

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 2, 2011 continued



GOLF TOURNAMENT CHANGE OF VENUE!

The 14th Annual Greek Golf Tournament has been moved to a new location. It will now be held at The Live Oak Golf Course in Lakeway.

It is still scheduled for 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.

Wednesday Evenings in October

Beginning this Wednesday, October 5th, Transfiguration will have busy, educational and fun Wednesday evenings!

The evening will begin with **Paraklesis at 6:00pm**

Afterward, we will all share a **Pot-Luck dinner and fellowship (approximately 7:00 - 7:30)**

Followed by a **“Orthodoxy 101” class (approximately 7:30 to 9:00)**

Please clear your Wednesday evenings and plan to attend!

Philoptochos News

This year is shaping up to be an exciting year for our Chapter. Not only will His Eminence be a part of our community, but will be with us on Philoptochos Sunday! We are planning on having a group photo made with his Eminence and hopefully this will be included in the new directory. We will also have our usual page in the Gala Program and the deadline for this information is 10/20/2011. If you know of someone who has not completed and returned their membership form, please help us to get this information. We do not want to miss anyone!! Thank you all for your wonderful support.

Baby Boomers

We will be gathering at the home of Mary Katherine and Michalis Bakiris (2210 London Lane, Cedar Park 78613)

Date: Sunday October 30 at 6:00pm

The Theme will be “Fondue” The Discussion Topic will be: Church Feast Days

A vote will be taken for the permanent name of this group. Questions: Linda Robertson 261-3934, Christine Suehs 236-1920
RSVP: Mary Katherine 412-2548 or mbakiris@hotmail .com

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 auction being held throughout the evening. We plan to do this 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 that you would like to donate, please contact Eleni Ackerman at 560-2063

Thank you to today’s Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Antoniakis, Ackerman, Appling, Arnold, Aviles

Thank you to last week’s Coffee Hour sponsors:

Zachos, Zotis, Apostolakis, Ambrose, Angelo

Next Sunday we will have a special luncheon sponsored by the GOYA families to raise funds for our GOYAns

Thank you to today’s usher:

Pete Kangos

Thank you to last week’s usher:

Elizabeth George

The Usher for next Sunday is:

Nick Spiropoulos

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

**CYPRIAN THE HOLY MARTYR, JUSTINA
THE VIRGIN-MARTYR OF NICOMEDEA**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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October 2, 2011 - Second Sunday of Luke

Epistle - II Corinthians 6: 1-10

Brethren, we then, working together, beseech you also not to receive the grace of God in vain—for He saith, “In an acceptable time I heard thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee”; behold, now is an acceptable time; behold, now is a day of salvation— by not giving even one cause of stumbling in anything, that the ministry might not be blamed. But in all things commending ourselves as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in straits, in blows, in imprisonments, in instabilities, in toils, in vigils, in fastings, in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God, by the weapons of righteousness of the right hand and of the left, by glory and dishonor, by ill-fame and good fame; as deceivers and yet true; as unknown and well-known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not put to death; as ones sorrowful, but always rejoicing; as poor, but enriching many; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.



Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καιρῷ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδοὺ, νῦν καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδοὺ, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ὑπομονῇ πολλῇ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχωρίαις, ἐν πληγαῖς, ἐν φυλακαῖς, ἐν ἀκαταστασίαις, ἐν κόποις, ἐν ἀγρυπνίαις, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνότητι, ἐν γνώσει, ἐν μακροθυμίᾳ, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἀνυποκριτῷ, ἐν λόγῳ ἀληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ, διὰ τῶν ὄπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ ἀριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, διὰ δυσφημίας καὶ εὐφημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὡς ἀγνοοῦμενοι, καὶ ἐπιγινωσκόμενοι· ὡς ἀποθνήσκοντες, καὶ ἰδοὺ, ζῶμεν· ὡς παιδευόμενοι, καὶ μὴ θανατούμενοι· ὡς λυπούμενοι, αἰεὶ δὲ χαίροντες· ὡς πτωχοί, πολλοὺς δὲ πλουτίζοντες· ὡς μηδὲν ἔχοντες, καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 2, 2011

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Paraklesis - Wednesday, October 5 - 6:00pm (See the back page for a special Wednesday announcement!)

Sunday School Cake Walk Today!

During the coffee hour today, the Sunday School Cake Walk will happen on stage in Tabor Hall.

This should be FUN for the whole FAMILY and will benefit the entire SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A \$2 ticket will get you a chance to walk the “Cake Circle” and possibly win the featured baked good.

Walk while the music plays and whenever it stops, if the numbered star that you are standing on matches the number drawn by one of our students, then YOU WIN that baked good!

SIMPLE and FUN for everyone. If you have a child that is too small to walk by himself then please feel free to carry that child or walk with him.

There are LOTS of baked goods to win, so be sure to buy several chances!

Parish General Assembly

On Sunday, October 9th we will hold our next General Assembly during the GOYA sponsored luncheon.

