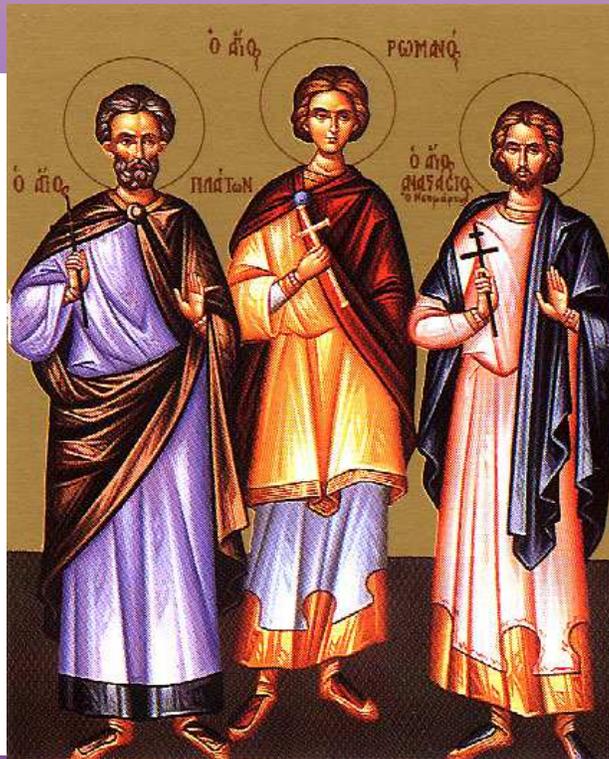


SUNDAY BULLETIN
NOVEMBER 18, 2012



NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
THE HOLY MARTYRS
PLATO AND ROMANUS



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

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Resurrection Hymn (Baris Tone)

*“Katelisas to Stavro Su ton thanaton ineoxas to listi ton parathison
ton Miroforon ton thrinon meteuales ke tis.*

Sis apostolis kirittin epetaxas oti anestis Christe o Theos parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.”

*“O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise.
The Myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your
command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God,
bestowing mercy upon the world evermore.”*

Hymn for the Holy Martyrs Plato and Romanus

*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 of The Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

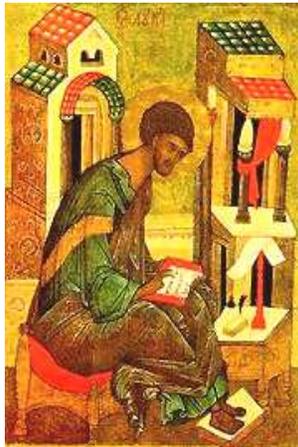
*Ο καθαρώτατος ναός τού Σωτήρος, η πολυτίμητος παστάς καί Παρθένος, τό Ιερόν θησαύρισμα τής δόξης τού
Θεού, σήμερον εισάγεται, εν τώ οίκω Κυρίου, τήν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τήν εν Πνευματι θείω, ήν ανυμνούσιν
Άγγελοι Θεού, Αύτη υπάρχει σκηνή επουράνιος.*

*The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Saviour's most
pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and
bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit;
her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.*

Brethren, Christ is our peace, the One Who made the both one, and broke down the middle wall of the hedge, having abolished by ordinances the enmity—the law of the commandments—in His flesh, in order that He might create in Himself the two into one new man, making peace, and might thoroughly reconcile them both in one body to God through the Cross, having slain the enmity by it. And He came and preached the good tidings, peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then ye are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens of the saints and of the household of God, who were built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom every building, being joined together, increaseth to a holy temple in the Lord, in Whom ye also are being built up together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός ἐστὶν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφοτέρα ἓν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκί αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφοτέροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολιταὶ τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὖξαι εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

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 are in session.

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, Philip, W.C., Glenna, Nicole, Michael, the nun Elizabeth, Wanda, John, Lili, Archie, Paul, Michael, Sarah, Petra, Luke, Matthew, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Venton, John, Julia, Ricky, Wayne, Sarah, Alice, Diane, Christopher, Konstandinos, Jan, Marie, Chris, MaryAnn, Cliff, Maggie, Nicholaos, Arsinoi, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Kathryn, Greg, John, Bill, Steve, Maggie, Nakis, Martha, George, Richard Simeon, Terri, Phyllis, Nicole, Mark, Christopher, Sophie, Madeleine, Maria, Nassos, Maria, Amy, Christina, Ana, Dolly, Fr. Ambrose, Vickie, Gonzalo, Pat, Linda, Mindy, Rosemary, Jenny, Fr. Andreas, Emmanuel, Alkmene, Maree, Constanze, Jennifer, Timothy, Andrea, Janis Mae, Andreas, Luke, Zlata, Andrea, Albert, Dorothy, Presbytera Krissy, Malamo, Bill, Larry, Jane, Argiro, Koula, Boyd, Wilma, Ted

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, CPT Christopher Gilbert*

November 22, 2012

Thanksgiving Day

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (I Thessalonians 5:18)

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,

The vibrant tradition of the Thanksgiving holiday in this country is a special opportunity for the Church to offer a witness of the priority of thankfulness in our relationship with God and as a foundation for our lives in this world. As Orthodox Christians we bring an offering of thanksgiving to God when we gather for worship, praising and honoring Him as Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. We commune with Him and express our faith in His grace and power through our participation in the Holy Eucharist, an act of thanksgiving for His mercy and salvation.

