

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, April 22, 2012**

**2012 GRADUATES!**

All high school, college and university graduates will be recognized on Sunday May 20th in the church during the Divine Liturgy.

All graduates please submit your name, photo, the name of the school from which you are graduating, honors and awards, sports, clubs and overall history. Please include your parents' names and the school to which you will matriculate. You may also include any special message or quotation as well. See you May 20th!

Please submit this information to the church office at [office@transfiguration.org](mailto:office@transfiguration.org)



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWDOWN!**

All Sunday School youth, pre-K through high school, get ready for the Sunday School Showdown on Sunday May 20 during coffee hour.

This was so much fun last year and will be even better this year. Plan to be there!

**YAL NEWS**

Attention all YAL ladies - Presbytera Vasiliki Eckley will lead an informal women's study group starting on Wednesday, April 25. Presbytera has a professional background in research and the study of relationships. She has lectured at numerous workshops and retreats, and we are excited to have her meet with the young women of our group who are interested in addressing issues relative to relationship and lifestyle in today's world, from an Orthodox perspective.

Our inaugural meeting will take place on April 25 at 7pm at Transfiguration. At that time, we will see which days/times work best for our group and go from there.

To all Young Adults - details to follow regarding the next Bible Study with Father Vasileios. We are also in the midst of planning some fun events for the group at large, so stay tuned!

**Gala Planning Committee**

Preparations are already underway for the 2012 Gala!

The team leaders want to hear your ideas and input. Please join us at the next planning meeting if you have any suggestions or are interested in contributing your time to one of the committees.

The meeting will be held at 6:00 p,m on Thursday, April 26 at the home of Gala committee chair

Judith Kountoupis, 14909 Spillman Ranch Loop, Austin, 78738.

Contact Judy at [judy@kountoupis.com](mailto:judy@kountoupis.com), or 512-983-5839 for more details.

*Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:*

Pappas, Pattichis, Pavlos, Petropoulos

*Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:*

Phelps, Phocas, Pon, Poulos, Price

**Thank you to today's ushers:**

Ioannis Ousaklidis, Dan & Gigi Appling, and Jerry Burks

**Thank you to all of the ushers and Council members for ushering throughout Holy Week and Pascha!**

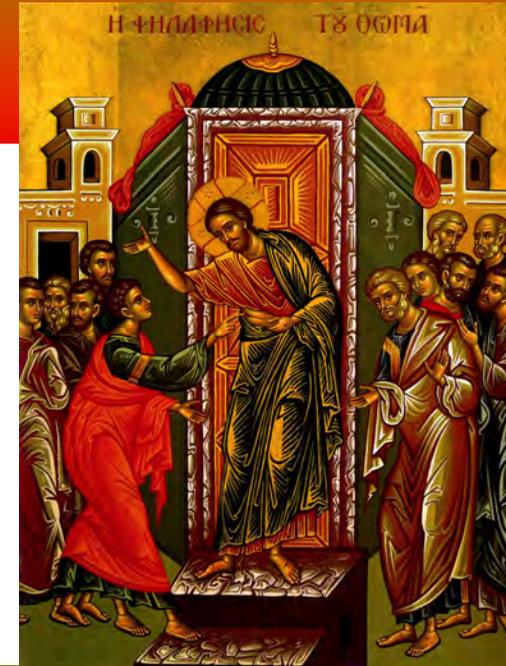
**Next week's ushers are:**

David Horwedel and Liz Strong

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**APRIL 22, 2012**

**SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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## Hymns for Today

### Resurrection Pascha Hymn

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας,  
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶην χαρισάμενος.

Christós anésti ek nekron, thanáto thánaton patisas,  
ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisámenos.

*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,  
and to those in the tombs He has granted Life.*

### Hymn for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha

*“While the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, did shine forth from the grave,  
O Christ God; and while the doors were shut,  
Thou did come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all,  
renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.”*

### Special Entrance Hymn for the Pascha Season

*“In the congregations bless God, the Lord, from the springs of Israel.  
Save us O Son God who did Rise from the dead. We sing to You Alleluia.”*

### Kontakion of the Pascha Season

*“Though Thou did descend into the grave, O Immortal One,  
yet did Thou destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling  
to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto  
Thine Apostles, O Thou Who grants resurrection to the fallen.”*

### Hymn in place of “Axion estin... It is truly worthy...”

*“O Thou shining lamp, O Mother of God, thou most manifest glory,  
who art more exalted than all creation, thee do we magnify with hymns.”*

### Special Communion Hymn

*“Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia”*

### Pascha Greetings

During the forty-day period from Pascha to Ascension,  
Orthodox Christians throughout the world greet one another with the Paschal Greeting:

**English** - Christ is Risen / Truly He is Risen or Indeed He is Risen

**Greek** - Christos Anesti / Alithos Anesti

**Spanish** - Christo ha resucitado / En verdad ha resucitado

**Ukrainian** - Khristos Voskres / Voistynu Voskres

**Romanian** - Hristos a Inviat / Adevarat a Inviat

**Arabic** - Al masi h qam / Hakan qam

**Slavonic** - Khrystos Voskrese / Voistyne Voskrese

**Swahili** - Kristo Amefufukka / Kweli amefufukka

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### Services for this week:

*Feast of St. George-* Monday, April 23: *Orthros- 9:00am; Divine Liturgy- 10:00am*

*Great Vespers-* Saturday, April 28 at 5:00pm

### THANK YOU!!!

We are SO GRATEFUL to everyone who helped with the many projects throughout Holy Week and Pascha. It could not have been such a beautiful season without the many helping hands that our community has!

