

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued
Sunday, January 30, 2011

Philoptochos News

- The Vasilopita Auction held last Sunday was a fantastic event! Those in attendance witnessed a very lively and successful auction. Philoptochos called upon our bakers to provide us with vasilopitas and as usual they baked with love and passion. The goods that they brought were beautiful; each decorated as well and many coming from different countries made with different recipes. The table looked so good and delicious! Lots and lots of participants — thank you all! The auctioneers, Bill Colovas and Brandon Suehs made the bids competitive and fun. It was a blast!
- Thank you to our chairwoman, Dorothy Smith along with her committee— Ellen Apostolakis, Valli Pappas, Pat Mitchell and Liz Strong who all worked so hard to make sure that this auction was the huge success that it was.
- A special thank you to all of the children who participated in their part of the auction! They all looked like they enjoyed the event as well.
- Thank you all so much for all of your efforts and participation. This year we will be able to send St. Basil's a very good donation as well as starting a graduation scholarship program for our high school seniors. Thank you again!
- Our bookstore has some, and will soon receive more, books and cook books for Great Lent. Stop by and take a look.
- Please stop by our table and sign up for our Feb. 4th girls' night out. This will be an evening 'just for fun and laughs'!

Happy Birthday!

Presv. Ria Bithos - February 25
 Lisa Goddard-Gikas - February 25
 Christie Skevofilax - February 28

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:
Apostolakis, Appling, Arnold, Atkinson, Aviles

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Zachos, Zotis, Ackerman, Ambrose, Angelo

Next week's Godparent Sunday Luncheon will be catered. We need volunteers to help set up and clean up!

Thank you to today's usher: Allen Wynn

Next week's usher will be: Michael Glaros

SUNDAY BULLETIN
JANUARY 30, 2011

**SUNDAY OF THE
 THREE HIERARCHS**



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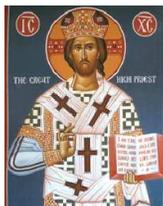
SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

JANUARY 30, 2011 - SUNDAY OF THE THREE HIERARCHS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS 13: 7 - 16

Be remembering those who lead you, who spoke to you the word of God, whose faith keep on imitating, observing attentively the end of their conduct: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and to the ages. Cease being carried about by various and strange teachings. For it is good for the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by foods, in which those walking therein were not profited. We have an altar from which those serving the tabernacle have no authority to eat; for the bodies of those animals, "whose blood is being brought into the holies for sins" by the high priest, "are being burned outside of the encampment." Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, suffered outside of the gate. Let us be going forth therefore to Him outside of the encampment, bearing His reproach; for we have no abiding city here, but we seek the coming one. Through Him, then, let us be offering up a "sacrifice of praise" continually to God, that is, "the fruit of the lips," giving thanks to His name. But cease being forgetful of doing good and of contributing; for God is well pleased with such sacrifices.



Αδελφοί, μνημονεύετε τῶν ἡγουμένων ὑμῶν, οἵτινες ἐλάλησαν ὑμῖν τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ· ὧν ἀναθεωροῦντες τὴν ἔκβασιν τῆς ἀναστροφῆς, μιμῆσθε τὴν πίστιν. Ἰησοῦς χριστὸς χθὲς καὶ σήμερον ὁ αὐτός, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Διδαχαῖς ποικίλαις καὶ ξέναις μὴ παραφέρεσθε· καλὸν γὰρ χάριτι βεβαιοῦσθαι τὴν καρδίαν, οὐ βρώμασιν, ἐν οἷς οὐκ ὠφελήθησαν οἱ περιπατήσαντες. Ἔχομεν θυσιαστήριον, ἐξ οὗ φαγεῖν οὐκ ἔχουσιν ἐξουσίαν οἱ τῆ σκηνῆ λατρεύοντες. Ὡν γὰρ εἰσφέρεται ζῶων τὸ αἷμα περὶ ἁμαρτίας εἰς τὰ ἅγια διὰ τοῦ ἀρχιερέως, τούτων τὰ σώματα κατακαίεται ἔξω τῆς παρεμβολῆς. Διὸ καὶ Ἰησοῦς, ἵνα ἁγιάσῃ διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος τὸν λαόν, ἔξω τῆς πύλης ἔπαθεν. Τοίνυν ἐξερχώμεθα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἔξω τῆς παρεμβολῆς, τὸν ὄνειδισμόν αὐτοῦ φέροντες. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ᾧδε μένουσαν πόλιν, ἀλλὰ τὴν μέλλουσαν ἐπιζητοῦμεν. Δι' αὐτοῦ οὖν ἀναφέρωμεν θυσίαν αἰνέσεως διὰ παντός τῷ θεῷ, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, καρπὸν χειλέων ὁμολογούντων τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ. Τῆς δὲ εὐποιΐας καὶ κοινωνίας μὴ ἐπιλανθάνεσθε· τοιαύταις γὰρ θυσίαις εὐαρεστεῖται ὁ θεός.

