

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, May 29, 2011**

**2011 Vacation Church Camp! "Christmas in August"**

Let's learn about the real meaning of Christmas before we get caught up in the distractions of lights and presents.

Vacation Church Camp is for kids ages 2 through those entering 6th grade.

**Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5**

at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, from 9:00am-12:30pm

We will take a trip to Holy Archangels Monastery on Thursday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please pick up a registration form in the foyer of Mt. Tabor Hall,  
or contact Julie Wynn at [txwynn@gmail.com](mailto:txwynn@gmail.com)

**Philoptochos News**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

- Congratulations to all our graduates! May God be with each of you as you continue your life's journey and know that your Church Family is always here for you.
- The Mission Statement for the Philoptochos is "To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions." Please stop by the table in front of the bookstore during coffee hour and pick up a copy of a summary of the Philoptochos' accomplishments in pursuit of our mission this past year. With the continued help of our faithful and caring members, and our church community, we pray that next year we will make an even greater impact on the needs of others
- If you have not had the opportunity to visit our bookstore, please do so. Judy Eagle, with the help of Father Vasileios, has stocked the shelves with beautiful Orthodox Study Bibles and wonderful reading materials for all ages. We are also fortunate to have amazing icons handmade on granite by the Nuns from St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Monastery. Please take the opportunity to see these beautiful works of art and perhaps purchase one for your home.
- You may not be aware that we have gift cards available for HEB, Target, Wal-Mart, Regal Cinema, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's and Cracker Barrel, just to name a few. So, if you plan to give a gift card to anyone in the future, please consider purchasing it from the Philoptochos, rather than at a local store, as we receive a small percentage back from the vendors, which we use to attain our charitable goals. For the weeks of June 4-17, Lowe's is offering a special 6% back to us! So if you have any home projects, think of us! And, if you do your grocery shopping at HEB, we encourage you to make your purchases with one of our HEB gift cards.

*On behalf of Philoptochos we would like to thank everyone for all the support you have given us over the years.*

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Keriotis, Kersch, Keys, Khan, Kangos

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors-**

Marko Bjeletich, the Sunday School and Kalpaxis, Kinnas, Karides, Keah, Kellogg

**Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:**

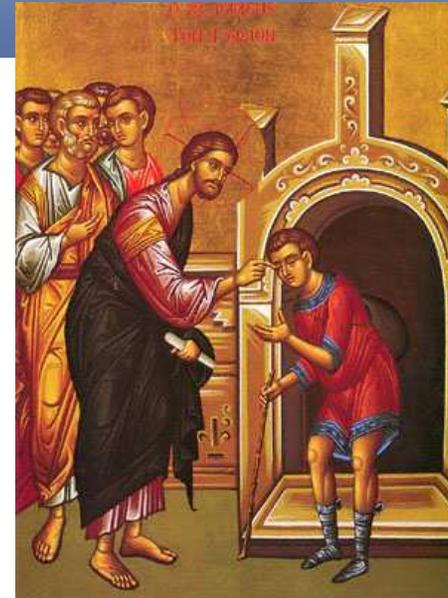
Klaras, Kobzar, Koriath, Kounelias, Kourkounakis

Thank you to today's usher: *Stuart Yoder*

Next week's usher will be: *Elizabeth George*

**Sunday Bulletin  
May 29, 2011**

*SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN*



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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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May 29, 2011 - Sunday of the Blind Man

Epistle - Acts 16: 16-34

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, that a certain young girl, possessing a spirit of Python, met us, who was producing much business for her masters by divining. She followed after Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are slaves of God, the Most High, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And she kept doing this for many days. But Paul was worn out, and turned around to the spirit, and said, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out from her." And he came out the same hour. And after her masters saw that the hope of their business was gone, they laid hold of Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city, and declare customs, which are not allowed for us to receive, nor to do, being Romans." And the crowd rose together against them; and the magistrates tore off their garments, and kept on commanding to beat them with rods. And after they laid on them many stripes, they cast them into prison, ordering the jailer to guard them securely, who, having received such an order, cast them into the inner prison and secured their feet in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God; and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there occurred a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and the bonds of all were loosed. The jailer, having been awakened out of sleep and seeing the doors of the prison opened, drew a sword, and was about to kill himself, believing the prisoners to have escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "By no means begin to do any evil to thyself; for we are all here." And after he asked for lights, he leaped in and became tremulous, falling down before Paul and Silas. And having brought them forth outside, he said, "Sirs, what is necessary for me to do in order that I might be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house." And they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all those in his house. And having taken them in that hour of the night, he washed their wounds. And he was baptized, he and all his, immediately. And having brought them into his house, he set a table before them, and rejoiced, having believed in God, with all his house.



Nikki Chronis

Our sincerest apologies! We inadvertently left off one of our graduates in last week's list. Our beautiful Nikki Chronis graduates this year.

