

Philoptochos News

Happy Birthday to our May ladies!

Mary Sarkis- May 9, Effie George- May 10, Irene Omer- May 18, Judy Eagle- May 19

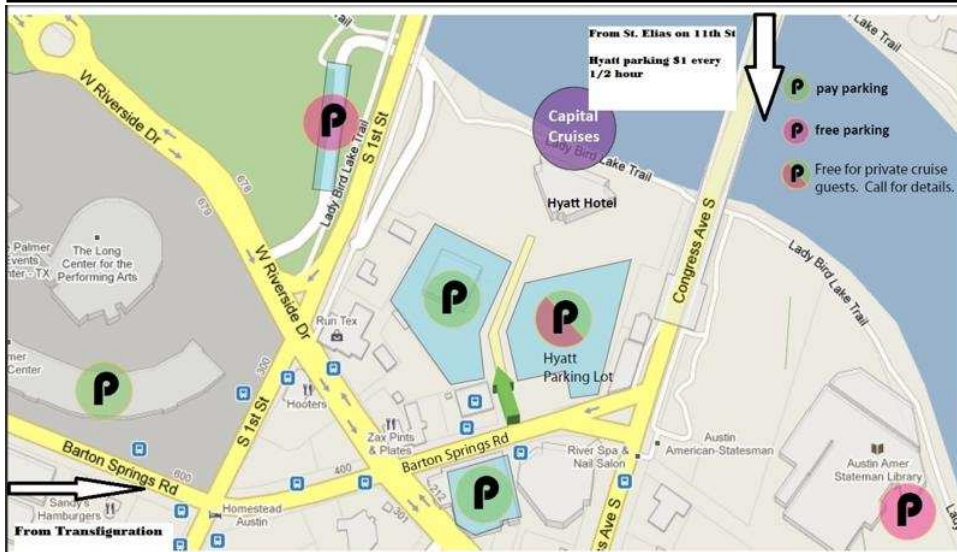
- Happy Mother's Day! Philoptochos hopes you enjoy the flowers.
- Graduation day is fast approaching. The bookstore has beautiful Bibles that would make fabulous gifts. There are also handmade icons on granite or wood as well as crosses to wear. Stop by and browse!
- Our scrip (gift) cards are replenished for the week. We can offer movie cards or department store cards for graduation or other gifts!

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:  
Jerome, Jones, Jones, Kalogirou and Strong

Thank you to today's usher:  
John Chronis

Next week's usher will be:  
Dr. Peter Kangos

Below is a map to Capital Cruises for this evening's IOCC Mother's Day Dinner-Cruise.



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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
HOLY MYRRHBEARERS SUNDAY



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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Brethren, that which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands touched, concerning the Logos of the Life— and the Life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and relate to you the Life, the Eternal One, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— that which we have seen and heard we relate to you, in order that ye also may have communion with us; and our communion also is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you in order that our joy may be made full.

And this is the message which we have heard from Him and we announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we should say that we have communion with Him, and walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practise the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Ὁ ἦν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, ὁ ἀκηκόαμεν, ὁ ἐωράκαμεν τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν, ὁ ἐθεασάμεθα, καὶ αἱ χεῖρες ἡμῶν ἐψηλάφησαν περὶ τοῦ λόγου τῆς ζωῆς. Καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἐφανερώθη, καὶ ἐωράκαμεν, καὶ μαρτυροῦμεν, καὶ ἀπαγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν τὴν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον, ἣτις ἦν πρὸς τὸν πατέρα, καὶ ἐφανερώθη ἡμῖν. Ὁ ἐωράκαμεν καὶ ἀκηκόαμεν, ἀπαγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν, ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς κοινωνίαν ἔχητε μεθ' ἡμῶν· καὶ ἡ κοινωνία δὲ ἡ ἡμετέρα μετὰ τοῦ πατρὸς καὶ μετὰ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ· καὶ ταῦτα γράφομεν ὑμῖν, ἵνα ἡ χαρὰ ἡμῶν ἡ πεπληρωμένη. Καὶ ἔστιν αὕτη ἡ ἀγγελία ἣν ἀκηκόαμεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀναγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν, ὅτι ὁ θεὸς φῶς ἐστίν, καὶ σκοτία ἐν αὐτῷ οὐκ ἔστιν οὐδεμία. Ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν μετ' αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐν τῷ σκότει περιπατῶμεν, ψευδόμεθα, καὶ οὐ ποιοῦμεν τὴν ἀλήθειαν· ἐὰν δὲ ἐν τῷ φωτὶ περιπατῶμεν, ὡς αὐτὸς ἐστίν ἐν τῷ φωτὶ, κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν μετ' ἀλλήλων, καὶ τὸ αἶμα Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ καθαρίζει ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἀμαρτίας.

