

House Blessings Continue After February 4th

Father Vasileios will begin contacting our families for house blessings, again, after he returns from his trip, beginning February 4th.

Please contact Father Vasileios to discuss scheduling your house blessing in February or March; or fill out the house blessing form below and turn it in to the office.

Christ is illumined, let us shine forth with Him.

Christ is baptized, let us descend with Him that we may also ascend with Him.

-St. Gregory the Theologian, Oration on the Holy Lights, Epiphany 381, 10-16., 4th Century

ΕΠΙΦΑΝΙΑ HOUSE BLESSING FORM

If you would like Father Vasileios to bless your home for the New Year, please return this form to the Church Office as soon as possible.

Please indicate your preferred days of the week and time of day: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you have any questions please call the Church Office at 329-6363.

TRAVEL-SIZE TOILETRIES NEEDED

MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES CONTINUALLY NEEDS TOILETRIES, WARM SOCKS AND BACK-PACKS TO GIVE TO THE HOMELESS THAT THEY SERVE. WHEN YOU ARE PURCHASING GROCERIES, PLEASE REMEMBER THE LESS FORTUNATE AND PICK UP SOME SOCKS OR TRAVEL-SIZE TOILETRIES! THERE IS A BASKET IN THE FOYER OF MT. TABOR FOR THESE ITEMS. THANK YOU!!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Simbles, Skevofilax, Skevofilax, Spiropoulos, Stahlke

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Romine, Robertson, Sewell, Shannon, Shotwell

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:

Stamatis, Stamatopoulos, Judith Stathos, Tim Strategakos, Peter Romell

Thank you to today's ushers:

Stephen Dow, Dan and Gigi Appling, Nyda Glaros

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Allen Wynn, Kevin & Tricia Koriath

Next week's ushers are:

Anita Jones, Harry Stamatis, Chrissie Spiropoulos, Maria Miller

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
REMOVAL OF THE RELICS OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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HYMNS FOR TODAY

Resurrection Hymn (Tone 1)

“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 vasilias 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 to Saint John Chrysostom

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe,

and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness,

and shown us the heights of humility; but whilst instructing us by thy words,

O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word,

Christ our God, to save our souls.

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 idynando

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

*Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν ἐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας
καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ’ εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον
Βασιλεῖς οὐδ’ ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόθρωπος.*

*“Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth and didst bless Symeon's hands
as was meet by anticipation, has even now saved us O Christ our God.*

*But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs
whom Thou hast loved oh only Friend of man.”*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 27, 2013

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord -

Saturday, February 2: Orthros- 8:00am; Divine Liturgy- 9:00am

Great Vespers - Saturday, February 2: 5:00pm

The Metropolis GOYA Basketball Tournament: A Great Success!

Many thanks to Pete and Cynthia Price for spearheading this ministry: for their coaching and mentoring of our youth in such a beautiful Christian fashion. Special thanks to the parents and young adult advisors who supported our youth with their driving, donations, cheering and tremendous time. Congratulations to Mark Yoder and Yianni Zotis on winning Second Place at the Middle School level as part of the Houston St. Basil team; Nicole Price and Logan Ebeling for their MVP awards!

HOPE/JOY

Calling all Special Agents ages 3 to 12! Parents bring the kids and join us **Friday February 8, from 6:00 to 8:00** for dinner. Hear about the Holy Special Agents of the past, learn about their special tools of the trade, and become a Special Agent for Christ, too! Contact Tom Gouris 263-5866 or tagouris@asutin.rr.com to RSVP or for more info.

GOYA GATHERING!

All GOYAns... save the date of **Saturday, February 9- 6:00pm** at the home of Peter and Cynthia Price for a fun evening of food, fellowship, “recap” of our fabulous basketball tournament, and study! We will see photos of the tournament!

YAL

Our YAL meeting on Thursday, February 7 has been cancelled.
We will reconvene on **Thursday, February 21.**

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

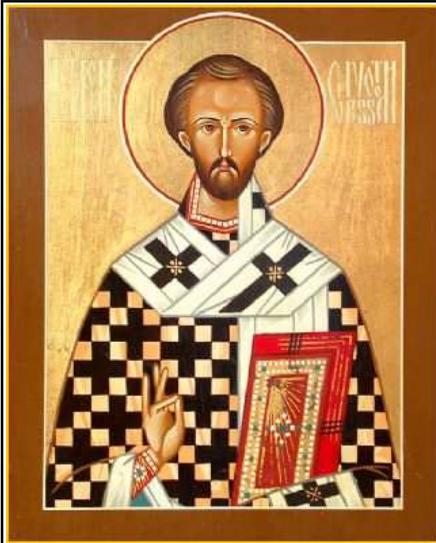
The ladies' study group is taking a 2 week break and will continue their study of In Thy Presence by Lev Gillet **on Tuesday, February 5!**

All women are invited to attend this beautiful study time together. Children are welcome, too! If you would like to be put on the email list, contact Whitney Papadatos: wpapadatos@hotmail.com

Encore! SAVE THE DATE

The Encore! Fellowship group is planning a pot-luck dinner at the home of Jacob and Diana Angelo on **Sunday, February 17 at 6:00pm**

Translation of the relics of St John Chrysostom the Archbishop of Constantinople



Saint John Chrysostom, the great ecumenical teacher and hierarch died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. He had been condemned by the intrigues of the empress Eudoxia because of his daring denunciation of the vices ruling over Constantinople. The transfer of his venerable relics was made in the year 438, thirty years after the death of the saint during the reign of Eudoxia's son emperor Theodosius II (408-450).

