

Services for this week:

Feast of St. Spyridon: Monday, December 12
Orthros - 8:30am; Liturgy - 9:30am

Paraklesis - Wednesday, December 7 - 6:00pm

Feast of St. Eleutherios: Thursday, December 15
Orthros - 8:30am; Liturgy - 9:30am

Feasts of St. Daniel and St. Dionysios: Saturday, December 17
Orthros - 9:00am; Liturgy - 10:00am

Great Vespers— Saturday, December 17 - 5:00pm

Nativity Pageant

TODAY AT 5:00PM IN MT. TABOR HALL!



Please come and see this beautiful Nativity Pageant presented by the Agape Choir!
A small reception will follow, and there will be a visit from a very special someone!

SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

All GOYAns, Basketball Players, HOPE and JOY, AGAPE Choir, Sunday School students, OCF, OYA, and anyone out there with the NEED to SPREAD some Christmas CHEER! We are going Christmas CAROLING, next Sunday, December 18, right after Church. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Included in our tour will be the home of Deacon George.

Parents and adults--we need you to drive--and to offer the example to our youth.

Let's announce Our Lord's Birth with those who cannot go to Church and experience Christmas!

Let's bring tidings of good news and joy!

Lost and Found - Last Call!

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 for **today only** and then we will **give them to Safe House**. Retrieve your missing items now before it is too late!

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Drimalas, Draina, Eagle, Ebeling, Edwards, Edgell

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Esper, Ferrua, Ford, Foster, Garwood

Thank you to today's usher:
Peter Kangos

Thank you to last week's usher:
Elizabeth George

The Usher for next Sunday is:
Nick Spiropoulos

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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Epistle - Colossians 3: 4-11

Brethren, whenever the Christ, Who is your life, should be made manifest, then also ye shall be made manifest with Him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of which things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience, among whom ye also walked once, when ye used to live in them. But now ye also put off from yourselves all these things: wrath, anger, malice, blasphemy, foul language out of your mouth. Cease lying to one another, since ye have put off the old man with his practices, and have put on the new that is being renewed toward full knowledge according to the image of the One Who created him, where there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, but Christ is all things and in all.

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἧς ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλληνας καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δούλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν χριστός.

Luncheon Today!

We are so grateful to Mary Katherine and Mihalis Bakiris for sponsoring the lunch today. They have prepared a scrumptious menu of:

- *Grilled Shrimp*
- *Rice Pilaf*
- *Stewed green beans*
- *Salad*
- *Dessert with spiced apple juice*

Remember that when you purchase a lunch, all of the proceeds go toward our church's many projects!

2012 Parish Council Elections TODAY!!!

Elections for our new Parish Council will be held during the coffee hour on today in Mt. Tabor. Don't forget to vote!!!

The candidates are (you can read their bios in the hall):

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

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

OYA (Orthodox Young Adults) News

We have scheduled to go visit Hearthstone Nursing Home in Round Rock (401 Oakwood Blvd., 78681) on Saturday, December 17th from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

We will do a small craft with the residents, sing Christmas carols, and stay during their bingo tournament. Please, if you would like to participate in this nursing home visit, email a RSVP to austin.oya@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 14th. They will truly appreciate a headcount!

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Due to the Liturgy for St. Eleutherios, GOLF will NOT meet this coming Thursday. Join us on Thursday, December 22nd at 10:00am for our continued study of 1 Corinthians led by Fr. Vasileios. Children are welcome!

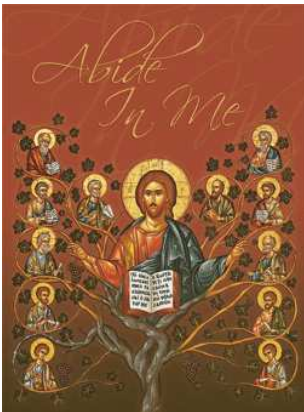
Men's Fellowship Lunch

The men's monthly fellowship lunch will be this coming Thursday, Dec. 15th at Chipotle in the Arborwalk- 11:45

BOOKSTORE NEWS

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

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!



**Thank you to everyone who brought your
2012 pledge cards with you today!**

If you forgot yours, you can find some in the book-holders in each pew, along with an envelope. A tray will be passed to collect all of the pledge cards and Fr. Vasileios will say a blessing prayer over them.

WE ARE CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

At the Last Supper, as we read in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, Jesus instructed His disciples, "I Am the Vine; you are the branches." He was telling us that the purpose of our abiding in Him is that we may bear fruit for God in the world. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." (John 15:8). Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His body – the branches through which the Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP?

Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

...caring for the needs of others.

...offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

STEWARDSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*****How do I become a member of the parish?**

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments, or mysteries, of the Church and through our faithful offering of our entire selves to Jesus Christ. Our Archdiocese requires each parish to distinguish between voting member and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years of age and turns in a signed stewardship commitment card, committing a portion of time, talent and treasure to the Church. The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Keep in mind that the true membership in the Body of Christ involves living according to His words and within His Church.

*****Why must I commit to give a specific amount?**

Please keep in mind that your stewardship of money is kept in the strictest of confidence. However, we do compile the amounts anticipated to better plan our budget.

*****What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?**

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stew-

December 11, 2011 - 11th Sunday of Luke

Gospel - Luke 14: 16-24 ; Matthew 22: 14

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δούλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δείπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀγρὸν ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δούλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δούλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δούλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου τοῦ δείπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσιν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί.

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 vasilia 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 Forefathers of Jesus Christ

By faith didst Thou justify the Forefathers, when through them Thou didst betroth Thyself aforetime to the Church from among the nations. The Saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit, even she that bare Thee seedlessly. By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

“Metemorfothis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dexas 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, akoutishísa; 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, the Nun Elizabeth, Alexandra, Sonia, Sultana

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:

- I am visiting the area
- I recently moved into the area
- I would like to learn more about Orthodoxy
- I am interested in becoming Orthodox
- Please send me new member information
- I would like to speak with a Priest
- Place me/us on the parish mailing list
- 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