

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, May 22, 2011**

WE HAVE NO WEEKDAY SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK

### **Sunday School Showdown and Picnic!**

Please join us today following the Liturgy for our First Annual Sunday School Showdown. The classes will participate in a very fun contest to show how much they have learned this year!

Fr. Vasileios will be the Master of Ceremonies! There will be hamburgers with all the trimmings afterward. This is the last day of class for the students. We look forward to resuming classes for the fall on September 11, 2011

### **Philoptochos News**

- Please stop by the table and pick up a copy of Philoptochos' accomplishments for this year!
- Don't forget our graduates! The bookstore has beautiful Bibles, handmade icons on granite, wooden icons, crosses and many other beautiful items that would make fabulous gifts. Stop by and browse!
- Come by the Philoptochos table and pick up your gift cards! We have Target, Wal-Mart, Regal Cinema, Barnes and Noble and Starbucks cards that will all make great graduation or teacher appreciation gifts. And of course, we have HEB cards for your weekly groceries!
- And, for Papa Murphy's lovers.....Great Lakes Scrip has begun carrying gift cards for their establishment! Other businesses that are offering special bonuses this month are: Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's and Cracker Barrel. Just let us know and we can have some cards ready to purchase by next Sunday!

### **Transfiguration's email address**

This is a reminder that we no longer use the flash.net account (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)

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:  
Jerome, Jones, Jones, Kalogirou and Strong**

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Kalpaxis, Kinnas, Karides, Keah, Kellogg**

**Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:  
Keriotis, Kersch, Keys, Khan, Kellogg**

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

Next week's usher will be:  
*Stuart Yoder*

**Sunday Bulletin  
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## *FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN*



## **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE  
ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

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Now those who were scattered because of the affliction that arose about Stephen went abroad as far as Phœnicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews only. But some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, after they came to Antioch, began speaking to the Hellenists, preaching as good tidings the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then the report concerning them was heard in the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem. And they sent forth Barnabas to go through as far as Antioch, who, after he came and saw the grace of God, was glad and was exhorting all to keep on remaining near to the Lord with purpose of heart. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith; and a considerable crowd was added to the Lord. And Barnabas went forth to Tarsus to search for Saul. And having found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass that they were gathered together with the Church for a whole year, and taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them, by name Agavos, rose up, and signified by the Spirit that there was about to be a great famine over all the inhabited world, which also came to pass in the time of Claudius Cæsar. And according as any one of the disciples was prospered, each of them determined to send relief toward ministering to the brethren who dwelt in Judæa, which also they did, sending it off to the presbyters by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διασπαρέντες ἀπὸ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Στεφάνῳ διῆλθον ἕως Φοινίκης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιοχείας, μηδενὶ λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μὴ μόνον Ἰουδαίους. Ἦσαν δὲ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν, ἐλάλουν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστάς, εὐαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ ἦν χεὶρ κυρίου μετ' αὐτῶν· πολὺς τε ἀριθμὸς πιστεῦσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἠκούσθη δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τὰ ὦτα τῆς ἐκκλησίας τῆς ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις περὶ αὐτῶν· καὶ ἐξαπέστειλαν Βαρνάβαν διελθεῖν ἕως Ἀντιοχείας· ὃς παραγενόμενος καὶ ἰδὼν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐχάρη, καὶ παρεκάλει πάντας τῇ προθέσει τῆς καρδίας προσμένειν τῷ κυρίῳ· ὅτι ἦν ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς καὶ πλήρης πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ πίστεως· καὶ προσετέθη ὄχλος ἰκανὸς τῷ κυρίῳ. Ἐξῆλθεν δὲ εἰς Ταρσοῦν ὁ Βαρνάβας ἀναζητῆσαι Σαῦλον, καὶ εὗρών ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἐγένετο δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐνιαυτὸν ὅλον συναχθῆναι τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάξαι ὄχλον ἰκανόν, χρηματίσαι τε πρῶτον ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ τοὺς μαθητὰς Χριστιανούς. Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατῆλθον ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων προφητῆται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ εἰς ἐξ αὐτῶν ὀνόματι Ἄγαβος, ἐσήμανεν διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος λιμὸν μέγαν μέλλειν ἔσσεσθαι ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην· ὅστις Ν καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις, ὥρισαν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς· ὁ καὶ ἐποίησαν, ἀποστείλαντες πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Βαρνάβα καὶ Σαύλου.



George Appling

Throughout the years, George's interests included playing lacrosse for the Westlake team and fishing. He was heavily involved in the Coastal Conservation Association and started the junior board for the organization in central Texas.

His plans are to attend the business school at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia, where he can study in his field as well as continue to enjoy his love of the outdoors.

*Do not forget my laws, but let your heart keep my words; for length of days, and years of life and peace they will add to you.*

*Do not let almsgiving and faithfulness forsake you, but hang them upon your neck; and you will find grace and provide good things before the Lord and men.*

*Trust in God with all your heart, and do not exalt your own wisdom.*

*In all your ways know wisdom, that she may cut a straight path for you; and your foot will not stumble.*

~ Proverbs 3: 1-6 ~



## Congratulations 2011 Graduates!



Jasmine Alexis  
(Despina) Khan

I'm blessed to have had so much love and support from my family at home and at church, and have truly enjoyed my time in high school. I have been involved in GOYA and the Levendia dance group at Transfiguration. At school I participated in the environmental club, newspaper, and choir, and was president of the French club. I've especially loved singing in the Westlake Madrigals Varsity Ensemble this year, and continuing my 12th year of piano. I am excited to be attending Tufts University in Boston to study International Relations and Public Health, but will miss everyone here in Austin!

My name is Paloma Tshilas and this year I will be graduating from Westwood High School. While being a student there I was part of the National Spanish Honor Society, Warriors Hosting Others, president of Peers Making Peace for two years, secretary of Spanish Club for two years, teenage mentor to middle school students in Peers Reaching Out and Sharing, and a Pride Leader/ founding member on my drill team, Warrior Pride. Next year I will be attending Texas A&M University and majoring in Public Relations.



Paloma Tshilas

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

### **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 thanáton 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.”*

### **Resurrection Hymn (4<sup>th</sup> 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 Mid-Pentecost**

*“At Mid-Feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety;  
for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.  
Wherefore, O Wellspring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.”*

### **Hymn for the Samaritan Woman**

*Having come to the well in faith, the Samaritan woman beheld Thee, the Water of Wisdom,  
whereof having drunk abundantly, she, the renowned one,  
inherited the Kingdom on high for ever.*

### **Hymn for the Hierarchs**

*O illustrious leaders and shepherds of Byzantium,  
ye have been revered as wise hierarchs throughout many ages.  
And therefore now the holy Church of Christ doth praise with hymns your pious way  
of life. O distinguished luminaries, by your pure lives ye kindle zeal in those who cry out:  
Glory to Him that hath given you strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned you.  
Glory to Him that hath affirmed the Orthodox faith through you.*

### **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.*

*“Be joyful, exult, you the sacred gate of light;  
for Jesus Who set like the sun into the grave has risen, shining more brightly than the sun  
and illuminating all the faithful, O God-favored Lady.”*

### **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!*

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### **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.**

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### **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, 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, Anastasia,  
Katie, Suzanne, Katie, Stella, Michael, Nicole, George, Hunter, Katherine,  
Fr. Peter, Dimitra Roll, Leah, Venton*

### **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*