

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 11, 2011 continued

Today there will be a second tray passed to assist, through IOCC, those families who have suffered much loss from the many devastating fires that continue to happen in our community. Please be generous.

Our Parish Assembly is today at 12:30PM in the Mt. Tabor Hall.
Plan to stay for the meeting after you enjoy lunch!

Today is Monthly Luncheon Sunday!

We thank the sponsors for today's lunch:
Ebeling, Khan, Kangos, Leara, Kersch and Robertson

They have prepared a delicious menu of:

- Meat Lasagne
- Salad and Garlic Bread
- Assorted Desserts

Please support Transfiguration by staying for lunch today!

Sunday School Classes Begin Today!

All parents are invited to join us in the classrooms after Father dismisses you from the Divine Liturgy, so that you can meet your students' teachers and hear about the excellent plans they've made for this school year. We are blessed with an amazing group of Sunday School teachers! It will be so helpful for you to have an opportunity to meet these special people who invest so much time and energy and love into teaching your children and reinforcing the Faith you are establishing in your home.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Parent's Handbook!

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!

Also during the luncheon today, we will have a "Festival of Ministries"

A table for each TGOCC 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.

BROWSE THE TABLES AND SEE WHAT MINISTRY YOU WOULD LOVE TO JOIN!

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet on Thursday, Sept. 15th at 10:00am to noon, continuing their study of 1 Corinthians with Fr. Vasileios.

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

Philoptochos News

- ◆ Our first meeting for this year will be our Membership Tea on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Apostolakis home.
- ◆ Please support our Scrip Card Project! "Fundraising While You Shop!"

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour sponsors:

Suehs, Terzi, Thanos, Tindle, Tracey

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Tsihlas, Willmann, Wynn, Yoder, Xenitis

Thank you to today's usher:

Brandon Suehs

Thank you to last week's usher:

Michael Glaros

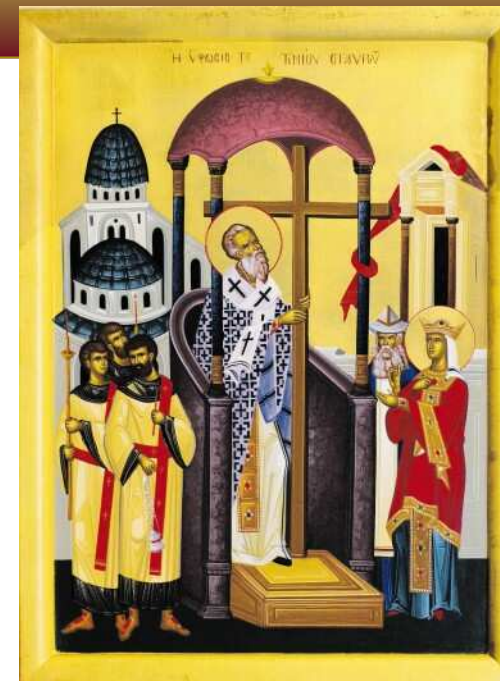
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Sophia Khan

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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September 11, 2011 - Sunday Before the Holy Cross

Epistle - Galatians 6: 11-18

Brethren, see with what size letters I am writing to you with mine own hand. As many as wish to make a good show in the flesh, these constrain you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even they themselves who are circumcised keep the law, but they wish you to be circumcised, in order that they might boast in your flesh. But may it not be for me to boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world hath been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision hath any strength, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk by this rule, peace be upon them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth, let no one be giving me troubles, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρα σαρκὶ καυχῶσιν. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχῆσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, September 11, 2011

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Wednesday, September 14 - *Orthros* - 8:30am; *Liturgy* - 9:30am

Paraklesis - Wednesday, September 14 - 6:00pm

Saturday Great Vespers - September 17th - 5:00 pm

The Feast Day of St. Sophia and her 3 daughters, Faith, Hope and Love

On **Saturday, September 17th**, St. Sophia Orthodox Church will celebrate the feast of her patroness and heavenly intercessor, St. Sophia. To mark this occasion, there will be Daily Vespers on Friday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. followed the next morning with 9:00 a.m. Orthros and 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. After the Divine Liturgy all are invited to a reception in our parish hall. Please join us for this festal occasion!

