

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 30, 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.

Our next class is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9th and the topic will be:  
*"The Creed II, Trinitarian Theology & Christology, The Theotokos, Church Fathers, Monastics & The Saints"*  
 Please join us on Wednesday, Nov. 9th!

**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 MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST.**

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

**Philoptochos News**

- Please remember to join us at the Saturday morning brunch with His Eminence, followed by our "town-hall" style conversation time with him.
- During the Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday, there will be a memorial service for all the past Philoptochos members. It is Philoptochos Sunday, so we are reserving the first 3 pews on the right side of the church for Philoptochos members.
- We are looking forward to having Metropolitan ISAIAH with us!
- Don't forget the scrip (gift) cards ..... *"Fundraise while you shop"*. HEB has extended their 11 cent of every gallon of gas purchased with one of their gift cards to the end of the year! Get your cards 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 Luncheon Sponsors:**

**The Phocas family**

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
 Bjeletich, Boudreau, Bowles, Burke, Burns**

**Next Sunday we will have a special luncheon for His Eminence.**

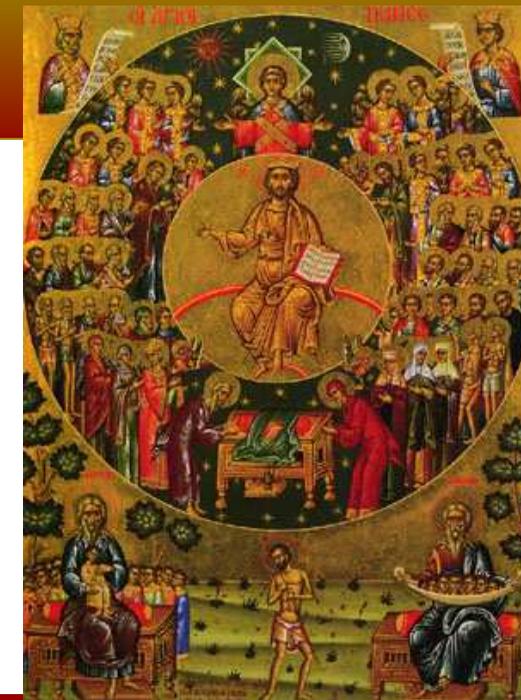
**Thank you to today's usher:  
 Christiana Spiroulos**

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

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

**SUNDAY BULLETIN  
 OCTOBER 30, 2011**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746

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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**  
 574-1972

October 30, 2011 - 5th Sunday of Luke

Epistle - Galatians 1: 11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, 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 μητρός 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 ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπήλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα 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 30, 2011

Fr. Vasileios will be at the National Clergy Retreat; so there are no weekday services scheduled for this week.

**Luncheon Today!**

Please join us after today's Liturgy for a delicious luncheon sponsored by the Phocas family. They have prepared a delicious meal of ~  
*Pasta and meat sauce*  
*Garlic Bread*  
*Greek Salad*  
*Dessert*

Please support your church by purchasing your lunch here!

**Thank you, Sonia and Denis, for your kind generosity!**

**Oxi Day**

The students of the Greek School will have a short performance today during our lunch, celebrating OXI Day!

**Baby Boomers**

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

**TONIGHT! 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

**Nativity Pageant**

There will be a sign up table in the church hall today for the Nativity Pageant.  
Parents: Please stop by the table to sign up your children to participate in the pageant. This is a wonderful church activity and a great way to impress upon the children the important of Christ and the Church this upcoming Advent season.

After church services on Sunday, Dec. 4th, our Maria Miller, who has just returned from two weeks in Tanzania, Africa, will be sharing her many experiences as part of an Orthodox Medical Mission Team.

Her moving presentation will enlighten and inspire you.

Please plan to be here on that Sunday for some fascinating information!

**GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)**

GOLF will not meet this Thursday since Fr. Vasili will be away.  
Plan to join us on Thursday, November 10, at 10:00am.  
Contact Whitney Papadatos for more information: wpapadatos@hotmail.com

**Men's Bible Study**

The next men's evening study will be on Wednesday, November 9th, following Paraklesis and the dinner/fellowship time.  
We are reading the book Atheist Delusions.  
Contact Fr. Vasileios for more information.

**Greek School**

Alex's Adult Class- Monday, October 31 at 6:30pm  
Christina's Adult Class- Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6:30pm  
Children's Classes- Friday, Nov.4 at 6:30pm

**OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)**

The students will meet this Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the UT Episcopal Center at 6:30pm.  
Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjordje@gmail.com.

### The Holy Martyrs Zenobios and Zenobia of Aegae in Cilicia



The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, St Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be

tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

St Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

#### 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, Stamatias, Ruth, Nicholas, Joyce, Connie

#### 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

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δέ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιόσκειτο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραϊνόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δέ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἠλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ἄδη ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὄρᾳ τὸν Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακὰ· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾷσαι καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξύ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἔνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνηνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δέ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρὸς μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφοὺς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφῆτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ πεισθήσονται.

## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn** (Third Tone)

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

*“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”*

### **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.”*

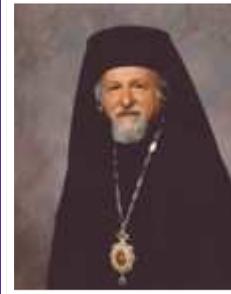
*“When O Christ our God Thou wast Transfigured on the mountain  
Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy disciples in proportion as they could bear it.  
Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners.  
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”*

### **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.