

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 4, 2011 continued

LEARNING THE DIVINE LITURGY, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 7

Have you ever wondered what all the ceremonial processions mean in the Divine Liturgy? Do you question why things are done the way they are, or why we say the prayers the way we do? Come and learn the meaning behind the holy prayers and actions of the Divine Liturgy, the evening of Wednesday, September 7 for a Teaching of the Divine Liturgy. We will begin Orthros at 5:00 pm followed by the Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm for the Nativity of the Mother of God. This is your chance to ask all those questions of Father Vasileios, and to delve more deeply into the mystery of this blessed Service.

Orthros will begin at 5:00pm and the Divine Liturgy will begin at 6:00pm

POTLUCK DINNER TO FOLLOW!

NOTICE:

Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Assembly
Sunday, September 11th, 2011
at 12:30PM in the Mt. Tabor Hall

Please note: The Bylaws Committee will propose revisions to the Parish Bylaws at the Parish Assembly.

Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, September 11!

Our first day of class is an "open house". Parents are asked to please come visit your children's classrooms on this first day, to meet the teachers and find out what your kids are doing in class this year.

If you haven't registered, please do so right away! There is a link on the main parish website- transfiguration.org

Join us for our "Back to School" skate party on Sunday evening, Sept. 11 at the Playland Skate Center (8822 McCann Drive, 78757) at 5:30.

Festival of Ministries!

On Sunday, September 11th, we will have a "Festival of Ministries Sunday" during our monthly luncheon. A table for each TGOC ministry will be set up in the hall so that everyone can have a clear vision of the various ministries, and what they do, that we have to offer.

COME AND SEE WHAT MINISTRY IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

Gala Silent Auction

Our 26th Anniversary Gala is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th. We have had a lot of success in the past with the Silent Auction that we have during that evening. We plan to hold an auction again so we need auction items! If you have a service that you are willing to donate, or an item that is close to it's original condition or in it's original packaging, please contact Eleni Ackerman at 560-2063

Thank you to this week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Suehs, Terzi, Thanos, Tindle, Tracey

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Stamatopoulos, Stathos, Stevens, Strategakos, Suehs

Next Sunday's Luncheon Sponsors are:

Ebeling, Khan, Kangos, Leara, Kersch and Robertson

Thank you to today's usher:

Michael Glaros

Thank you to last week's usher:

Marko Bjeletich

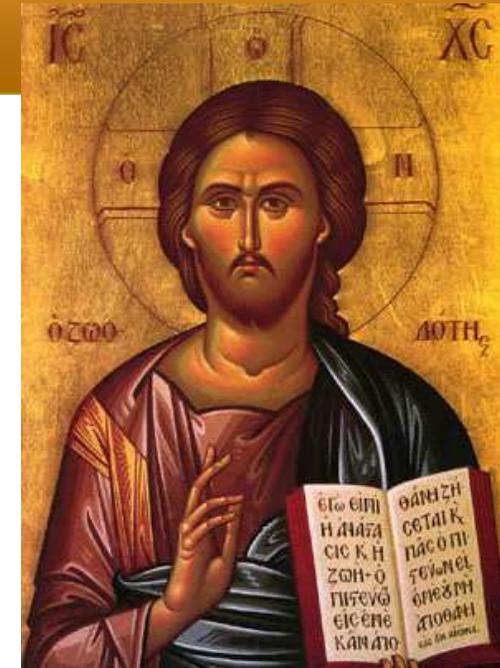
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Brandon Suehs

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:30AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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September 4, 2011 - 12th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - I Corinthians 15: 1-II

Now I make known to you, brethren, the Gospel which I preached as good tidings to you, which also ye received, and in which also ye stand, by which also ye are being saved, in what word I myself preached as good tidings to you, if ye hold fast, unless ye believed in vain. For I delivered to you in the first place what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He hath been raised the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Kephas, then to the twelve. Afterward He appeared to over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the majority remain until now, but some also fell asleep. Then He appeared to Iakovos, then to all the apostles. And last of all He appeared to me also, as it were one untimely born. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which was toward me did not become void; but I toiled more abundantly than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it were I or they, so we preach and so ye believed.

