

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, July 10, 2011

**Please support Transfiguration and plan to eat lunch with us today!
The delicious summer-fun menu includes:**

- **Pulled Pork on a Bun**
 - **Baked Beans**
- **“Build Your Own” Salad Bar**
 - **Potato Chips**
- **Ice Cream and Watermelon for dessert**

Thank you to Pappas, Eagle, Mitchell and Strong for sponsoring today’s luncheon!

Philoptochos News

- ◆ August is just around the corner and along with it comes the celebration of the Feast Day for our Blessed Transfiguration Church. Philoptochos, along with the all the women of Church, will be providing the refreshments after Vespers on Friday, August 5th. As soon as I have more information I will post it at the Philoptochos table. I look forward to working with everyone; I know this will be a very special evening for all of us.
- ◆ As I always love to say “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.”

HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!

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.

Thank you to last week’s Coffee Hour sponsors:

Norman, O’Brien, Nikas, Orthmann, Ousaklidis

Next Sunday’s Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Papadatos, Papanikolaou, Pappas, Pavlos, Petropoulos

Thank you to today’s usher:

Sophia Khan

Thank you to last week’s ushers:

Brandon Suehs

The Usher for next Sunday is:

Elizabeth George

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JULY 10, 2011

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
45 HOLY MARTYRS AT NICOPOLIS IN ARMENIA**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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July 10, 2011 - Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - Romans 6: 18-23

Brethren, and having been freed from sin, ye were made slaves to righteousness. I speak in human terms on account of the weakness of your flesh. For as ye presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and to lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification. For when ye were slaves of sin, ye were free as to righteousness. Therefore what fruit were ye having then in the things of which ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin, and having been made slaves to God, ye have your fruit to sanctification, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ἀδελφοί, ἐλευθερωθέντες δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας, ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. Ἀνθρώπινον λέγω διὰ τὴν ἀσθένειαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὑμῶν· ὥσπερ γὰρ παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, οὕτως νῦν παραστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἁγιασμόν. Ὅτε γὰρ δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἁμαρτίας, ἐλεύθεροι ἦτε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. Τίνα οὖν καρπὸν εἶχετε τότε ἐφ' οἷς νῦν ἐπαισχύνεσθε; Τὸ γὰρ τέλος ἐκείνων θάνατος. Νυνὶ δὲ ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας, δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ θεῷ, ἔχετε τὸν καρπὸν ὑμῶν εἰς ἁγιασμόν, τὸ δὲ τέλος ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τὰ γὰρ ὀψώνια τῆς ἁμαρτίας θάνατος, τὸ δὲ χάρισμα τοῦ θεοῦ ζωὴ αἰώνιος ἐν χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

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This morning we welcome Fr. Theodore Bita.
Thank you, Fr. Bita for serving with us today!

GOLF

(Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet this Thursday, July 14th at 10:00am.

We will continue our study of 1 Corinthians led by Fr. Vasileios.

All women are encouraged to attend! Babysitting is available for \$5/family.

Please contact Whitney Papadatos with any questions concerning GOLF- wpapadatos@hotmail.com

Sr. GOYA

The senior GOYans will be going on an outing to the IMAX theater on Friday evening, July 22, at 6:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Fr. Vasileios.

OYA (Orthodox Young Adults)

OYA will begin a Bible Study series on Wednesday, July 20th @ Transfiguration Plan to meet here at 6:00 p.m. for Paraklesis service, with dinner and Bible Study to follow @ 7 p.m. We will be reading from the book of 1st Corinthians.



The Feast Day of Prophet Elias

St. Elias Orthodox Church will be celebrating their feast day on **Tuesday, July 19** with a Vespertal Liturgy at 6:30pm, followed by a fellowship meal.

Everyone is invited to celebrate this Feast!

St. Elias Orthodox Church is located at 408 E. 11th Street

Bookstore News

The bookstore is open for browsing.

Please feel free to check out the wonderful books that we have to offer you.

Thinking of a special gift for someone? Our gift department might have just the thing for you!

We have some very unique items.

Summer is a great time to catch up on your reading! Stop by and get some books.

