

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, June 17, 2012**

**YAL (Young Adult League)**

Bible Study will continue our study on Tuesday, June 19;  
and will be meeting every other Tuesday with Fr. Vasileios.  
Please arrive a little early to grab a snack so the study can begin at 6:30 pm.

**GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)**

The ladies' study group resumes this **Tuesday, June 19th, at 9:30am**,  
continuing our study of God's Path To Sanity.

We will meet outside to enjoy the weather and to allow the children to play at the playground  
during the study. For this class, please continue reading through chapter 6 and bring any  
discussion questions/comments you might have.

All women are invited to attend this study!

**Sunday School News - Register for Classes ONLINE!**

Go to our webpage - [www.transfiguration.org](http://www.transfiguration.org) - click on the 'Ministries' tab, drop down to the 'Religious  
Education tab, click on 'Sunday School Registration', then fill out the form to register  
your children online for next year's Sunday School classes! It is that easy!

**Sunday classes resume on September 9th!**

**Don't Forget to Purchase Gift Cards from Philoptochos.**

**Walmart/Sams** cards are increasing their non-profit contributions from 2% to **2.5%**! You can get the cards in denominations of  
\$25, \$100, and now, \$250!

Great Lakes Scrip Center is thrilled to announce that **Coldwater Creek** has joined our list of retailers! Their Gift Cards are  
available in a \$25 denomination with an **8%** non-profit contribution. The card is redeemable at participating Coldwater Creek  
locations, for catalog orders and online at [coldwatercreek.com](http://coldwatercreek.com).

**AMC movie theaters** have increased, for a limited time, their non-profit contributions to **8%**! Summer is a great time for  
movies!

Stop by the Philoptochos table to purchase your gift cards; or come by the office during the week to pick some up from Liz.

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

**Skevofilax, Skevofilax, Spanos, Spiropoulos, Stahlke**

**Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:**

**The Colovas and Price families**

**Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

**Stamatis, Stamatopoulos, Stathos,  
Stevens-Holland, Tsihlas**

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

**Judy Eagle, Allen Wynn,  
Liz Strong**

**Thank you to last week's ushers:**

**Marko Bjeletich, Harry Stamatis,  
Diann Dow, Maria Miller, Julie Wynn**

**Next week's ushers are:**

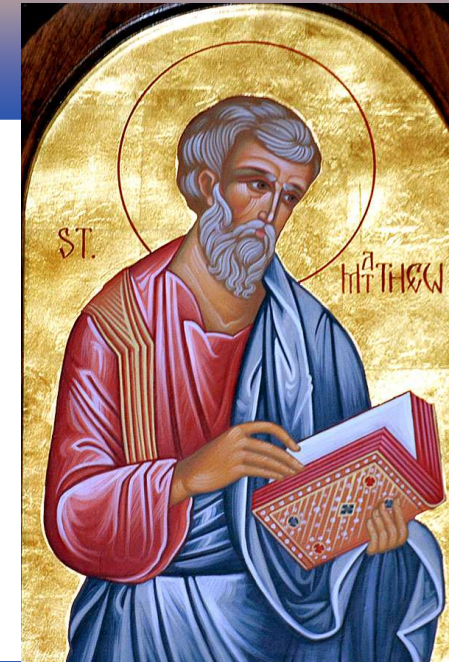
**Brandon Suehs, Tricia Koriath,  
Chrissie Spiropoulos**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 17, 2012

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:15AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30AM

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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## Hymns for Today

### **Resurrection Hymn (First 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 Holy Martyr Isaurus, Manuel, Sabel and Ismael**

*Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.*

### **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**

*“A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.”*

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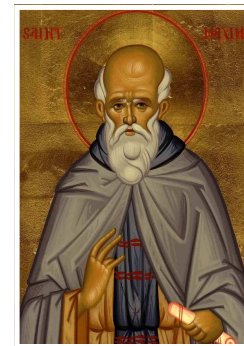
Lord God, bless our fathers, priests, and bishops this day and every day with all good things: good health, joy, love, and peace. Keep them in your care and protect them by your grace.

### *Services for this week - Weekly Paraklesis is back*

Wednesday, June 20th: *Paraklesis - 6:00pm*

### THE INSTALLATION OF OUR DOME ICONOGRAPHY IS UNDERWAY!

Please do not allow your children go to into the sanctuary while construction is in progress. No one may enter the sanctuary unless accompanied by a Council member. Thank you!



