

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, June 19, 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

- ◆ Please remember Diana Angelo in your prayers, she had a fall last week and is recovering at home.
- ◆ If you do your grocery shopping at HEB, we encourage you to make your purchases with one of our HEB gift cards. We also have gift cards available for Target, Wal-Mart, Regal Cinema, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's, Cracker Barrel, just to name a few. Some families are purchasing a gift card from Wal-Mart to use for buying gas. Not only are they getting a GREAT deal on the gas price but each time one of our cards are used, the extra money goes to helping others. Thank you all for your continued support.
- ◆ The ladies of Philoptochos wish *all* fathers a very happy and blessed Father's Day!

Bookstore News

The bookstore has added a few more items for you to see! We have some icons ranging from \$5.00 and up; some are large and some are very small. We have crystal paper weights priced at only \$2.99- perfect for a Father's Day gift!

We also have some beautiful Bibles and, of course, some special books for dad's reflective times. There are also bookmarks and beautiful crosses... lots to check out!

Make sure your father has one of these wonderful gifts to celebrate his special day!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Latto, Leara, Mitchell, Lerman, Levendakes

Thank you to last week's Luncheon sponsors:

The Colovas and Price families

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Leatherwood, Meador, Mirialakis, Missetzis, Omer

Thank you to the Council members who provide the usher duties each week. We truly appreciate your service! If you would like to help with ushering, please contact Steve Levendakes at 585-2623. Thank you!

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 19, 2011

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

ALL SAINTS



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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June 19, 2011 - Sunday of All Saints

Epistle - Hebrews 11:33 - 12:2

Brethren, all the saints who through faith struggled against kingdoms, wrought righteousness, attained to promises, stopped mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were empowered out of weakness, became strong in battle, turned back encampments of aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection. And others were tortured, not accepting release, that they might attain a better resurrection. And others received trial of mockings and of scourgings, and, moreover, of bonds and of imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted; they died, murdered by the sword. They went about in sheepskins, in goat-skins, being in need, afflicted, ill-treated— of whom the world was not worthy. They were made to wander in deserts, and in mountains, and in caves, and in the holes of the earth. And these all, having been approved by testimony through faith, received not for themselves the promise, God having foreseen some better thing concerning us, that they should not be made perfect without us.

Therefore we also, having so great a cloud of witnesses which is set around us, and having laid aside every weight and sin that is easily circumvented, let us by means of patience be running the course which is set before us, looking to Jesus, the originator and accomplisher of our faith, Who, in exchange for the joy set before Him, endured a cross, having despised the shame, and hath sat down on the right of the throne of God.

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύνάμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτριῶν. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρονται, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιός ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄποις τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκειμένον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

NO SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK AT TRANSFIGURATION.
HOWEVER, WE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER IN CEDAR PARK TO CELEBRATE THEIR FEAST DAY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH AT 9:00AM. GREAT VESPERS FOR THE FEAST WILL BE ON THURSDAY EVENING AT 7PM
FR. VASILEIOS WILL BE AT CAMP EMMANUEL WITH OUR SENIOR GOYANS.
PLEASE PRAY FOR THEIR RETREAT AND SAFE TRAVELS.

GOYA (middle school and high school)

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!

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 txwynn@gmail.com

Sunday School News - Register for Classes ONLINE!

Go to our webpage - 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/>

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

Synaxis of All Saints

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

St Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to St Peter's five categories. The list of St Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. St Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, St John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Sts Joachim and Anna, St Joseph the Betrothed, St Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of St Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

June 19, 2011 - Sunday of All Saints

Gospel - St. Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38; 19: 27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς οὖν ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσῃται με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἰδοὺ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμεν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. καὶ πᾶς ὁς ἀφήκεν οἰκίας ἢ ἀδελφούς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Plagal 4th Tone)

“From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto to You O Lord.”

Hymn for All Saints

*“Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, through them, does cry unto Thee, O Christ God:
Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people;
grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.”*

Hymn for 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.
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”*

Kontakion

*“As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things,
the world presents the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord.
Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility,
through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.”*

Communion Hymn for the Sunday of All Saints

“Rejoice in the Lord, o ye righteous, praise is meet for the upright. 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.*

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, Pete, Wendy*

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, Cadet Mindy Keys*

