

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:
Sunday, February 20, 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!

**The date of our General Assembly has been moved.
It will now be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 12:30**

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

- *From now until the end of February, we will be collecting clothes and accessories for the Battered Women's Shelter. Please drop your items off to the Philoptochos table. Let's help these women get through some hard times.*
- *We have seen a steady increase in our scrip card sales for the past month. Thank you all so much for remembering to buy them! We have such a great opportunity to get our kitchen appliances without any 'out of pocket' cost to us. If we continue to purchase scrip cards for their face value, we can easily achieve our goals! Please stop by the table and pick up some HEB, Starbucks, Macys, Target, Wal-Mart or Home Depot cards. Don't forget, you can go online to www.shopwithscrip.com to see all of the many stores, movie theaters and restaurants that participate in this program. If you see a store that you are planning to visit in the near future, just let us know and we can order whatever you need. It just takes one week for the cards to arrive.....order this Sunday and have it by next!*
- *On March 20th, after the coffee hour, Fr. Vasileios will lead us in a "Mini-Retreat". This gathering should prove to be very inspirational! We have a sign-up sheet at the Philoptochos table so that we can get an idea of who will be able to attend.*
- *Our bookstore is open and ready for sales. We have new books and items in and some more on order which will be in shortly, so stop by and check it out!*

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Boudreau, Bowles, Burke, Burks

**Thank you to last week's
Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

Bakiris, Bakiris, Benas, Benson, Bjeletich

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Chronis, Clay, Collins, Colovas, Costuros

*Thank you to today's usher:
Sophia Khan*

*Next week's usher will be:
Elizabeth George*

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***Sunday of
the Prodigal Son***



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Sunday Service Schedule

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

February 20, 2011 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Epistle - I Corinthians 6: 12 - 20

Brethren, all things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful to me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God shall bring to nought both this and these. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord, and will raise up us by His own power. Ye know that your bodies are members of Christ, do ye not? Having taken up then the members of Christ, shall I make them members of a harlot? May it not be! Or know ye not that he that is joined to the harlot is one body? For, "The two," saith He, "shall be into one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Keep on fleeing fornication. Every sin whatsoever a man might do is outside the body, but he who committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, Whom ye have from God, and ye are not your own? For ye were bought with a price; glorify then God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Gospel - St. Luke 15: 11 - 32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never

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"Being Married: Becoming Holy"

As a great mystery of the Church, being married becomes a dynamic for personal growth, and a process whereby insight about obedience, humility, and repentance can be gained. "Being Married: Becoming Holy" will be offered as a preparation for the personal journey through the Great Fast to Pascha on these three Wednesday evenings:

February 23rd, March 2nd and March 9th.

As Orthodox persons, whether married, aspiring to marriage or single, we all need the opportunity to stand before a mystery of the Church. We can then let the mystery speak its truth to us. We who have set out on the way to salvation frequently need to renew our understanding of what is asked of us as believers in Christ. By presenting ourselves the process that affords us humility and meekness, becomes a means of hopeful living and our becoming who we are meant to be. It is in the Church, our living experience where we are awakened, illumined and perfected and we are to "be in the world and not of it." We seek to manifest in our lives the Kingdom of God, here and now, in this place at this time.

Come and join us immediately following the 6:00pm *Paraklesis* for a potluck meal and the journey in this discovery, led by Fr. David and Presv. Vasiliki Eckley beginning this Wednesday, February 23rd

Greek School

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

OCF

OCF will meet on Tuesday, 2/22 at the UT Episcopal Center
Contact Andrea Gaspar for more information. agaspar.amg@gmail.com

YAL

YAL meets every other Thursday, with events to be announced. The group is still currently reading and discussing Fr. Arseny: Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father. but we hope to include some more social and outreach events as well. Our next meeting will be at Transfiguration this Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6:30pm.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Fr. Vasileios is leading the ladies in a discussion of Great Lent, Journey to Pascha by Alexander Schmemmann.

The meeting date for our next class will be on Monday, February 21 at 9:30am

Hope to see you there!

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! Proceeds for ticket sales go to Transfiguration.



St. Leo, Bishop of Catania

Saint Leo was bishop of the city of Catania, in Sicily. He was famed for his benevolence and charity, and his Christian love for the poor and the vagrant. The Lord granted him the gifts of healing various illnesses, and working miracles.

When St Leo was Bishop of Catania, there was a certain sorcerer named Heliodorus, who impressed people with his fake miracles. This fellow was originally a Christian, but then he rejected Christ and became a servant of the devil.

St Leo often urged Heliodorus to repent of his wicked deeds and return to God, but in vain. Once, Heliodorus impudently entered the church where the bishop was serving, and tried to create a disturbance, sowing confusion and temptation by his sorcery.

Seeing the people beset by devils under the sorcerer's spell, St Leo realized that the time for gentle persuasion had passed. He calmly emerged from the altar and, tying his omophorion around the magician's neck, he led him out of the church into the city square. There he forced Heliodorus to admit to all his wicked deeds. He commanded that a fire be lit, and jumped into the fire with the sorcerer. Thus they stood in the fire until Heliodorus got burnt. St Leo, by the power of God, remained unharmed. This miracle brought St Leo great renown during his lifetime.

When he died, a woman with an issue of blood received healing at his grave. The body of the saint was placed in a church of the holy Martyr Lucy (December 13), which he himself had built. Later on, his relics were transferred into the church of St Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours.

disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχεν δύο υἱούς· καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρὶ, Πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. Καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. Καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισεν τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ, ζῶν ἀσώτως. Δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα, ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. Καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης· καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. Καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. Εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπεν, Πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι· ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου, καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ, Πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου· καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποίησόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. Καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. Ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος, εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ, καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. Εἶπεν δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός, Πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου. Εἶπεν δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ, Ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας· καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν· ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν, καὶ ἀνέζησεν· καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν, καὶ εὗρέθη. Καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισεν τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσεν συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν. Καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παιδίων, ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι Ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει· καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. Ὁργίσθη δέ, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν· ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. Ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν τῷ πατρὶ, Ἰδοὺ, τσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι, καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον, ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ. Ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱὸς σου οὗτος ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν. Εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει· ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν, καὶ ἀνέζησεν· καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν, καὶ εὗρέθη.

Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish March 6th, 2011, 12:30 PM These are the items scheduled for the Assembly agenda:

- Opening Prayer
- Election of Assembly Chairperson
- Appointment of Assembly Secretary
- Approval of meeting agenda
- Approval of minutes from October 2010 General Assembly
- Proistamenos' Report
- President's Report:
 - 2010 Year in Review
 - 2011 Planning Session
 - Iconography Proposal—Phase II (Pantokrator)
- Treasurer's Report
- Stewardship Report
- Ministry Reports
- New Business
- Prayer and Adjournment

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 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 for the Prodigal Son

“Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory,
and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou did give me.
With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now:
I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father.
But receive me in repentance;
make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.”

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 outside 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 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, Cindy, Philip, Trey, Barbara, Stella, Evangia

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

Wednesday, February 23, **Paraklesis**- 6:00pm
Saturday, February 26- **Saturday of Souls**- Orthros 9:00am; Liturgy 10:am
Saturday, February 26: **Great Vespers**- 5:00pm