

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, February 12, 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 Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 6:30pm

Episcopal Student Center on UT's campus, 209 W. 27th Street (Enter the Center at University Ave.)

Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at bsdjordje@gmail.com.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will meet on Thursday, 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! **Special offer this month! Gap, Banana Republic, and Old Navy stores are offering a 14% contribution when we purchase a \$25 gift card! We will be getting some of these cards soon. Help raise funds while you shop!**

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Kangos, Karides, Keah, Kellogg, Kersch

Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:

Jones, Jones, Justice, Kalogirou, Kalpaxis

Next Week's Luncheon Sponsors:

Bjeletich and Suehs

Thank you to today's ushers:

Anita Jones, Mary Beth Gradziel, and Harry Stamatis

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Stephen Dow, Dan and Gigi Appling

The ushers for next Sunday are:

Anita Jones

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



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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Hymns for Today

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Tone)

“When You descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and Our God we give glory”

“Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton i zoi i athavatos tote ton Athin enekrosas ti astrapi tis theotitos Ote the ke tus tethne otas ek ton katahthonion anestisas pase e thinamis ton epuranion ekragazon zoothota Christe o Theos imon thoxa Si.”

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 Prodigal Son

“Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou did give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.”

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Services for this week:
Saturday, Feb. 18 - *Saturday of Souls - Orthros 9:00am; Liturgy - 10:00am*
Great Vespers - 5:00pm



Apokreatiko ~ Community Night
Thank you to AHEPA for hosting this fabulous event!
Thank you also to Sam Kane Beef Processors for their generous support!
It was a wonderfully successful evening!
Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparations and to those who attended.

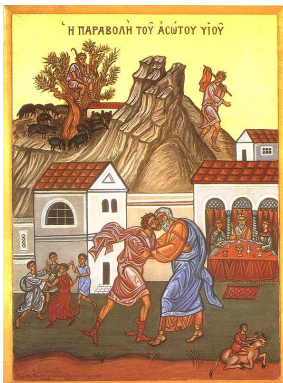
Parish Council Meeting
The Parish Council will have their regular monthly meeting this Monday, Feb. 13th at 7:00pm

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:

<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: _____



Sunday of Prodigal Son

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

Saturday of Souls

Through the Apostolic Constitutions (Book VIII, ch. 42), the Church of Christ has received the custom to make commemorations for the departed on the third, ninth, and fortieth days after their repose. Since many throughout the ages, because of an untimely death in a faraway place, or other adverse circumstances, have died without being deemed worthy of the appointed memorial services, the divine Fathers, being so moved in their love for man, have decreed that a common memorial be made this day for all pious Orthodox Christians who have reposed from all ages past, so that those who did not have particular memorial services may be included in this common one for all. Also, the Church of Christ teaches us that alms should be given to the poor by the departed one's kinsmen as a memorial for him.

Names of Christians who were not Orthodox may be submitted. Please write "non-Orthodox" by their names.

We will be having the services for Saturday of Souls on the following Saturdays:

- Saturday, February 18th- Orthros at 9:00am; Liturgy at 10:00am
- Saturday, February 25th- Orthros at 9:00am; Liturgy at 10:00am
- Saturday, March 3rd- Orthros at 9:00am; Liturgy at 10:00am

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Epistle - I Corinthians 6: 12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful to me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God shall bring to nought both this and these. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord, and will raise up us by His own power. Ye know that your bodies are members of Christ, do ye not? Having taken up then the members of Christ, shall I make them members of a harlot? May it not be! Or know ye not that he that is joined to the harlot is one body? For, "The two," saith He, "shall be into one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Keep on fleeing fornication. Every sin whatsoever a man might do is outside the body, but he who committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, Whom ye have from God, and ye are not your own? For ye were bought with a price; Sglorify then God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἠγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σώμα ἐστίν; Ἔσονται γὰρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύμα ἐστίν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστίν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἦ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστίν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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, Cecilia, George

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