

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
with family-friendly entertainment!*

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY AUGUST FIRST!

The Power of One "Yes"

How "Yes" Can Change the Universe

Friday, August 12, 2011
Paraklesis and Presentation



"Let it be to me as you have spoken". She said Yes!! With this one "yes", Mary changed the way that all creation is restored, or saved. Her one "yes" transforms our relationship to God, to nature, and to one another. One person. One Yes to Life.

Each of us has the potential to say "yes" to life, to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Each of us could develop our soul to be aware of God's intent and hear His promptings to our spirit. By our response, we may become more of what God calls us to be. What we say "yes" to in our lives not only defines us, but impacts the world around us. How do we tune our souls into God's voice? How do we have the courage to say "yes"? How do we discern the urgings of the Spirit from cultural influences, or just our own desires?

Come explore how Mary's "yes" impacts us and how we can develop the "yes" potential within us. Perhaps we, too, can act out a "yes" that is heard throughout generations.

To Master Teaching, Teach Like The Master

A Retreat for Teachers & Youth Ministers

Saturday, August 13, 2011
10:00 Orthros, Presentations, Luncheon & Paraklesis

Our Orthodox faith is a matter of vital life experience, not only knowledge, nor mindless adherence to regulations. Those who respond to our Lord's prompting to teach know that Christian teaching is more than an emphasis on content or even practice. We are called to transform lives. Jesus taught, and men's attitudes were changed; their habits were changed; their lives were changed and brought in line with the will of God. This was religious education at its best. This is what we as Christian teachers seek today.

Jesus' matchless message and dynamic teaching cracked the hard crust of the religious traditionalism that had surrounded the Jewish people and fanned the smoldering ember of their faith into a living fire. How did He do it? This retreat, designed for Orthodox teachers and youth workers, will both inspire you and equip you for effectiveness. With Jesus as our Teacher and our example, we will explore how to teach to transform lives.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JULY 24, 2011

6TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW CHRISTINA THE GREAT MARTYR OF TYRE



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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July 24, 2011 - 6th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - Romans 12: 6-14

Having then free gifts differing according to the grace which was given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us give ourselves in the ministering; or the one who teacheth, in the teaching; or the one who exhorteth, in the exhorting; the one who imparteth his substance, with open-handedness; the one who standeth to defend, with diligence; the one who showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor the evil, and cleave to the good. Be kindly affectionate with brotherly love toward one another, in honor giving precedence to one another; in zeal, hesitate not; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, pursuing hospitality. Keep on blessing those who persecute you; keep on blessing, and not cursing.



Ἀδελφοί, ἔοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς, ἐν ἀπλότητι· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρόν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρεῖαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, July 24, 2011

Services for this week

Feast of St. Panteleimon – Wednesday, July 27
Orthros – 8:30am; Liturgy – 9:30am

GOLF

(Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet this Thursday, July 28th 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

Bookstore News

Our bookstore is now restocked for the summer! There are more gift items for you to give as nice and unique religious gifts. Check out our beautiful books that I am sure you will find inspiring. Come and browse!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR VACATION CHURCH CAMP THIS YEAR!

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

St. Elias Vacation Bible School

"With Faith & Love Draw Near"

Everyone is invited to attend the 2011 St. Elias Vacation Bible School to be held on August 8th through 12th from 9:00am to Noon. The cost is \$20 per child.

For further information, or to register your children, contact Fr. Dave Lewis at 476-2314 or frdavelewis@sbcglobal.net

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Phocas, Phoumivong, Pon, Poulos, Price

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Papadatos, Papanikolaou, Pappas, Pavlos, Petropoulos

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Qatato, Randol, Read, Roberts, Robertson

Thank you to today's usher:

Peter Kangos

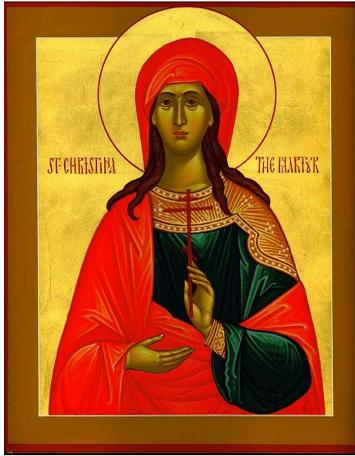
Thank you to last week's ushers:

Elizabeth George

The Usher for next Sunday is:

Nick Spiropoulos

Martyr Christina of Tyre



The Martyr Christina lived during the third century. She was born into a rich family, and her father was governor of Tyre. By the age of 11 the girl was exceptionally beautiful, and many wanted to marry her. Christina's father, however, envisioned that his daughter should become a pagan priestess. To this end he placed her in a special dwelling where he had set up many gold and silver idols, and he commanded his daughter to burn incense before them. Two servants attended Christina.

