

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**Encore!**

Our January fellowship is tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall!  
 Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and dancing.  
 All Single or Married individuals who are more or less within the baby boomer age bracket  
 are invited to join Encore!  
 If you plan to attend, please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share with the group.

**OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)**

OCF will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 31th 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, February 2 after the 10:00am Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple.  
 We will have a potluck lunch together!



**Apokreatiko ~ Community Night!**

Save the date and plan to join us for a fantastic evening on **Saturday, February 11: Cocktails at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.**  
 Appetizers will be served followed by dinner that includes:  
 Steak, Potatoes, Salad and 1 free drink  
 This event is a FUNDRAISING event. ALL PROFITS will go towards the iconography project which includes a new sound system and lighting for our church. It is very important that you RSVP if you plan to come.

Some e-vites have been sent. If you did not receive one, please let the church office know so that we can send one to you. Please respond through that invitation.

**Philoptochos News**

Our Vasilopita Auction was a complete success and so much fun!  
 We wish to thank our wonderful auctioneer, Bill Colovas, and his helpers: Brandon Suehs, William Leara, Marko Bjeletich  
 We also thank Ellen Apostolakis for hosting the children's auction table.  
 A HUGE thank you goes to all of our bakers who prepared the very delicious breads and other goodies; and of course we thank everyone who purchased them!  
 And last but not least, we thank Dorothy Smith for chairing this event for us.  
 We collected over \$2,000.00!

**Thank you to today's Luncheon Sponsors:**

The GOYA parents

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
 Gianakopoulos, Gimenez, Glarakis, Glaros, Gouris

Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
 Jones, Jones, Justice, Kalogirou, Kalpaxis

Thank you to today's usher:  
 Pat Mitchell, Dr. Jerry Burks,  
 and David Horwedel

Thank you to last week's usher:  
 Judy Eagle, Allen Wynn and  
 Liz Strong

The Usher for next Sunday is:  
 Stephen Dow

SUNDAY BULLETIN  
 JANUARY 29, 2012

**17TH SUNDAY OF LUKE  
 SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE  
 ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM

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And what common disposition hath a temple of God with that of idols? For ye are a temple of the living God, even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk about in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be to Me a people." Wherefore, "'Come out from the midst of them, and be separated,' saith the Lord, 'and cease touching the unclean thing,' and I will receive you, "'and will be a Father to you, and ye shall be to Me for sons and daughters,' saith the Lord Almighty." Having, therefore, these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, bringing to perfection holiness in the fear of God.

Αδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε· καγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱὸς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταῦτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ θεοῦ.

*Services for this week:*

Monday, Jan. 30 - *Feast of the Three Hierarchs - Orthros: 9:00am; Liturgy: 10:00am*

Thursday, Feb. 2 - *Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - Orthros: 9:00am; Liturgy: 10:00am*

Saturday, Feb. 4 - *Great Vespers - 5:00pm*

**Luncheon Today!**

**The GOYA parents are sponsoring today's luncheon and have prepared a scrumptious menu of:**

- Lasagne
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Fruit
- Dessert
- Drinks

**Please join us for lunch and support our teens!**



**Oratorical Festival Meeting**

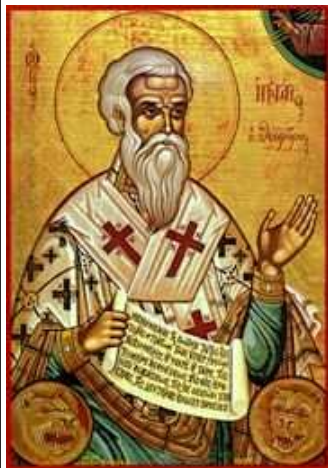
On Sunday, Feb. 5, there will be a planning meeting following the coffee hour.

This event is right around the corner and we need to make sure that we have everything set to go!

All Sunday School teachers are asked to attend.

We need more volunteers to help from driving to being there during the weekend's events!

**There will be an important iconography committee meeting right after coffee hour today, Sunday, January 29th.**



### Translation of the relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius, the Godbearer and Bishop of Antioch

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bare God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

The Transfer of the Relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer: (See December 20). After the holy hieromartyr Ignatius was thrown to the lions in the year 107 on the orders of the emperor Trajan, Christians gathered up his bones and preserved them at Rome.

Later, in the year 108, the saint's relics were collected and buried outside the gate of Daphne at Antioch. A second transfer, to the city of Antioch itself, took place in the year 438. After the capture of Antioch by the Persians, the relics of the Hieromartyr Ignatius were returned to Rome and placed into the church of the holy Hieromartyr Clement in the year 540 ( in 637, according to other sources).

St Ignatius introduced antiphonal singing into Church services. He has left us seven archpastoral epistles in which he provided instructions on faith, love and good works. He also urged his flock to preserve the unity of the faith and to beware of heretics. He encouraged people to honor and obey their bishops, "we should regard the bishop as we would the Lord Himself" (To the Ephesians 6)

In his Letter to Polycarp, St Ignatius writes: "Listen to the bishop, if you want God to listen to you... let your baptism be your shield, your faith a helmet, your charity a spear, your patience, like full armor."

### Special Meeting For Our Parish Council

The Council has a 2012 planning retreat scheduled for Monday, January 30th. At 5:30pm

They will begin with a dinner and fellowship followed by a formal planning session.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify and solidify the goals and objectives for the year.

January 29, 2012 - Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ἐκεῖθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ Χανααναία ἀπὸ τῶν ὀρίων ἐκείνων ἐξεληθοῦσα ἐκράυγαζεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· ἐλέησόν με, Κύριε, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς δαιμονίζεται. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἠρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες· ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει ὀπισθεν ἡμῶν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἀπεστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. ἡ δὲ ἐλθοῦσα προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Κύριε, βοήθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἔστι καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλεῖν τοῖς κυναρίοις. ἡ δὲ εἶπε· ναί, Κύριε· καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψυχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· ὦ γύναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενηθήτω σοι ὡς θέλεις. καὶ ἰάθη ἡ θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης.

## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn (4th Plagal Tone)**

*“To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma ek tu angelumathuse e tu kiriu mathitrie ke tin progonikin apofasin aporrepsase tis Apostolis kafhomena elegon eskilefte o thanatos I gerthi Christos o Theos thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.”*

*“From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.”*

### **Hymn to Saint Ignatius the God-bearer**

*As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision.*

*Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.*

### **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.”*

### **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.**

### **Memorial Service**

The Memorial service today is for:

- \* **Robert Eagle:** beloved husband of Judy Eagle and loving father of Christopher, Christine, and Douglas; and grandfather of Emma and Vera
- \* **Arthur Mitchell:** beloved husband of Patricia Mitchell and loving father of Cassandra Mitchell
- \* **Panayiotis Savas Nelson:** loving son of Helen and Richard Nelson; grandson of Theodora Pantely, and brother of Ianthe Sarazin
- \* **Lucille, Bennie, Anna, Jacob, Emma, and Mike:** loving parents and grandparents of Dr. Jacob Angelo and Diana Angelo

**May their memories be eternal.**

### *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, Soultana, Dora, John, Iliana, John, Dimitrios*

### *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*