St. Sophia is located at 225 Rose Dr., Dripping Springs, TX 78620

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

All college students are welcome to become part of OCF.

Our Bible study meetings will be held **every other Tuesday** at the UT Episcopal Center (209 W.27th at University Ave.) beginning at 6:30pm. The next one is set for Sept. 20th. We will also meet as a **study group every other Thursdays** beginning on Sept. 15th. Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjordje@gmail.com for the location and time.

OYA (Orthodox Young Adults)

We had a great turnout for Bible Study this week; thanks to all who came! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 - Transfiguration.

From there, we are going to every other Tuesday in order to accommodate the OCF schedule with Fr. Vasili. We will try to plan something on the off weeks as well, perhaps a social event or volunteer opportunity.

Men's Fellowship Lunch

The men's fellowship group will meet for lunch on **Thursday, Sept. 15th at 11:45am**. They will meet at the **Mighty Fine Burgers in the Arborwalk (10515 N Mopac Expy #205)**. All men are invited to attend this food and fellowship time! Contact Allen Wynn to RSVP- awynn3816@gmail.com

REMINDER!

The 14th Annual Greek Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 10! See or call **Bill Colovas, Nick Spiropoulos, Marko Bjeletich or Stuart Yoder** if you would like to be in the tournament, or sign up to sponsor a hole.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, Phyllis, Kathryn, 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, Angela, Jennifer, Konstandinos, Elia, Rose Marie, Bilyana, Maria, Susan, Jane, Romeo, Clara, Costa, Cindy, Philip, Trey, Barbara, Evangia, Michael, Jeffrey, Victoria, Nicole, Anastasia, Katie, Suzanne, 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, Katelyn, Joshua, Jason

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



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

September 2, 2011

Protocol 11-15

The Reverend Clergy
The Esteemed Parish Councils
The Faithful Members of
The Holy Parishes of
The Metropolis of Denver

Beloved in the Lord,

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, the tenth anniversary of the barbaric event in New York City which killed close to three thousand innocent men, women, and children, I am instructing the Reverend Priests of all of our parishes, with this letter, to conduct a Memorial Service with *kolyva* at the end of the Divine Liturgy before the Dismissal.

It is important that, in these troubled times throughout the world, with catastrophes and tragedies ever increasing, we stop on September 11th and pray for the souls of those victims for their peaceful repose, and also for all the other victims, who are among us, living out their sorrow.

Let us especially pray for those whose health has been impaired due to the evil acts perpetrated upon our fellow citizens.

In expressing our love and compassion for all those victims, we are strengthening God's love in the world.

Finally, during the Divine Liturgy on September 11th, let us pray for the rebuilding of the only house of worship which was destroyed when the twin towers fell on our own Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Ground Zero.

May the love of our heavenly Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all His people, preserving His holy presence in our lives, in our nation, and in the hearts of all people of goodwill throughout the world.

With Paternal Blessings,

✠ Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver

September 11, 2011 - Sunday Before the Holy Cross

Gospel - John 3: 13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος καὶ οὐδείς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὑψώσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Fourth Tone)

“To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma ek tu angelumathuse e tu Kiriumathitrie ke tin progonikin apofasin aporrripsase tis Apostolis kafhomena elegon eskilefte o thantos i gerthi Christos o Theos thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.”

“When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”

Hymn for the Nativity of the Holy Theotokos

“Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.”

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 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.

Sunday Classes resume today!

Please allow the Church School children and teachers to go to Holy Communion first so they can leave for their classes. All others should wait until the ushers dismiss you by rows to receive Communion.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FR. VASILEIOS WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY FOR ALL THE BRAVE SOULS WHO WERE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 10 YEARS AGO TODAY; AND FOR PATRIARCH PETROS OF ALEXANDRIA AND THE 12 WITH HIM WHO WERE TRAGICALLY KILLED ON SEPT. 11, SEVEN YEARS AGO.

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL.