

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, June 26, 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

- ◆ Happy Birthday (and belated birthday!) to our June birthday girls!
Zoe Simbles– June 6, Wanda Ousaklidis– June 11, Sonia Phocas– June 7, Georgia Karides– June 28

God grant you many years!

- ◆ Don't forget to pick up your gift (scrip) cards at the Philoptochos table! Great Lakes Scrip offers various specials throughout the year. For the month of July, CHILI'S is increasing the percentage that they give back to us by 2%. Transfiguration will now get 11% of every \$25 card! A Chili's card will also work at these restaurants: MAGGIANO'S, MACARONI GRILL and ON THE BORDER. Other specials for July are: GAP/BANANA REPUBLIC/OLD NAVY cards are giving us 14% back! LL BEAN is giving 17%! and HOME DEPOT is giving 6%! Please think of helping your church when planning to shop for just about anything! Just let me (Liz) know and I can get whatever cards for you in one week!

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 also have crystal paper weights priced at only \$2.99

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!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Leatherwood, Meador, Mirialakis, Missetzis, Omer

Thank you to last week's Luncheon sponsors:

Eagle, Leara, Mitchell, Levendakes

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Norman, O'Brien, Nikas, Orthmann, Ousaklidis

Thank you to today's usher:

Michael Glaros

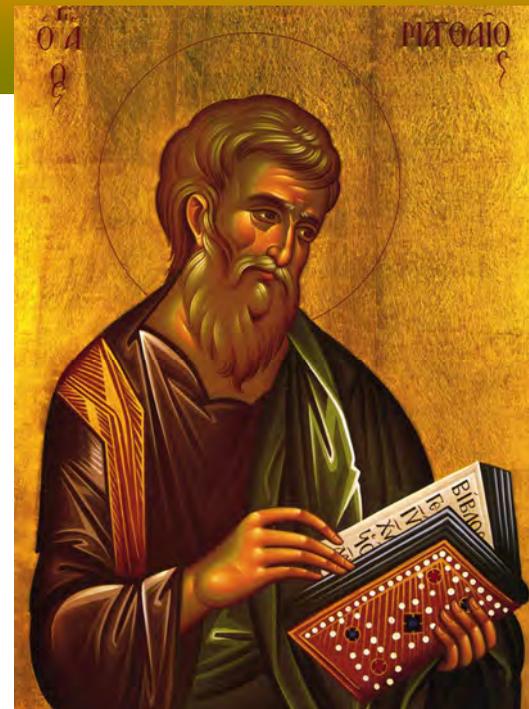
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Brandon Suehs

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 26, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

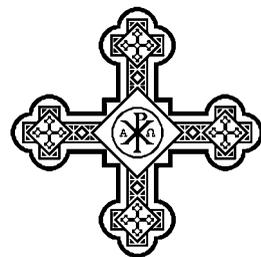
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June 26, 2011 - Second Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - Romans 2: 10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who worketh good, both to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as did sin without law shall also perish without law; and as many as did sin in the law shall be judged by the law. For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For whenever the Gentiles, who have not the law, do by nature the things of the law, these, who have not the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts one with another accusing or also excusing, in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel.

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσὶν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξύ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ.



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SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK :

FEAST OF HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
ORTHROS- 8:30AM; LITURGY - 9:30AM

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GOLF

(Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will be starting a summer session this Thursday, June 30th immediately following the 9:30 Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles. *All women* are encouraged to attend!
Babysitting is available for \$5/family.

GOYA

(middle school and high school students)

Our next TNT is this Thursday, June 30th!
Contact Beth Daskalantonakis for details – 512-301-3170 or bethd@mkdtechnologies.com

HOPE/JOY

(elementary grade students)

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.

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

Appearance of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God Commemorated on June 26



According to ancient tradition, the wonderworking icon of Tikhvin is one of several painted by St Luke the Evangelist. The icon was taken from Jerusalem to Constantinople in the fifth century, where it was enshrined in the Church of Blachernae, which was built especially for this purpose.

In 1383, seventy years before the fall of Constantinople at the hands of the Turks, fishermen on Lake Ladoga in the principality of Novgorod the Great witnessed the icon miraculously hovering over the lake's waters amidst a radiant light. According to an early sixteenth century Russian manuscript, "The Tale of Miracles of the Icon of the Tikhvin Mother of God," the Theotokos herself decided that her image should leave Constantinople, perhaps in anticipation of the impending fall of the Byzantine Empire.

Shortly after its miraculous appearance, the icon was discovered in several neighboring towns, including the village of Motchenitsy on the bank of the Tikhvinka River, before it finally appeared near the town of Tikhvin. A wooden church dedicated to the Dormition of the Theotokos was built on the site of the icon's final resting place. Miraculously, the icon survived a number of fires.

In the early sixteenth century, through the zeal of Great Prince Basil Ivanovich, a stone church was built to replace the original wooden structure. In 1560, by order of Tsar Ivan the Terrible, a men's monastery was established near the church and enclosed with a stone wall.

In 1613-1614, the Swedish army, having seized Novgorod, made several attempts to destroy the monastery. The countless prayers offered to the Theotokos before the icon were heard, and the monastery was spared. On one occasion, after monks had been alerted to the approaching Swedish army, they decided to flee and to take the icon with them. But the monks soon discovered that they could not remove the icon from its shrine. Seeing this as a sign of the Theotokos' protection, the monks decided not to abandon the monastery, begging the Theotokos to spare them and their beloved spiritual home. To their amazement, a large Muscovite army appeared to defend the monastery.

When the Swedes encountered the army, they retreated immediately. Word of this miracle spread rapidly, and imperial emissaries soon visited the monastery. Accompanied by a copy of the wonderworking icon, they set off for the village of Stolbovo, 33 miles from Tikhvin, where they concluded a peace treaty with the Swedes on February 10, 1617. Afterwards, the copy of the icon was taken to Moscow and enshrined in the Kremlin's Dormition Cathedral. Later, the same icon was placed in the Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia) cathedral in Novgorod at the request of the city's faithful, who also found themselves under attack by the Swedes. Once again, through the intercession of the Theotokos, the city was spared.

Over the centuries, the icon's fame spread far and wide. Copies of the wonderworking icon began to adorn churches throughout the land. Some of these copies also proved to be sources of miracles, and it was not uncommon to find the faithful praying before the icon to seek healing for children who were ill.

No fewer than 24 processions with the icon were celebrated each year at the Tikhvin Monastery, where the icon was enshrined. A decorative cover, or "riza," adorned the icon, exposing only the faces and hands of the Holy Virgin and Christ child. Numerous precious stones studded the riza, and many of the faithful, desiring to express thanksgiving for prayers answered through the Theotokos' intercession, affixed precious jewelry to the riza.

Most miraculous is the fact that the icon was preserved from destruction or sale after the Russian Revolution, which ushered in a 74-year persecution of the Church. During the 1920s, the communist government demanded that the Russian Orthodox Church turn over countless icons and other precious liturgical items, which through the nationalization of private property were considered the property of "the people." Many of these sacred items were sold, allegedly to raise money to feed the Russian and Ukrainian population which was afflicted by famine.

June 26, 2011 - Second Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - St. Matthew 4: 18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.



Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (First Tone)

*“The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews
and the soldiers guarding did watch oe’r Your pure and sacred body
O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world
did You give life where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver
of life Glory unto our resurrected Christ, Glory unto Your Kingdom,
Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all”*

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

*“A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,
reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin.
Instead, come to us, for you are good;
Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you:
Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time,
Theotokos, for those who honor 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, Pete, Wendy, Lorraine*

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*