

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:
Sunday, February 27, 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!

Thank You!

A *big* thank you to Marko Bjeletich, Katerina Costuros, Christina Glarakis and all of the Greek School Teachers and all volunteers who helped in the production of the wonderful Apokreatiko!

This was a wonderful way to usher in the Lenten season, and to have fun together as a community!

Philoptochos News

- Spring break is only a couple of weeks away. Plans have probably been made for lots of good times to be had by all. Now is also the time to get your scrip cards for your shopping spree needs.....Macy's, Old Navy, Target, Wal-Mart...all you have to do is tell us what you want and in 1 week you will have your scrip cards for your shopping pleasure (and Transfiguration's as well). And don't forget those movie cards for your kids!
- Check out the book store. We have new items to help us during this Lenten period. We will be continuing to receive lots of books and other things so keep dropping by to see what has arrived. We are planning on adding several new sections for your Orthodox shopping needs, so come and see what's new.
- Philoptochos will be electing new officers for our up-coming year. If you would like to become involved with our wonderful group of women please come to the Philoptochos table and talk to us. We would love to have you and your talents.
- Save the dateMarch 20th, following coffee hour. Father Vasileios will be leading us in a mini retreat. Details will follow.

Happy Birthday to:

- * Argiro Justice—Mar. 17th
- * Dorothy Smith—Mar. 17th
- * Christa Tracey—Mar. 18th
- * Maria Nikas—Mar. 29th

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Chronis, Clay, Collins, Colovas, Costuros

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Boudreau, Bowles, Burke, Burks

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Craus, Daskalantonakis, Delvizio, Demetriadis, DeRossi

Thank you to today's usher:

Elizabeth George

Next week's usher will be:

Peter Kangos

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***Judgment Sunday
Third Sunday of the Triodion***



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Sunday Service Schedule

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

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February 27, 2011 - Judgment Sunday

Epistle - I Corinthians 8: 8-13; 9: 1-2

Brethren, meat commendeth us not to God; for neither if we eat have we an advantage, nor if we eat not are we behind. But be taking heed, lest this license of yours should become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if one should see thee who hast knowledge reclining at table in an idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him who is weak be built up so as to eat the things sacrificed to idols? And on thy knowledge the brother who is weak shall destroy himself, for whom Christ died. But when ye sin thus against the brethren and wound their conscience which is weak, ye sin against Christ. On which very account, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will not at all eat flesh forever, lest I should cause my brother to stumble.

I am an apostle, am I not? I am free, am I not? I have seen Jesus Christ our Lord, have I not? Ye are my work in the Lord, are ye not? If I am not an apostle to others, yet at least I am to you; for ye are the seal of mine apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel - St. Matthew 25: 31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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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:

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, March 2nd.

HOPE / JOY

Please join us for a special JOY/HOPE family night on Saturday, March 5 after the 5:00 Vespers. Lenten Family Book Study together, as we read From I-Ville to You-Ville with our children!

Greek School

Classes will be Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

GOYA

Our GOYAns will be helping with Mobile Loaves and Fishes on the morning of Saturday, March 5th. Contact Beth Daskalantonakis for more information. bethd@mkdtechnologies.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 St. Elias on Thursday, March 10th 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.

Our meeting date has changed! We will now meet on **Thursdays** at 9:30am, starting this coming Thursday, March 3rd. **Hope to see you there!**



Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous

Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

Oratorical Festival Today!

The Parish Oratorical Festival will be held this afternoon beginning at 12:30.

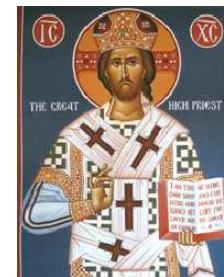
please plan to come into the church and listen to this year's speakers.

They've worked hard to prepare some wonderful speeches!

Our first General Assembly of the year will be next Sunday, March 6, at 12:30. Please plan to stay for this important meeting. The agenda for the meeting is listed below.

- 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

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ· καὶ συναχθήσονται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφορίσει αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων, ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ ἐωνύμων. Τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, Δεῦτε, οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου· ἐπεινάσα γὰρ καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνὸς καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἤμην καὶ ἤλθατε πρὸς με. Τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες, Κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενοῦντα ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ καὶ ἤλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς, Ἄμην λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. Τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ ἐωνύμων, Πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ· ἐπεινάσα γὰρ καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνὸς καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενῆς καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. Τότε ἀποκριθήσονται καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες, Κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; πότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων, Ἄμην λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. Καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.



Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn *(Baris Tone)*

*“O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death,
and granted unto the thief blessed paradise.
The Myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy.
The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command,
that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God,
bestowing mercy upon the world evermore.”*

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.”*

*“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 Last Judgment

*“When Thou, O God, will come to earth with glory, and all things tremble,
and the river of fire flows before the Judgment Seat,
and the books are opened and the hidden things made public,
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,
and deem me worthy to stand at Thy right hand,
O most righteous Judge.”*

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.

The 40 Day Memorial Service today is for Calliope George,
mother of James George, Bess George-Mitchell and Thomas George

Memory Eternal

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, Michael

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, March 2: **Paraklesis**- 6:00pm

Saturday, March 5: **Saturday of Souls**- Orthros 9:00am; Liturgy 10:00am

Saturday, March 5: **Great Vespers**- 5:00pm

Next Sunday evening, we will have the Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00pm