*I attended Saint Michael's Catholic Academy. I ran cross country and track and played soccer all throughout my high school career.*

*I was also a part of a mother-daughter organization called National Charity League where I enjoyed volunteering with my mom.*

*Next year, I will be staying in Austin and continuing my education at the University of Texas! Hook em' Horns!!*

### **Thank You, Teachers!**

Glory be to God for all of your vitally important ministry to our children. It was obvious last Sunday at the Sunday School Showdown, that your prayerful and loving attention with the children produced a great harvest in our youth.

The enthusiasm and desire to answer questions and participate as a whole with such spirit was inspiring.

Sunday School is truly in capable hands. You have been His voice of teaching, His heart of love and care, His hands and feet of ministry for the little ones. I cannot but believe that He shines down upon you all with His loving countenance, smiling with His approval. Well done good and faithful servants. Thank you for answering the call. I hope to see all of you next year.

Thank you, Elissa, for your great leadership this past year. Your direction and presence were always felt, whether from afar or near.

Thank you, Marko, for the tastiest and thickest burgers I have ever had at a Church picnic! This past year you have truly been the grill master!

We will continue through the summer with GOYA, HOPE and JOY events. Please be on the lookout for participation. Don't forget to plan for Vacation Church Camp in the first week of August.

God bless you all!

**Fr. Vasileios**

### **Sunday School News**

**Now you can register your children online for next year's Sunday School classes! Just go to our webpage - [www.transfiguration.org](http://www.transfiguration.org) - and fill out the form (one for each student). It is that simple! Sunday classes resume on September 11.**

### **JOY/HOPE**

JOY/HOPE is our youth ministry for kids under 12.

We are kicking off summer vacation with a pool party at the Gouris' home (13405 Saddle Back Pass) this Saturday June 4, from 11:00-2:00, call 263-5866 or e-mail Tom or Allison [tagouris@austin.rr.com](mailto:tagouris@austin.rr.com) for directions or info.

### **YAL**

The Young Adults are planning a "Come Celebrate Summer!" party

On Saturday, June 4th at 6:00pm.

This will be held at the home of Maria Miller - 4200 John's Light Dr., Austin, 78727

*Please RSVP to Maria at 512-826-0956*

**SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY ASCENSION -THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

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

**APODOSIS OF PASCHA - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 - VESPERS AT 6:00PM**

**Don't forget—Pentecost this year is on Sunday June 12th— Father's Day**

**Summer Service Hours begin next week!**

Beginning with next Sunday, June 5th  
our Sunday service hours will start one hour earlier than our "regular time".  
**Orthros will begin at 8:00am, and the Liturgy will begin at 9:00am**

**Virginmartyr Theodosia of Tyre**

Saint Theodosia of Tyre lived during the third and fourth centuries. Once, during a persecution against Christians, which had already lasted for five years, the seventeen-year-old Theodosia went up to condemned Christian prisoners in the Praetorium in Caesarea, Palestine. It was the day of Holy Pascha, and the martyrs spoke about the Kingdom of God. St Theodosia asked them to remember her before the Lord, when they should come to stand before Him.

Soldiers saw that the maiden bowed to the prisoners, and they seized her and led her before the governor, Urban. The governor advised the maiden to offer sacrifice to the idols but she refused, confessing her faith in Christ. Then they subjected the saint to cruel tortures, raking her body with iron claws until her bones were exposed.

The martyr was silent and endured the sufferings with a happy face, and to a second suggestion by the governor to offer sacrifice to the idols she answered, "You fool, I have been granted to join the martyrs!" They threw the maiden with a stone about her neck into the sea, but angels drew her out from the depths. Then they threw the martyr to the wild beasts to be eaten by them. Seeing that the beasts would not touch her, they cut off her head.

By night St Theodosia appeared to her parents, who had tried to talk their daughter into not going to the sufferings. She was in bright garb with a crown upon her head and a luminous gold cross in her hand, and she said, "Behold the great glory of which you wanted to deprive me!"

The Holy Martyr Theodosia of Tyre suffered for Christ in the year 307 or 308. On May 29 we commemorate the transfer of her relics to Constantinople and Venice. She is also commemorated on April 3.

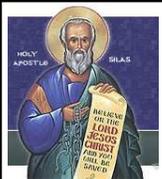


**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY**

*"Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who suffer evil, as though you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3*

Today is Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday  
There is a tray set up in Narthex if you would like to make a donation to this blessed ministry.

Learn more about OCPI by visiting their website: [www.ocpm-scoba.org](http://www.ocpm-scoba.org)



*May 29, 2011 - Sunday of the Blind Man*

*Gospel - St. John 4: 5-42*

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

## 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.”*

### **Resurrection Hymn (1st Plagal Tone)**

*“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation.  
As the faithful we both praise and worship Him,  
for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross,  
and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.”*

### **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.”*

All who wish to have Fr. Vasileios pray with them at a cemetery tomorrow,  
Memorial Day, please contact Father directly at 512-574-1972.

### *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.**

### *6 YEAR MEMORIAL*

The memorial service today is for Luka Bjeletich  
Beloved son of Marko and Elissa Bjeletich, and brother of Andja, Vasi,  
Helena, Stefanja and Mariana  
**May his memory be eternal.**

### *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, Nick, Tatiana, Sandy, Damon*

### *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*