

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, August 12, 2012

Myrofores for the Dormition

As Great & Holy Friday invites us to celebrate the burial of Christ, here we will celebrate the funeral lamentations for His beloved Mother, the Theotokos.

Fr. Vasileios has asked that we gather some girls to be Myrofores (Myrrhbearers) for the Vespers and Lamentations Service on the evening before Dormition.

The service begins at 7:00 on Tuesday, August 14, but we'd like to have the girls in Mt. Tabor Hall by 6:50.

Please let us know if your daughters (entering grades 2 - 12) are able to participate!

Contact Elissa Bjeletich at bjeletich@gmail.com

Photo of our New Dome

If you would like a copy of a photo of our new dome, please go to David Omer's website to order one.

You can view and/or order it at: <http://davidomer.smugmug.com/Events/TGOC-Dome-photograph>.

Philoptochos News

A BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with the Metropolis of Denver Church Music Federation Conference and also our Feast Day with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah. They were both beautiful events.

This month we will begin our membership drive for 2012 -201!

Our Membership Tea will be held on Saturday, September 22 at the home of Ellen Apostolakis beginning at noon. Look forward to seeing all of you there!

Bookstore News

The sisters of St. Paraskevi Monastery have created some exquisite icons from wood and stones. They are all different sizes and shapes. Please stop by the bookstore and see how beautiful they are.

We have pendants with chains as well as some large wooden icons. We also have some beautifully scented soaps from St. Paraskevi.

We have also restocked the beautiful cookbooks from Denver Philoptochos that sold out instantly and everyone loved them.

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Please remember to sign up for portrait sittings which will be held in the church balcony immediately following the Divine Liturgy on the following Sundays:

August 19th and 26th; September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

A sign-up sheet will be available in Mt. Tabor Hall throughout the summer.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Appling, Arnold, Bakiris, Bakiris, Bell

Thank you to last week's Luncheon Sponsors:

Nick & Chrissie Spiropoulos

Next week's luncheon Sponsors are:

the Yoder family

Thank you to today's ushers:

Shelley Ebeling, Chrissie Spiropoulos, Diann Dow

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Allen Wynn, Kevin and Tricia Koriath

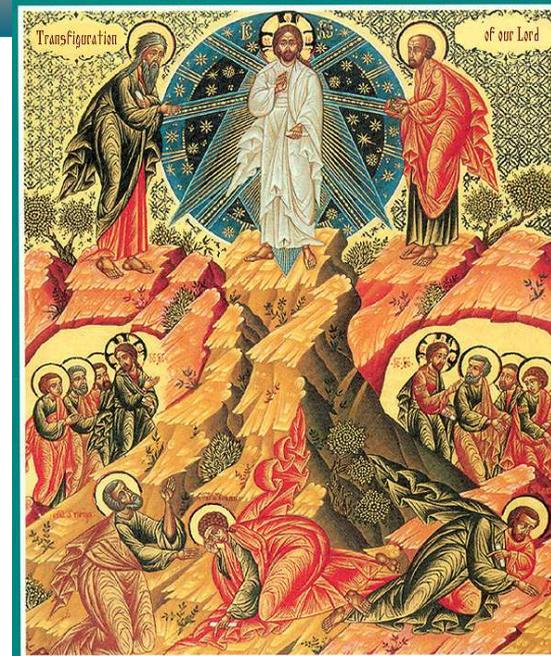
Next week's ushers are:

Marko Bjeletich, David Horwedel, Dr. Jerry Burks

SUNDAY BULLETIN

AUGUST 12, 2012

**10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**



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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 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 Transfiguration

*Επί τού όρουσ μετεμορφώθης, καί ως εχώρουν οι Μαθηταί σου τήν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ο Θεός
εθεάσαντο, ίνα όταν σε ίδωσι σταυρούμενον, τό μέν πάθος νοήσωσιν εκούσιον, τώ δέ κόσμω
κηρύξωσιν, ότι σύ υπάρχεις αληθώς, τού Πατρός τό απαύγασμα.*

