

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 27, 2011 continued

Services for this week:

The Feast of St. Andrew - Wednesday, November 30, *Orthros at 8:30am;*
Divine Liturgy at 9:30am

Paraklesis - Wednesday, November 30 - 6:00pm

Philoptochos News

- The CASA angel gifts are due back next Sunday, Dec. 4th. There is still a need for Target gift cards. Check the Philoptochos table today for more information (and to purchase your Target card!)
- See you next Saturday, December 3rd for our Christmas luncheon at Rocco's!
- 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!
- We currently have lots of \$10 scrip cards for various "fast-food" places that will make great stocking-stuffers for the teens on your shopping list! Stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase some.

Nativity Pageant

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

Parents: There will not be practice today for the Nativity Pageant.

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

December 3rd 2-4 p.m. (ALL)

December 4th 9:30 a.m. (Chanters & Speaking Parts) & After Sunday School (ALL)

December 10th 2-4 p.m. – 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:

Delvzis, Demetriadis, DeRossi, Dietz, Dow

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Colovas, Craus, Daskalantonakis, Davenport, Strong

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Drimalas, Draina, Eagle, Ebeling, Edwards, Edgell

Thank you to today's usher:

Sophia Khan

Thank you to last week's usher:

Brandon Suehs

The Usher for next Sunday is:

Elizabeth George

SUNDAY BULLETIN
NOVEMBER 27, 2011

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
JAMES THE GREAT MARTYR OF PERSIA



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos
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Epistle - Ephesians 2: 14-22

Brethren, for He is our peace, the One Who made the both one, and broke down the middle wall of the hedge, having abolished by ordinances the enmity—the law of the commandments—in His flesh, in order that He might create in Himself the two into one new man, making peace, and might thoroughly reconcile them both in one body to God through the Cross, having slain the enmity by it. And He came and preached the good tidings, peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then ye are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens of the saints and of the household of God, who were built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom every building, being joined together, increaseth to a holy temple in the Lord, in Whom ye also are being built up together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός ἐστὶν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἓν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκί αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσαστο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὕξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

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.

HOPE/JOY

Our HOPE/ JOY children will be visiting a **Living Nativity at Bethany United Methodist Church** (10010 Anderson Mill Rd.) on **Friday, Dec. 9th at 6:00pm**. They will begin with a tailgating party in the back parking lot, and then attend the Nativity scene.

Please bring non-perishable food or toiletry items to donate to Hill Country Community Ministries.

Lost and Found

Several sweaters, umbrellas, and other various items have been found around our church area. We will have them out on a table in the fellowship hall today. Please check this table to see if anything belongs to you. Thank you!

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 meet on Thursday, December 1st at 10:00am.

All women are invited to join them in their study of 1 Corinthians led by Fr. Vasileios. Children are welcome!

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

We have lots of new books, icons, items, and stocking stuffers available. Please browse our bookstore!

Memorial Service

The 5 year Memorial service today is for Fr. George Calciu.

Father George Calciu (1925–2006) was one of the great confessors of Christianity in the twentieth century. Having survived the diabolic prison experiments of Communist Romania, Fr. George went on to become an apostle to spiritual seekers in Romania and, eventually, throughout the world. He was able to speak authoritatively of God's love and forgiveness because of his own experience of God's mercy. As a priest in America, Fr. George maintained a strict ascetic life of fasting and prayer, while at the same time pastoring his flock as a joyful and loving father.

"For my flock, I leave these words: Love one another as Jesus loved us so that it will be revealed that we are the sons of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Sacrifice yourselves! Pray and be merciful to those in need! May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be upon all of you."

*~ Father Gheorghe Calciu
November 2006*

James the Great Martyr of Persia



This Saint was from the city of Bythlaba and was of noble birth; he was the closest and most honoured friend of Isdiger (or Yazdegerd) I, King of Persia (reigned 399-420). Though a Christian from his youth, James renounced Christ because he was allured by the King's friendship and flatteries. When his mother and his wife learned of this, they declared to him by letter that they would have nothing more to do with him, since he had preferred a glory that is temporal to the love of Christ. Wounded in soul by these words and coming to himself, the Saint wept over his error, and repudiated the worship of the idols. Therefore, becoming exceedingly wroth, the King - this was Bahram (or Varahran) V (reigned 421-438), Isdiger's son and successor - condemned him to a most bitter death, the likes of which not even a brute beast was ever condemned to: that is, his body was dismembered at every joint of his arms and legs. And so, when he had been cut asunder limb by limb to his very

hips and shoulders, the courageous Martyr was finally beheaded, in the year 421. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

November 27, 2011 - 13th Sunday of Luke

Gospel - Luke 18: 18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (Baris Tone)

*“Katelisas to Stavro Su ton thanaton ineoxas to listi ton parathison
ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevalas 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 for the Greatmartyr St. James (Jacob) of Persia

*Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee
received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God.
For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed
the demons' strengthless presumption.*

O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

*“I Parthénos símeron ton proeónion Lógon, en spiléo érhete apotkín aporrítos.
Hóreve, I ikouméni, akoutisthísa; dóxason metá Angélon ke ton Piménon,
voulithénta epofthine, pedíon néon, ton pro eónon Theón.”*

*“On this day the Virgin comes, to a cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably Who was before all the
ages. Dance for joy oh Earth on hearing the Gladsome Tidings. With the angels and the shepherds now
glorify Him, Who is willing to be gazed on, as a young Child Who before the ages is God.”*

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, Andreas, Nun Elizabeth

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.*

There are no Sunday School classes today.

Second collection today

Because of the many events during the Hierarchical Liturgy on Philoptochos Sunday, we decided to wait until
this Sunday to pass a second tray for Philoptochos. All of the money collected will go to the Ecumenical
Patriarch in Turkey. Please make your checks out to “Philoptochos”. Thank you for your generosity!

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