



VACATION CHURCH CAMP--Too Much FUN!

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Church Camp a tremendous success! Our numbers hit new highs and our smiles were even bigger. I am so grateful to God to have been given such a wonderful opportunity to spend one-on-one time with each child, teaching all of them in our beautiful Sanctuary about the nativity of our Lord. Thanks for the musical parades, fun 'n games outside, and especially for being soaked,

through and through, by all the water balloons and buckets and buckets of freezing H2O on the last day! It was so much FUN!

Our two Vacation Church Camp Directors--**Teresa Shannon and Julie Wynn**--conceived the theme and entire program with many hours of prayerful preparation and planning. The hymns of the Church were used as a guide, specifically the beautiful kontakion of the nativity. We had the days broken up by the kontakion verses, with corresponding Bible verses and lessons--at times with puppets, at times with acting, and at times with storybooks. The age appropriate and well researched arts and crafts, also reinforced each day's Bible and music verse.



Lainie Horwedel, with her entire store of professional musical equipment, parachutes, and other fun surprises, ensured that we had a top notch musical program for each age group. **Amity Garwood** made sure that our youngest ones--the 2 and 3 year olds--were not left out, but had their own rich program. **Presbytera Stella, Presbytera Ria Bithos, Katina Tghokoev, and Stephanie O'Brien**, filled in and executed the everything nicely with their teaching ministry to our children and spot-on ingenuity. **Whitney Papadatos**, made sure our palates were satisfied with all sorts of yummy treats, while keeping the fast, and hydrated in those hot days of summer. **David Maziasz** amazed us with his skills for tailoring the games outside to fit the diverse ages of all the kids in the program. Our "field trip" to Holy Archangels, brought us a blessing from **Geronda Dositheos**, a beautiful lesson from **Fr. Ephraim**, and the delicious meal from one of **Fr. Joseph's** culinary lenten delights. And last, but definitely not least, to all of our **GOYANS--Aimee and Jade Gouris, Jasmin and Alex Khan, Maria and Jerry Benson, Matthew and Ruby Wynn, Christina Randol, and Timothy Shannon**, who shepherded our children from activity to activity, we could not have done it without you! The children who look up to you, most of all say THANK YOU! The best part of all? Hearing the kids saying the funniest things: "Vacation Church Camp should be three weeks long"; "this is the most fun I've had, ever!"; "When we make the sign of the cross, we say that God is the Boss. . ."; "God, are those your swim shorts?" — **Smiling, Fr. Vasileios**



Congratulations to Jennifer, Brandon and Evangeline Suehs!
Thomas Michael, was born on Saturday, August 6th. Our Feast Day Baby!

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:

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Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

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Thank you to today's usher:

John Chronis

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Stuart Yoder

The Usher for next Sunday is:

Shelley Ebeling

SUNDAY BULLETIN

AUGUST 14, 2011

9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS



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

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August 14, 2011 - 9th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 3: 9-17

For we are God's co-laborers; ye are God's cultivation, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect, I have laid a foundation and another buildeth upon it. But let each one be taking heed how he buildeth up; for no one is able to lay any other foundation beside the One being laid, Who is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw, the work of each shall become manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it is being revealed in fire; and the fire shall put to the test the work of each, of what sort it is. If the work of anyone abide which he built upon, he shall receive a reward. If the work of anyone shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, but so as in the midst of fire. Know ye not that ye are God's temple, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If anyone corrupt the temple of God, God shall bring this same one to corruption; for the temple of God is holy, which ye are.

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· θεοῦ γεώργιον, θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι, ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. Ἐκαστος δὲ βλέπεται πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ. Θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς χριστός. Εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερόν γενήσεται· ἢ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὁποῖόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τις τινος τὸ ἔργον μένει ὁ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήσεται. Εἴ τις τινος τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται· αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ναὸς θεοῦ ἐστε, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; 17 Εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ φθειρεῖ, φθερεῖ τούτον ὁ θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἵτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, August 14, 2011

Services for this week

Vespers and Lamentations for the Feast of the Dormition - Sunday, August 14th - 6:00pm.

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos—Monday, August 15th—Orthros- 8:30am; Liturgy- 9:30am

We will celebrate with a pot-luck luncheon following the Liturgy. Please bring a dish to share!

Monthly Luncheon Today!

We thank the sponsors for today's luncheon:

Ralph & Anita Jones, Jim & Elizabeth George, and Michael & Nyda Glaros

They have planned a delicious menu for us!

- * Shrimp Creole with Rice
- * Salad
- * Garlic Toast
- * Dessert

Please plan to stay for lunch and support Transfiguration!