The priority of thankfulness in our worship and faith guides us to offer thanksgiving all the time, to live in gratitude in all of the circumstances of life. This is the true witness of Thanksgiving and of the power of God's presence. Even in the midst of very challenging experiences and conditions, we express a gratitude to Him that comes from our deep faith in His promises and from the comfort of His love. This was in the mind of the great Apostle Saint Paul when he urged the Christians in Thessalonike: Give thanks under all circumstances (I Thessalonians 5:18). This has been the witness of so many Saints and Martyrs down through the ages who offered praise to God in the face of persecution and death. It was the witness of the Pilgrims, in citing the heritage of this holiday, who gave thanks as they faced tremendous challenges in forging a new life in this land. It was the hope of President Abraham Lincoln when he established a Day of Thanksgiving, seeking to focus the hearts of a wounded nation on a greater, spiritual power who offered healing.

Thanksgiving is also our witness of hope and the power of God. We can easily be thankful for material blessings, for our health, or for a life free from conflict and stress. However, we know these are not constant, and the true challenge is being thankful in the midst of crisis and struggle. When we are thankful in the most challenging circumstances of life, when we bring a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God even when so much has been taken away, when we continue to follow His will living in holiness and faith, others will see that our gratitude is not dependent on the temporal success and security of this earthly life, but on the promises and salvation of God!

As we give thanks on this day, may we be thankful for our families and friends, for our communities, and the many blessings and provisions that enhance our quality and experience of life; but may we first give thanks to God for His great love for us. May we deepen our gratitude to Him, a thankfulness that comes from our souls, knowing that His promises will be fulfilled, His love endures forever, and we will have life in Him for eternity.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS

Archbishop of America

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos -

Wednesday, November 21; *Orthros at 9:00am; Divine Liturgy at 10:00am*

Our Deepest Sympathy to Jacob and Diana Angelo and to Brandon and Jennifer Suehs on the loss of Jason DeVore, their son-in-law and brother-in-law. Jason was a young man who leaves behind his wife, Kimberly and two young children, Maximus and Aurora. *May his memory be eternal.*

Luncheon Today!

Many thanks to our luncheon sponsors, Mihalīs and Mary Katherine Bakiris!

They have prepared a scrumptious menu of:

- Shrimp Kabobs
- Stewed Green Beans
- Salad

Please support your church and join us for this delicious lunch!

GOYA FALL RETREAT

Pine Cove Retreat Center -
Columbus, Texas



A fun-filled spiritual retreat for the Advent Season

November 30 - December 2, 2012

\$120

All GOYAns aged 11 to 18 are welcome!

Come retreat away from everyday challenges
for a weekend of fellowship and growth!

HURRY!
REGISTRATION
ENDS
TOMORROW
NOVEMBER 19!

REGISTER AT:

youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2012-events/2012-southern-region-fall-retreat

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, November 18, 2012

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

The ladies' study group will continue meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am! We are studying the book Crazy John. All women are invited to attend this beautiful study time together. Children are welcome, too!
Contact Whitney Papadatos with any questions:
wpapadatos@hotmail.com

Greek School News

ALL GREEK CLASSES MEET EVERY FRIDAY
from 6:30 -8:00pm here at Transfiguration.
Classes will not be held on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 23.

Philoptochos Up-Coming events:

- Please join us on Saturday, December 8, "Festival of Tables"! EVERYONE (men, women, children) is invited to attend this beautiful lunch catered by Crissi Gianakopoulos. Come and enjoy a delicious meal which will include a glass of wine and a dessert in a setting of beautifully decorated tables! Tickets are \$25 each. Please contact Angie Jaffers to purchase your tickets: 327-3586. If you would like to decorate a table, speak with Angie as well!
- Our CASA Christmas project is coming soon! Please begin thinking about adopting some needy children for Christmas giving!
- There is still time to be a part of our Christmas card project! If you would like to have your name on the Christmas card that is mailed to our community and beyond, please contact Effie Ambrose at 809-9387.

Christmas Program

This year the Agape Choir will perform at a beautiful family Nativity event called "Holy Night" on the evening of **Sunday, December 16**. All children will be rehearsing for this special Nativity program today November 11th, and Sunday, December 9th at 9:30 a.m. in Mt. Tabor hall.

Please contact Lainie Horwedel with any questions:
mymommysings@gmail.com

GOYA HAPPENINGS

BASKETBALL!

Practice for the January tournament in Dallas is beginning today! Please meet at O. Henry Middle School at 12:45 to get prepared for the big T!

**** If you are not at basketball practice, please join Fr. Dave Lewis and the St. Elias SOYO for a kickball game at Zilker Park TODAY from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.**

Meet them at the soccer fields near the pool.

Thank you to today's Luncheon Sponsors:

The Bakiris Family

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Kangos, Karides, Kersch, Keys, Kinnas

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Khan, Kobzar, Koriotoh, Kounelias, Leatherwood

Thank you to today's ushers:

Stephen Dow, Dan and Gigi Appling, Nyda Glaros

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Brandon Suehs, Jerry Burks, Brian Holland, Liz Strong

Next week's ushers are:

Anita Jones, Harry Stamatis, MaryBeth Gradziel, Maria Miller