

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, June 12, 2011

### **Pilgrimage to Saint Paraskevi for their Holy Feast Day**

*"Blessed are those who find strength in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage."  
(Psalm 84:5; [83:5])*

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah, we are going on a pilgrimage to the great and holy feast of Saint Paraskevi on the 25- and 26- of July, at her Monastery in Washington, Texas.

The schedule for the feast is as follows:

*Monday, July 25, 2011 - Vigil at 6:00 pm*

*Tuesday, July 26, 2011 - Hours at 7:00 am; Divine Liturgy at 8:15 am*

*Lunch will be at 10:00 am*

Fr. Vasileios is planning this pilgrimage to St. Paraskevi on Monday, July 25th; staying overnight at a local motel, and returning on Tuesday after lunch.

If you would like to go on this pilgrimage please contact the church office.

**If you need a ride, please call the church office ASAP so that we can arrange for transportation.**

### *Philoptochos News*

- At our bookstore we are going through inventory and will be having a table of sales items. We invite you to please stop by and browse.
- If you do your grocery shopping at HEB, we encourage you to make your purchases with one of our HEB gift cards, as we receive a small percentage back from the vendors, which we use to attain our charitable goals. We also have gift cards available for Target, Wal-Mart, Regal Cinema, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's, and Cracker Barrel, just to name a few.
- The Board meeting scheduled for June the 16th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 29th at 6:30 at Tabor Hall.

### **Yummy Treats to raise money for our Dome Iconography Project**

Valli Pappas is selling delicious home-made and healthy fruit-based treats to help raise the money needed for our Dome Iconography. Please stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase some!

### **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**

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

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

*Klaras, Kobzar, Koriotoh, Kounelias, Kourkounakis*

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

*Latto, Leara, Leatherwood, Lerman, Levendakes*

*Thank you to today's usher:*

*Nick Spiropoulos*

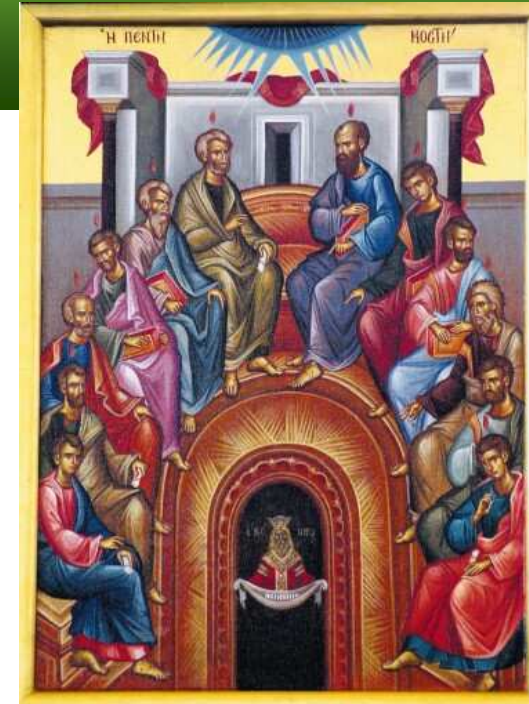
*Next week's usher will be:*

*Marko Bjeletich*

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 12, 2011

# HOLY PENTECOST



## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:15 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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And while the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all with one accord in the same place. And suddenly there came to be a sound out of the heaven, like as of a violent wind borne along, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues, as if of fire, being distributed; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues, even as the Spirit was giving them to utter. And there were Jews abiding in Jerusalem, pious men, from every nation of those under the heaven. And the report of this having arisen, the multitude came together and was confounded, because they were hearing, each one of them, speaking in his own dialect. And they were all amazed and wondering, saying to one another, "Behold, all these who are speaking are Galilæans, are they not? "And how do we each hear in our own dialect in which we were born? "Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those who dwell in Mesopotamia, also Judæa and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, "also Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya which are in the region of Cyrene, and the Romans, both Jews and proselytes, who sojourn here, "Cretans and Arabians—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the magnificent works of God."

Ἐν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, ἦσαν ἅπαντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὡσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθήμενοι. Καὶ ὠφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλώσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέν τε ἐφ' ἓνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέροις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν. Γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης, συνῆλθεν τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἰς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαλούντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον, λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, Οὐκ ἰδοὺ πάντες οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ἧ ἐγεννήθημεν; Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἑλαμίται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρήτες καὶ Ἄραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέροις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ θεοῦ.

