

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 15, 2012

GOYA NEWS—DATE CHANGE FOR “POST-TOURNAMENT” GET TOGETHER

All GOYAnS are invited to a “Post Basketball Tournament” Party at the home of Fr. Vasileios and Presbyteria Stella on Sunday, January 22nd. At 5:00pm. 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!

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

OCF will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17th at the Episcopal Center on campus at 6:30pm. All college and university students are invited to join OCF for great study and fellowship. Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bzdjordje@gmail.com.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet this **Thursday, January 19** at 10:00am. We will continue our study of I Corinthians. Contact Whitney Papadatos for more information: wpapadatos@hotmail.com

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

The Men’s Fellowship group will have their monthly lunch get-together on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 11:45am. They will meet at **Masala Wok - Arbor Walk (10515 N. MoPac Expressway)**

Philoptochos News

Next Sunday is our Vasilopita Auction!

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! If you will not be here next Sunday, you can always bake something and bring it to the church office during the week; OR you can ask them to bid on a bread for you!

Please support our bakers with your generous bids!!

Don’t forget to purchase your gift cards from Philoptochos!

Buca di Beppo has just joined Great Lakes Scrip! You can purchase a \$25.00 gift card and GLS will give us an 8% rebate!

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Our bookstore is still blessed to be able to display Irene Omer’s beautifully written icons. Both of them are truly works of art and are available for purchase. Come by and admire them. What a special gift they would make for someone.

In our bookstore we now have some Daily Prayer Books (both the blue and the red), some 2012 daily planners from the Archdiocese and many other inspirational books in stock. If you haven’t stopped by recently, why not come by and browse?

Thank you to today’s Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Gatlin, Georgantonis, George, George, George

Thank you to last week’s Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Halter, Harris, Horwedel, Jerome

Next Week’s Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Gianakopoulos, Gimenez, Glarakis, Glaros, Gouris

Thank you to today’s usher:

Marko Bjeletich

Thank you to last week’s usher:

Shelley Ebeling

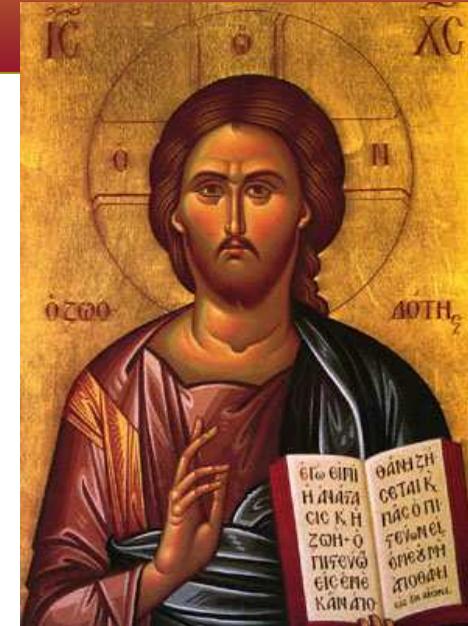
The Usher for next Sunday is:

Judy Eagle

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JANUARY 15, 2012

**12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE
THE SUNDAY OF THE TEN LEPERS**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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January 15, 2012 - Sunday of the Ten Lepers

Epistle - Colossians 3: 4-II

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 φανερωθῇ, 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 περιπατήσατέ 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.

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Services for this week:

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Feast of St. Anthony the Great - Orthros: 8:30am; Liturgy: 9:30am

Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Feast of Sts. Athanasios and Cyril - Orthros: 8:30am; Liturgy: 9:30am

The service of Great Vespers is cancelled for Saturday, Jan. 20

Father Vasileios is at the Metropolis Basketball Tournament this weekend with our youth.

We thank Fr. David Eckley for serving with us today!

40 Day Blessing

This morning we will have the 40 day blessing of Thomas Canon Orthmann.

Congratulations to his parents, Chris and Summer Orthmann

God grant you many years!

COUNCIL OFFICERS

OUR 2012 COUNCIL MET LAST WEEK AND ELECTED THEIR BOARD.

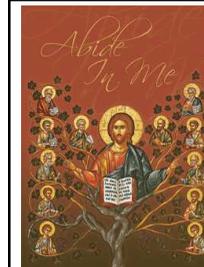
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT - BRANDON SUEHS

VICE-PRESIDENT - MARKO BJELETICH

SECRETARY - PAT MITCHELL

TREASURER - JOHN CHRONIS



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

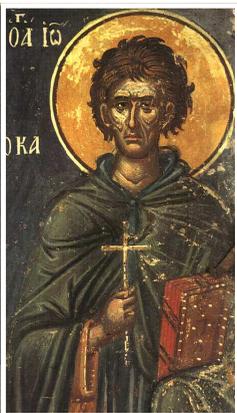
If you have not had a chance to do so, there is still *plenty of time!*

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!

