

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:
Sunday, February 13, 2011**

Special Announcement

Due to the fact that these bulletins contain icons and readings from the Holy Scriptures, we should not be throwing them away in the trash, but burning them. If you do not want to take you bulletin home with you, please place it in the designated basket that is in the Narthex. Thank you!

Sunday School Food Drive

Don't forget to bring some canned foods or dried beans or rice to help the Sunday School with their food drive. They will organize a group trip to the Capitol Area Food Bank to deliver their collections at the end of the month. The class that collects the most wins a prize!

Philoptochos News

- Happy Valentine's Day to all the beautiful women of Philoptochos.....may you be treated as well as the treasures you all are.
- This week we will have more HEB and Starbucks scrip cards. We also have Macy's, Walmart and Target cards, just to mention a few. Please stop by the Philoptochos table and continue to support our scrip card project so that we can purchase something for our kitchen. This is a wonderful way for Philoptochos to earn money without it costing us individuals anything extra. Thank you!
- On March 20th Fr. Vasileios will lead us in a "mini-retreat" following the coffee hour in Mt. Tabor Hall. Sign up at the Philoptochos table if you plan to attend.
- Please remember to bring in items for the battered women at their shelter. We will be collecting these items all during the month of February. They can use whatever you can spare!

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:

Bakiris, Bakiris, Benas, Benson, Bjeletich

Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:

Yianni and Christie Skevofilax and AHEPA

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Boudreau, Bowles, Burke, Burks, Burns

Today's usher: Brandon Suehs

Next week's usher will be: Sophia Khan

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee



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Sunday Service Schedule

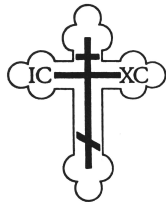
Orthros 8:45am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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Epistle - II Timothy 3: 10-15

But thou hast closely followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra—what persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all those who wish to live piously in Christ Jesus shall be persecuted. But evil men and cheats shall advance to the worse, leading astray and being led astray. But thou, keep on abiding in what thou didst learn and wast assured of, knowing from whom thou didst learn, and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings, which are able to make thee wise in regard to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.



Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

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Agape Choir

The children's choir rehearsals will begin today at noon in the fellowship hall.
This choir is for ages 2 years old through high school.
Please see Lainie Horwedel after church if you would like for your child to participate in this choir.

General Assembly

Please plan to attend our first General Assembly for 2011.
This will be held *next Sunday* beginning at 12:30. The agenda is as follows:

- 12:30– Call to order and opening prayer
- 12:35– Election of Assembly Chairperson
and appointment of Assembly Secretary
- 12:45– Approval of meeting agenda
- 12:50– Approval of the October Assembly minutes
- 1:00– Proistamenos' Report
- 1:15– President's Report
- 1:30– Committee Reports
- 2:00– Prayer and Adjournment

Men's Fellowship

The Men's group will meet on Wednesday, February 16th at 11:45 at the Olive Garden on Burnet Road. Join them for great fellowship and food!

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Fr. Vasileios is leading the ladies in a discussion of
Great Lent, a journey to Pascha
by Alexander Schmemmann.
Our **next class is Tuesday, February 15,**
from 10:00 to 12:00. - hope to see you there!

Greek School

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

OCF

The College Students will have their "Thursday Hangout" on Feb. 17th to feed the homeless.
Contact Andrea Gaspar for more information. agaspar.amg@gmail.com

Greek School Apokreatiko Party/Dance

Come and join us on February 26th at 5:30 for a really fun evening!
Tickets will be \$15 for the adults and \$8 for children and students. (Children 3 and under are free.) There will be plenty of Greek food, Greek music, fun and dancing! Come and celebrate before Great Lent begins!

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Martinianos the Righteous

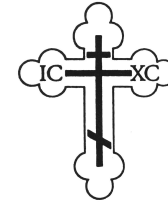


Saint Martinian, who was from Caesarea of Palestine, flourished about the beginning of the fifth century. He struggled in the wilderness from his youth. After he had passed twenty-five years in asceticism, the devil brought a temptation upon him through a harlot, who when she heard the Saint praised for his virtue, determined to try his virtue, or rather, to undo it. Coming to his cell by night as it rained, and saying she had lost her way, she begged with pitiful cries to be admitted in for the night, lest she fall prey to wild beasts. Moved with compassion, and not wishing to be guilty of her death should anything befall her, he allowed her to enter. When she began to seduce him, and the fire of desire began to burn in his heart, he kindled a fire and stepped into it, burning his body, but saving his soul from the fire of Gehenna. And she, brought to her senses by this, repented, and, following his counsel, went to Bethlehem to a certain virgin named Paula, with whom she lived in fasting and prayer; before her death, she was deemed worthy of the gift of wonder-working. Saint Martinian, when he recovered from the burning, resolved to go to some more solitary place, and took a ship to a certain island, where he struggled in solitude for a number of years. Then a young maiden who had suffered a shipwreck came ashore on his island. Not wishing to fall into temptation again, he departed, and passed his remaining time as a wanderer, coming to the end of his life in Athens.

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Gospel - St. Luke 18: 10 - 14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν προσεύξασθαι· ὁ εἰς Φαρισαῖος, καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. Ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήχητο, Ὁ θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης. Νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. Καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἑστῶς οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπτεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ, λέγων, Ὁ θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. Λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

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 St. Martinianos

*Thou didst quench the flame of temptation with the streams of thy tears,
O blessed Martinian;
and having checked the waves of the sea and the attacks
of wild beasts, thou didst cry out:
Most glorious art Thou, O Almighty One,
Who hast saved me from fire and tempest.*

Hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

*“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.”*

*“Metemorphosis 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

*“Let us flee the Pharisee’s conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican’s
humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly
reconciled, be gracious unto us.”*

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 church out-
side the Orthodox Christian Faith. 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 Ortho-
dox 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, Cindy, Philip, Trey, Barbara, Stella*

Prayers for those in our Armed Forces:

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

This Week’s Service Schedule

Saturday, February 5: Great Vespers- 6:00pm

**There is a mistake in the February calendar; there will not be a Paraklesis
service on Wednesday, Feb. 16th because Fr. Vasileios will be at the**