment cards will be collected at the end of the Divine Liturgy, followed by an offertory prayer to the Lord, given by Fr. Vasileios. If needed, Stewardship packets are available in the back of the Narthex. Come and see God's many blessings in your life. What is your response to His gifts? In gratitude and thanksgiving, you offer your time, talents and treasure in proportion to what you have been given.

Gregory the Theologian writes, "You will never overcome God's generosity, even if you give away all that you have... And however much you bring to him, always more remains. Nor will you give anything that is your own; for all things flow from God."

Greek School

Classes meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

OCF - Orthodox Christian Fellowship

OCF will meet on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 at the Episcopal Center on the UT campus - 209 W. 27th at University Ave.

Young Adult League

The Young Adults will meet on Thursday evening, Jan.27th here at Transfiguration for a book study on *Father Arseny - Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father*. Please contact Father Vasileios (frvasileios@transfiguration) or Maria Miller (mariamiller26@yahoo.com) for more information.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Fr. Vasileios is leading the ladies in a discussion of Elder Paisius' newest book *Spiritual Awakening*. The next class is Tuesday, January 25, following the Liturgy for St. Gregory.

Men's Fellowship

The men are studying the book *Father Arseny - Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father* and will meet on Monday, January 24th at 6:30pm in the hall. The Transfiguration bookstore has copies of this book.

The Monthly Luncheons in 2011

We schedule a monthly luncheon for the second Sunday of every month. The monthly luncheons have been a longstanding and successful fundraiser for our Parish, and a great opportunity for community fellowship. This is an extremely important ministry that families provide for our church! Thank you to the Men's Fellowship Group who have volunteered to host the May luncheon! We still need families to sponsor the other 10 months of 2011! Sponsors are asked to prepare enough food for approximately 120 people; and get it set up for our parishioners to partake! People will often sponsor a lunch for their birthday, feast day, anniversary.....or as a memorial for a family member. Please look at your calendars and consider sponsoring a lunch for Transfiguration. Please contact Pete Kangos (pkangos@gmail.com / 512-565-1287) if you would like to sponsor a lunch.

Hieromartyr Clement the Bishop of Ancyra

The Hieromartyr Clement was born in the Galatian city of Ancyra in the year 258, of a pagan father and a Christian mother. He lost his father when he was an infant, and his mother when he was twelve. She predicted a martyr's death for him because of his belief in Christ.

A woman named Sophia adopted him and raised him in the fear of God. During a terrible famine in Galatia several pagans turned out their own children, not having the means to feed them. Sophia took in these unfortunates, and fed and clothed them. St Clement assisted her in this. He taught the children and prepared them for Baptism. Many of them died as martyrs for Christ.

St Clement was made a reader, and later a deacon. When he was eighteen he was ordained to the holy priesthood, and at age twenty he was consecrated Bishop of Ancyra. Soon afterwards the persecution against Christians under Diocletian (284-305) broke out.

Bishop Clement was denounced as a Christian and arrested. Dometian, the governor of Galatia, tried to make the saint worship the pagan gods, but St Clement firmly confessed his faith and valiantly withstood all the tortures.

They suspended him on a tree, and raked his body with sharp iron instruments so that his entrails could be seen. They smashed his mouth with stones, and they turned him on a wheel and burned him over a low fire. The Lord preserved His sufferer and healed his lacerated body.

Then Dometian sent the saint to Rome to the emperor Diocletian himself, with a report that Bishop Clement had been fiercely tortured, but had proven unyielding. Diocletian, seeing the martyr completely healthy, did not believe the report and subjected him to even crueler tortures, and then had him locked up in prison.

Many of the pagans, seeing the bravery of the saint and the miraculous healing of his wounds, believed in Christ. People flocked to St Clement in prison for guidance, healing and Baptism, so that the prison was literally transformed into a church. When word of this reached the emperor, many of these new Christians were executed.

Diocletian, struck by the amazing endurance of St Clement, sent him to Nicomedia to his co-emperor Maximian. On the ship, the saint was joined by his disciple Agathangelus, who had avoided being executed with the other confessors, and who now wanted to suffer and die for Christ with Bishop Clement.

