

SUNDAY BULLETIN  
JULY 31, 2011

7TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
RIGHTEOUS EUDOCIMUS OF CAPPADOCIA  
AND RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE  
ORTHROS 8:15 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 AM

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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**

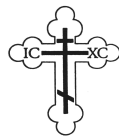
Our Orthodox faith is a matter of vital life experience, not only knowledge, nor mindless adherence to regulations. Those who respond to our Lord's prompting to teach know that Christian teaching is more than an emphasis on content or even practice. We are called to transform lives. Jesus taught, and 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.

July 31, 2011 - 7th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - Romans 15: 1-7

Brethren, we then who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. For let each of us be pleasing his neighbor for the good, toward building up. For even the Christ pleased not Himself; but even as it hath been written: "The reproaches of those who reproach Thee are fallen on Me." For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our instruction, in order that we through patience and the consolation of the Scriptures may have hope. Now may the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded among one another according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and with one mouth ye may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, be receiving one another, even as also the Christ Himself received us to the glory of God.



Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρεσκείν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δῶν ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, July 31, 2011

### Services for this week

The Dormition Fast begins on August 1 and ends on the Feast of the Dormition, Aug. 15.

*Paraklesis* will be held every evening, Monday through Thursday at 6:00pm.

*Vespers for the Feast of The Transfiguration* - Friday, Aug. 5 at 6:00pm

*Feast of the Transfiguration* - Saturday, Aug. 6 - *Orthros* -9:00am; *Liturgy* -10:00am

*Saturday Great Vespers* will begin at 2:00pm.

On Sunday, August 14th, we will have a special Vespers and Lamentations for the Feast of the Dormition at 6:00.

We will decorate the Kouvouklion on Saturday, Aug. 13 after the 3:00pm Great Vespers. All are welcome and encouraged to help! We are also taking donations to purchase flowers for the Kouvouklion and for the recently purchased *beautiful* Epitaphios for the Mother of God.

### TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR VACATION CHURCH CAMP THIS YEAR!

Our own Church Camp begins tomorrow, Aug.1 and continues throughout the week from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Vacation Church Camp is for kids ages 2 through those entering 6th grade.

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#### *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

### Bookstore News

To help us feature a book that is available in the Bookstore, Dr. Jake Angelo has agreed to prepare a short synopsis of one for us! Watch for his review and then come by and look at his recommendation! If you have a book that has inspired you, please let us know and we will feature it.

We have a good collection of beautiful icons in our store and many wonderful gift items such as hand-made scented soap from the St. Paraskevi Monastery. Come and see!

### Philoptochos News

- ◆ This month Philoptochos will be starting our Membership Drive. Don't wait for the last meeting to join us. Sign up now! Our calendar of up-coming events will be at the Philoptochos table. We have much planned! See how you can help!
- ◆ Our prayers go out to Maria Nikas for the loss of her husband, Xenophon. May his memory be eternal.
- ◆ Back to school shopping begins soon. Our scrip cards can help! We have, or can get, Target, Walmart, many of the major Department stores and others, including a new vendor, SPROUTS! Please help Philoptochos help the needy.....purchase scrip cards!
- ◆ Don't forget to bring in items for the Safe House! We will be delivering them soon!

### Happy Birthday to our August Birthday girls!

Pat Gatlin Aug. 11	Gwen Elizabeth Jerome - Aug. 22	Mary Katherine Bakiris - Aug. 25	Anastasia Read Aug. 25	Sophia Khan Aug. 26	Koula DeRossi Aug. 29
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### "Valli's Good-Natured Nut Clusters" help 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!

### Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia

Saint Eudocimus, a native of Cappadocia (Asia Minor), lived during the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He was the son of the pious Christians Basil and Eudokia, an illustrious family known to the emperor. They raised their son "in discipline and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6: 4), planting in his soul a sincere faith and holy virtues.

