

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, September 9, 2012**

**Greek Dancing for Our Youth**

Our youth dancers will start practicing soon, and have already been asked to perform at the St. Elias Mediterranean Festival in September!

If your students are interested in being a part of one of these 2 groups, please contact the following:

- 1- *Ellinaki* (2nd - 5th grades): contact Eleni Ackerman at [eleni\\_ackerman@yahoo.com](mailto:eleni_ackerman@yahoo.com)
- 2- *Levendia* (6th - 12th grades): contact Cynthia Price at [colovasprice@austin.rr.com](mailto:colovasprice@austin.rr.com)

*Levendia* practice will begin today after coffee hour.  
Please stop by and join the fun....no experience necessary!

**Basil needed**

We will be celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Friday, Sept. 14. Fr. Vasileios requests that anyone who has some fresh basil or a basil plant to donate, please bring it to the church by Thursday, Sept. 13.

If possible, please contact the church office to let us know you will be bringing some. Thank you!

**REMINDER FOR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

If you have signed up for your sitting today, please go upstairs immediately after receiving your blessed bread.

For those of you who are not signed up as yet, we want to offer you some other options:

- \* Call Anita Jones to schedule your sitting (512.820.2453) as soon as possible.
- \* Submit your own photo of your family (**Deadline is Sept. 30**). You can email it to Anita ([anita.o.jones@austin.rr.com](mailto:anita.o.jones@austin.rr.com)) or hand it to her at church.
- \* At your direction, we can use the same photo from the last Parish Directory.

Please take this opportunity to become a part of our extended Transfiguration Church family. Thank you!

**The photo sitting dates still available are: September 16th, 23rd, and 30th**

Mark your calendar now for one of Austin's most beloved, delicious, and fun-filled festivals—the St. Elias Mediterranean Festival scheduled for SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH.

Friday 6 - 11 and Saturday Noon - 11 pm.  
Free Admission Saturday, Noon to 4:00 p.m.!!

This year's festival will be the 80th annual edition of this event, named one of Central Texas' Top 10 Food Festivals by the Austin Chronicle.



**Thank you to today's Luncheon Sponsors:**

**The Garwood and Willmann Families**

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

*Daskalantonakis, Davenport, Delvizis, Demetriadis, DeRossi*

**Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:**

*Dietz, Dow, Draina, Eagle, Ebeling*

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

*Stephen Dow, Allen Wynn, Liz Strong*

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

*Brandon Suehs, Harry Stamatias, Allen Wynn*

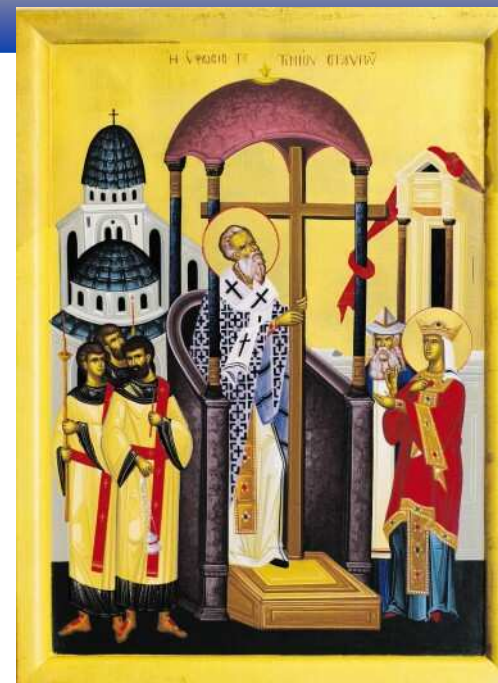
**Next week's ushers are:**

*Anita Jones, Kevin & Tricia Koriath*

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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Hymns for Today

**Resurrection Hymn (1st Plagal Tone)**

*Ton sinanarhon Logon Patrike Pnevmati ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian imon animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen oti ivthokese sarki anelthin en to stavro ke thanaton ipomine ke egire tus tethneo tas en ti en thoxo anastasi Aftu.*

*“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word,  
Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation.  
As the faithful we both praise and worship Him,  
for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross,  
and death did He endure and  
He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.”*

**Hymn for the Nativity of the Holy Theotokos**

*“Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world;  
for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,  
annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing,  
abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.”*

**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 Saints Joachim and Anna**

*“Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,  
and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death,  
O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people,  
redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee:  
The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.”*

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

*Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Friday, September 14- Orthros at 9:00am; Divine Liturgy at 10:00am  
Great Vespers: Saturday, September 15- 5:00pm*

LUNCHEON TODAY

Please join us after the Liturgy for a scrumptious lunch prepared for us by the Garwood and Willmann families!

The menu includes:

- Home-made Lasagna
- Salad
- Bread
- Dessert

Remember that supporting our monthly luncheons help raise the funds for special projects around the church like our new classrooms!