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, Romeo, Konstandinos, Elia, Rose Marie, Bilyana, Maria, Susan, Jane, 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, Carol, Susie



Venerable John Calabytes "the Hut-Dweller"

Saint John the Hut-Dweller was the son of rich and illustrious parents, and was born in Constantinople the early fifth century. He received a fine education, and he mastered rhetoric and philosophy by the age of twelve. He also loved to read spiritual books. Perceiving the vanity of worldly life, he chose the path that was narrow and extremely difficult. Filled with longing to enter a monastery, he confided his intention to a passing monk. John made him promise to come back for him when he returned from his pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and take him to his monastery.

He asked his parents for a Gospel so that he might study the words of Christ. John's parents hired a calligrapher to copy the text, and had the volume bound in a golden cover studded with gems. John read the Gospel constantly, delighting in the Savior's words.

The monk kept his promise to come back for John, and they went secretly to Bithynia. At the monastery of the "Unsleeping" (Akoimitoi), he received monastic tonsure.

The young monk began his ascetical labors with zeal, astonishing the brethren with his unceasing prayer, humble obedience, strict abstinence, and perseverance at work.

After six years, he began to undergo temptations. He remembered his parents, how much they loved him, and what sorrow he caused them. He regretted leaving them, and was filled with a burning desire to see them again.

St John explained his situation to the igumen St Marcellus (December 29) and he asked to be released from the monastery. He begged the igumen for his blessing and prayers to return home. He bid farewell to the brethren, hoping that by their prayers and with the help of God, he would both see his parents and overcome the snares of the devil. The igumen then blessed him for his journey.

St John returned to Constantinople, not to resume his former life of luxury, but dressed as a beggar, and unknown to anyone. He settled in a corner by the gates of his parents' home. His father noticed the "pauper," and began to send him food from his table, for the sake of Christ. John lived in a small hut for three years, oppressed and insulted by the servants, enduring cold and frost, unceasingly conversing with the Lord and the holy angels.

Before his death, the Lord appeared to the monk in a vision, revealing that the end of his sorrows was approaching, and that in three days he would be taken into the Heavenly Kingdom. Therefore, he asked the steward to give his mother a message to come to him, for he had something to say to her.

At first, she did not wish to go, but she was curious to know what this beggar had to say to her. Then he sent her another message, saying that he would die in three days. John thanked her for the charity he had received, and told her that God would reward her for it. He then made her promise to bury him beneath his hut, dressed in his rags. Only then did the saint give her his Gospel, which he always carried with him, saying, "May this console you in this life, and guide you to the next life."

She showed the Gospel to her husband, saying that it was similar to the one they had given their son. He realized that it was, in fact, the very Gospel they had commissioned for John. They went back to the gates, intending to ask the pauper where he got the Gospel, and if he knew anything about their son. Unable to restrain himself any longer, he admitted that he was their child. With tears of joy they embraced him, weeping because he had endured privation for so long at the very gates of his parental home.

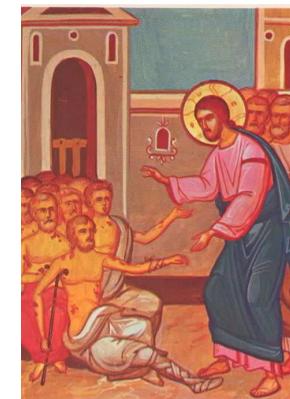
The saint died in the mid-fifth century, when he was not quite twenty-five years old. On the place of his burial the parents built a church, and beside it a hostel for strangers. When they died, they were buried in the church they had built.

In the twelfth century the head of the saint was taken by Crusaders to Besançon (in France), and other relics of the saint were taken to Rome.

January 15, 2012 - Sunday of the Ten Lepers

Gospel - Luke 17: 12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ ἕστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἰς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστάς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.

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 St. John the Hut-Dweller

Since thou hadst with fervour longed after the Lord from thy youth, thou leftest the world with its delights and nobly didst strive in valiant ascetic deeds.

Thou didst pitch thy hut before the gates of thy parents;
thou didst break the demons' snares, O all-blessed Father.
And therefore, as is meet, hath Christ God glorified thee, O John.

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

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet by anticipation, has even now saved us oh Christ our God.
But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved oh only Friend of man.”

2012 Calendars

Many of you have already picked up your 2012 calendar.

For those stewards of our church who have not had a chance to get one, please get yours today in the foyer of Mt. Tabor Hall. **Thank you for your stewardship!**

**WE ALSO WISH TO THANK JANE ALLEN FOR SPONSORING
OUR CALENDAR THIS YEAR! GOD BLESS YOU, JANE!**

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, 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