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SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH—ORTHROS AT 8:30AM; LITURGY AT 9:30AM

THIS WEEK IS A FAST-FREE WEEK

**Thank you to The Colovas and Price families for sponsoring today's Luncheon!**

They are serving a delicious menu of:

Chicken with Tomato Sauce (Kapama) and Spaghetti

Greek Salad, Rolls and Dessert!

**Please support your church by joining us for this wonderful meal after Liturgy!**

**GOYA** (middle school and high school)

The GOYAnS will start off their summertime TNT (*Thursday Night Thing*)

with a pool party this coming Thursday, June 16th - 6:00pm

at the home of Yianni and Christie Skevofilax, 10905 Callanish Park Dr.

Please RSVP ASAP to Cristie at [cristie@skevofilax.com](mailto:cristie@skevofilax.com)

Save the date for our next TNT on June 30th! More information to follow.

**HOPE/JOY** (elementary grades)

HOPE/JOY will have their next get-together on Saturday, July 2nd!

Mark your calendars.... more information will come soon!

**Men's Fellowship Lunch**

All TGOC men: plan to meet for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, June 16th!

We will meet and eat at the Rudy's on 183 (near Duval St.) at 11:45.

Contact Allen Wynn for more info or to RSVP- [awynn3816@gmail.com](mailto:awynn3816@gmail.com)

**Sunday School News - Register for Classes ONLINE!**

Go to our webpage - [www.transfiguration.org](http://www.transfiguration.org) - and fill out the form to register your children online for next year's Sunday School classes!

**Sunday classes resume on September 11.**

**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/>

## Pentecost - Trinity Sunday

After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfillment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfillment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvelous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things.

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars . . . they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit"

The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

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Gospel - St. John 7: 37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Ἐν δὲ τῇ ἑσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ μεγάλῃ τῆς ἑορτῆς εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων· ἔάν τις διψᾷ, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ῥεύσουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὐ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς αὐτόν· οὐπω γὰρ ἦν Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἔδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστός ἐρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφή εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυῖδ, ὁ Χριστός ἐρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἤθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπ' αὐτόν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἦλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι· διατί οὐκ ἠγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται· οὐδέποτε οὕτως ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὡς οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μὴ τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτόν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὗτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάραιοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἰς ὧν ἐξ αὐτῶν μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἔάν μὴ ἀκούσῃ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γνῶ τί ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῶ· μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγήγγερα. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσει ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.

## Hymns for Today

### **Pentecost Hymn**

*“Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who has shown forth the fishermen  
as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,  
and through them did draw the world into Thy net.  
O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.”*

*“Evlogitos I Hriste O Theos imon, o pansofous, tous aliis anadixas,  
katapempsas, aftis to Pnevma to Agion, ke di afton tin ikoumenin saginefsas,  
Filanthrope doxa si.”*

*“Save us, O Good Comforter, who chant to Thee: Alleluia.”*

### **Small Entrance Hymn**

*“Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength;  
we will sing and chant of Thy mighty acts.  
Save us, O Good Comforter, who chant to Thee: Alleluia.”*

### **Kontakion of Holy Pentecost**

*“Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues,  
the Most High divided the nations;  
and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity;  
and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.”*

### **In place of “Holy God....**

*“Those who have baptized in Christ, have put on Christ for evermore Alleluia”  
O sis Christon evaptisthite Christon enethisasthe Alleluia.”*

### **In place “Axion estin.. It is truly worthy...**

*“O Thou who without experience of corruption was found to be with child,  
and did lend flesh unto the Word Who devised all things,  
O thou Mother who has not known wedlock, O Virgin Theotokos,  
vessel of the Uncontainable One, dwelling place of thy boundless Fashioner,  
thee do we magnify.”*

### **Communion Hymn for Holy Pentecost**

*“Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. 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.*

### **40 DAY BLESSINGS!**

*There are two 40 day blessings this morning:*

*We welcome **Michael Alexander Ferrua**, son of Jose and Camelia Ferrua, born on May 3rd;  
and **Elena Irene Spindler**, daughter of Erin and Annette Spindler, born on May 6th*

### **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, Jose*

### **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*