

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED: Sunday, January 8, 2012

Theophany at Barton Springs in Zilker Park

Blessing of the Waters & Diving for the Cross
~ Pan Orthodox Service ~

The St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church has invited our parish to participate in the annual Pan Orthodox Agiasmo and Diving for the Cross.

Sunday, January 8, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Barton Springs in Zilker Park

We need folks to dive for the Cross! Please see Father Vasileios for more details.

GOYA NEWS

All GOYAnS are invited to a "Post Basketball Tournament" Party at the home Of Fr. Vasileios and Presbytera Stella on Saturday, January 21st. At 6:30pm. Join us for some after-tournament fun!

Encore!

CHANGE THE DATE!

There has been a change of plans! Please change your saved Encore date to the evening of **Sunday, January 29th at 6:00pm**
We will meet here at Mt. Tabor Hall for a fun evening of dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and lots of fellowship and fun!

Philoptochos News

Please mark your calendars for a very important date!

OUR VASILOPITA AUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 22ND

We are planning another "Multi-Cultural" Auction with Vasilopita and other types of breads and pastries from around the world.

This LIVE auction was so much fun last year, we definitely want to bring it back.

If you have a special holiday treat that you grew up with and would like to bring it for the auction, please do!

Stop by the Philoptochos table to let us know what you would like to bring; or contact Dorothy Smith at 716-0699.

Please support our bakers with your generous bids!!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Halter, Harris, Horwedel, Jerome

Thank you to the Flegas family and everyone else who brought such wonderful treats for the coffee hour on St. Basil's Day!

Thank you to today's ushers:

Shelley Ebeling

Next Week's Coffee Hour:

Gatlin, Georgantonis, George, George, George

Thank you to last week's usher:

Judy Eagle and Diann Dow

The Usher for next Sunday is:

Marko Bjeletich



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EPHESIANS 4: 7-13

Brethren, to each of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of the Christ. Wherefore, He saith, "Having ascended on high, He led captivity captive" and "gave gifts to men." Now that He ascended, what is it except that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? The One Who descended is the same also Who ascended above all of the heavens, in order that He might fill all things. And He gave some to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some shepherds and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of ministering, to the building up of the body of the Christ, until we all might come to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ;

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνὶ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἀνάβη, τί ἐστὶν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτὸς ἐστὶν καὶ ὁ ἀναβάς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταστήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ χριστοῦ.

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COUNCIL INDUCTION

TODAY WE WILL HAVE THE INSTALLATION OF OUR 2012 PARISH COUNCIL AFTER THE LITURGY. OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

MARKO BJELETICH

ANITA JONES

JOHN CHRONIS

PAT MITCHELL

SHELLEY EBELING

IOANNIS OUSAKLIDIS

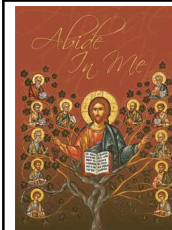
JUDY EAGLE

BRANDON SUEHS

STEPHEN DOW

STUART YODER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 COUNCIL!



Thank you to all who turned in your pledge cards for 2012!

If you have not had a chance to do so, there is still *plenty of time!*

You can always send your pledge card to the church office, or place it in the collection plate on any Sunday.

Please prayerfully consider the commitment of your time, talents, and treasures to support the work of the Church!

Thank you!

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

OCF will begin their Spring semester by meeting for Compline and dinner on Thursday, Jan. 12. All college and university students are invited to join OCF for great study and fellowship.

Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at
bzdjordje@gmail.com.

OYA

The Orthodox Young Adult fellowship and study group will begin meeting every other Tuesday on January 24, 2012.

We will keep you posted on place and time!

Greek School News

The Greek language classes will resume on **January 10th**

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet this **Thursday, January 12** at 10:00am.

We will continue our study of I Corinthians

Contact Whitney Papadatos for more information:
wpapadatos@hotmail.com

Men's Bible Study

The next men's evening study will be on **Wednesday, January 11th.**

They will meet for a pot-luck dinner at the home of

Stephen and Diann Dow –
3409 Lost Oasis Hollow, 78739

Please contact Fr. Vasileios for more information.

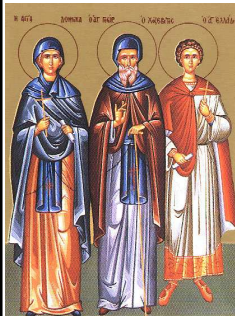


Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The second day of the Afterfeast of Theophany falls on January 8. At Vespers we repeat a hymn which has already been sung at Compline for Theophany. In the hymn St John wonders in whose name he should baptize Christ. Should he baptize Him in the name of the Father? The Lord Jesus Christ already bears Him in Himself. Of the Son? He Himself is the incarnate Son of God. Of the Holy Spirit? Christ Himself sends the Spirit.

Venerable George the Chozebite, Abbot and Venerable Domnica of Constantinople

Saint George the Chozebite was born on the island of Cyprus toward the end of the sixth century. After the death of his parents, he went to Palestine to worship at the holy places. Here he entered into the monastic community of Chozeba between the River Jordan and Jerusalem, and he later became head of this monastery. St George presented the monks example in fasting, vigil and physical efforts. Having lived as an angel upon the earth, he died in peace.



Saint Domnica came from Carthage to Constantinople in the time of the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great. Here she was baptized by Patriarch Nectarius and entered a women's monastery. Through strict and prolonged ascetic effort she attained to high spiritual perfection. The saint healed the sick, demonstrated power over the natural elements, and predicted the future. By her miracles the saint moved inhabitants of the capital towards concerns about life eternal and the soul. Adorned by virtues, the saint departed this life a spotless virgin in her old age.

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, 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, Boyd, Argyre

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MATTHEW 4: 12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατῴκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλεὶμ, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλῶν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλεὶμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότειϊ εἶδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρῦσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Hymns for Today

Entrance Hymn

*Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.
Save us O Son of God, Who was baptized in the Jordan by John.
We sing to You, alleluia.*

Hymn for Holy Theophany

*When Thou was baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest;
for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son.
And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word.
O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,
glory be to Thee*

Resurrection Hymn (1st Plagal Tone)

*“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word,
Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation.
As the faithful we both praise and worship Him,
for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross,
and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through
His all glorious resurrection.”*

*Ton sinanarhon Logon Patrike Pnevmati ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian
imon animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen oti ivthokese sarki anelthin en to stavro
ke thanaton ipomine ke egire tus tethneo tas en ti en thoxo anastasi Aftu.*

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 idynando
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.
By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light,
glory to Thee.”*

Kontakion

*On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light,
O Sov'reign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge:
Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared,
O Thou Light unapproachable.*

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. If you have any questions about Transfiguration, or
Orthodoxy, please feel free to ask Fr. Vasileios after the Liturgy. We hope that
you will return often to worship with us and grow in Christ!*

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.*

Sunday School Classes resume today!

**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.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 1 year Memorial Service today is for Calliope George, beloved mother of James,
Bess and Thomas, and mother-in-law of Elizabeth.

She was also the loving grandmother of Christopher George and Alexis McBride

May her memory be eternal

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*

WELCOME HOME!

*We wish to welcome back, Col. Dave Romine, who has been stationed in
Afghanistan and is now back at Fort Hood!
Thank you and God bless you for your service to our country!*