



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.

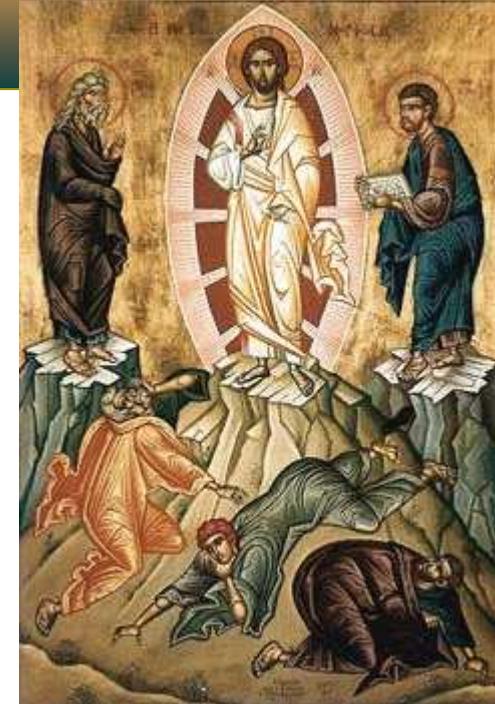
Philoptochos News

- ◆ Our 2011-2012 Calendar is out and you may pick up a copy at the Philoptochos table.
- ◆ Thank you all for the delicious food; help with decorating and for being a part of our celebration of the Feast of Transfiguration. At the event each year we find ourselves looking back over the years at how beautifully our Philoptochos and Church community have grown. May God bless us in the coming year and bring us together again next year to celebrate and reflect.
- ◆ We look forward to the decorating of the Tomb for the Dormition of the Theotokos. Anyone interested in helping with this event will be welcomed. We will decorate after services on Sunday.
- ◆ If you do your grocery shopping at HEB or Randal's, we encourage you to make your purchases with one of our gift cards. We also have gift cards available for Target, Wal-Mart, Regal Cinema, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Chili's, Sprouts, just to name a few, and now we can get gift cards to **WHOLE FOODS!** Some families are purchasing a gift card from Wal-Mart to use for buying gas. PLUS...HEB is offering **11 cents per gallon** off of the price of their gas when you purchase it with a gift card! This offer expires on October 31st, so purchase your HEB cards now! Not only are they getting a **GREAT** deal on the gas price but each time one of our cards are used, the extra money goes to helping others. Thank you all for your continued support.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

AUGUST 7, 2011

8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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August 7, 2011 - 8th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - I Corinthians 1: 10-17

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all be speaking the same thing, and that schisms may not be among you, but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same sentiment. For it was declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of the house of Chloe, that there are strifes among you. Now this I say, that each of you saith, "I indeed am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Kephas," and "I of Christ." Hath the Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or in the name of Paul were ye baptized? I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispos and Gaios, lest any should say that in mine own name I baptized. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas. As for the rest, I know not if I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not forth to baptize, but to be preaching the Gospel, not in wisdom of speech, lest the Cross of Christ should be made empty.

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ἦ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἦτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῖ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γὰρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης, ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσιν. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει, Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ χριστός; Μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα, εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον· ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπη ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέν με χριστός βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι· οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρός τοῦ χριστοῦ.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, August 7, 2011

Services for this week

- * *Paraklesis* will be held every evening, Monday through Friday at 6:00pm.
- * *Saturday Great Vespers* on Saturday, Aug. 13 will begin at 3:00pm.

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!

Flower donations



We are taking donations to purchase flowers for the Kouvouklion and for the recently purchased *beautiful* Epitaphios for the Mother of God.

A collection plate is in the Narthex of the church.

Philoptochos Board Induction

Fr. Vasileios will install the new Philoptochos officers for 2011-2013 today at the end of the Liturgy. The officers are: President- Pat Mitchell, Vice President- Valli Pappas, Treasurer- Elaine Leatherwood, Recording Secretary- Diana Angelo and Corresponding Secretary- Effie Anthony.

Thank you, lovely women, for serving your church!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We wish to thank Nick and Chrissie Spiropoulos for so generously sponsoring our feast day luncheon. Thank you for not only your generosity, but also all of your time and talent in making the event so beautiful!

We also thank Pat Mitchell and the women of Philoptochos for the lovely decorations and delicious refreshments in the hall on Friday evening.

All of you made the Feast of the Transfiguration a very beautiful and memorable event!

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

FEAST OF THE DORMITION

We will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Monday, August 15th.

Orthros will begin at 8:30am, and the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30am

We will have a Pot-Luck Lunch following the Liturgy. Please bring a dish to share so that we can celebrate together!

OYA (Orthodox Young Adults)

OYA will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 9th at Transfiguration for our continued study of I Corinthians with Father Vasileios.

We will begin with Paraklesis at 6:00pm immediately followed by dinner and the Bible study.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will continue their study of 1 Corinthians with

Fr. Vasileios on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 10:00am.

Babysitting is available.

"Valli's Good-Natured Nut Clusters" help raise money for our Dome Iconography Project

Valli Pappas will be ending the sale of her delicious nut-based treats at the end of August.

Please stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase some before it is too late!



Martyr Dometius of Persia

St Dometius lived in Persia during the fourth century. In his youth he was converted to the Faith by a Christian named Uaros. Forsaking Persia, he withdrew to the frontier city of Nisibis (in Mesopotamia), where he was baptized in one of the monasteries, and also received the monastic tonsure.

Fleeing the ill-will of some of the monks, St Dometius moved to the monastery of Saints Sergius and Bacchus in the city of Theodosiopolis. The monastery was under the guidance of an archimandrite named Urbelos, a strict ascetic, of whom it was said that for sixty years he did not taste cooked food, nor did he lay down for sleep, but rather took his rest standing up, supporting himself upon his staff.

In this monastery St Dometius was ordained a deacon, but when the archimandrite decided to have him made a presbyter, the saint, considering himself unworthy, hid himself on a desolate mountain in Syria, in the region of Cyrrhus.

Stories about him constantly spread among the local inhabitants. They began to come to him for healing and for help. Many pagans were brought to faith in Christ by Dometius. And one time, in the locality where St Dometius struggled with his disciples, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363) arrived, traveling on his campaign against the Persians. By order of the emperor, soldiers found St Dometius praying with his disciples in a cave, and walled them up alive inside.

The church office will be closed on Monday, Aug. 8th through Wednesday, August 10th.

If you have an emergency, please call Fr. Vasileios directly at 512-574-1972.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour sponsors:
Scattergood, Sewell, Shannon, Shotwell, Simbles

<p>Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors: <i>Qatato, Randol, Read, Roberts, Robertson</i></p>	<p>Next Sunday's luncheon Sponsors are: <i>Ralph & Anita Jones and Jim & Elizabeth George and Michael & Nyda Glaros</i></p>
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<p>Thank you to today's usher: <i>Stuart Yoder</i></p>	<p>Thank you to last week's ushers: <i>Nick Spiropoulos</i></p>	<p>The Usher for next Sunday is: <i>John Chronis</i></p>
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August 7, 2011 - 8th Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - Matthew 14: 14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπὶ αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρήλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτοὺς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦσαν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Baris Tone)

*“Katelisas to Stavro Su ton thanaton ineoxas to listi ton parathison
ton Miroforon ton thrinon meteuales ke tis.*

*Sis apostolis kirittin epetaxas oti anestis Christe o Theos
parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.”*

*“O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death,
and granted unto the thief blessed paradise.*

*The Myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the
Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God,
bestowing mercy upon the world evermore.”*

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*