

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 20, 2011 continued

Services for this week:

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple: Monday, Nov. 21

Orthros- 8:30am; Liturgy- 9:30am

Feast of St. Katherine the Great Martyr: Friday, Nov. 25, Orthros- 8:30am; Liturgy- 9:30am

Feast of St. Stylianos: Saturday, Nov. 26, Orthros-9:00am; Liturgy- 10:00am



Have a most blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Philoptochos News

- We currently have some CASA angels on our tree! Stop by and choose an angel, then go to the Philoptochos table to purchase a gift card for your selected child! This is a beautiful ministry!
- Sign up now to attend our Christmas luncheon at Rocco's on Saturday, December 3rd.
- Philoptochos is having a "Silent Auction" that will begin this Sunday and end on Sunday, December 3rd. Stop by the Philoptochos table to view, and bid(!) on these beautiful items for auction!
- Effie Ambrose is working hard to make sure our Christmas card will be a warm and beautiful addition to everyone's home this year. Please call her at 266-6302 to be included!
- Your prayers are needed for the sick and injured in our community. Through God all things are possible!

Nativity Pageant

Our annual Christmas Program will be held on December 11th at 5:00pm! Make plans to attend!

The Rehearsal schedule will be as follows:

November 20th 9:30 (Chanters) & After Sunday School (ALL)

December 3rd 2:00 – 4:00 pm (ALL)

December 4th 9:30 (Chanters) & After Sunday School (ALL)

December 10th 2:00 - 4:00 pm DRESS REHEARSAL (ALL)

ENCORE!

ENCORE! (formerly "The Baby Boomers") is having a Christmas Dinner at the Bee Cave Gumbo's (12823 Shops Pkwy) on **Sunday, December 4th at 5:00pm**

There is a delicious menu with a choice of 3 different entrees. Cost is \$40.00/per person. This amount includes tax and gratuity. \$5.00 happy hour wines and beers will be available for individual purchase. Deadline for payment/reservations is November 30. Contact Christine Suehs at 656-6627, or Linda Robertson at 261-3934 to purchase your tickets.

Thank you to this week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Colovas, Craus, Daskalantonakis, Davenport, Strong

Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:

Ken Pon, Tom Rigney, Terri Ross, Debbie Tindle, Sophia Khan, Crissi Gianakopoulos, Wanda and Ioannis Ousaklidis

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Delvizis, Demetriadis, DeRossi, Dietz, Dow

Thank you to today's usher:

Brandon Suehs

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Michael and Nyda Glaros

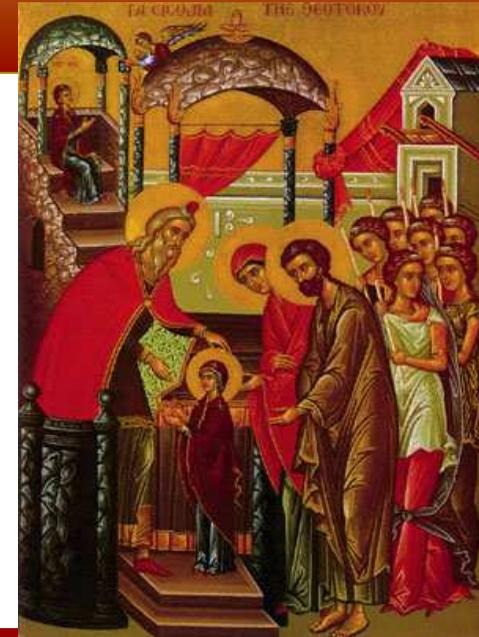
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Sophia Khan

SUNDAY BULLETIN
NOVEMBER 20, 2011



**NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
FOREFEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE
HOLY THEOTOKOS**



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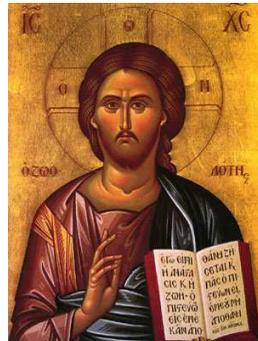
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos
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Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in transgressions, made us alive together with the Christ—by grace have ye been saved— and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, that He might show forth Himself in the ages which are coming the surpassing wealth of His grace in kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; the gift is of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His work, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, in order that we should walk in them.



Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεός, πλούσιος ὦν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ - χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι - καὶ συνήγειρεν, καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἔπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσιν τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθαι. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμὲν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

Celebrating A Sunday of Sharing

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and anticipate the Nativity of Christ this Advent, our hierarchs have designated this Sunday, November 20, as IOCC Sunday. Their blessing serves as a reminder of the importance of IOCC's pan-Orthodox mission to restore peoples' lives and dignity. A second tray will be passed today for this purpose.

**Marko Bjeletich will be speaking with us today about Stewardship.
Thank you, Marko, for your hard work and dedication to Transfiguration!**

Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, December 11th!
Please prayerfully consider the commitment of your time, talents, and treasures to support the work of the Church”

2012 Parish Council Elections

Elections for our new Parish Council will be held during the coffee hour on Sunday, December 11th!

