

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, March 3, 2013

APOKRIATIKO – MEATFARE DINNER AND DANCE!

Join us next Saturday, March 9. We will begin with Great Vespers at 4:00pm;
followed by our fabulous “Meatfare” party !

We will have a delicious dinner of grilled meats (prepared by our own Marko Bjeletich and Brandon Suehs!) and all the tasty fixins! We will also have a variety of fun music and dancing!

This will be our last chance to have a fellowship that includes meat until Pascha;
so put your dancing shoes on and join us!

OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship)

Attention all college students!

OCF is meeting every Tuesday at the Campus Business Center (CBA 4.344) at 6:30pm.
(Become a member of their Facebook group [University of Texas OCF](#) to keep up with all the events & info!)

YAL

Our next YAL meeting will be at Transfiguration on Thursday, March 7
If you would like to receive information about all of our up-coming events, you can join our email group at austin.oya@gmail.com

Philoptochos News

- We are planning a Koliva preparation class on Saturday, March 23rd at 12:30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- Don't forget about the Great Lakes Scrip (GLS) gift cards that we have available at our table! Remember- every time you purchase a card from us, you contribute to the many charities that we sponsor!

Men's Study Group

The Men's Group will continue their study on Wednesday, March 6.
Their schedule is:
5:30- Paraclesis 6:30- Potluck and Book Study

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

Join us as we continue our study of In Thy Presence by Lev Gillet on Tuesday, March 5!
Contact Whitney Papadatos: wpapadatos@hotmail.com for more information

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Leatherwood, Suehs, Suehs, Tassoulas, Terzi

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Xenitis, Yediares, Yoder, Zachos, Zotis

Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:
Apostolakis, Arnold, Bell

Thank you to today's ushers:
Dan & Gigi Appling, Nyda Glaros, Liz Strong

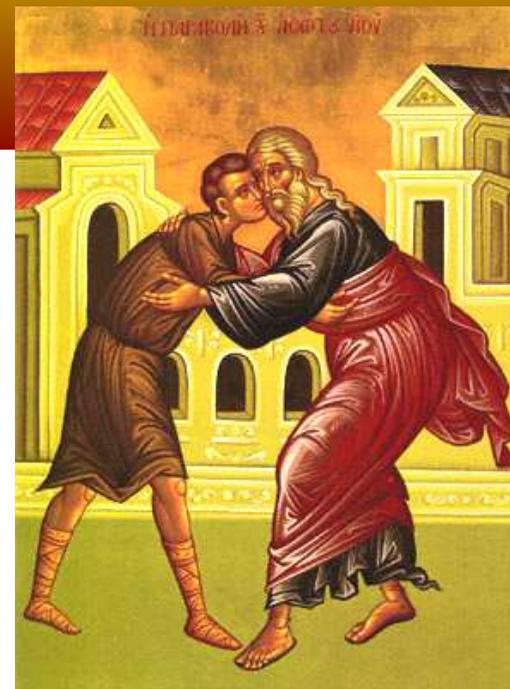
Thank you to last week's ushers:
David Maziasz, Harry Stamatis, Allen Wynn, Tricia Koriath

Next week's ushers are:
Mary Georgantonis, Harry Stamatis, Mary Beth Gradziel, Maria Miller

SUNDAY BULLETIN

MARCH 3, 2013

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
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ORTHROS 8:45AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM

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Resurrection Hymn (second Plagal)

Angelike thinamis epi to mnima Su ke I filassontes apenkrothisan ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to ahranton Su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin mi pirasthis ip aftu ipintisas ti Partheno thorumenos tin zoin a Anastas ek ton nekron Kirie thoxa Si.

“When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body.

For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

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 for the Prodigal Son

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμων, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσον με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

“Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou did give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.”

Transfiguration Children's Lenten Handbook

Our Sunday School children have been working on a new project, the *Lenten Handbook*!

This season is about refocusing ourselves on God, and on our lifelong struggles to be more prayerful, more generous, more obedient to God's will. So the children have produced this Lenten handbook to help families explore all aspects of what it means to *fast* in the Orthodox Church.

All proceeds will benefit Hogar Rafael Ayau, an Orthodox orphanage creating a loving home for orphans who might otherwise find themselves living on the streets of Guatemala. **The kids will be selling the handbook at Coffee Hour beginning on March 17.** Please purchase a few copies to help them in their charitable good works!

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Paraklesis - Wednesday, March 6- 5:30pm

Saturday of Souls- Saturday, March 9- *Orthros* - 9:00am; *Divine Liturgy* - 10:00am

Great Vespers - Saturday, March 9- 4:00pm

THANK YOU!

