

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, June 5, 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. 4th.

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

Philoptochos News

- ◆ Summer has arrived and we have new church service hours. Please remember that Orthos will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the Divine Liturgy will be at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer.
- ◆ We have for purchase in our bookstore very beautiful crosses, along with prayer bracelets, reading material, Study Bibles and also beautiful icons. We invite you to please stop by and browse among these delightful items, any of which would make a wonderful addition to your home or as a gift to family and friends.
- ◆ 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. And, if you do your grocery shopping at HEB, we encourage you to make your purchases with one of our HEB gift cards. We have gift cards available for Target, Wal-Mart, Regal Cinema, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's, Cracker Barrel and of course HEB, just to name a few.
- ◆ We will be meeting with Father Vasileios this month to set the calendar for the coming year. Please let any Board Member know if you have an idea that you would like to have presented at this meeting. As soon as the calendar is set, we will forward a copy to each of you, either by mail or email.

HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Klaras, Kobzar, Korioth, Kounelias, Kourkounakis

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors-
Keriotis, Kersch, Keys, Khan, Kangos

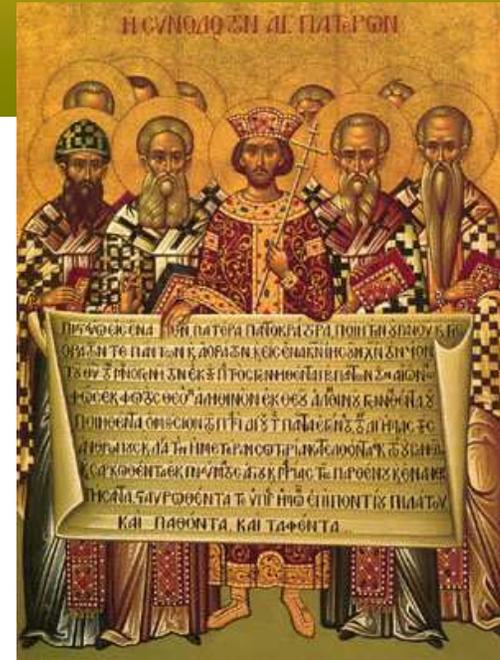
Next Sunday's Luncheon Sponsors are:
The Colovas and Price families

Thank you to today's usher:
Elizabeth George

Next week's usher will be:
Nick Spiropoulos

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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In those days, Paul decided to sail by Ephesus, so that to spend time in Asia might not happen to him; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be in Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to himself the presbyters of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them, "Ye know, from the first day on which I set foot in Asia, how I was with you all the time,

"Be taking heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit set you for Himself as bishops, to shepherd the Church of the Lord and God, which He preserved for Himself through His own blood. "For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock, "and among your own selves men shall rise up, speaking things which have been perverted, to draw away the disciples after themselves. "Wherefore keep on watching, remembering that for three years I ceased not admonishing each one night and day with tears. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build up and to give you an inheritance among all those who have been sanctified. "I desired of no one silver or gold or clothing; "but ye yourselves know that these hands ministered to my needs, and those who were with me. "I showed you by example all things, that so toiling it is needful to help those who are weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And having said these things, he kneeled down and prayed with them all.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδεν γάρ, εἰ δυνατόν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἄφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα, τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἔπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρῶν νουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθειμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσίου ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα. Αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσιν μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρετήσαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταί. Πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν, Μακάριόν ἐστιν μάλλον δίδομαι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θείας τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ, σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσήξατο.

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

SATURDAY OF SOULS

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH—ORTHROS AT 9:00AM; LITURGY AT 10:00AM

Scholarships Available

"*Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism*" is pleased to announce that it is once again supporting a series of academic scholarships and travel fellowships for young people throughout the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

This is a scholarship award program for academic excellence and leadership in 2011.

The deadline to apply for this "Faith Scholarship for Academic Excellence" is June 24, 2011.

To apply, go to this website: <http://faithendowment.org/>

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 - and fill out the form (one for each student). It is that simple!

Sunday classes resume on September 11.

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

The office's email is: office@transfiguration.org

Thank you!

Thank you to Katherine Koinis for volunteering to chaperone our Junior GOYAns to Camp Emmanuel on June 12-18. She has been helping with our youth for several years and has over 10 years of babysitting experience and is CPR / AED / First Aid certified. Father Vasileios will be the camp chaperone for our Senior GOYAns from June 19-25.

If you have any questions for either of them, you may contact them at 713-408-0268 (Katherine) or 512-574-1972 (Fr. Vasileios).

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!

Fathers of the 1st Council



The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be

examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

THANK YOU!

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ralph Jones who is working on bringing our audio and computer network technologies up to the highest standards. His work will open up many new possibilities for our parish and its ministries. Among the first will be the capability to record Fr. Vasileios' homilies, and the improvement of the sound quality in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. He has given so much time and hard work to the church on this project. **Thank you, Ralph!**

We also want to thank those who have helped Ralph with laying the cable from the church to Mt. Tabor Hall. That took a whole lot of digging, laying pipe and filling the trench!

Our hats off to: Fr. Vasileios, Ken Pon, Lou Apostolakis, Brandon Suehs, Mike Strong, Steve Tsihlas, Bill Colovas, Zach Price, Patricia Mitchell, Amity Garwood and sons, Jack Gatlin, Stathi Zotis and Yianni Zotis. Thank you also, to Pat Gatlin for bringing lunch for our workers on Wednesday!

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐπῆρε τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ εἶπε· πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱός σου δοξάσῃ σε, καθὼς ἐδώκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὐτῆ δὲ ἐστὶν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσί σε τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελείωσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῆ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφάνερώσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ ἐστίν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ δέδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον, καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. Ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἐρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἐρωτῶ, ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστὶ καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ οὗτοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι. πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου ᾧ δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὡσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου· οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπόλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.

Hymns for Today

Hymn for the Great Feast of the Ascension

“Thou has ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.”

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Plagal Tone)

“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body.

*For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch
You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life
O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.*

Hymn for the Holy Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council

*“Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith.
O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.”*

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 for the Feast of the Ascension

*“When Thou had fulfilled Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens,
Thou did ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence,
but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love Thee:
I am with you, and no one can be against you.”*

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.

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, Katherine, Fr. Peter, Dimitra Roll, Leah, Venton, Nick, Tatiana, Sandy, Damon, Caleb

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

Sgt. Jennifer D. Atkinson, Staff Sgt. John Atkinson, Lt. Col. Dave Romine, Capt. James Alfaró, Staff Sgt. Deane Anderson, Captain William Willett, Maj. Timothy Ullman, Major Chris Chase

