

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 23, 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: *"The Creed I, Trinitarian Theology & Christology"*
Please join us on Wednesday, October 26th!

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

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

Philoptochos News

- Thank you to all who attended our Saturday Membership Meeting! I look forward to working with all of you on Philoptochos Sunday and enjoying all the activities surrounding the visit of His Eminence, Metropolitan Isaiah. We would love to have all of our ladies of Transfiguration as members of Philoptochos and listed as such in the Gala Program. If you have not joined, please consider being a part of this wonderful organization.
- Don't forget the scrip (gift) cards *"Fundraise while you shop"*. We can get just about any store's gift cards for you in ONE WEEK. Christmas is around the corner and gift cards make great stocking stuffers. You can also purchase gifts for your loved ones using these cards! And don't forget the holiday meal! We have HEB, Whole Foods, Sprouts and Randall's cards.

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:

Bjeletich, Boudreau, Bowles, Burke, Burns

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Bakiris, Bakiris, Benas, Benner, Benson

Next Sunday's Luncheon sponsors:

The Phocas family

Thank you to today's usher:

John Chronis

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Stuart Yoder

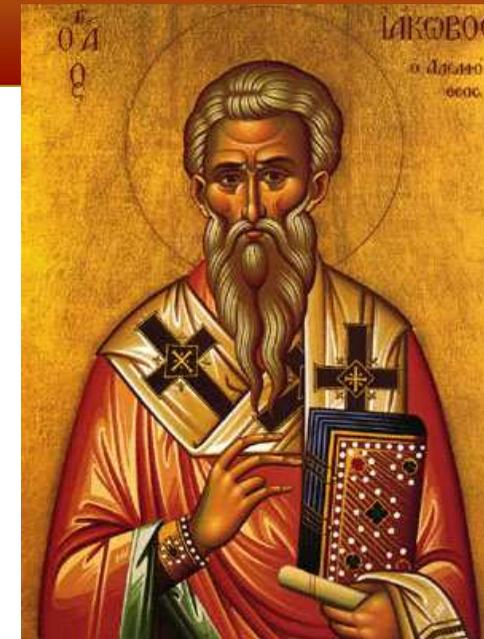
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Shelley Ebeling

SUNDAY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 23, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
**JAMES (IAKOVOS) THE APOSTLE,
 BROTHER 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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October 23, 2011 - 6th Sunday of Luke

Epistle - Galatians 1: 1-19

Brethren, I make known to you the Gospel which was preached as good tidings by me, that it is not according to man; for I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but by a revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye heard of my manner of life at one time in Judaism, that according to excess, I used to persecute the Church of God, and was ravaging her. And I kept on advancing in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in mine own race, being more exceedingly a zealot of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, Who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I be preaching Him as good tidings among the nations, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, neither did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and remained with him fifteen days; but of the other apostles I saw none, except Iakovos the brother of the Lord.

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ. Ἦκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφὴν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρὸς μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἰστορήσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἐτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 23, 2011

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

We will have an evening "Teaching Liturgy" to celebrate the Feast of St. Demetrios
Orthros at 5:00pm; Liturgy at 6:00pm on Tuesday, Oct. 25

Paraklesis - Wednesday, October 26 - 6:00pm

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,
Vana Kersch at vanaki56@hotmail.com, or the church office at 329-6363.

We welcome back **Tom Suehs** from the Archon Investiture at Holy Trinity in New York.
AXIOS!

We also welcome back **Maria Miller** from Tanzania!
Maria will present to the entire parish her experiences of hermetical mission trip on a date coming soon!

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet on Thursday, October 27 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

Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to attend our new evening study on Wednesday, October 26th, following Paraklesis and the dinner/fellowship time.

We are reading the book Atheist Delusions.
Contact Fr. Vasileios for more information.

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, Maria, Carolyn, Betty, Stamatis, Ruth, Nicholas, Joyce

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

TGOC GOYANS Present the 2nd Annual
HOPE/JOY HOLY HOUSE

Please join us for the 5:00pm Great Vespers
Followed by a Pizza Dinner at 6:00; and then our

"HOLY HOUSE" ADVENTURE!

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Dress as your favorite Saint or superhero or other positive themed character
and get a treat!

There will be pizza and soda and an after party for the GOYANS who help out.

Important Transfiguration Events!

October is a "happening" month!
Please mark your calendars for these special days!

- ⇒ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16; SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 (at 9:30am) AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (at 5:30pm):**
Agape Choir and Ta Ellinakia practicing for their performance for His Eminence. **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. Rehearsal for these performances will happen at this time as well.**
- ⇒ **SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 15, 22 AND 29:**
Practice times for Ta Ellinakia Dance Troupe. They will meet at Mt. Tabor Hall at 4:00pm
- ⇒ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29:**
Parish Clean-Up Day!
It is that time of year again We need to get out our dusters and polishers out and clean house! We will have 2 "cleaning teams": one for the sanctuary and one for Mt. Tabor Hall. This will begin at 9:00am. We will have coffee available and 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.
- ⇒ **ALTAR BOYS!**
We are asking ALL acolytes to be here on the 29th to help clean the Altar area. Right after lunch, there will be a very important meeting with all of the boys to prepare for a Hierarchical Liturgy.

GOYA EVENT TODAY

Our GOYAnS will be going to Georgetown today to volunteer in the biggest fundraising event for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas, the "Buddy Walk". It will be held at the Reunion Ranch from 12-4pm

What Is The Buddy Walk?

The Buddy Walk is a one-mile walk created by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995 to bring together a wide range of concerned individuals to reach out to friends, family and coworkers to promote awareness and inclusion for people with Down syndrome and to raise funds for local and national education, research and advocacy programs.

Please keep them and all of the participating families in your prayers!

Greek School

Alex's Adult Class— Monday, October 24 at 6:30pm
Christina's Adult Class— Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30pm
Children's Classes— Friday, October 28 at 6:30pm

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

The students will meet this Thursday, October 27th at Café Medici at 6:30pm.
Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjrdje@gmail.com.

October 23, 2011 - 6th Sunday of Luke

Gospel - Luke 8: 26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν, ἦτις ἐστὶν ἀντίπερα τῆς Γαλιλαίας. ἐξελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἰμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέειπεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοὶ ἐστὶν ὄνομα; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· λεγῶν ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτόν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτόν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημνοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγεννημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὗρον καθήμενον τὸν ἀνθρώπον, ἀφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονοῦντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθεὶς· καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτόν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνέιχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἀφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ δηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπήλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Second Tone)

*“Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton i zoi i athavatos tote ton Athin enekrosas ti astrapi tis theotitos
Ote the ke tus tethne otas ek ton katahthonion anestisas pase e thinamis ton epuranion ekragvazon
zoothota Christe o Theos imon thoxa Si.”*

*“When You descended to the realm of death
You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity.
And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead
all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and Our God we give glory”*

Hymn for St. James the Apostle

*As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one,
thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away.
As the Brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede.
Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls*

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.”*

The 3 month Memorial Service today is for

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

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.