

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, April 29, 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. **PLEASE GET THIS INFORMATION TO US BY SUNDAY, MAY 6TH!** 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!**

**ATTENTION GOYAns!**

The registration deadline for **CAMP EMMANUEL** is May 10th!  
Don't miss out on this amazing experience!

Camp Emmanuel is held at the beautiful Manzano Mountain Retreat facility in Torreon, N. M., outside of Albuquerque.

The sessions are scheduled as follows:

Junior Session: June 10-16, 2012 (Ages 11-14)

Senior Session: June 17-23, 2012 (Ages 15-18)

Please register at: <http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2012-events/2012-camp-emmanuel-home>

**Philoptochos News**

**CHRISTOS ANESTI!**

Please mark your calendars for our May meeting which will be held on

**Saturday, May 12th  
at Tabor Hall beginning at 12:00 noon.**

This will be our last gathering until September and I look forward to seeing each of you.

We all know the power of prayer and your prayers over the past year have made a difference in so many lives. Please continue to pray for those in need in our community and throughout the world.

**Bookstore News**

This is the season for weddings and graduations! We have many beautiful gift items in the bookstore for these occasions: Leather bound Bibles, icons, granite icons, beautiful wedding crowns made in Greece, and of course, books! Please stop by and shop!

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Phelps, Phocas, Pon, Poulos, Price**

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Pappas, Pattichis, Pavlos, Petropoulos**

**Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Qatato, Randol, Read, Rigney, Roberts**

**Thank you to today's ushers:  
Shelley Ebeling, David Horwedel, and Liz Strong**

**Thank you to last week's ushers:  
Ioannis Ousaklidis, Dan & Gigi Appling, and Jerry Burks**

**Next week's ushers are:  
Pat Mitchell, Tricia and Kevin Koriath**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**APRIL 29, 2012**

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY  
MYRRHBEARERS**



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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**  
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**Resurrection Pascha Hymn**

*Christós anésti ek nekrón, 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.*

**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.”*

**Resurrectional Hymn (2<sup>nd</sup> 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”*

**Hymn for Saint Joseph Arimathea**

*“The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou did arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.”*

**Hymn for the Myrrh-bearing Women**

*“Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ has proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.”*

**Apolytikion of 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. By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.”*

**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...”**

*“The angel cried to her who is full of grace, O Pure Virgin rejoice and again I say rejoice for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine O new Jerusalem for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Dance now and be glad O Zion and do you exalt O pure Theotokos in the arising of Him Whom you did bear.”*

**Special Communion Hymn**

*“Body of Christ receive, the fountain of life, taste the source of immortal life. Soma Christu metalavete pigis athanatu gevsasthe. Alleluia.”*

**Memory Eternal**

Our dear parishioner of many years, Virginia (Iphigenia) Moraitis Hobbs, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, April 24th, 2012.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Lyte; a son, Gerald McCrary and his wife, Alma; a daughter Mary Lane and her husband, Mark; and grandchildren: Kara, Jana, John, Jillian and Christopher. May her memory be eternal.

**40 Day Blessing**

The blessing this morning is for Michael Constantinos Tomadakis. Congratulations to his parents, Michael and Elena Tomadakis. May God grant you many years!

**The Memorial Service Today is for:**

**The 9 month memorial of Xenophon Nikas-** Beloved husband of Maria Nikas, and father of Konstantinos Nikas and wife, Bridget, Dimitrios Nikas and wife, Jenny; and grandfather to Sebastian Nikas, Sybella Maria Nikas and Alexis Nicole Nikas.

**The 2 year memorial of Sam Poulos-** Beloved husband of Paulette; and loving father of: Deana, George, Gabe, David, Katherine and Talon; and grandfather of: Dimitra, Phoenix, Brielle, David, Devon, Sotitia.

*May their memories be eternal*

**MORE THANK YOUS!!!**

Last week, I forgot to mention a couple of very important people who helped tremendously during Pascha.

**Thank you:**

- David Omer and Ken Pon for all of the fantastic photos that you so painstakingly took of all of our services and events!
- Kiki Benson for organizing the myrrhbearers on Holy Thursday and Georgia Spiropoulos for organizing the myrrhbearers on Holy Friday.
- Amity Garwood for organizing the Holy Friday retreat.
- Whitney Papadatos for organizing the very fun egg-hunt!

**OCF**

The last OCF meeting for the semester will be on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 at the UT Episcopal Center.

The last study night will be on Thurs. May 3.

For more information, contact

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**YAL**

The young adults’ study group will meet on Tuesday evenings, May 8th and 22nd at 6:30pm

here at Transfiguration.

Contact austin.oya@gmail.com for more info.

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

GOLF has moved it’s meeting day to

TUESDAY MORNINGS!

We will continue our study of Path to Sanity with

Fr. Vasileios on Tuesday, May 1 at 10:00am.

All women are welcomed to attend (and your children are welcomed, too!)

Please contact Whitney Papadatos if you have any questions. wpapadatos@hotmail.com

### Third Sunday After Pascha: Feast Of The Holy Myrrhbearers



#### INTRODUCTION

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead.

#### BIBLICAL STORY

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to His sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called “the mother of James and Joses” (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matthew 217:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41.

Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14.) Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior’s preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord’s body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matthew 27:60).

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Epistle - Acts 6: 1-7

And in those days, when the disciples were multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily ministration. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples, and said, “It is not pleasing to us to leave behind the word of God to serve tables. “Therefore, brethren, look out for seven men from among yourselves, whose character is approved by testimony, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint over this business; “but we will persevere in prayer and the ministry of the word.” And the saying was pleasing before the whole multitude. And they chose for themselves Stephen (a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit), and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas (a proselyte of Antioch), whom they set before the apostles; and having prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God kept on increasing, and the number of the disciples was being multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and great numbers of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χήραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἀρεστὸν ἐστὶν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἑπτὰ, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσωμεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχέα, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἤρξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτῆς, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλα ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδώρησατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδὸνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσὴ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. καὶ λίαν πρωῒ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρητὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἶπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

### 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

### *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, Madeleine*

### *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*