

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:  
Sunday, April 3, 2011**

**Special Announcement**

Please do not throw away your bulletins. If you do not want to take it home with you, please place it in the designated basket that is in the Narthex. Thank you!

The **Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly** is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by St. George in Albuquerque, NM. The guest speaker for the Assembly will be New York Times best-selling author Frank Schaeffer. Each parish may be represented by up to 4 individuals including: the parish priest, the parish council president, and two members from the parish at large. If you are interested in attending and representing Transfiguration at the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly, please contact the office or Brandon Suehs as soon as possible so that arrangements for registration can be made.

**GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)**

GOLF will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 9:30am. Please come and join us for our study of Great Lent by Alexander Schmemmann. Children are welcome!

**Philoptochos News**

- Thank you to Anastasia Read, Diana Angelo and Amity Garwood for providing the Wednesday evening Lenten dinner this week.
- Bookstore news: We will have Holy Week books available for purchase in the bookstore *and* in the Narthex of the church, for your convenience.
- We also have a beautiful selection of stephana (wedding crowns) to choose from for your wedding which are very reasonably priced. Stop by and see. You can also find some Easter Faberge eggs, cross bracelets, icons and special books...all perfect for gifts or your personal enjoyment.
- We are gathering bakers for Easter breads for our sale this Easter. Please help out! Stop by the Philoptochos table and get the details.
- Scrip cards are available (as always) for your shopping needs. We will be happy to order what you need. Transfiguration can benefit when you participate in purchasing these cards!

*Happy Birthday our Philoptochos April birthday girls!*

\* Teresa Shannon—April 4; Linda Robertson—April 11; Marousa Chronis—April 12

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

*The Harris family in memory of their mother, Mary; Gabe Poulos in memory of his father, Sam; and the following families: Foster, Garwood, Gatlin, Effie & Anthony George, Patricia & Jean George*

**Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:**

**AHEPA**

**Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

*Jim & Elizabeth George, Gianakopoulos, Gimenez, Glarakis, Glaros*

*Thank you to today's usher:  
Shelley Ebeling*

*Next week's usher will be:  
Marko Bjeletich*

**Sunday Bulletin  
April 3, 2011**

**Sunday of St. John Climacus  
4th Sunday of Lent**



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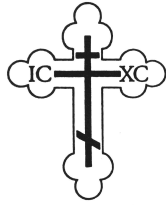
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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**  
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Brethren, for God, having made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." And thus, after he patiently endured, he attained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and the oath for confirmation is to them an end of all contradiction. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, mediated by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and firm, and which entereth into "the inner space behind the veil," where Jesus entered as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.



Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὤμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἥ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσώτερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδειξάτω τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρῶτος ὁδὸς ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσηλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

*Service Schedule for the 5th week of Lent*

**After great expectation and sacrifice, our pews are ready to be installed this week!**

Thank you to all who graciously donated their time, treasure and talents towards bringing this parish goal to fruition. Glory to God for His graciousness! During the time our Church is undergoing its beautification, we will be joining St. Elias Antiochian Church located at 408 E. 11th St., for their schedule of services. On Wednesday, April 6th, 6:00 pm we will pray the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete; and on Thursday, April 7th, 6:30 pm, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

**We will celebrate the full Akathist to the Theotokos at Transfiguration, with our new pews fully installed, this Friday, April 8th, 6:00 pm.**

Fr. Vasileios will be with our teens at the Metropolis GOYA Retreat we are hosting at Mo Ranch, April 8-10. Fr. David Eckley will be with us on Friday and Sunday.

*We need help preparing the Church Nave for the pew installation!*

We will be having the travertine floors cleaned this week in preparation for installation of our pews. All of the metal chairs will have to be moved from the sanctuary over to the hall today after coffee hour. The padded chairs will find a new permanent home in Mt. Tabor Hall.

*The Kitchen committee will also be preparing the kitchen for some updates!*

Stuart Yoder is organizing an "emptying" of the kitchen today after the coffee hour; and on Saturday, April 9th there will be a Parish Workday to clean and reorganize the kitchen beginning at 9:00am. Your help is very much appreciated!

Please contact Stuart Yoder if you are able to help either today or Saturday.

**Flower Donations**

We are asking for donations of potted Easter Lilies for the church for Palm Sunday.

If possible, please bring one or two pots of lilies to church anytime in the week before Palm Sunday (April 11 - 16).

We are also collecting contributions for all the flowers for Holy Week.

You may offer a check or cash. There is a tray in the Narthex for this purpose. Please indicate on your contribution "Flower Donation." Thank you and have a blessed Lent.



