

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, March 10, 2013**

**THANK YOU!**

We all had a blast at the Apokriatiko/ Texas BBQ!

A HUGE thank you to Brandon Suehs, Marko Bjeletich, Tom Suehs, Ryan Clay and the rest of the crew for their generous donation of the food, and the wonderful job of preparing it!; to Pat Mitchell and Judy Eagle for preparing and beautifying the hall; and to Eleni Ackerman and the Ellinakia and the Levendia dancers for the wonderful entertainment! It was a very celebratory and memorable evening!

**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!)

**GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)**

Join us as we continue our study of *In Thy Presence* by Lev Gillet on Tuesday, March 12!  
Contact Whitney Papadatos: wpapadatos@hotmail.com for more information

**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!

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

*Ambrose, Apostolakis, Arnold, Bell*

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

*Xenitis, Yediaras, Yoder, Zachos, Zotis*

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

*Athanasiou, Ackerman, Angelo, Appling, Bakiris, Bakiris*

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

*Mary Georgantonis, Harry Stamatis, Mary Beth Gradziel, Maria Miller*

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

*Dan & Gigi Appling, Nyda Glaros, Liz Strong*

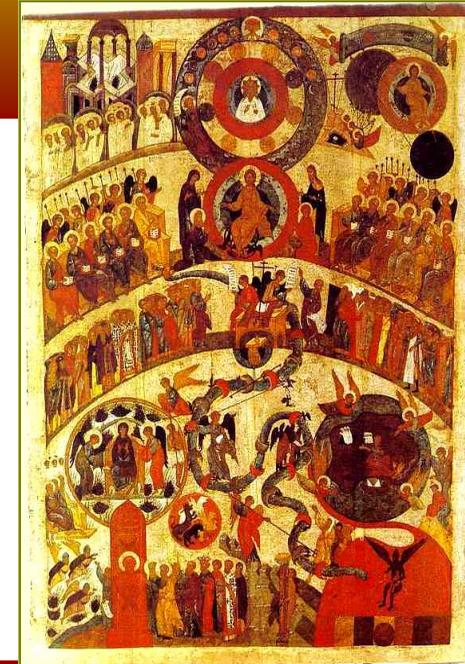
**Next week's ushers are:**

*Tom Gouris, Jerry Burks, Brian Holland, Liz Strong*

SUNDAY BULLETIN

MARCH 10, 2013

**SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT  
MEATFARE SUNDAY**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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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 Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

“Metemorphosis 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 Last Judgment**

“Όταν έλθης ο Θεός, επί γης μετά δόξης, και τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμός δέ τοῦ πυρός πρό τοῦ  
Βήματος έλκη, και βιβλοι ανοίγωνται, και τὰ κρυπτά δημοσιεύονται, τότε ρῦσαι με, εκ τοῦ πυρός τοῦ  
άσβέστου, και άξιώσον, εκ δεξιῶν σου με στήναι, Κριτά δικαιοτάτε.

“When Thou, O God, will come to earth with glory, and all things tremble,  
and the river of fire flows before the Judgment Seat,  
and the books are opened and the hidden things made public,  
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,  
and deem me worthy to stand at Thy right hand,  
O most righteous Judge.”

**Lenten Prayer of Saint Ephraim of Syria**

Lord and Master of my life, deliver me from the spirit of laziness and meddling,  
the lust for power and gossip.

Rather, grant the spirit of wisdom, humility, patience, and love to me Your servant.

Yes, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own faults and not judge my brother;  
for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen



SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

*St. Simeon the New Theologian*– Tuesday, March 12- *Orthros* - 9:00am; *Divine Liturgy* - 10:00am

*Saturday of Souls*- Saturday, March 16- *Orthros* - 9:00am; *Divine Liturgy* - 10:00am

*Great Vespers* - Saturday, March 16 - 5:00pm

**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!

**GOYA EVENTS**

- **Sunday, March 17**, after church, GOYA is having a day outdoors, with a picnic, games and kite flying in the park. Please contact Elissa Bjeletich (934-0893) or Sonia Phocas (238-8748) for more information.
- 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.

**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](http://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](http://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.

## Sunday of the Last Judgment Meatfare Sunday



Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

March 10, 2013 - Judgment Sunday

Epistle - I Corinthians 8: 8-13; 9: 1-2

Brethren, meat commendeth us not to God; for neither if we eat have we an advantage, nor if we eat not are we behind. But be taking heed, lest this license of yours should become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if one should see thee who hast knowledge reclining at table in an idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him who is weak be built up so as to eat the things sacrificed to idols? And on thy knowledge the brother who is weak shall destroy himself, for whom Christ died. But when ye sin thus against the brethren and wound their conscience which is weak, ye sin against Christ. On which very account, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will not at all eat flesh forever, lest I should cause my brother to stumble.

I am an apostle, am I not? I am free, am I not? I have seen Jesus Christ our Lord, have I not? Ye are my work in the Lord, are ye not? If I am not an apostle to others, yet at least I am to you; for ye are the seal of mine apostleship in the Lord.

Ἀδελφοί, βρωμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παράστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἢ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἁμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρωμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμι ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἢ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

*March 10, 2013 - Seventeenth Sunday of Luke*

*Gospel - St. Matthew 25: 31-46*

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



### ***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, Christopher, John, Arsinoi, Konstandinos, Jan, Marie, Chris, MaryAnn, Cliff, Maggie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Kathryn, Greg, Bill, Christopher, Steve, Maggie, Nakis, Martha, George, Richard Simeon, Terri, Nicole, Mark, Madeleine, 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, Zoe, Themis

### ***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, 1st LT Angela Bahlatzis*