*“On the mount Thou was transfigured, and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear,
beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see Thee crucified,
they would know Thy Passion to be willing,
and would preach to the world that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.”*

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SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

Feast of St. Maximos the Confessor: Monday, Aug. 13- Orthros at 9:00am; Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

Paraklesis: Monday, Aug. 13- 6:00pm

Vespers and the service of Lamentations for the Dormition: Tuesday, Aug. 14- 7:00pm

Feast of the Dormition: Wednesday, Aug. 15- Orthros at 9:00am; Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today Theodora, mother of Helen Nelson is **101!**
God bless you, Theodora!

Men’s Fellowship Lunch

The Transfiguration men will meet for their monthly luncheon on
Thursday, Aug. 16 at 11:45am
at the Mighty Fine Burgers at the Arborwalk.
Please RSVP to Allen Wynn: awynn3816@gmail.com

ENCORE!

The Encore group will have a “Summer Pot Luck Supper” on **August 26th at 5pm.**
It will be hosted by: Anita and Ralph Jones:
209 Canyon Vista Ln, Georgetown TX
Please RSVP to Anita by Aug 23rd:
ph 512 8202453

Like God: Male, Female, and Being Human

Please mark your calendars for a very special “mini-series” presented by Fr. David and Prsv. Vasiliki Eckley on a teaching of St. Maximus on the “synergy of the yearning for what is Good or Beautiful or True”.

The series will be held on **Friday, August 17th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm;** and continued on **Saturday, August 18th** beginning with a breakfast at 9:00am and will go through 2:00pm. There will be a lunch break at 11:00am.

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH MATERIALS AND FOOD PREPARED!

Sunday School Teacher and Parish Spiritual Retreat

Our teachers will be treated with a very special spiritual retreat on Saturday, Aug. 25 led by Fr. Daniel Payne from Annunciation Church in Houston. The retreat will be from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
Fr. Daniel has a B.A. in Sociology and Religion/Philosophy from Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; a M.Div. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology; a Ph.D. from Baylor University’s J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies with a degree in Religion, Politics, and Society; and he has written several Published articles including the book: *The Revival of Political Hesychasm in Contemporary Orthodox Thought*

EVERYONE is invited to attend this retreat... it is **not** for teachers only!

Please RSVP by August 20th to sundayschool@transfiguration.org

August 15, 2012

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the beautiful hymns of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos we sing and hear of the miraculous event of the Apostles being gathered for her repose. In the Orthros, we chant the Exapostilarion: “O you Apostles, assembled here in Gethsemane from the ends of the earth, offer a funeral to my body, and You, O my Son and God, receive my spirit.”

When we reflect on this extraordinary experience of the Apostles of our Lord, we can see how this blessed Feast and the witness of the Theotokos inspire us in our sacred work of sharing the Gospel. The commemoration of the Dormition and the event of the gathering of the Apostles affirms that they had obeyed the commands of Christ to go and preach the Gospel, teach all nations, and baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20). At the time of the repose of the Theotokos, the Apostles were engaged faithfully and fervently in the work of ministry. However, when they were called by Christ to return in honor of the life, the witness, and the dormition of the Virgin Mary, they did it wholeheartedly.

Certainly, the Apostles had each been chosen and appointed by God to go and bear fruit to the ends of the earth (John 15:16). Now they were gathered to honor the one who had been chosen above all others to bear the Son of God. During her final earthly days, the Apostles were in the presence of the one who had born the True Vine, the source of great spiritual fruit in her own life of service and in the lives of all who have come to Christ in faith. Because of her commitment to God’s will, her faithfulness to our Lord, and her lifetime of witness of His power and grace, the Theotokos in her Dormition became a center of celebration and power.

It is in this spirit that the Apostles returned to the work they were called to do. The witness of the Virgin Mary, a witness of Christ, filled their hearts with joy. They rejoiced in the miraculous events of her repose, and they were emboldened even more by the manifestation of grace and holiness. They had once again seen and heard the power of the Gospel, and they could only go forth and be witnesses of the great and mighty acts of God, seeking to bear spiritual fruit in the lives of others (Acts 4:20).

