

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 16, 2011 continued**

**Wednesday Evenings in October**

Our Wednesdays are going strong! If you haven't had a chance to join us, please do! We start with Paraklesis, then have great fellowship and dinner together, followed by Orthodoxy 101 introducing the Orthodox faith. This coming week's topic will be: "External Acts of Piety/ Physical Expressions/ Fasting" Please join us on Wednesday, October 19th!

The next Men's Study will be on Wednesday, October 26th (during Orthodoxy 101)

**THE 14TH ANNUAL GREEK GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

A huge "Thank You" to Bill and Betty Colovas, Creed and Cassie Ford, Stuart Yoder, Marko Bjeletich, Nick Spiropoulos, Myron Klement and everyone else who put so much work into this event to make it so enjoyable and successful! We look forward to next year's tournament!

**Parish Beautification Workday - October 29!**

We have scheduled **Saturday, October 29th from 9:00am to 5:00pm** as a community work day to clean and beautify our Sanctuary and Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to come and help. There will be tasks for young and old alike.

*Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house; glorify them in return by your divine power..- Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

**Philoptochos News**

\*\*\*CORRECTION!\*\*\* Our next Philoptochos meeting will be held **Saturday, October 22nd** (not November 22 as stated in last week's bulletin). We will meet in the Mt. Tabor Hall at 1:00pm.

Please make note of the correction and plan to join us for fellowship and a "little" business!

In spite of what the weather is telling us, Christmas is around the corner! Don't forget you can donate \$\$\$ to Philoptochos and Transfiguration by purchasing scrip (gift) cards! There are SO MANY stores to choose from! Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), then click on the "shop" tab at the top of the page and you will see all of the vendors that work with GLS and how much percentage we get back! Tell us what cards you want and we will have them for you in one week! Stop by the Philoptochos table today.

***TGOC Pastors Benevolent Fund:***

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world.

One way we as faithful live out the mission of the Church and the words of Jesus, "*for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.*" (Matthew 25:35-36) is to offer assistance to others in times of great need.

The Transfiguration Pastors Benevolent Fund is a way to help those in need. There has been much need with the recent devastating events and economic problems.

Please consider making a contribution to replenish this fund to help those in need.

**Please see Fr. Vasileios to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund!**

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

***Bakiris, Bakiris, Benas, Benner, Benson***

***Thank you to our GOYA leaders for the delicious luncheon last week; and to everyone who supported them by purchasing a meal!***

***Next Sunday's Coffee Hour sponsors:***

***Bjeletich, Boudreau, Bowles, Burke, Burns***

***Thank you to today's usher:***

***Stuart Yoder***

***Thank you to last week's ushers:***

***Christiana and Georgia Spiropoulos***

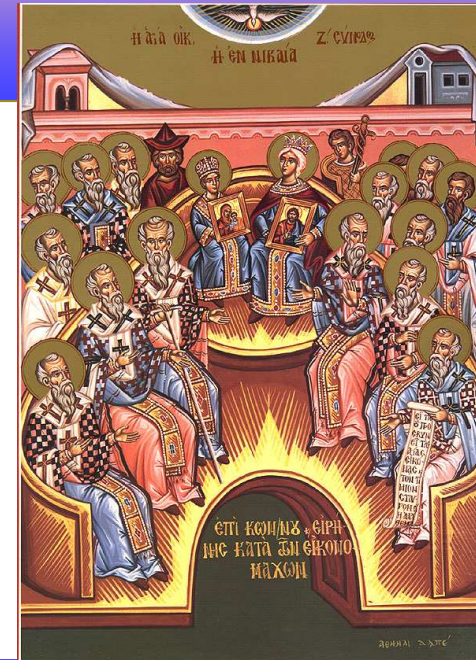
***The Usher for next Sunday is:***

***John Chronis***

SUNDAY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 16, 2011

**SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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Epistle - Titus 3: 8-15

Faithful is the word. And concerning these things I desire thee to be affirming, in order that they who have believed God may give heed to set before themselves good works. These things are good and profitable to men. But be shunning foolish inquiries, and genealogies, and strifes, and contentions relating to points of the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A heretical man, after a first and second admonition, be rejecting, knowing that such a one hath been perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

Whenever I should send Artemas to thee, or Tychikos, hasten to come to me in Nicopolis, for I have decided to winter there. Send forth with haste Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, in order that nothing may be lacking to them. And let ours also be learning to set before themselves good works for necessary uses, that they may not be unfruitful. All those with me salute thee. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Πιστός ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προῖστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῶ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις · μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προῖστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

This morning we welcome Fr. Theodor Bita.

Thank you, Fr. Bita, for serving with us while Fr. Vasileios is away!

Fr. Vasileios is in New York, accompanying our own Tom Suehs and his family in celebration of his investiture as Archon of the Holy Patriarchate, at the Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. It is the sworn oath of the Archon to defend and promote the Orthodox Christian faith and tradition. His special concern and interest is to serve as a bulwark to protect and promote the Sacred See of St. Andrew the Apostle and its mission. He is also concerned with the human race's inalienable rights wherever and whenever they are violated - and the well-being and general welfare of the Christian Church.

This honor extended by the Ecumenical Patriarchate carries with it grave responsibilities, deep commitments, and sincere dedication. Consequently, it is of utmost importance that this honor of obligation be bestowed upon individuals of proven Orthodox Christian character, who conform faithfully to the teachings of Christ and the doctrines, canons, worship, discipline, and encyclicals of the Church.