## Happy Mother's Day!

We wish to thank Philoptochos for providing the beautiful flowers that Father Vasileios will be handing out today.

*Thank you also to the Men's Fellowship group for providing the very special Mother's Day coffee hour!*

### SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

FEAST PROPHET ISAIAH AND ST. CHRISTOPHER OF LYCEA - MONDAY, MAY 9:  
ORTHROS- 8:00AM; LITURGY- 9:00AM  
(HAPPY FEAST DAY TO METROPOLITAN ISAIAH!)

### 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!

### Greek School News

The last day of Greek classes will be on Tuesday, May 17.  
They are planning an Olympics for the children and a special Pankration demonstration. Festivities begin at 6:30pm

### GOYA News

Our GOYAns will meet for a Movie Night and Discussion on Thursday, May 19. Meet at the Galleria Movie theatre between 7 and 7:30. The movie starts at 7:35 and have a discussion with ice cream (Amy's next door to Iron Cactus at the Galleria) after the movie.

### GOLF

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship will meet this coming Thursday, May 12 at 9:30am.

Come and join us for a time of study, prayer and fellowship. Every woman is welcome to attend (with or without children!).

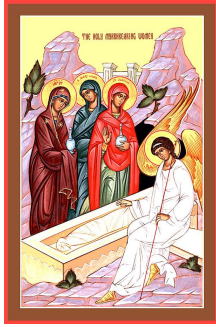
We meet in Mt. Tabor Hall. Coffee and tea are provided.  
If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Papadatos at [wpapadatos@hotmail.com](mailto:wpapadatos@hotmail.com)

### Transfiguration's email address

This is a reminder that we no longer use the flash.net account ([tgocoffice@flash.net](mailto:tgocoffice@flash.net)). Please send any email messages to our google account.

Fr. Vasileios' address is: [frvasileios@transfiguration.org](mailto:frvasileios@transfiguration.org)

The office's email is: [office@transfiguration.org](mailto:office@transfiguration.org)



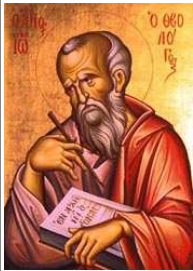
## Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they

are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

## John the Apostle, Evangelist, & Theologian



The Church commemorates the holy Apostle St John on this day because of the annual pilgrimage to his grave.

When St John was more than one hundred years old, he took seven of his disciples and went to a spot outside the city of Ephesus. There he told them to dig a grave in the form of a cross. Then he climbed into the grave and told his disciples to cover him with earth. Later, the grave was opened and the saint's body was not there.

Each year on May 8 a red dust or powder, called manna, would arise from the grave which the faithful collected in order to be healed of

their illnesses of both soul and body.

St John's main Feast is on September 26.

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀρριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτῆς, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδωρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσέκλυσε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσὴ ἐθεώρουν τοῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμῃ ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. καὶ λίαν πρωῒ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκλύσται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθημένον ἐν τοῖς δεξιῶις, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρητὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἰπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτάς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Pascha Hymn**

*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,  
and to those in the tombs He has granted Life.*

*Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thánaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisámenos.*

### **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.”*

### **Resurrectional Hymn (2<sup>nd</sup> Tone)**

*“When You descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal  
blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below  
did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim  
and cry out O life-giving Christ and Our God we give glory”*

### **Hymn for Saint Joseph Arimathea**

*“The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree,  
and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb.  
But on the third day Thou did arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.”*

### **Hymn for the Myrrh-bearing Women**

*“Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave:  
Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ has proved to be a stranger to corruption.  
But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.”*

### **Hymn for the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian**

*“O Apostle, beloved of Christ our God, Hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed  
thee to recline on His breast, receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him o Theologian,  
to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and great mercy.”*

### **Apolytikion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

*“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.”*

*“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.  
By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”*

### **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...”**

*“The angel cried to her who is full of grace, O Pure Virgin rejoice and again I say rejoice for  
your Son has risen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine O new Jerusalem for the glory  
of the Lord has risen upon you. Dance now and be glad O Zion and do you exalt O pure  
Theotokos in the arising of Him Whom you did bear.”*

### **Special Communion Hymn**

*“Body of Christ receive, the fountain of life, taste the source of immortal life.  
Soma Christu metalavete pigis athanatu gevsasthe. Alleluia.”*

## 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.**

## 40 DAY MEMORIAL

*The memorial service today is for Dr. James T. (Vasilios) Kountoupis  
Beloved husband of Judith Kountoupis and loving father of George, Tony, Chris and  
his wife, Asilynn; and grandfather of Aidan and Clara.*

## 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, Fr. Peter*

## 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*