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 News

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who helped with the decoration of the Tomb, and for your support in purchasing the flowers and the Epitaphios. This project was a blessing to everyone.
- ◆ The swearing in ceremony by Father Vasileios was such a moving event for all the members, thank you Father Vasileios.
- ◆ Our Philoptochos Membership Committee will be contacting you soon to renew your support. We thank you in advance for making Philoptochos a part of your church experience.
- ◆ Our monthly donation for July to the Safe House was delivered this past week by Valli Papas. Please remember that we deliver to this charity each month and the items that make a difference are: diapers, cloths for women and children (any sizes) would be appreciated.
- ◆ Please support our Scrip Card Project! "*Fundraising While You Shop!*" Your purchase of these various gift cards help the various charities that Philoptochos supports AND Transfiguration! We now have in stock cards for HEB, Randals, Whole Foods and Sprouts! We also have cards on hand for Starbucks, movie theaters, department stores and others.
- ◆ Are you getting ready to send your student back to school or off to college? We can get you gift cards for Bed, Bath & Beyond, The Container Store, Crate and Barrel, Target, Wal-Mart and many different clothing and shoe stores! We only need one week to get you the cards that you would need. Remember, you will not spend any more for these cards than you would at the store itself; but you will still be earning money for your church! Several of these stores are also offering an extra bonus for our church throughout the months of August and September! Stop by our table to make your purchase!



Micah the Prophet

The Prophet Micah, the sixth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Judah and was a native of the city of Moresheth, to the south of Jerusalem. His prophetic service began around the year 778 before Christ and continued for almost 50 years under the kings of Judah: Jotham, Ahaz, and Righteous Hezekiah (721-691 B.C., August 28).

He was a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. His denunciations and predictions were in regard to the separate kingdoms of Judah and Israel. He foresaw the misfortunes threatening the kingdom of Israel before its destruction, and the sufferings of Judah during the incursions under the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib.

To him belongs a prophecy about the birth of the Savior of the world: "And thou, Bethlehem, house of Ephratha, art too few in number to be reckoned with the thousands of Judah; yet out of thee shall come forth to Me, one who is to be a ruler in Israel, and His goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity" (Mic. 5: 2). From the words of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 26: 18-19), the Jews evidently were afraid to kill the Prophet Micah. His relics were discovered in the fourth century after the Birth of Christ at Baraphsatia, through a revelation to the Bishop of Eleutheropolis, Zeuinos.

Prayer Request

In early March of this year we found out that our beautiful daughter Nicole, age 32, was diagnosed with breast cancer. We were devastated beyond comprehension. With the help of all your prayers, Nicole completed her chemotherapy with minimal side effects. We are so very grateful for your prayers, your kind support and all the Holy Oil and Icons many of you provided for her recovery. On Friday, August 19th, Nicole will go through the 2nd phase of her therapy with surgery at MD Anderson in Houston. We would so appreciate your continued prayers during these difficult times. We are sharing this information with you to make you aware that Nicole's cancer is the result of a genetic condition. A simple, but expensive, blood test can determine whether one has this gene or not. We encourage you to talk to your physician about this.

We thank you again,

Tom, Michael and Niky Xilouris-Bowles

Men's Fellowship Lunch

All men are invited to attend our next fellowship lunch on Thursday, August 18 (the feast days of John & George, Patriarchs of Constantinople) at 11:45am at the Fire Bowl Café - 9828 Great Hills Trl

GOYA

Our GOYAnS will have a "Back to School" get-together at the home of Peter and Cynthia Price- (1703 Stoneridge Rd, 78746 - 751-3373) on Monday, August 15, at 6:30pm. Join us for dinner, fun and discussion!

OYA (Orthodox Young Adults)

OYA will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 16th at 6:00pm here at Transfiguration. Join them for some dinner and a study of 1 Corinthians.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will continue their study of 1 Corinthians with Fr. Vasileios on Thursday, Aug. 18 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!

August 14, 2011 - 9th Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη σταδίους πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπειχεν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων, ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. Τετάρτῃ δὲ φυλακῇ τῆς νυκτὸς ἦλθεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. Οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι Φάντασμα ἔστιν, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραξαν. Εὐθὺς δὲ ἐλάλησεν [ὁ Ἰησοῦς] αὐτοῖς λέγων, Θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν, Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με ἐλθεῖν πρὸς σὲ ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβάς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα καὶ ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξεν λέγων, Κύριε, σῶσόν με. Εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπελάβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὀλιγόπιστε, εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος. Οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες, Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν εἰς Γεννησαρέτ.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Plagal 4th Tone)

“To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma ek tu angelumathuse e tu kiriu mathitrie ke tin progonikin apofasin aporrepsase tis Apostolis kafhomena elegon eskilefte o thanatos I gerthi Christos o Theos thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.”

“From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.”

Hymn for the Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

In faith, O ye people, leap for joy while clapping your hands; and gather in gladness on this day with longing and shout in radiant jubilation. For the Theotokos cometh nigh to departing from the earth unto the heights; and we glorify her with glory as the Mother of God in our unceasing hymns.

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 Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

In the Immaterial Spirit, the whole world hath been mystic'ly adorned upon thy glorious memory; and it doth cry to thee joyously: Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of the Christian race

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, Venton, Nick, Tatiana, Sandy, Damon, Caleb, Pete, Wendy, Lorraine, Tina, Anna, Michael, Anna, Pamela, Shawn, Anthoula, Megan

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