The emperor Maximian in turn sent Sts Clement and Agathangelus to the governor Agrippina, who subjected them to such inhuman torments, that even the pagan on-lookers felt pity for the martyrs and they began to pelt the torturers with stones.

Having been set free, the saints healed an inhabitant of the city through the laying on of hands and they baptized and instructed people, thronging to them in multitudes. Arrested again on orders of Maximian, they were sent home to Ancyra, where the ruler Cyrenius had them tortured. Then they were sent to the city of Amasea to the proconsul Dometius, known for his great cruelty.

In Amasea, the martyrs were thrown into hot lime. They spent a whole day in it and remained unharmed. They flayed them, beat them with iron rods, set them on red-hot beds, and poured sulfur on their bodies. All this failed to harm the saints, and they were sent to Tarsus for new tortures. In the wilderness along the way St Clement had a revelation that he would suffer a total of twenty-eight years for Christ. Then having endured a multitude of tortures, the saints were locked up in prison.

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Resurrection Hymn (Second Tone)

“When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and Our God we give glory”

Hymn for the Holy Hieromartyr Clement

Thou didst blossom forth for the faithful, O most sacred Clement, as a branch of holiness, a staff of contest, a most sacred flower, and a sweet God given fruit. But as a fellow sufferer of Martyrs and a fellow prelate of hierarchs, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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 for the Presentation of Our Lord

“Thou who didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb by Thy birth and didst bless Symeon’s hands as was meet by anticipation, has even now saved us Oh Christ our God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy Commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved oh only Friend of man. “

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 everyone 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, Dean, Cindy, Philip

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25: FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN -
*ORTHROS 8:00AM; LITURGY 9:00AM***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29: GREAT VESPERS- 6:00PM

2011 MINISTRY LEADERS

Parish Council
Church Administrator
Altar Boys

Welcoming Ministry
GOLF
Men's Fellowship
YAL
OCF
GOYA

GOYA Basketball Ministry
HOPE/JOY
Mobil Loaves & Fishes
Chanters
Sunday School
Youth Choir
Philoptochos
Greek School
Greek Dance- High School
Greek Dance- Elementary
Golf Tournament
Gala Committee
Internet Ministry
Sanctuary & Iconography

Brandon Suehs (President)
Steve Levendakes
Michael Shannon, Nick Spiropoulos,
Michael Glaros
Peter Kangos
Whitney Papadatos
Allen Wynn, William Leara
Jessica Makdsi, Maria Miller
Andrea Gaspar
Pete & Cynthia Price, Beth Daskalantonakis,
Kiki Benson
Pete & Cynthia Price
Tom & Allison Gouris
John Esper
Sue Stevens
Elissa Bjeletich
Lainie Horwedel
Judy Eagle
Katerina Costuros
Cynthia Price, Kiki Benson
Eleni Ackerman
Bill Colovas
Georgia Karides, Shelley Ebeling, Sophia Khan
Mike Strong
George Gianakopoulos

Thank you to all of the leaders of the various ministries of Transfiguration!

They will be called forward today to receive a slice of Vasilopita from Fr. Vasileios.

****Thank you to Betty Colovas for baking the delicious Tsoureki for the Church service of the Vasilopita; and to everyone who baked something for our Vasilopita Auction today.****

A BIG BASKETBALL SIZED THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pete and Cynthia Price for their sacrificial dedication of time, treasure and coaching talent for our GOYA Basketball teams, which returned from the Denver Metropolitan Basketball Tournament in Oklahoma City. Our youth made us very proud with their close-knit friendship, love and example of the best of Christian behavior. They played hard and each contributed in a significant way to the success of the weekend.

We could not have achieved any success, however, without the dedication and commitment of so many parents and parishioners. In addition to Pete and Cynthia Price, we owe special gratitude to George and Crissi Gianakopoulos, Denis and Sonia Phocas, Mike and Shelley Ebeling, Katherine Koinis, Pappou Bill and Yiayia Betty Colovas, and Georgia Spiropoulos, for their commitment of time to coach, chaperone, drive to Oklahoma City and financially support this program.