### “Growing in our Orthodox Faith” A New Discussion Series

The series topic on the table is entitled “**The Cosmic Vision of St. Maximus the Confessor, and its Relevance for Our Lives Today.**” St. Maximus is without question one of the greatest Fathers of the Orthodox Church, and is quintessential towards understanding our anthropology and how God has created us to relate with one another and this world around us. These table discussions promise to be both lively and interesting for everyone.

Please join us **THIS WEDNESDAY, June 20, after Paraklesis** for this wonderful discussion group led by Presbyter Vasiliki Eckley

**The topic for our third discussion will be:**

**“The Third Mediation between Heaven and Earth~  
tuning in to what is really there ... and what *isn't.*”**

Everyone is invited to attend.

We will meet Wednesday evenings in June following the 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis service.

### FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER

The Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner is on Sunday, June 24, this year. Fr. Aidan Wilcoxson and the community of St. John has invited us join with them in celebrating their feast day at Great Vespers on Saturday evening, June 23; followed by a festal reception. (9th Hour at 5:45 PM and Great Vespers at 6:00 PM)  
St. John the Forerunner is located in Cedar Park (800 W. Park)

## The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael

The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael, brothers by birth, were descended from an illustrious Persian family. Their father was a pagan, but their mother was a Christian, who baptized the children and raised them with firm faith in Christ the Savior.

When they reached adulthood, the brothers entered military service. Speaking on behalf of the Persian emperor Alamundar, they were his emissaries in concluding a peace treaty with the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian received them with due honor and showed them his favor. But when the brothers refused to take part in a pagan sacrifice, Julian became angry. He annulled the treaty and incarcerated the ambassadors of a foreign country like common criminals.

At the interrogation he told them that if they scorned the gods he worshipped, it would be impossible to reach any peace or accord between the two sides. The holy brothers answered that they were sent as emissaries of their emperor on matters of state, and not to argue about "gods." Seeing their firmness of faith, the emperor ordered the brothers to be tortured.

They beat the holy martyrs, then nailed their hands and feet to trees. Later, they drove iron spikes into their heads, and wedged sharp splinters under their fingernails and toenails. During this time of torment the saints glorified God and prayed as if they did not feel the tortures.

Finally, the holy martyrs were beheaded. Julian ordered their bodies to be burned, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The ground opened up and the bodies of the holy martyrs disappeared into the abyss. After two days of fervent prayer by the Christians, the earth returned the bodies of the holy brothers, from which a sweet fragrance issued forth. Many pagans, witnessing the miracle, came to believe in Christ and were baptized.

Christians reverently buried the bodies of the holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael in the year 362. Since that time the relics of the holy passion-bearers have been glorified with miracles.

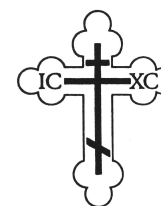
When he heard about the murder of his emissaries, and that Julian was marching against him with a vast army, the Persian emperor Alamundar mustered his army and started off toward the border of his domain. The Persians vanquished the Greeks in a great battle, and Julian the Apostate was killed by the holy Great Martyr Mercurius (November 24).

Thirty years later the pious emperor Theodosius the Great (+ 397) built at Constantinople a church in honor of the holy martyrs, and St Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (May 12), then still a hieromonk, wrote a Canon in memory and in praise of the holy brothers.

June 17, 2012 - 2nd Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who worketh good, both to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as did sin without law shall also perish without law; and as many as did sin in the law shall be judged by the law. For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For whenever the Gentiles, who have not the law, do by nature the things of the law, these, who have not the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts one with another accusing or also excusing, in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel.



Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἥμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἥμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσὶν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρῦσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.



### *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. We hope that you will return often to worship with us and grow in Christ!*

### *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, 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, 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, Sultana, 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, Michael, Dion, Harry, Vero, Trey, Paul, Clifford, Andriani, Katy, John, Nicholas, Martha, Joseph*

### *PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:*

*SGT Jennifer D. Atkinson, SSG John Atkinson, COL Dave Romine, CPT James Alfaro, SSG Deane Anderson, CPT William Willett, MAJ Timothy Ullman, MAJ Chris Chase, Cadet Mindy Keys, SPC Andrew Bentzel*