Those selected to serve as Archons have demonstrated a commitment greater than average toward the stewardship of time, talent and treasure for the betterment of the Church, Parish, Diocese/Metropolis, Archdiocese and the community as a whole. An Archon must truly be deserving of the proclamation: AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS! We are honored to have within our community, such an individual, in Tom Suehs.

Tom Suehs will receive his investiture after the Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York, from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America. May God grant him many years!

<p align="center"><b>Greek School</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p align="center"><b>OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)</b></p> <p>The students will meet this Tuesday, October 18th at the UT Episcopal Center at 6:30pm. Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjorje@gmail.com.</p>
<p align="center"><b>GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)</b></p> <p>GOLF will resume this week on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00am. We will continue our study of I Corinthians. ALL women are invited to attend! Contact Whitney Papadatos for more information: wpapadatos@hotmail.com</p>	<p align="center"><b>Men's Fellowship Lunch</b></p> <p>All men are invited to attend our monthly fellowship time together. We will meet this Thursday, October 20, at 11:45am, at El Greco Taverna (3016 Guadalupe Suite C200 ) Contact Allen Wynn to RSVP or for more information:wynn3816@gmail.com</p>

*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, 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, Maria, Carolyn, Betty, Stamatis, Ruth*

*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*

*SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK*

*Feast of St. Luke, Tuesday, October 18: Orthros- 8:30am; Liturgy- 9:30am  
Paraklesis - Wednesday, October 12 - 6:00pm*

**Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius.

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

**26th Anniversary Gala!**

The Transfiguration annual gala will be on Saturday, November 5th at the Austin Hyatt Regency.

It promises to be a very fun-filled evening!

**The DEADLINE to reserve and pay-in-full for your tickets is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.**

If you are planning to attend the gala, please stop by the information table in Mt. Tabor Hall, or call the church office.

We are currently collecting ads for the program book.

If you would like to place a personal ad or an ad for your business, please contact Shelley Ebeling at [ebelingshelley@yahoo.com](mailto:ebelingshelley@yahoo.com), Vana Kersch at [vanaki56@hotmail.com](mailto:vanaki56@hotmail.com), or the church office at 329-6363.

**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

**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 417-2548 or [mbakiris@hotmail.com](mailto:mbakiris@hotmail.com)

*October 16, 2011 - Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council*

*Gospel - Luke 8: 5-15*

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αὐὶ ἀκανθαὶ ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν ἑκατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκούετω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἶη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιώσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσὶν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ῥίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλούτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ.

## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn** (First Tone )

*“Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipoton Iutheon ke stratioton filasson ton to ahranton Su soma anestis triimeros Sotir thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin thia tuto e thinamis ton uranon evoon Si zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe. Thoxa ti vasilias Su. Thoxa ti ikonomia Su mo ne filanthrope.”*

*“The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch oe’r Your pure and sacred body O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life Glory unto our resurrected Christ, Glory unto Your Kingdom, Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all”*

### **Hymn for the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council**

*“Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.”*

### **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 in 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.”*

### **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 Visit of our Shepherd, His Eminence, Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver**

We have a very exciting weekend coming up soon! Clear your calendars to make room to attend this special weekend!

#### **Schedule of Events:**

#### **Saturday, November 5, 2011-**

*“An Afternoon with His Eminence, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver”* –An event for the entire community to have a quality-time visit with its Shepherd.

**10:30am-** The day begins with Brunch, followed by a "talent show" featuring the Agape Choir, our young dancers "Ta Ellinakia" and all other performances. All youth who are interested in offering their talent in a musical instrument, voice, or other special ability, please contact us so that we may be able to incorporate you in the program. After the show, His Eminence will offer a special blessing to all of the young children.

**12:30pm-** we will conclude with a conversation-style forum with His Eminence where everyone—adults and youth—will be able to converse with His Eminence in an open forum discussion. This is our community's opportunity to have a "town hall" quality visit with its Shepherd. Come and ask all those questions about our faith and our Church that are foremost on your mind and heart.

#### **Our 26th Anniversary Gala!**

Our anniversary festivities begin at **6:00pm** at the Hyatt Regency Austin (208 Barton Springs Rd. 78704). Join us for a full evening of *delicious food, dancing, entertainment, and of course, a talk by His Eminence*. There will also be a *silent auction* throughout the evening.

The tickets are \$100 per person. Contact the church office to purchase.

#### **Sunday, November 6th**

Please join us for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Transfiguration. **Orthros begins at 8:45am; the Liturgy at 10:00am.**

Afterward, we will have a very special **luncheon** in honor of His Eminence.

#### **Attention All Youth!**

This is a time to celebrate by showing your talents to him and all of us!

The Agape Choir will sing for His Eminence that morning, and Ta Ellinakia will dance for him.

Practice times for these happenings are on:

**Agape Choir**  
Sunday, October 16th (today) at 9:30am  
Sunday, October 23rd at 9:30am  
and on Friday, November 4th at 5:30pm

**Ta Ellinakia**  
Saturday, October 22nd at 4:00pm  
Saturday, October 29th at 4:00pm  
and on Friday, November 4th at 4:30pm

All practices will be held at the Mt. Tabor Hall

Also! If you have a talent (musical instrument, solo, art, or sport) please come forward! Let Fr. Vasileios know what you would like to do as an offering of welcome to His Eminence.