There were too many to list everyone's name (so please forgive us if your name is left out); but please know that your efforts and hard work did not go un-noticed!

### Thank you to:

- Georgia Karides, Christina Glarakis, Marousa Chronis, Diann Dow, Pat Mitchell, Katherine Scattergood, and all of the women and children who helped with the beautiful decorating of the tomb and the exquisite icon frames.
- Betty Colovas, Sophia Khan, Zoe Simbles, Argiro Justice, Cathy Christ, Elizabeth George and the many women who dyed the brilliant red eggs.
- Michael Shannon, Nick Spiropoulos, David Maziasz, and the Acolytes and GOYAns and HOPE/JOY students who helped clean and prepare the church and Altar.
- Dr. Lou Apostolakis for arranging the parking at the military base.
- Tom and Allison Gouris, John and Jessica Esper, Maria Miller and George Karides for organizing and preparing the Pancake Breakfast.
- Stuart and Kori Yoder and Michael and Teresa Shannon for organizing the Agape meal.
- Brandon Suehs, Marko Bjeletich, Tom Papadatos, George Karides, John Chronis, Tom Gouris, Jason Garwood, Allen Wynn, Lou Apostolakis, Tom Rigney, Dennis Phocas, Georgia Karides, Mia Karides, Amy Chronis, Marousa Chronis, Gregory Chronis, Amity Garwood, Takis Petropoulos, Tony Petropoulos, George Skevofilax, John Skevofilax, and the men of AHEPA for preparing that super-delicious Pascha meal!
- The Sunday School parents who provided lunch for our hard-working students on Friday.
- The ladies of G.O.L.F. for organizing the egg hunt.
- The ladies of Philoptochos for their help with the meals on the Wednesdays of the Presanctified Liturgies, and the many other ways that they helped.
- Sue Stevens, Diana Angelo, Mary Long, Stephen Dow, Vaios Athanasiou, Ken Pon and all of the Chanters for their beautiful dedication to our many services.
- The Council Members for their hard work and commitment to the church.
- Allen Wynn and all of the ushers for their dedicated work throughout Holy Week.
- Steve Levendakes for all of the planning, shopping, re-stocking the pantry and continual maintenance of our church!

**And of course, we want to offer a HUGE thank you to Fr. Vasileios and Presbytera Stella for their dedication to serving our Lord, and for their love and care for each member of our community!**

## The Sunday of St. Thomas

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

### Enjoy these photos of some of our Palm Sunday events!



April 22, 2012 - Thomas Sunday

Epistle - Acts 5: 12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were being wrought among the people. And they were all with one accord in the porch of Solomon. And of the rest not even one was daring to be joined to them, but the people were magnifying them. And more believers were being added to *the* Lord, multitudes both of men and of women, insomuch that they carried out the sick into the streets and laid *them* upon beds and pallets, in order that at least the shadow of Peter as he came might overshadow some of them. And also the multitude kept on coming together *out* of the cities round about to Jerusalem, bearing sick *people* and *those* who were troubled by unclean spirits—all of whom were being healed.

Then the high priest rose up and all those with him (*the* sect which is of the Sadducees), and were full of jealousy, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in state custody. But an angel of *the* Lord during the night opened the doors of the prison and led them out, and said, "Go and take a stand in the temple, and be speaking to the people all the words of this life."

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγίνετο β σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὄχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

Gospel - St. John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Οὐσης οὖν ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ. ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πάλιν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον· ἃν τινῶν ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἃν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται.

Θωμᾶς δὲ εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῶ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταὶ· ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτὼ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου, καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἀλλὰ πιστός. καὶ ἀπεκρίθη Θωμᾶς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ὅτι ἐωράκάς με, πεπίστευκας· μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστι γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

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!

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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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, 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, Sandy, Caleb, Pete, Wendy, Lorraine, Tina, Anna, Michael, Anna, Pamela, Shawn, Megan, Leo, 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, Soultana, John, Eliana, John, Dimitrios, John, Nick, Cecilia, George, Ricky, Mackenzie, Leah, Cynthia, Georgia, Eudoxia, Mark, infant James, Ben, Michael, Rod, Nici, Phyllis, George, Helena, Kinley, Shiloh, Lili, Jacob, Bill, Albina, Allison, Nina, Kimberly

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, Specialist Andrew Bentzel