

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED: Sunday, May 1, 2011

Beloved in the Risen Lord,
XPICTOC ANECTH! Christ is Risen!

For those who missed watching the 60 minutes article Sunday evening on CBS television which gave a beautiful and descriptive presentation on Mount Athos, you can watch it here: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7363734n&tag=contentMain:contentAux>

It is a wonderful and excellent segment. Also watch "Part 2" which is on the web link page!

In addition, you may wish to watch the "Behind the Scenes" segment at: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504803_162-20056220-10391709.html

In my personal opinion, it is one of the best presentations I have seen on US television regarding Orthodox Christianity. In particular, I think it better captures the spirit of Orthodox monasticism, and thus of the spiritual heart of the Orthodoxy, than anything else I am familiar with on television.

Obviously these issues are merely and superficially touched on, but at least they were broadcast to the public.

In the Love of the Risen Lord, Fr. Vasileios

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will resume on Thursday, May 19th.

Greek School

The Greek classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

Philoptochos News

- Xristos Anesti!
- Thank you to all the Philoptochos women for their 'behind the scene' support and hard work to help ensure that our Holy Week and Pascha would be perfect.
- May 7th will be our last meeting for this year. It will be held at Mt. Tabor at 1:00. The board will be serving lunch. Please plan on attending. If you have not responded to the invite, please stop by the Philoptochos table to let us know if you will be attending. We will have the installation of our new officers, awards, prizes and, of course, good fellowship!
- Scrip (gift) cards are available, as usual, at the Philoptochos table so come by and see what special cards we have as well as the usual HEB, Starbucks, Wal-Mart and Target. These cards will be available throughout the summer, so plan to purchase your movie and entertainment cards from us! REMEMBER, proceeds are going to help outfit our kitchen.
- The book/gift store has a beautiful supply of icons of all sizes and kinds and complete Orthodox Study Bibles. These make such special graduation gifts. Come and see what we have to offer.
- Congratulations to our up-coming graduates!

Thank you to Crissi and George Gianakopoulos for sponsoring the fantastic fish luncheon on Palm Sunday!

Thank you to today's birthday celebration lunch sponsored by Jim & Elizabeth George, Harry & Patrice Stamatis, the Gouris, Halter, Harris, Horwedel and Jernigan families.

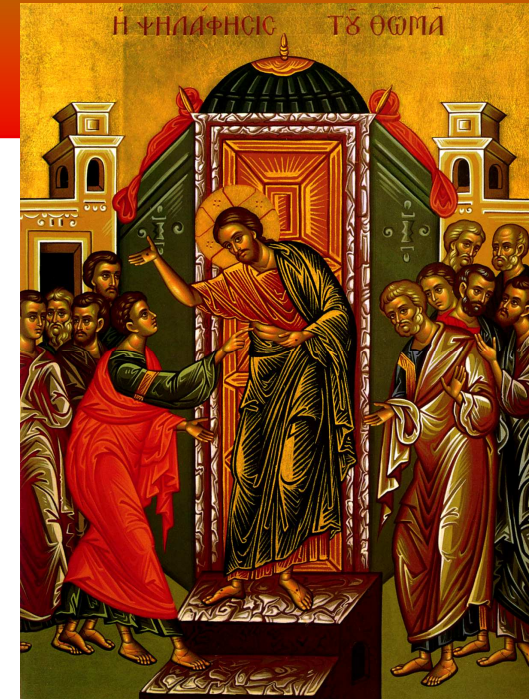
Next Sunday, May 8th– the Mother's Day Luncheon will be sponsored by the TGOE Men's Fellowship!

Thank you to today's usher:
Sophia Khan

Next week's usher will be:
Elizabeth George

**Sunday Bulletin
May 1, 2011**

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
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And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were being wrought among the people. And they were all with one accord in the porch of Solomon. And of the rest not even one was daring to be joined to them, but the people were magnifying them. And more believers were being added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and of women, insomuch that they carried out the sick into the streets and laid them upon beds and pallets, in order that at least the shadow of Peter as he came might overshadow some of them. And also the multitude kept on coming together out of the cities round about to Jerusalem, bearing sick people and those who were troubled by unclean spirits—all of whom were being healed.

Then the high priest rose up and all those with him (the sect which is of the Sadducees), and were full of jealousy, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in state custody. But an angel of the Lord during the night opened the doors of the prison and led them out, and said, "Go and take a stand in the temple, and be speaking to the people all the words of this life."

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγίνετο βσημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστάς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE

TED KALENTERIDES 90TH BIRTHDAY TODAY DURING THE COFFEE HOUR!
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ALONG WITH APPETIZERS AND BIRTHDAY CAKE.

Everyone is invited to attend!

CHRISTOS ANESTI! CHRIST IS RISEN!

We wish to express a most sincere thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout Great Lent and Holy Week; and to the many donors who gave generously for candles, flowers and many needed items in the church. We had wonderful support preparing our Church, the bulletins, our Lord's Tomb, the flowers, and the red eggs!

Thank you to those who cooked and cleaned up for the many meals that were served during Great Lent, Holy Week and on Pascha...especially the men who prepared the marvelous lamb for our picnic, which includes Marko Bjeletich, Tom Papadatos, John Chronis and his family, Gregory and Marousa Chronis, Brandon Suehs, George Karides and his family, Tom Gouris, Tom Rigney, Panayoti Goritsas, Peter Kangos and many others!

Thank you also to our amazing chanters for their tireless work not only during Holy Week, but the entire year... and to our Altar Servers, Readers and Ushers!