The righteous life of St Eudocimus was devoted to pleasing God and serving his neighbor. Having given a vow to remain unmarried and chaste, he avoided conversation with women and did not look at them. He would speak only with his own mother, whom he greatly respected. The emperor valued his virtue and talents, so he appointed St Eudocimus as governor of Chorziane, Armenia. Fulfilling his duty as a servant of God, St Eudocimus governed the people justly and with kindness. He concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows, and he was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits which he did in secret, were known only to God.

Eudocimus pleased God by his blameless life, and the Lord called him at age 33. Lying on his deathbed, St Eudocimus gave final instructions to place him in the grave in those clothes in which he would meet death. Then he sent everyone out of the room and entreated the Lord that no one would see his end, just as no one saw his secret efforts during life. His attendants buried him as he had instructed them. Right after the death of St Eudocimus miracles took place at his grave. Many sick people were healed, and the news of the miraculous healings spread.

After 18 months, the mother of St Eudocimus came from Constantinople to venerate his relics. She gave orders to remove the stone, dig up the ground, and open the grave. Everyone beheld the face of the saint, bright as if alive, altogether untouched by decay. A great fragrance came from him. They took up the coffin with the relics from the earth, and they dressed the saint in new clothes. His mother wanted to take the relics of her son to Constantinople, but the Kharsian people would not clear a path for their holy one. After a certain time the hieromonk Joseph, having lived and served at the grave of the saint, transported the relics of St Eudocimus to Constantinople. There they were placed in a silver reliquary in the church of the Most Holy Theotokos, built by the parents of the saint.

St Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth. He was, as his name implies, truly successful in every virtue.

### Righteous Joseph of Arimathea

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea was a secret disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a member of the Sanhedrin he did not participate in the "counsel and deed" of the Jews in passing a death sentence for Jesus Christ. After the Crucifixion and Death of the Savior he made bold to go to Pilate and ask him for the Body of the Lord, to Which he gave burial with the help of Righteous Nicodemus, who was also a secret disciple of the Lord.

They took down the Body of the Savior from the Cross, wrapped it in a winding-cloth, and placed it in a new tomb, in which no one had ever been buried, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the presence of the Mother of God and the holy Myrrh-Bearing Women (St Joseph had prepared this tomb for himself). Having rolled a heavy stone before the entrance of the tomb, they departed (John. 19: 37-42; Mt. 27: 57-61; Mark 15: 43-47; Luke. 24: 50-56).

St Joseph traveled around the world, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. He died peacefully in England.

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Gospel - Matthew 9: 27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κρᾶζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνέωχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξεληθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ.

Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

#### Thank you to today's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Qatato, Randol, Read, Roberts, Robertson

#### Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Phocas, Phoumivong, Pon, Poulos, Price

#### Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Scattergood, Sewell, Shannon, Shotwell, Simbles

#### Thank you to today's usher:

Nick Spiropoulos

#### Thank you to last week's ushers:

Peter Kangos

#### The Usher for next Sunday is:

Stuart Yoder

## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn (2nd Plagal Tone)**

“Angelike thinamis epi to mnima Su ke I filassontes apenekrothisan ke istato  
Maria en to tafo zitusa to ahranton Su soma.

Eskilefsas ton Athin mi pirasthis ip aftu ipintisas ti Partheno  
thorumenos tin zoin a Anastas ek ton nekron. Kirie thoxa Si.”

“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as  
though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary  
seeking Your pure and sacred body.

For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch  
You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life  
O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.”

### **Hymn for The Holy and Just Eudocimus**

“The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell  
preserveth thy body uncorrupted after thy death,  
O saintly Eudocimus; for in living modestly and chastely,  
O blest one, thou didst keep thy flesh free of all stain and defilement;  
with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all be saved.”

### **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 for the Transfiguration**

“On the mount Thou was transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear,  
beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified,  
they would know Thy Passion to be willing,  
and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.”

### **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, 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, Anthoula

### **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