*Transfiguration*

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR  
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

*Gala Celebration*

SATURDAY, THE TENTH OF NOVEMBER  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE  
HALF-PAST SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING  
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL AUSTIN, TEXAS  
ADULT TICKETS- \$100  
STUDENT TICKETS (22 AND UNDER) \$40.00

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE  
AFTER OCTOBER 1  
[WWW.TRANSFIGURATION.ORG](http://WWW.TRANSFIGURATION.ORG)

COCKTAIL HOUR | HORS D'OEUVRES | SILENT AUCTION  
GREEK DINNER | GREEK & AMERICAN MUSIC & DANCING

**GOLF** (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

The ladies' study group will begin their new year together on  
Tuesday, Sept 11 at 10:00am!  
All women are invited to attend this beautiful study time together.  
Children are welcome, too!  
Contact Whitney Papadatos with any questions-  
wpapadatos@hotmail.com

**Men's Fellowship Lunch**

The next men's lunch will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25  
at Torchy's Spicewood (Spicewood Springs and Mesa Dr.)  
at 11:45  
Please join us for great food and fellowship!  
RSVP to Allen Wynn at awynn3816@gmail.com

**OCF** (Orthodox College Fellowship)

OCF will begin meeting every Tuesday  
at the Campus Business Center (CBA 4.348)  
at 6:30pm.

OCF SUNDAY is next Sunday!  
We will pass a second tray for OCF next week.

(Become a member of their facebook group [University of Texas OCF](#) to keep up with all the events & info!)

**YAL** (Young Adult League)

The Young Adults will continue their Bible study here at  
Transfiguration on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:00; and will  
continue on Thursday September 27, 6:00 pm.  
Please join them for a fun "End of Summer" potluck at the  
home of Ian Raffaele's home: 11424 Rustic Rock Dr.  
Austin, 78750  
If you'd like to join the YAL email list, please email  
austin.oya@gmail.com





Monday, October 8, 2012  
12:30 Shotgun - Scramble  
Lakeway Country Club, Live Oak Course

\$130 Per Player  
Includes Lunch, Dinner & Prizes

Lunch by **Arby's** at 11:30 am  
Dinner by **Outback Steakhouse**



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Contact us at [GreekGolfDay@transfiguration.org](mailto:GreekGolfDay@transfiguration.org)

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OCF is on college campuses to make sure our children have a safe and reliable 'home away from home.'

Through fellowship with other Orthodox students and a connection to an Orthodox Chaplain, students come together on campus and participate in worship, social activities, educational conferences, such as College Conference, and service projects like Real Break.

September 9, 2012 - Sunday Before the Holy Cross

Epistle - Galatians 6: 11-18

Brethren, see with what size letters I am writing to you with mine own hand. As many as wish to make a good show in the flesh, these constrain you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even they themselves who are circumcised keep the law, but they wish you to be circumcised, in order that they might boast in your flesh. But may it not be for me to boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world hath been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision hath any strength, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk by this rule, peace be upon them and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth, let no one be giving me troubles, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλικοὶς ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῆσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχῆσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

### Greek School News

The Greek School classes will start **Friday, September 14th at 6:30pm.**

Fr. Vasileios will offer a special blessing on this evening for the beginning of the school year.

The Greek school offers 2 levels for the children and 2 levels for the adults:

The children's beginners level is taught by Katerina Costuros; and the advanced level is taught by Mrs. Lillian Geranios.

The adults' beginners level is taught by Christina Glarakis; and the advanced level is taught by Alekos Glarakis.

**ALL CLASSES MEET EVERY FRIDAY from 6:30 -8:00pm.**

The tuition is \$280 per year. **Please register no later than September 10th!**

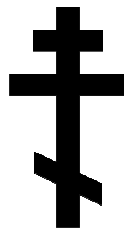
You can print out a registration form at [www.austingreekschool.com](http://www.austingreekschool.com), and mail it to:  
3909 Alabaster Cv., Round Rock, 78681

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Gospel - John 3: 13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὑψώσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

**Our Deepest Sympathy**

*In this past week, 3 of our families have lost loved ones:*

Samin Khan, the brother of Tahseen and brother-in-law of Sophia Khan, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 30.

Lauren Long (17), former step-daughter of Gabe Poulos was taken from this life in an auto accident on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

John G. Gianakopoulos, father of George and father-in-law of Crissi Gianakopoulos, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

May their memories be eternal.

**In Memoriam**

As we did last year, we are dedicating a section in the gala program book/ photo directory to honor all of our parishioners' loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord within the 2012 year.

We are gathering the names now; so if you have had a family member fall asleep in the Lord during this calendar year, please send in a photo and a short bio of them to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**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 Antidoro (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.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!**

**Please allow the Church School children and teachers to receive 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**

Arlena, Cindy, Nicole, Michael, the nun Elizabeth, Wanda, John, Lili, Archie, Paul, Michael, Sarah, Petra, Luke, Matthew, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Venton, John, Julia, Ricky, Wayne, Sarah, Christopher, Diane, Alice, Konstandinos, Jan, Marie, Chris

**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*