St John Chrysostom had the warm love and deep respect of the people, and grief over his untimely death lived on in the hearts of Christians. St John's disciple, St Proclus, Patriarch of Constantinople (434-447), during services in the Church of Hagia Sophia, preached a sermon praising St John. He said, "O John, your life was filled with sorrow, but your death was glorious. Your grave is blessed and reward is great, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ O graced one, having conquered the bounds of time and place! Love has conquered space, unforgetting memory has annihilated the limits, and place does not hinder the miracles of the saint."

Those who were present in church, deeply touched by the words of St Proclus, did not allow him even to finish his sermon. With one accord they began to entreat the Patriarch to intercede with the emperor, so that the relics of St John might be brought back to Constantinople.

The emperor, overwhelmed by St Proclus, gave his consent and gave the order to transfer the relics of St John. But those he sent were unable to lift the holy relics until the emperor realized that he had sent men to take the saint's relics from Comana with an edict, instead of with a prayer. He wrote a letter to St John, humbly asking him to forgive his audacity, and to return to Constantinople. After the message was read at the grave of St John, they easily took up the relics, carried them onto a ship and arrived at Constantinople.

The coffin with the relics was placed in the Church of Holy Peace (Hagia Eirene). When Patriarch Proclus opened the coffin, the body of St John was found to be incorrupt. The emperor approached the coffin with tears, asking forgiveness for his mother, who had banished St John. All day and night people did not leave the coffin.

In the morning the coffin was brought to the Church of the Holy Apostles. The people cried out, "Father, take up your throne." Then Patriarch Proclus and the clergy standing by the relics saw St John open his mouth and say, "Peace be to all." Many of the sick were healed at his tomb.

The celebration of the transfer of the relics of St John Chrysostom was established in the ninth century.

January 27, 2013 - Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

Epistle - Hebrews 7: 26-28; 8: 1-2

For such a High Priest was fitting for us: holy, guileless, undefiled, Who hath been separated from the sinners and hath become higher than the heavens, Who hath no need daily, even as the high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, then for those of the people; for this He did once for all after He offered up Himself. For the law appointeth men high priests who have weakness; but the word of the oath, which is after the law, appointeth the Son, Who hath been perfected forever.

Now in reference to the things being spoken of, the chief point is: We have such a High Priest, Who sat down on the right of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Liturgist of the holies and of the tabernacle, the true one, which the Lord pitched, and not man.



Ἀδελφοί, τοιοῦτος γὰρ ἡμῖν ἔπρεπεν ἀρχιερεύς, ὁσίος, ἄκακος, ἀμίαντος, κεχωρισμένος ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν, καὶ ὑψηλότερος τῶν οὐρανῶν γενόμενος· ὃς οὐκ ἔχει καθ' ἡμέραν ἀνάγκην, ὥσπερ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς, πρότερον ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων ἀμαρτιῶν θυσίας ἀναφέρειν, ἔπειτα τῶν τοῦ λαοῦ· τοῦτο γὰρ ἐποίησεν ἐφάπαξ, ἑαυτὸν ἀνενέγκας· Ὁ νόμος γὰρ ἀνθρώπους καθίστησιν ἀρχιερεῖς, ἔχοντας ἀσθένειαν· ὁ λόγος δὲ τῆς ὀρκωμοσίας τῆς μετὰ τὸν νόμον, υἷὸν εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τετελειωμένον. Κεφάλαιον δὲ ἐπὶ τοῖς λεγομένοις· τοιοῦτον ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα, ὃς ἐκάθισεν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ θρόνου τῆς μεγαλωσύνης ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, τῶν ἁγίων λειτουργός, καὶ τῆς σκηνῆς τῆς ἀληθινῆς, ἣν ἔπηξεν ὁ κύριος, καὶ οὐκ ἄνθρωπος·

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχῶ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμὼν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατὰβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτὸν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

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, Christopher, Konstandinos, Jan, Marie, Chris, MaryAnn, Cliff, Maggie, Nicholas, Arsinoi, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Kathryn, Greg, John, Bill, Steve, Maggie, Nakis, Martha, George, Richard Simeon, Terri, Phyllis, Nicole, Mark, Madeleine, Christopher, Sophie, Maria, Nassos, Maria, Amy, Christina, Ana, Dolly, Fr. Ambrose, Vickie, Gonzalo, Pat, Bill, Linda, Mindy, Rosemary, Jenny, Fr. Andreas, Emmanuel, Alkmene, Maree, Constanze, Jennifer, Timothy, Andrea, Janis Mae, Andreas, Luke, Zlata, Andrea, Albert, Dorothy, Presbyteria Krissy, Malamo, Larry, Jane, Argiro, Koula, Boyd, Wilma, Ted, Nicolette, Alexandra, Fr. Damaskinos, Emmanuel, Eleni, Thomas, Maria, Zoe, Kalliopi, Aikaterini, Garyfalia, Danae, Ioannis, Konstantinos, Nikolaos, Evangelia, Aikaterini, Eleni, Eirini, Dimitrios, Antigoni, Sharon, Elaine, Georgia, Chrysoula, Michael, Dimitra, Carol, Frank, Suzanne, Fotini, Max, Sienna, Petros, Kirsten, Yvette, Kimberlin, Alvin, Eric

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,
Capt. Alexander Stathos*