

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:
Sunday, March 6, 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!

Great Lent Class Series

Make plans to join us on Wednesday evenings after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. On Wednesday March 16th, 23rd and 30th, Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald will be offering classes on Patristics immediately following the Liturgy and dinner.

Topics:

- March 16th— St. Gregory Palamas and Scholasticism
- March 23rd—The Dwelling Place of God / Ezekiel
- March 30th—Exodus and Holy Pascha

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. **Hope to see you there!**

Philoptochos News

- The slate of officers is evolving for the 2011— 2013 term. Please come to the Philoptochos table and make your suggestions for our new board.
- Please don't forget the scrip cards for this week's purchases. WE have our regular ones: HEB, Starbucks, Home Depot; but we also have cards for the movies and several other stores and eateries. If you would like a card for a specific store, just let us know and we can have them to you by next week....just in time for Spring Break!
- Our bookstore is always getting new items in, so keep coming by to see what's new. Come and browse through our Lenten books, too. We also have several items for the children.
- Don't forget to sign up for our 'mini retreat' on March 20th. It will be held right after coffee hour in Mt. Tabor Hall. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up at the Philoptochos table.
- The ladies of Philoptochos will be hosting 3 Lenten dinners on Wednesday evenings (March 16, 23 and 30). Please stop by the table to sign up for the week in which you would like to help.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Craus, Daskalantonakis, Delvizis, Demetriadis, DeRossi

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Chronis, Clay, Collins, Colovas, Costuros

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Ebeling, Edwards, Esper, Makdsi, Evgenides

Thank you to today's usher:

Peter Kangos

Next week's usher will be:

Nick Spitopoulos

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**Forgiveness Sunday
(Cheesefare)**



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Sunday Service Schedule

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

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March 6, 2011 - Forgiveness Sunday

Epistle - Romans 13: 11- 14; 14: 1-4

Brethren, and also this, knowing the time, that it is an hour now to be awakened out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is advanced, and the day hath drawn near. Let us therefore put away from ourselves the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in revellings and drunkenness, not in acts of unlawful intercourse and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and cease taking forethought for the flesh, in regard to the lusts thereof.

Now the one who is weak in the faith, be taking to yourselves, but not for passing judgments upon his opinions. One, on the one hand, hath faith to eat all things; but one, on the other hand, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not the one who eateth despise him who eateth not, and let not the one who eateth not judge him who eateth; for God hath taken him to Himself. Who art thou who judgeth Another's household slave? To his own Lord he standeth or falleth; but he shall be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Ἀδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἢ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νῦν ἐπροέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκοτίου, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἔριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἀλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιήσθε, εἰς ἐπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὅς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενείτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θεὸς στήσαι αὐτόν.

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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” is being offered as a preparation for the personal journey through the Great Fast to Pascha.

This coming Wednesday, March 9th, will be the last class in this series.

**Please come and join us at 6:00pm for the
*Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts***

**immediately following the Liturgy we will have a potluck meal
and the lesson/discussion,
led by Fr. David and Presv. Vasiliki Eckley**

Congratulations to our Parish Oratorical Festival Winners!

Senior Division:

1st Place - Maria Benson; 2nd Place - Jerry Benson; 3rd Place - Matthew Wynn

Junior Division:

1st - Nicole Price; 2nd Place - Sarah Khan; 3rd Place - Alexandra Khan

The 2 First Place students will be moving on to the Metropolis level of competition which will be held in Boulder, CO on April 1st and 2nd.

Thank you to all of our students who also worked very hard and delivered very insightful and beautiful speeches. Keep up the good work!

**Announcing
the Sunday School Food Drive winners !**

We have a tie!

**The Kindergarten/First Grade Class and the Second Grade Class
both win for bringing the most food to feed the hungry!**

**Thanks to everyone for your contributions! Together, we filled the back of an SUV
with canned and dried foods. The Sunday School and the Capital Area Food Bank
thank you!**

Greek School

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

OCF

Our next meeting is on Tues. 3/8
at the Episcopal Center on the U.T. campus

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.



Forgiveness Sunday

The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight here, on the eve of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are insatiety and the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us today, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the insatiety and disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from today's Gospel (Matt. 6:14-21) to begin the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation.

Our First General Assembly for 2011 is today! Please make every effort to attend!

- 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

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Gospel - St. Matthew 6: 14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἐὰν ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ πατήρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος· ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οὐδὲ ὁ πατήρ ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὡς οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποὶ, ἀφανίζουσιν γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσιν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπέχουσιν τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. Σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἄλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι, ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυφαίῳ· καὶ ὁ πατήρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυφαίῳ ἀποδώσει σοι. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σῆς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσιν καὶ κλέπτουσιν· θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σῆς οὔτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· ὅπου γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θησαυρός σου, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (4th Plagal Tone)

*“From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord,
for us did You endure, three days in the tomb
that we may be, released from passions in this world,
You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.*

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 Forgiveness Sunday

*“O Thou Guide unto wisdom, Bestower of prudence,
Instructor of the foolish, and Defender of the poor:
establish and grant understanding unto my heart, O Master.
Grant me speech, O Word of the Father, for behold,
I shall not keep my lips from crying unto Thee:
Have mercy, O Merciful One, on me who has fallen.”*

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, Michael, Jeffrey

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*

*** Forgiveness Service is tonight, Sunday 3/6 at 6:00 pm ***

Service Schedule for the 1st week of Lent

~The Great and Holy Fast begins on Monday, March 7th~

Great Compline, Monday, March 7, 6:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy, Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 pm

Salutations to the Theotokos, Friday, March 11, 6:00 pm

Saturday of the Souls, Saturday, March 12, Orthros- 9:00 am; Liturgy- 10:00am

Saturday Great Vespers, March 12, 6:00 pm