

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, July 3, 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 25th and 26th 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.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING SO THAT WE CAN INFORM THE MONASTERY OF OUR NUMBERS.

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

Philoptochos News

- ◆ Summer has arrived in "full force" and we are all experiencing the terrible heat. If you are aware of anyone in our community who is in need of a fan or any other service connected with the heat wave, please contact the church office and we will coordinate to assist with the problem.
- ◆ Each month we will be delivering the items which you have donated for the Safe House. These items include travel size shampoo, soap, clothing, etc. I have also been asked for donations of disposable baby diapers. It was brought to my attention that many of the women who come to the shelter for help bring with them small children. If you do not wish to purchase the diapers and would like to give a donation for this purpose, please come by the Philoptochos table at coffee hour or give the money to Liz and she will see that it gets to us. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPTION: PURCHASE A \$25 HEB, TARGET OR WAL-MART CARD TO SEND TO SAFE HOUSE. THIS WAY, YOU NOT ONLY HELP SAFE HOUSE, BUT TRANSFIGURATION AS WELL!!!** Our community has been blessed with many loving and caring families and I know this is hard to accept; however, family abuse is a problem and we can make a difference to these women through our acts of Christian kindness. This is an ongoing project so if you are unable to help this month, maybe next month?
- ◆ When you start planning your next picnic or Bar-B-Q, please remember to purchase a Philoptochos HEB gift card for your groceries. And for summer movies with the kids, we also have gift cards available for Regal and other Cinemas. There are so many choices, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's and Olive Garden, just to name a few. Please consider purchasing a gift card from 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. Liz and others are at the table during coffee hour to assist you with your purchase.

On behalf of Philoptochos
we wish each of you a safe and blessed summer!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Norman, O'Brien, Nikas, Orthmann, Ousaklidis

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Leatherwood, Meador, Mirialakis, Missetzis, Omer

Next Sunday's Luncheon Sponsors are:

Pappas, Eagle, Mitchell, Strong

Thank you to today's usher:

Brandon Suehs

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Jim George & Nyda Glaros

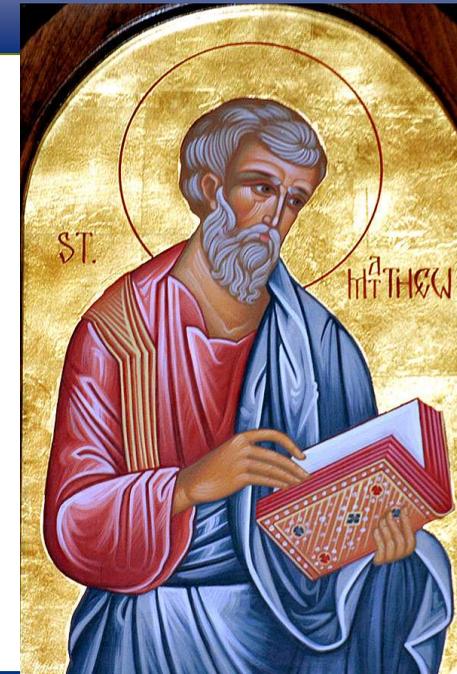
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Sophia Khan

SUNDAY BULLETIN
JULY 3, 2011

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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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July 3, 2011 - Third Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - Romans 5: 1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom also we have had access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we boast in afflictions also, knowing that the affliction worketh out patience; and patience, a tested character; and a tested character, hope. And the hope doth not put to shame, for the love of God hath been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who was given to us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God commendeth His own love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

OYA (Orthodox Young Adults)

Join the young adults from the Austin-area Orthodox churches for an informal get together today, Sunday, July 3 after Liturgy. Please come at 1pm to Panera Bread (9901 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, on the corner of Capital of Texas and Stonelake Blvd) for coffee and lunch. We will discuss upcoming events and brainstorm ideas for more activities. Please contact Nikolas Haidamous (St. Elias) or Maria Miller (Transfiguration) at austin.oya@gmail.com for further information. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Looking ahead, we will be having a Bible Study on Wednesday, July 20th @ Transfiguration, so please mark your calendars! There will be a 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis service, with dinner and Bible Study to follow @ 7 p.m. We will be reading from the book of 1st Corinthians.

GOLF

(Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will not meet this week.

We will resume our 'Summer Study' of I Corinthians on Thursday, July 14th at 10:00am. *All women* are encouraged to attend! Babysitting is available for \$5/family.

Bookstore News

Our Bookstore has some sale items remaining!

Looking for a good summer read?... Stop by and pick up a couple of wonderful books! We will be re-stocking this coming month, so plan on dropping by to see what's new. **HAVE A GREAT FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, AND REMEMBER OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

Yummy Treats to raise money for our Dome Iconography Project

Valli Pappas is selling delicious home made and healthy nut-based treats to help raise the money for our Dome Iconography Project. These treats are *really* delicious and Valli has a large variety of sweet or spicy options. 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 txwynn@gmail.com

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

July 4, 2011
Independence Day

*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty;
only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh,
but through love serve one another. (Galatians 5:13)*

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this annual celebration of freedom and the commemoration of the founding of this nation, I greet you in the love of our Lord who offers to us enduring liberty leading to a creative life on earth and ultimately eternal life. Our liberty in Christ frees us from the bondage of sin and death through the power of the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As the Apostle Paul states in his Epistle to the Galatians, this liberty is to be led by the Spirit and should not be an opportunity to do the works of the flesh or fulfill selfish desires. Instead, this freedom should produce and nurture the fruit of the Spirit, leading each person in love and acts of service toward others (Galatians 5:22).

Our love and service toward others as Orthodox Christians and the building up of the community of faith is also the foundation for our relationship with the broader community in which we live. Civic engagement is an important facet of our lives, as we express concern for the social environment in which we live and for those with whom we share it. This was a principle that was recognized by the founders of our country. A democratic government and a stable and free society necessitate the active participation in the political and civic life of the nation. They affirmed that participation should not be forced or coerced, but they also recognized that the well-being of the nation would be dependent on a robust and responsible engagement by the people.

One challenge is that this freedom which we celebrate on the 4th of July each year can paradoxically be the negative opportunity for selfishness, greed, and apathy, leading to a decline in engagement and a lack of concern for others in our communities. This is why our Orthodox Christian faith has so much to offer. Our civic engagement is a manner in which we express the love of God. It is our vocation as His people to labor for an environment where people have the opportunity to live securely, to be free, and to flourish. In addition, we offer a witness of the nature and power of true freedom, as we unite the freedoms we have in this country with the manner of life we live in Christ.

On this Independence Day, may we commemorate the many blessings of freedom and life that we share in this country. May we also consider our engagement within our communities and how we share our faith and the love of God through our service to others. For each and every person may we seek all that is good, just, and leads to a blessed life in God, which guarantees true freedom.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

July 3, 2011 - Third Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - St. Matthew 6: 22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Tone)

*“When You descended to the realm of death
You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity.
And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead
all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out
O life-giving Christ and Our God we give glory”*

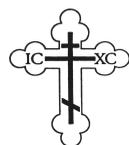
Hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

*“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,
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George, Katherine, Fr. Peter, Dimitra Roll, Leah, Venton, Nick, Tatiana, Sandy,
Damon, Caleb, Pete, Wendy, Lorraine, Tina*

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*