Plan to stay for this important meeting as we will be voting on the slate of nominees for the 2011-2012 Council

Greek School

Alex's Adult Class— Monday, October 3 at 6:30pm

Christina's Adult Class— Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm

Children's Classes— Friday, October 7 at 6:30pm

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

The students will meet this Tuesday, October 4th at the UT Episcopal Center on Campus at 6:30pm

Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjorje@gmail.com for more information.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet on Thursday, October 6 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!

Contact Whitney Papadatos for more information, or if you would like to be put on the GOLF email list for updates.

wpapadatos@hotmail.com

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, 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, Katelyn, Joshua, Jason, John, Julia, Della, Nick

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 Cyprian of Nicomedia

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina and Martyr Theoctistus suffered for Christ at Nicomedia in the year 304.

St Cyprian was a pagan and a native of Antioch. From his early childhood his misguided parents dedicated him to the service of the pagan gods. From age seven until thirty, Cyprian studied at the most outstanding centers of paganism: on Mount Olympus, in the cities of Argos and Tauropolis, in the Egyptian city of Memphis, and at Babylon. Once he attained eminent wisdom in pagan philosophy and the sorcerer's craft, he was consecrated into the pagan priesthood on Mount Olympus. Having discovered great power by summoning unclean spirits, he beheld the Prince of Darkness himself, and spoke with him and received from him a host of demons in attendance.

After returning to Antioch, Cyprian was revered by the pagans as a prominent pagan priest, amazing people by his ability to cast spells, to summon pestilence and plagues, and to conjure up the dead. He brought many people to ruin, teaching them to serve demons and how to cast magic spells.

The holy virgin Justina lived in Antioch. After turning her own father and mother away from pagan error and leading them to the true faith in Christ, she dedicated herself to the Heavenly Bridegroom and spent her time in fasting and prayer. When the youth Aglaides proposed marriage to her, the saint refused, for she wished to remain a virgin. Agalides sought Cyprian's help and asked for a magic spell to charm Justina into marriage. But no matter what Cyprian tried, he could accomplish nothing, since the saint overcame all the wiles of the devil through her prayers and fasting.

Cyrian sent demons to attack the holy virgin, trying to arouse fleshly passions in her, but she dispelled them by the power of the Sign of the Cross and by fervent prayer to the Lord.

Even though one of the demonic princes and Cyprian himself, assumed various guises by the power of sorcery, they were not able to sway St Justina, who was guarded by her firm faith in Christ. All the spells dissipated, and the demons fled at the mere mention of the saint's name.

Cyprian, in a rage, sent down pestilence and plague upon Justina's family and upon all the city, but this was thwarted by her prayer. Cyprian's soul, corrupted by its domination over people and by his incantations, was shown in all the depth of his downfall, and also the abyss of nothingness of the evil that he served.

"If you take fright at even the mere shadow of the Cross and the Name of Christ makes you tremble," said Cyprian to Satan, "then what will you do when Christ Himself stands before you?" The devil then flung himself upon the pagan priest who had begun to repudiate him, and attempted to beat and strangle him.

St Cyrian then first tested for himself the power of the Sign of the Cross and the Name of Christ, guarding himself from the fury of the enemy. Afterwards, with deep repentance he went to the local bishop Anthimus and threw all of his books into the flames. The very next day, he went into the church, and did not want to leave it, though he had not yet been baptized.

By his efforts to follow a righteous manner of life, St Cyprian discerned the great power of fervent faith in Christ, and made up for more than thirty years of service to Satan. Seven days after Baptism he was ordained reader, on the twelfth day, sub-deacon, on the thirtieth, deacon. After a year, he was ordained priest. In a short time St Cyprian was elevated to the rank of bishop.

The Hieromartyr Cyprian converted so many pagans to Christ that in his diocese there was no one left to offer sacrifice to idols, and the pagan temples fell into disuse. St Justina withdrew to a monastery and there was chosen Abbess.

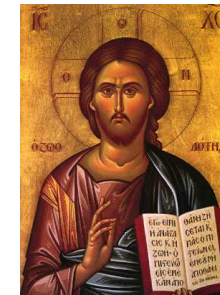
During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian, Bishop Cyprian and Abbess Justina were arrested and brought to Nicomedia, where after fierce tortures they were beheaded with the sword. St Cyprian, fearful that the holy virgin's courage might falter if she saw him put to death, asked for time to pray. St Justina joyfully inclined her neck and was beheaded first.

The soldier Theoctistus, seeing the guiltless sufferings of St Justina, fell at Cyprian's feet and declared himself a Christian, and was beheaded with them.

October 2, 2011 - Second Sunday of Luke

Gospel - Luke 6: 31-36

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανεῖζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανεῖζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτιρόμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτιρῶν ἐστὶ.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Grave 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 to The Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina

*“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 Cyprian.
Intercede with Christ our God that our souls 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

*“A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,
reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good;
Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you:
Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate,
As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.”*

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 be-
coming an Orthodox Christian, please see Father Vasileios after services.*

**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.**