As we commemorate the Feast of the Dormition, we do so in honor of the Theotokos and her witness. We also gather to celebrate her life and repose as a superb example of being chosen and appointed by God to go and bear fruit. We do not weep, but we sing praises to God for the witness of His power and grace in her life. We do not mourn, for we are strengthened in our commitment, we are assured in our message of truth and life, and we are empowered to go out and share the Gospel so that we can see great spiritual fruit produced in the lives of our fellow human beings.

On this sacred and blessed Feast, may you find the strength and the assurance which emanate from the life and witness of the Theotokos, and may you be renewed and inspired for the great and mighty things our Lord will accomplish in your life and through your life.

With paternal love in Christ,

† DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

August 12, 2012 - 10th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Brethren, for I think that God showed forth us the apostles last, as condemned to death; for we became a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but ye are wise in Christ. We are weak, but ye are strong. Ye are held in honor, but we are dishonored. Until the present hour, we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are being buffeted, and never at rest. And we toil working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we bear up; being evilly spoken of, we beseech. We became as the filth of the world, the off-scouring of all until now. I do not write these things shaming you, but admonishing you as my beloved children. For if ye have myriads of tutors in Christ, yet ye have not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I begot you through the Gospel. Therefore, I beseech you, keep on becoming imitators of me.

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίφημα ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ’ ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγούς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ’ οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταὶ μου γίνεσθε.

August 12, 2012 - 10th Sunday of Matthew

Gospel - Matthew 17: 14-23

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἐλθόντων αὐτῶν πρὸς τὸν ὄχλον προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπος γονυπετῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ἐλέησόν μου τὸν υἱόν, ὅτι σεληνιάζεται καὶ κακῶς πάσχει πολλάκις γὰρ πίπτει εἰς τὸ πῦρ καὶ πολλάκις εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ. καὶ προσήνεγκα αὐτὸν τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου, καὶ οὐκ ἠδυνήθησαν αὐτὸν θεραπεῦσαι. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος καὶ δειστραμμένη! ἕως πότε ἔσομαι μεθ' ὑμῶν; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετέ μοι αὐτὸν ὧδε. καὶ ἐπετίμησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τὸ δαιμόνιον καὶ ἐθεραπεύθη ὁ παῖς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης. Τότε προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ τῷ Ἰησοῦ κατ' ἰδίαν εἶπον· διατί ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· διὰ τὴν ἀπιστίαν ὑμῶν. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐὰν ἔχητε πίστιν ὡς κόκκον σινάπεως, ἐρεῖτε τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ, μετάβηθι ἐντεῦθεν ἐκεῖ, καὶ μεταβήσεται, καὶ οὐδὲν ἀδυνατήσῃ ὑμῖν. τοῦτο δὲ τὸ γένος οὐκ ἐκπορεύεται εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Ἀναστρεφόμενων δὲ αὐτῶν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· μέλλει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοσθαι εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἐγερθήσεται. καὶ ἐλυπήθησαν σφόδρα.

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!

40 DAY BLESSING

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 40 DAY BLESSING OF SOPHIA KIRMANIDIS.
CONGRATULATIONS TO HER PARENTS, ANDREAS AND MEGAN KIRMANIDIS
GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

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, 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, Michael, Dion, Harry, Vero, Trey, Paul, Clifford, Andriani, Katy, John, Nicholas, Martha, Joseph, Maggie, Zachary, MaryAnn, Tom, Jan, Alice, James, Michael, Tom, Rebecca, Marie, Fr. Nicholas Papedo

PRAYER LIST ANNOUNCEMENT

On September 1, the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year, we will start a NEW Prayer List. This list will be wiped clean; so please let Fr. Vasileios or the church office know if you have a loved one who you would like to put on the new prayer list for this year. Thank you!

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, Maj. Scot Thornhill