The candidates are:

1. Rod Ambrose
2. Stephen Dow
3. Judy Eagle
4. Anita Jones
5. Tricia Koriath
6. Pat Mitchell
7. Ioannis Ousaklidis

You must be a current Steward of the church to be eligible to vote.

Absentee voting is available. Contact the church office for more information.

Report on Tanzania

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 take a break this week, and pick up again on Thursday, December 1st at 10:00am

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

The next OCF meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the University Episcopal Center at 6:30pm.
Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjordje@gmail.com for more information

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Ho, Ho, Ho! Lots of Christmas gifts are available at your bookstore! We have beautiful new Greek Cookbooks, books for your Orthodox Studies, leather bound Bibles, Liturgy Books, and small Daily Prayer Books. We also have bracelets, rings and crosses, too! Now is the time to select a beautiful icon for those on your list that would love to add to their personal prayer space. We have affordable stocking stuffers, too!

Shop with us first! We have what you need!

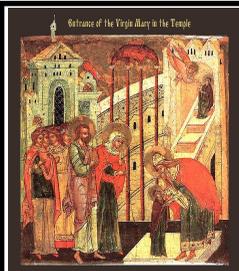
Congratulations to our Oratorical Festival Winners!

We celebrated a wonderful festival last Sunday at 1:00pm, with a great participation by our students! There were 11 speakers in all, 5 from the Junior and 6 from the Senior Divisions. Presbytera Vasiliki Eckley, Vasiliki Oldziey, and Tom Gouris were our esteemed judges. Here are the results of the festival:

JUNIOR DIVISION- The winner was Nicole Price, followed by Nicole Phocas in Second Place. Andja Bjeletich took the Third Place, and Marina Gianakopoulos and Mark Yoder were given Honorable Mention.

SENIOR DIVISION- The winner was Sarah Khan, followed by Alexandra Khan in Second Place. Maria Benson took the Third Place, and Jerry Benson, Zachary Price and Christina Randol were given Honorable Mention.

The winners will go on to the Metropolis level, to be held here at Transfiguration on March 23-25.



Forefeast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos

November 21

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.



Venerable Gregory of Decapolis

Commemorated on November 20

Saint Gregory the Decapolite was born in the Isaurian city of Decapolis (ten cities) in the eighth century. From his childhood he loved the temple of God and church services. He read the Holy Scripture constantly and with reverence.

In order to avoid the marriage which his parents had intended for him, he secretly left home. He spent all his life wandering: he was in Constantinople, Rome, Corinth, and he lived as an ascetic on Olympus for a while. St Gregory preached the Word of God everywhere, denouncing the Iconoclast heresy, strengthening the faith and fortitude of the Orthodox, whom the heretics in those times oppressed, tortured and imprisoned.

Through his ascetic effort and prayer, St Gregory attained the gifts of prophecy and wonderworking. After overcoming the passions and reaching the height of virtue, he was permitted to hear angelic singing in praise of the Holy Trinity. St Gregory left the monastery of St Menas near Thessalonica, where he had labored for a long time, and he went again to Constantinople in order to combat the Iconoclast heresy. At the capital, a grievous illness undermined his strength, and he departed to the Lord in the year 816.

St Gregory was buried at a monastery in Constantinople, and many miracles took place at his tomb. As a result, the monks removed the holy relics of St Gregory and enshrined them in the church where people could venerate them.

When Constantinople fell to the Turks in 1453, the relics of St Gregory were carried to the region of the Danube by a Turkish official. In 1498 Barbu Craiovescu, the Ban of the Romanian Land (Wallachia) heard of the miracles performed by the holy relics and bought them for a considerable sum of money. Barbu Craiovescu placed the relics in the main church of Bistritsa Monastery which he founded in Rimnicu Vilcea, where they remain to the present day.

A small book describing the miracles and healings performed by St Gregory the Decapolite in Romania has been written by Abbess Olga Gologan, who reposed in 1972.

November 20, 2011 - 9th Sunday of Luke

Gospel - Luke 12: 16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Plagal Tone)

Angelike thinamis epi to mnima Su ke I filassontes apenekrothisan ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to ahranton Su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin mi pirasthis ip aftu ipintisas ti Partheno thorumenos tin zoin a Anastas ek ton nekron Kirie thoxa Si.

“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb
and those who guarded You became as though dead,
and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body.
For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman,
bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

Hymn for the Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

By blossoming forth the only Ever - virgin as fruit,
today holy Anna doth betroth us all unto joy, instead of our former grief;
on this day she doth fulfill her vows to the Most High,
leading her with joy into the Lord's holy temple,
who truly is the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

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 of The Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

The whole world is filled today with joy and gladness on the Theotokos's
auspicious and resplendent feast, whereon with great voice it crieth out:
The heavenly tabernacle is she in truth.

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, 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, Venton, Nick, Tatiana, Sandy, Caleb, Pete, Wendy, Lorraine, Tina, Anna, Michael, Anna, Pamela, Shawn, Anthoula, Megan, Leo, Lili, Christy, Glenn, Philip, Katelyn, Joshua, Jason, John, Julia, Nick, Maria, Carolyn, Betty, Ruth, Nicholas, Joyce, Connie, Deacon George, Ralph, Vana

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.

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.

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