We are truly blessed to have such dedicated people serving the Church!

ALITHOS ANESTI! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Sunday School News

The last day of class will be on May 21. Plan to join us for our annual picnic and our first ever Sunday School Showdown right after the Liturgy is over!

HOPE / JOY

Make plans to attend our May HOPE/JOY family event. We are going to Perry Park (on Balcones Drive south of Hancock and just west of Mopac) on Saturday, May 7th for an afternoon of fun! We will meet at 11:00 for prayer, eating and lots of fun!

Mother's Day Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lady Bird Lake

The IOCC Austin Metropolitan Committee is sponsoring this lovely evening. All proceeds will help IOCC assist moms and their families throughout the world!

Sunday, May 8th - 5:30 to 7:30

Capital Cruises— 208 Barton Springs Road—512-480-9264

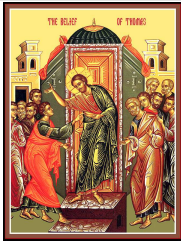
Tickets: Adults- \$50, children under 12- \$15

You can purchase tickets online at www.iocc.org/austin; or you can mail a check to St. Elias Orthodox Church— 408 East 11th St. - Austin, 78701

Questions? Contact us at austinmet@iocc.org. or 512-716-5788

The IOCC Austin Metropolitan Committee is looking for volunteers to become a part of this dedicated organization. We help plan pan-Orthodox activities in the Austin community to raise financial support for the humanitarian mission of IOCC. Having these events not only raises money, but also helps get the word out about IOCC and the Orthodox faith! If you are interested in joining the Austin committee, contact Brandon Suehs, Liz Strong or Imad Zaccak (iz2000ca@yahoo.ca). God bless you!

St. Thomas Sunday



Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas,

who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

The Prophet Jeremiah



This great Prophet of God, Jeremiah, one of the four great Old Testament prophets, who loved his brethren and lamented for them greatly, who prayed much for the people and the Holy City, was the son of Helkias of the tribe of Levi, from the city of Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. He was sanctified from his mother's womb, as the Lord Himself said concerning him: "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee; I appointed thee a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5). He lived 600 years before the

Birth of Christ, under the Israelite king Josiah and four of his successors. He prophesied for thirty years, from 613 to 583 B.C.

During the last captivity of the people in the reign of Sedekias, when only a few were left behind to cultivate the land, this Prophet remained with them by the permission of Nabuzardan, the captain of the guard under Nabuchodonosor. He wept and lamented inconsolably over the desolation of Jerusalem and the enslavement of his people. But even the few that remained behind transgressed again, and fearing the vengeance of the Chaldeans, they fled into Egypt, forcibly taking with them Jeremiah and Baruch his disciple and scribe. There he prophesied concerning Egypt and other nations, and he was stoned to death in Taphnas by his own people about the year 583 B.C., since they would not endure to hear the truth of his words and his just rebukes.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote his Book of Prophecies, divided into fifty-one chapters, and also the Book of Lamentations, divided into 5 chapters, about the desolation of Jerusalem and the Exile. The times in which he lived and prophesied are described in 4/2 Kings (Ch. 23-25) and in the Second Book of Chronicles (36:12) and in 2 Maccabees (Ch. 2). He is ranked second among the greater Prophets. His name means "Yah is exalted."

May 1, 2011 - Thomas Sunday

Gospel - St. John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Οὔσης οὖν ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ. ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον· ἂν τινῶν ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἂν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται.

Θωμᾶς δὲ εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταὶ· ἑώρακαμεν τὸν Κύριον. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χειρᾶ μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτῶ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. ἐρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾷ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου, καὶ φέρε τὴν χειρᾶ σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἀλλὰ πιστός. καὶ ἀπεκρίθη Θωμᾶς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ὅτι ἑώρακάς με, πεπίστευκας· μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστι γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἔστιν ὁ Χριστός ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Pascha Hymn

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶην χαρισάμενος.	<i>Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs He has granted Life.</i>	Christós anésti ek nekron, thanáto thánaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisámenos.
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Hymn for 2nd Sunday of Pascha

*“While the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, did shine forth from the grave,
O Christ God;
and while the doors were shut, Thou did come unto Thy disciples,
O Resurrection of all,
renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.”*

Special Entrance Hymn for the Pascha Season

*“In the congregations bless God, the Lord, from the springs of Israel.
Save us O Son God who did Rise from the dead. We sing to You Alleluia.”*

Kontakion of the Pascha Season

*“Though Thou did descend into the grave, O Immortal One,
yet did Thou destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God,
calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto
Thine Apostles, O Thou Who grants resurrection to the fallen.”*

Hymn in place of “Axion estin... It is truly worthy...”

*“O Thou shining lamp, O Mother of God, thou most manifest glory,
who art more exalted than all creation, thee do we magnify with hymns.”*

Special Communion Hymn

“Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia”

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST—WEDNESDAY, MAY 18:

ORTHROS- 8:00AM; LITURGY- 9:00AM

FEAST OF STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN—SATURDAY, MAY 21:

ORTHROS— 9:00AM; LITURGY— 10:00AM

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.*

Sunday Classes resume today!

**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, Elia,
Rose Marie, Bilyana, Maria, Susan, Xenophon, Jane, Romeo, Clara, Costa,
Cindy, Philip, Trey, Barbara, Evangia, Michael, Jeffrey, Victoria, Nicole, Ana-
stasia, Katie, Suzanne, Katie, Stella, Michael, Nicole, George,
Hunter, Katherine*

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, Major Chris Chase*