**Greek School**

The Greek School classes will be held on Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30pm

**OCF**

The college students will meet at the Episcopal center on the UT campus At 6:30pm on Tuesday evening, April 5

## St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church

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*Announces*

### A Lenten Retreat

*with*

### Father John Behr

*Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary  
Crestwood, New York*

## *The Journey to Jerusalem*

### Saturday, April 9

1:00 PM – Session 1

2:30 PM – Snack

3:00 PM – Session 2

4:30 PM – Session 3

5:45 PM – 9th Hour and Vigil

*Also: Friday, April 8*

*A Session open to the Public with Father John Behr:*

### Orthodox Christianity as Paideia:

*Faith, Reason, and Culture in the Early Church*

6:30 PM – Akathist

8:00 PM — Orthodox Christianity as Paideia

"What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?" Such is the question provocatively posed by Tertullian, a Christian thinker of the early third century. How does critical reasoning relate to the faith of the Scriptures? And how is it that Christianity is described both as a religion of the book and a religion of revelation.

This lecture will look at the interaction between Scripture, revelation, and critical reflection as they were held together in the first centuries of Christianity to see how the Church provides a context not simply for a believing mind but for an inquiring mind, using, rather than shunning, all the critical disciplines of human thought to deepen its apprehension of God's revelation and creation and to further that revelation.

*April 3, 2011 - Sunday of St. John Climacus*

*Gospel - St. Mark 9: 17-31*

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, Διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σέ, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον· καὶ ὅπου ἐὰν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπα τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσιν, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. Ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτοῖς λέγει, Ὡ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. Καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτόν τὸ πνεῦμα εὐθὺς συνεσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. Καὶ ἐπηρώτησεν τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ, Πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐκ παιδιότητος· καὶ πολλάκις καὶ εἰς πῦρ αὐτὸν ἔβαλεν καὶ εἰς ὕδατα ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἰ τι δύνη, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Τὸ εἶ δύνη πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Εὐθὺς κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου ἔλεγεν, Πιστεύω· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. Ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος ἐπέτιμησεν τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ, Τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφὸν πνεῦμα, ἐγὼ ἐπιτάσσω σοι, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. Καὶ κράξας καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξας ἐξῆλθεν· καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε τοὺς πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτοῦ ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντος αὐτοῦ εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ κατ' ἰδίαν ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν, Ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκ βαλεῖν αὐτόν; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ. Κάκειθεν ἐξεληθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἠθελεν ἵνα τις γνοί· ἐδίδασκεν γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι Ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς μετὰ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἀναστήσεται.

## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn** (Fourth Tone)

“When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”

### **Hymn for Saint John Climacus**

“With the streams of thy tears, thou did cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou did bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou became a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.”

### **Hymn for Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

“Metemorforthis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dixas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos I dynando Lampson ke imin tis amarto lis to fos Sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotokou Fotodoto doxa Si.”

“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.”

### **Kontakion for the 4th Sunday of Great Lent**

“Ti ypermacho stratigo ta nikitiria, os litrothisa ton dinon efcharistiria, anagrafo si I polis su, Theotoke. Allos echusa to kratos aprosmachiton, ek pandion me kindynon eleftheroson, ina krazo si: Chere, nym fi anymfeste.”

“To You, the Champion Commander,

I, Your City, inscribe victorious anthems of thanksgiving,  
for deliverance from sufferings, Theotokos.

In as much as you have power unassailable, from all manner of dangers set me free;  
that I may cry out to you, Rejoice Bride unwedded.”

### **Hymn in Place of Axion Estin**

“In thee who art full of grace, all creation rejoiceth:  
both the congregations of angels and the human race.

O consecrated temple and spiritual paradise, the boast of virgins,  
from thee was God incarnate and became a child,

He our God Who existed before the ages;

for He made thy womb a throne and He made and He made thee more spacious than  
the heavens. In thee who art full of grace all creation rejoiceth. Glory be to thee.

### *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, Evangia, Michael, Jeffrey, Victoria, Nicole, Anastasia, Katie, Suzanne, Katie, Stella, Michael, Nicole, George

### *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

### **The Memorial Service today is for:**

+ Mary Panagoustas Harris (1 year), beloved wife of Colonel Ernest Harris, mother of Chris and Vickie Harris, grandmother to Nicholas and Zacharias Harris.

+ Sam Poulos (1 year), beloved father of Gabe Poulos and grandfather of Dimitra.

**May their memory be eternal**