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

45 Holy Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia

The Forty-five Martyrs of the Armenian City of Nicopolis suffered during the reign of the emperor Licinius (311-324), then a coregent with Constantine the Great. Licinius fiercely persecuted Christians and in his Eastern half of the Empire he issued an edict to put to death anyone who would not consent to return to paganism. When the persecutions began at Nicopolis, more than forty of the persecuted of Christ decided to appear voluntarily before their persecutors, to confess openly their faith in the Son of God and accept martyrdom. The holy confessors were headed by Leontius, Mauricius, Daniel, Anthony and Alexander, and were distinguished by their virtuous life. The procurator of the Armenian district, Licius, before whom the holy confessors presented themselves, was amazed at the directness and bravery of those who voluntarily doomed themselves to torture and death. He tried to persuade them to renounce Christ and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, but the saints remained steadfast. They refuted all the arguments of the governor, pointing out to him all the falseness of faith in the vile and vice-filled pagan gods, leading those that worship them to ruin. The procurator gave orders to beat the confessors about the face with stones, and then shackle and imprison them.

In prison the saints rejoiced and sang the Psalms of David. St Leontius inspired and encouraged the brethren, preparing them to accept new tortures for the true Faith, and telling them of the bravery of all those formerly that had suffered for Christ. In the morning, after repeated refusals to offer sacrifice to the idols, the saints were again given over to torture. St Leontius, seeing the intense suffering of the martyrs and worrying that some of them might falter and lose faith, prayed to God that there might be a quick end of the matter for all.

When the holy martyrs sang Psalms at midnight, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to them, and the prison blazed with light. The angel declared to the martyrs that their contest was near its end, and their names already were inscribed in Heaven. Two of the prison guards, Meneus and Virilad, saw what was happening and believed in Christ. On the following morning, the governor decided to put the martyrs of Christ to death. After beastly tortures they burned them in a fire, and threw their bones in a river. Pious people found the relics, gathered them up and saved them. Later on, when freedom had been bestowed to the Church of Christ, a church was built on this spot in the name of the holy 45 Martyrs.



You are cordially invited to the
Feast Day Celebration of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Friday, August 5

Vespers at 6:00pm

With the blessing of the Artoclasia and grapes

~ Coffee reception to follow ~

Saturday, August 6

Orthros at 9:00am

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

*Fish luncheon following at 11:30am,
with family-friendly entertainment!*

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY AUGUST FIRST!

July 10, 2011 - Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - Matthew 8: 5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ εἰς Καπερναοῦμ προσήλθεν αὐτῷ ἑκατόνταρχος παρακαλῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ὁ παῖς μου βέβληται ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ παραλυτικός, δεινῶς βασανιζόμενος· καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἐγὼ ἐλθὼν θεραπεύσω αὐτόν· καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος ἔφη· Κύριε, οὐκ εἰμὶ ἰκανὸς ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθῃς· ἀλλὰ μόνον εἰπέ λόγῳ, καὶ ἰαθήσεται ὁ παῖς μου· καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἄνθρωπος εἰμὶ ὑπὸ ἐξουσίαν, ἔχων ὑπ' ἐμαυτὸν στρατιώτας, καὶ λέγω τούτῳ, πορεύθητι, καὶ πορεύεται, καὶ ἄλλῳ, ἔρχου, καὶ ἔρχεται, καὶ τῷ δούλῳ μου, ποιήσον τοῦτο, καὶ ποιεῖ· ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐθαύμασε καὶ εἶπε τοῖς ἀκολουθοῦσιν· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ τοσαύτην πίστιν εὔρον· λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι πολλοὶ ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν καὶ δυσμῶν ἤξουσι καὶ ἀνακλιθήσονται μετὰ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν, οἱ δὲ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας ἐκβληθήσονται εἰς τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον· ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων· καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ ἑκατοντάρχῳ· ὕπαγε, καὶ ὡς ἐπίστευσας γεννηθήτω σοι· καὶ ἰάθη ὁ παῖς αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐκείνῃ.



Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Third Tone)

“Let all things above in heav’n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad
With all the might and strength of His arm
an eternal deed the Lord did perform beneath His feet.
He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become.
From the womb of Hades has He delivered us,
and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy”

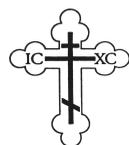
Hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

“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, Tina, Anna, Michael

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