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ὃ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, ὃ καὶ παρελάβετε, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ἐστήκατε, δι' οὗ καὶ σώζεσθε· τίνι λόγῳ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, εἰ κατέχετε, ἐκτὸς εἰ μὴ εἰκὴ ἐπιστεύσατε. Παρέδωκα γὰρ ὑμῖν ἐν πρώτοις, ὃ καὶ παρέλαβον, ὅτι χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν κατὰ τὰς γραφάς· καὶ ὅτι ἐτάφη· καὶ ὅτι ἐγήγερται τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ κατὰ τὰς γραφάς· καὶ ὅτι ᾤφθη Κηφᾶ, εἶτα τοῖς δώδεκα· ἔπειτα ᾤφθη ἐπάνω πεντακοσίοις ἀδελφοῖς ἐφάπαξ, ἐξ ὧν οἱ πλείους μένουσιν ἕως ἄρτι, τινὲς δὲ καὶ ἐκοιμήθησαν· ἔπειτα ᾤφθη Ἰακώβῳ, εἶτα τοῖς ἀποστόλοις πᾶσιν· ἔσχατον δὲ πάντων, ὡσπερ εἰ τῷ ἐκτρώματι, ᾤφθη καὶ μοί. Ἐγὼ γὰρ εἰμι ὁ ἐλάχιστος τῶν ἀποστόλων, ὃς οὐκ εἰμι ἰκανὸς καλεῖσθαι ἀπόστολος, διότι ἐδίωξα τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ. Χάριτι δὲ θεοῦ εἰμι ὃ εἰμι, καὶ ἡ χάρις αὐτοῦ ἡ εἰς ἐμὲ οὐ κενὴ ἐγενήθη, ἀλλὰ περισσώτερον αὐτῶν πάντων ἐκοπίασα, οὐκ ἐγὼ δέ, ἀλλ' ἡ χάρις τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ σὺν ἐμοί. Εἴτε οὖν ἐγὼ, εἴτε ἐκεῖνοι, οὕτως κηρῶσσομεν καὶ οὕτως ἐπιστεύσατε.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, September 4, 2011

Welcome back, Fr. Vasileios and Presbytera Stella!

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Nativity of the Holy Theotokos - Wednesday, September 7 - *Orthros*- 5:00pm; "Teaching" Liturgy- 6:00pm

We will have a pot-luck dinner following the Liturgy

Great Vespers - Saturday, September 10 - 5:00pm

HOPE /JOY

We are ending the summer vacation with a **POOL PARTY TODAY!**

Where? at the Gouris' home- 13405 Saddle Back Pass

What time? from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

call 263-5866 or e-mail Tom or Allison tagouris@austin.rr.com for directions or more info.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will begin their fall study of 1 Corinthians on Thursday, September 8th at 10:00am.

All women are encouraged to attend for good study and fellowship!

OCF

Orthodox College Fellowship

Welcome back to a new school year! All college students are welcome to become part of OCF. Our first meeting of the semester will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6th at the UT Episcopal Center (209 W.27th at University Ave.) beginning at 6:30pm. These meetings will be held every other Tuesday.

We will also meet as a study group every other Thursdays beginning on Sept. 15th. Location TBA

Questions? Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjrdje@gmail.com

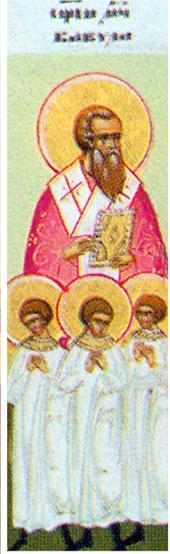
PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

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, Leo, Lili, Christy, Glenn, Philip

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

Hieromartyr Babylas the Bishop of Antioch



The Hieromartyr Babylas and with him the three youths Urban, Prilidian, Epolonius and their mother Christodoula died as martyrs under the emperor Decius (249-251). During his stay in their city of Antioch, the emperor arranged for a large festival in honor of the pagan gods.

At the same time, Babylas, the holy and God-fearing Bishop of Antioch, was serving the Divine Liturgy in church. He prayed for his flock and taught them to endure all tribulations for Christ with courage. The idolater Decius, curious to witness the Divine Mysteries, decided to enter the church.

