

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, February 5, 2012

GOYA SAVE THE DATE!

THE ANNUAL METROPOLIS SOUTHERN REGION GOYA LENTEN RETREAT WILL BE ON
MARCH 30, 31 & APRIL 1
 You can register On-Line at
<http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2012-events/2012-southern-region-lenten-retreat>

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

OCF will meet on Thursday, Feb. 9th at 6:30pm
 to discuss important works by Church Fathers and important theologians
 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 not meet this coming Thursday since Fr. Vasileios will be attending the clergy conference. They will meet again on February 16 at 10:00am.
 All women are encouraged to attend!

TGOC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ MEN'S SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 6:00pm
- ◆ MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 11:45AM AT RUDY'S BBQ ON 183.

Philoptochos News

- Saturday, February 18 is our Philoptochos General Meeting and we will host the event at the Church Hall. We will have refreshments prior to the meeting. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and I look forward to seeing each of you.
- We are asking that everyone search your closets and help the women and children of Safe Place. They need all types of items, clothing, shampoo, soap, towels, anything that you might use on a daily bases. This month we are making a special effort to give a little extra. Thanks be to God.
- Philoptochos is sponsoring three Pre-Sanctified Dinners this year they are Wednesday, February 29th, Wednesday, March 7th and Wednesday March 14th.
- We will also host a cooking class on Saturday, February 25th on the cooking of "Koliva". If you are interested in attending this class, please email me at ptrcmitch@aol.com, space is limited.
- Please don't forget to purchase gift cards from us! We have HEB, Randall's, Whole Foods, Sprouts and many other department stores, movie theaters and others! **Help raise funds while you shop!**

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
 Jones, Jones, Justice, Kalogirou, Kalpaxis**

Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:
 The GOYA parents

Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
 Kangos, Karides, Keah, Kellogg, Kersch

Thank you to today's ushers:
 Stephen Dow, Dan and Gigi Appling

Thank you to last week's ushers:
 Pat Mitchell, Dr. Jerry Burks,
 and David Horwedel

The ushers for next Sunday are:
 Anita Jones, Mary Beth Gradziel,
 and Harry Stamatis

**SUNDAY BULLETIN
 FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND
 THE PHARISEE**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
 GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
 ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM

Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos
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Timothy, my son, thou hast closely followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra— what persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all those who wish to live piously in Christ Jesus shall be persecuted. But evil men and cheats shall advance to the worse, leading astray and being led astray. But thou, keep on abiding in what thou didst learn and wast assured of, knowing from whom thou didst learn, and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings, which are able to make thee wise in regard to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερά γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσαι εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

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Services for this week:

Friday, Feb. 10 - *Feast of St. Haralambos - Orthros: 9:00am; Liturgy: 10:00am*

Saturday, Feb. 11 - *Great Vespers - 5:00pm*



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.

This event is a free family community event where love donations will be accepted to defray costs. 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.



Oratorical Festival Meeting

There will be a planning meeting following the coffee hour today. 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 with the various activities during the weekend's events!
Please attend this meeting if you are willing to help in any way.



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in

His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.

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: _____ |

February 5, 2012 - Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee

Gospel – Luke 18: 10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἕστως οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (1st 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 Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

*Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos,
for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those in darkness.
Rejoice thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms
the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.*

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 for the Presentation of Our Lord

*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.”*

Memorial Service

The 20 year Memorial service today is for:

Ioannis Konstantinos Ousaklidis: loving father of Konstantinos Ousaklidis, Dimitra Ousaklidis and Mosca Ousaklidis; and beloved grandfather of Ioannis Ousaklidis, Dimitrios Ousaklidis, Nicholas Ousaklidis, and *many* others.

May his memory be eternal.

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 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, 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, Arsinoi, Sultana, Boyd, Argyre, Carol, Susie, Sultana, John, Iliana, John, Dimitrios, John, Nick

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