

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, February 19, 2012**

**Meatfare Luncheon Today!**

We thank the Bjeletich and Suehs families for sponsoring our monthly luncheon!

Join us today after the Liturgy for a mouthwatering menu of:

- ◆ BBQ Brisket
- ◆ potato salad
- ◆ cole slaw
- ◆ Beans
- ◆ bread

**This is our last day to eat meat before Pascha, so let's enjoy it together!**

***OCF Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening!***

On Cheesefare Friday, Feb. 24th, the OCF students will be hosting a wine & cheese fundraiser for those who will be going to the Hogar Rafael Orphanage in Guatemala. Come and enjoy this relaxed evening of fellowship, music and dancing!

Suggested entry donation is \$10.00. All of the profits will support the student's trip.

***Philoptochos News***

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Saturday, February 18th Philoptochos General Meeting hosted at the Church Hall. It was a very productive meeting and I enjoyed visiting with each of you.
- Our Special Sunday Donation Day for Safe Place was a beautiful success! We not only received items for children, babies and adults, but also money donations, which we used to purchase gift cards. Thanks be to God and to each one of you for opening your hearts to this event.
- Philoptochos is sponsoring three Pre-Sanctified Dinners this year. We have teams for Wednesday, February 29th, Wednesday, March 7th and Wednesday March 14th .
- We are also hosting 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 or call the office and let Liz know you are coming.
- Please don't forget to purchase gift cards from us! We have on stock ... 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 now have these cards in stock! Help raise funds while you shop!**

***Thank you to today's Luncheon Sponsors: The Bjeletich and Suehs families***

*Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:  
Kangos, Karides, Keah, Kellogg, Kersch*

*Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Keys, Khan, Kinnas, Miller, Leatherwood*

***Thank you to today's ushers:***  
Stuart Yoder, Jerry Burks,  
Allen Wynn

***Thank you to last week's ushers:***  
Ralph, Anita, and Maria Jones, Mary  
Beth Gradziel, and Harry Stamatis

***The ushers for next Sunday are:***  
Ioannis Ousaklidis,  
David Horwedel, Liz Strong

SUNDAY BULLETIN  
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

**JUDGMENT SUNDAY**  
***MEATFARE SUNDAY***



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## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn Third Tone**

“Let all things above in heav’n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad  
With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform  
Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death,  
and first born of the dead has He become  
From the womb of Hades has He delivered us,  
and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy”

“*Effrenestho ta urania agallia stho ta epigia oti epiise kratos en vraghoni aftu o Kirios.  
Epatise to thanato ton thanaton protokos ton nekron egeneto ek kilias athu erisato  
imas ke pareske to kosmo to mega eleos.*”

### **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 Last Judgment**

“When Thou, O God, will come to earth with glory, and all things tremble,  
and the river of fire flows before the Judgment Seat,  
and the books are opened and the hidden things made public,  
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,  
and deem me worthy to stand at Thy right hand,  
O most righteous Judge.”

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### *Services for this week:*

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: Saturday of Souls- Orthros 9:00am; Liturgy 10:00am  
Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: Great Vespers- 5:00pm  
This week is Cheesefare: all dairy, eggs and fish are allowed all week.

### Coming Up!

- Next Sunday evening, Feb. 26, we will have the Forgiveness Vespers at 6:00pm
- On Monday, Feb. 27 - Clean Monday, we will have the Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew beginning at 6:00pm
- On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy at 2:30pm, with refreshments to follow

### **OUR PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 29**

We have ordered many copies of the book Lenten Liturgies.  
This is a wonderful soft-cover book that has the Presanctified Liturgies and all of the Lenten readings, including the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil.  
If you would like to have your own copy, they will be for sale in the bookstore for \$20.

#### YAL

The Orthodox Young Adult Leaders  
Will have their next pot-luck and study/discussion  
on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:00pm here  
at Transfiguration.

#### OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

OCF will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30pm  
Contact Blagoje Djordjevic at  
bzdjordje@gmail.com.

#### *GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)*

GOLF will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10:00am to  
begin their study of Path to Sanity.  
All women are encouraged to attend!

#### **Men's Study Group**

The men will meet for their pot-luck and discussion on  
Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6:00pm here at TGOC. They  
will be completing Path to Sanity

### HOPE/JOY

Please save the date of SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd at noon for our next family event!  
More information to come soon!

### **Agape Children's Choir Rehearsals**

Mark your calendars! The Agape Children's Choir will have rehearsals  
at 9:15 a.m. in Mount Tabor Hall on the following days: **March 4th, 18th, & 25th.**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME!** If your child is 7 years old or younger, you will need to sit with them in the balcony  
anytime the Agape Choir participates in the Liturgy. We will be preparing for Pascha and brushing up on all  
Liturgical music. Please contact Lainie Horwedel with any questions: mymommysings@gmail.com



### Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

### 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 2 more services for Saturday of Souls on the following Saturdays:**

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

### Many Thanks!

Thank you, again, to all of AHEPA, who prepared the amazing food and celebration of the Apokreatiko:

**The total profit made was \$2,623.00, which will go toward the iconography for our dome!**



February 19, 2012 - Judgment Sunday

Epistle - I Corinthians 8: 8-13; 9: 1-2

Brethren, meat commendeth us not to God; for neither if we eat have we an advantage, nor if we eat not are we behind. But be taking heed, lest this license of yours should become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if one should see thee who hast knowledge reclining at table in an idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him who is weak be built up so as to eat the things sacrificed to idols? And on thy knowledge the brother who is weak shall destroy himself, for whom Christ died. But when ye sin thus against the brethren and wound their conscience which is weak, ye sin against Christ. On which very account, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will not at all eat flesh forever, lest I should cause my brother to stumble.

I am an apostle, am I not? I am free, am I not? I have seen Jesus Christ our Lord, have I not? Ye are my work in the Lord, are ye not? If I am not an apostle to others, yet at least I am to you; for ye are the seal of mine apostleship in the Lord.

Αδελφοί, βρωμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολείται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἁμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρωμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμι ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

*Gospel - St. Matthew 25: 31-46*

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἅγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἠσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῶ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενής καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῶ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

***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.*

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**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, Ricky*

*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*