News of this reached the bishop, so he went out to meet Decius and blocked the path to the church, for he was unwilling to permit impiety in the temple of God. When the emperor approached the church doors, St Babylas refused to let him enter, so the emperor had to abandon his intention. He wanted to take revenge on the saint right away, but when he saw the large throng of Christians, he feared they might riot.

The next day the angry emperor ordered that the church be set on fire, and for Bishop Babylas to be brought before him. When asked why he had insulted the imperial dignity by not allowing the emperor to enter the church, the holy bishop answered, "Anyone who would rise up against God and want to desecrate His sanctuary, is not worthy of respect, but has become the enemy of the Lord."

Decius declared that the holy bishop must worship the idols in order to make up for his lack of respect for the emperor, or else face execution. After convincing himself that the martyr would remain steadfast in his faith, he commanded the military commander Victorinus to put him in heavy chains and lead him through the city in disgrace. The holy martyr replied, "Emperor, these chains are as venerable for me as your imperial crown is for you. For me, suffering for Christ is as desirable as the imperial power is for you. Death for the Immortal King is as precious to me as your life is to you."

At the trial with Bishop Babylas were three young brothers, who did not forsake him even in this most difficult moment. Seeing them, the emperor asked, "Who are these children? "

"These are my spiritual children," the saint replied, "and I have raised them in piety, I have given them an education, cultivated them with guidance, and here before you in a small body are these great young men and perfect Christians. Test them and see."

The emperor tried in all sorts of ways to entice the youths and their mother Christodoula to renounce Christ, but in vain. Then, in a rage, he ordered each of them to be whipped with a number of blows corresponding to their age. The first received twelve blows, the second, ten, and the third, seven. Dismissing the mother and children, the torturer again summoned the bishop, telling him that the children had renounced Christ. He did not believe the lie, however.

Then he commanded all the martyrs be tied to a tree and burned with fire. Seeing the stoic bravery of the saints, the emperor finally condemned them to be beheaded with the sword.

September 4, 2011 - 12th Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - Matthew 19: 16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Καὶ ἰδοὺ εἷς προσελθὼν εἶπεν αὐτῷ· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ἀγαθὸν ποιήσω ἵνα ἔχω ζωὴν αἰώνιον; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. εἰ δὲ θέλεις εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ζωὴν, τήρησον τὰς ἐντολάς. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίας; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε· τὸ οὐ φονεῦσεις, οὐ μοιχεύσεις, οὐ κλέψεις, οὐ ψευδομαρτυρήσεις, τίμα τὸν πατέρα καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ νεανίσκος· πάντα ταῦτα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου· τί ἔτι ὑστερῶ; ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, ὑπάγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δός πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ νεανίσκος τὸν λόγον ἀπῆλθε λυπούμενος· ἦν γὰρ ἔχων κτήματα πολλά. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι δυσκόλως πλούσιος εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. πάλιν δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν, εὐκοπώτερόν ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυπήματος ῥαφίδος διελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. ἀκούσαντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐξεπλήσσοντο σφόδρα λέγοντες· τίς ἄρα δύναται σωθῆναι; ἐμβλέψας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· παρὰ ἀνθρώποις τοῦτο ἀδύνατόν ἐστι, παρὰ δὲ Θεῶ πάντα δυνατά ἐστι.

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”*

*“Effrenestho ta urania agalliasthō ta epigia oti epiise kratos en vraghoni aftu o Kirios.
Epatise to thanato ton thanaton protokos ton nekron egeneto ek kilias athu erisato
imas ke pareske to kosmo to mega eleos.”*

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.”

Hymn to the Holy Hieromartyr Babylas

*As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God,
thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision.*

*Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth,
thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas.
Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.*

Kontakion for Saints Joachim and Anna

*“Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,
and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death,
O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people,
redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee:
The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.”*

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.*

The 40 Day Memorial Service today is for Xenophon Nikas,

**Beloved husband of Maria Nikas, and father of Konstantinos Nikas and wife, Bridget,
Dimitrios Nikas and wife, Jenny; and grandfather to Sebastian Nikas, Sybella Maria
Nikas and Alexis Nicole Nikas.**

May his memory be eternal