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Godparent Sunday is next week!

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.

Greek School

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

OCF - Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Join us for OCF "Hangout" on Thursday 2/3, 8:30pm for fun and games
Contact Andrea Gaspar at agaspar.amg@gmail.com

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Our next class is Tuesday, February 1 at 9:30am.

Fr. Vasileios will begin leading us in a study of the book Great Lent by Alexander Schmemmann. Please join us!

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

Greek School Apokreatiko Party/dance

Come and join us on February 26th at 5:30pm for a really fun evening!

Tickets will be \$15 for the adults, \$8 for the children/students (children under 3 are free.) There will be plenty of food and Greek music, fun and dancing! Come and celebrate before Great Lent begins! Proceeds from ticket sales go to Transfiguration.

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.



Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs:

Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom

This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

Hieromartyr Hippolytus the Pope of Rome

The Hieromartyr Hippolytus, and the Martyrs Censorinus, Sabinus, Chryse the Virgin and 20 Others suffered during the third century.

When St Hippolytus, Bishop of Rome, learned of the suffering of the martyrs, he appeared before the governor despite his advanced years and rebuked the torturers for their inhumanity. The enraged governor sentenced the holy bishop to be tortured. After long torments, they tied him hand and foot and threw him into the sea.

St Censorinus was a high-ranking magistrate during the reign of the Roman emperor Claudius II (268-270). He was arrested and thrown into prison for his faith in Christ. By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ he raised up a dead man. As a result, twenty soldiers and prison guards were converted to Christ. They were beheaded with St Censorinus. Then the virgin Chryse was brought for interrogation. She bravely confessed herself a Christian and was subjected to torture. After horrible torments, she was drowned in the sea.

Saint Sabinus, St. Chryse and 20 other Roman martyrs suffered in the year 269. The relics of the Hieromartyr Hippolytus were put in the church of the holy Martyrs Laurence and Pope Damasus at Rome. St Hippolytus was a disciple of St Irenaeus, Bishop of Lugdunum (Lyons in France), and he is also renowned as a Christian theologian who wrote many treatises against the heretics.

St Hyppolitus compiled a Paschal Canon, the famous Apostolic Tradition, "On Christ", and a "Treatise on the Antichrist." St Hippolytus also wrote many commentaries on Holy Scripture, on the Biblical Books: Genesis, Exodus, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, and on the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John, and on the Prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, on the Psalms of David and on the Apocalypse. Part of his works are preserved only in fragments. His discourses, devoted to the Theophany and the Prophet Daniel, are preserved in full. His discourses demonstrate his masterful style of preaching. He was one of the last Western Fathers to write in Greek.

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς: Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσιν λύχνον καὶ τιθέασιν αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσιν τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. Οὕτως λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσιν τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. Ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. Ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτως τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Resurrection Hymn (Third Tone)

“Let all things above in heav’n rejoice,
and let all things below on earth be glad
With all the might and strength of His arm
an eternal deed the Lord did perform
Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death,
and first born of the dead has He become
From the womb of Hades has He delivered us,
and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy”

Hymn for the Three Hierarchs

The three most great luminaries of the Three-Sun Divinity
have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true;
they are the sweetly flowing rivers of wisdom, who with godly knowledge
have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams:
The great and sacred Basil, and the theologian, wise Gregory,
together with the renowned John, the famed Chrysostom of gold en speech.
Let us all who love their divinely wise words come together,
honoring them with hymns; for ceaselessly they offer entreaty
for us to the Trinity.

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. “

Communion Hymn

“Their sound has gone forth unto all the earth
and their teachings unto the end of the world.”

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, Costa, Dean, Cindy, Philip

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

Sgt. Jennifer D. Atkinson , Staff Sgt. John Atkinson, Lt. Col. Dave Romine,
Capt. James Ismael Alfaro, Staff Sgt. Deane Anderson,
Captain William Willett, Maj. Timothy Ullman

THIS WEEK’S SERVICE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2: PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

ORTHROS 8:00AM; LITURGY 9:00AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5: GREAT VESPERS- 6:00PM