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Denis and Sonia Phocas and their family for donating the beautiful remodel of the bathrooms in Mt. Tabor Hall.

The bathrooms were in need of a “facelift” and now they look wonderful! Thank you!

GOYA EVENTS

- On **Saturday, April 6th**
Our GOYANs are hosting an even better and funner babysitting night at a new venue: **O. Henry Middle School. 2610 West 10th St. Austin, TX 78703.**
All proceeds will go towards buying new basketball uniforms.
- **Sunday, March 17**, after church, GOYA is having a day outdoors, with a picnic, games and kite flying in the park. More details to follow.

GOYA LENTEN RETREAT INFORMATION

Registration for the 2013 Southern Region GOYA Lenten Retreat at SKY RANCH is now open online at, www.youth.denver.goarch.org

This year the retreat will be held April 19-21, 2013 at the Sky Ranch retreat center in Van, Texas.

GOYANs, ages 11-18, are invited to retreat away from every day challenges for a weekend of growth and fellowship. There is limited space availability, so act fast!

Registration will close at midnight in the Mountain Time Zone on April 5, 2013.

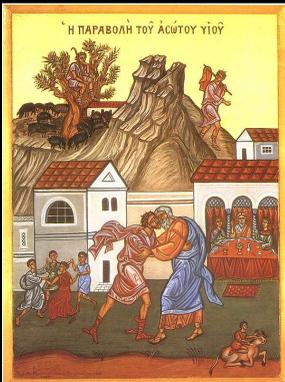
CAMP EMMANUEL

Registration for GOYA Summer Camp Emmanuel is now open at www.denver.goarch.org.

The Junior GOYA week for all middle school aged youth is June 9-15, and the Senior GOYA week for all high school is June 16-22.

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!!



Sunday of Prodigal Son

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

Saturday of Souls

Through the Apostolic Constitutions (Book VIII, ch. 42), the Church of Christ has received the custom to make commemorations for the departed on the third, ninth, and fortieth days after their repose. Since many throughout the ages, because of an untimely death in a faraway place, or other adverse circumstances, have died without being deemed worthy of the appointed memorial services, the divine Fathers, being so moved in their love for man, have decreed that a common memorial be made this day for all pious Orthodox Christians who have reposed from all ages past, so that those who did not have particular memorial services may be included in this common one for all. Also, the Church of Christ teaches us that alms should be given to the poor by the departed one's kinsmen as a memorial for him.

Names of Christians who were not Orthodox may be submitted. Please write "non-Orthodox" by their names.

WE WILL BE HAVING THE SERVICES FOR SATURDAY OF SOULS ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS:

- SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH- ORTHROS AT 9:00AM; LITURGY AT 10:00AM
- SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH- ORTHROS AT 9:00AM; LITURGY AT 10:00AM
- SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD- ORTHROS AT 9:00AM; LITURGY AT 10:00AM

March 3, 2013 - Seventeenth Sunday of Luke

Epistle - I Corinthians 6: 12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful to me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God shall bring to nought both this and these. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord, and will raise up us by His own power. Ye know that your bodies are members of Christ, do ye not? Having taken up then the members of Christ, shall I make them members of a harlot? May it not be! Or know ye not that he that is joined to the harlot is one body? For, "The two," saith He, "shall be into one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Keep on fleeing fornication. Every sin whatsoever a man might do is outside the body, but he who committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, Whom ye have from God, and ye are not your own? For ye were bought with a price; So glorify then God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Αδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἔξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλίας, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἠγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἄρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνῃς μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνῃ ἐν σώματι ἐστίν; Ἔσονται γὰρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύματι ἐστίν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος ἐστίν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστίν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

March 3, 2013 - Seventeenth Sunday of Luke

Gospel - Luke 15: 11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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, Petra, Luke, Matthew, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Venton, John, Julia, Ricky, Wayne, Sarah, Alice, Christopher, John, Konstandinos, Jan, Marie, Chris, MaryAnn, Cliff, Maggie, Arsinoi, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Kathryn, Greg, Bill, Steve, Maggie, Nakis, Martha, George, Richard Simeon, Terri, Nicole, Mark, Madeleine, Christopher, Sophie, Maria, Nassos, Maria, Amy, Christina, Ana, Dolly, Fr. Ambrose, Vickie, Gonzalo, Pat, Bill, Linda, Mindy, Jenny, Rosemary, 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, Alison, Emily, Olga, Anastasios-Tahseen, Athanasios, Tristen, Damon, Fran, Melanie, Betty (Mary Elizabeth), Gabriel, Theone, Angie, Constantine

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,
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