In her solitude, Christina began to wonder who had created this beautiful world. From her room she was delighted by the stars of the heavens and she constantly came back to the thought about the Creator of all the world. She was convinced, that the voiceless and inanimate idols in her room could not create anything, since they themselves were created by human hands. She began to pray to the One God with tears, entreating Him to reveal Himself. Her soul blazed with love for the Unknown God, and she intensified her prayer all the more, and combined it with fasting.

One time Christina was visited by an angel, who instructed her in the true faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. The angel called her a bride of Christ and told her about her future suffering. The holy virgin smashed all the idols standing in her room and threw them out the window. In visiting his daughter Christina's father, Urban, asked her where all the idols had disappeared. Christina was silent. Then, having summoned the servants, Urban learned the truth from them.

In a rage the father began to slap his daughter's face. At first, the holy virgin remained quiet, but then she told her father about her faith in the One True God, and that she had destroyed the idols with her own hands. Urban gave orders to kill all the servants in attendance upon his daughter, and he gave Christina a fierce beating and threw her in prison. Having learned about what had happened, St Christina's mother came in tears, imploring her to renounce Christ and to return to her ancestral beliefs. But Christina remained unyielding. On another day, Urban brought his daughter to trial and urged her to offer worship to the gods, and to ask forgiveness for her misdeeds. Instead, he saw her firm and steadfast confession of faith in Christ.

The torturers tied her to an iron wheel, beneath which they lit a fire. The body of the martyr, turning round on the wheel, was scorched on all sides. They then threw her into prison.

An angel of God appeared at night, healing her wounds and strengthening her with food. Her father, seeing her unharmed, gave orders to drown her in the sea. An angel sustained the saint while the stone sank down, and Christina miraculously came out of the water and reappeared before her father. In terror, the torturer imputed this to sorcery and he decided to execute her in the morning. That night he himself suddenly died. Another governor, Dion, was sent in his place. He summoned the holy martyr and also tried to persuade her to renounce Christ, but seeing her unyielding firmness, he again subjected her to cruel tortures. The holy martyr was for a long while in prison. People began to flock to her, and she converted them to the true faith in Christ. Thus about 300 were converted.

In place of Dion, a new governor Julian arrived and resumed the torture of the saint. After various torments, Julian gave orders to throw her into a red-hot furnace and lock her in it. After five days they opened the furnace and found the martyr alive and unharmed. Seeing this miracle take place, many believed in Christ the Savior, and the torturers executed St Christina with a sword.

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γὰρ ἐστὶν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἄρον σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκόν αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (First Plagal Tone)

Ton sinanarhon Logon Patrike Pnevmati ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian imon animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen oti ivthokese sarki anelthin en to stavro ke thanaton ipomine ke egire tus tethneo tas en ti en thoxo anastasi Aftu.

*“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word,
Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation.
As the faithful we both praise and worship Him,
for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross,
and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead
through His all glorious resurrection.”*

Hymn for St. Christina

*O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice:
O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest,
and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried.
I suffer or Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee;
for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee:
accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice.
Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in 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. We are pleased to have you with us! 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 Transfiguration. You are invited to complete the information form below and either put it in the collection plate, or mail it back to us. We hope that you will return often to worship with us and grow in Christ!

NAME(S)- _____

ADDRESS- _____
(street, city, zip)

PHONE- _____; EMAIL- _____

Please check the following areas that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am visiting the area | <input type="checkbox"/> I recently moved into the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to learn more about Orthodoxy | <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming Orthodox |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please send me new member information | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to speak with a Priest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place me/us on the parish mailing list | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

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, Anna, Pamela, Shawn

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, Army Ranger Specialist Andrew Bentzel