

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, April 7, 2013**

**OCMC Presentation on Albania**

By Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald

Please join us this Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, for a very special presentation by Dr. Jeffrey and Caryn MacDonald on the work that OCMC is doing in Albania, and how the MacDonald family is preparing to serve God as missionaries there beginning next month.

This will begin with the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00pm; followed by a Lenten POT LUCK dinner during the presentation at 7:30pm.

The discussion "Befriending My Soul, Becoming Human" by Fr. David and Prsv. Vasiliki will continue on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the same time.

**A SECOND TRAY WILL BE PASSED TODAY FOR THE MACDONALD FAMILY'S MISSION TO ALBANIA**

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

- **SAVE THE DATE!** We will have our final meeting for this year on Saturday, May 18 in Mt. Tabor Hall beginning at Noon. This will be a very important meeting with election of new officers for the next 2 years! Please make plans to attend!
- Back by popular demand! HEB is once again offering **12 cents off each gallon of gas** purchased with one of their gift cards; so pick up some from our table today!

**BOOKSTORE NEWS**

We have many new resources to guide you through your Great Lent journey! Stop by our special Lenten table to see the many new Bibles (even some leather-bound), books, service books, cards, incense and CD's in stock.

**GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)**

Join us as we continue our study of *In Thy Presence* by Lev Gillet **on Tuesday, April 9!**  
Contact Whitney Papadatos:  
wpapadatos@hotmail.com for more information

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Burks, Burns, Chronis, Clay, Colovas**

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:  
Benson, Bjeletich, Boudreau, Bourgeois, Burke**

**Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors are:  
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**Thank you to today's ushers:  
Stephen Dow, Nyda Glaros,  
Dan and Gigi Appling**

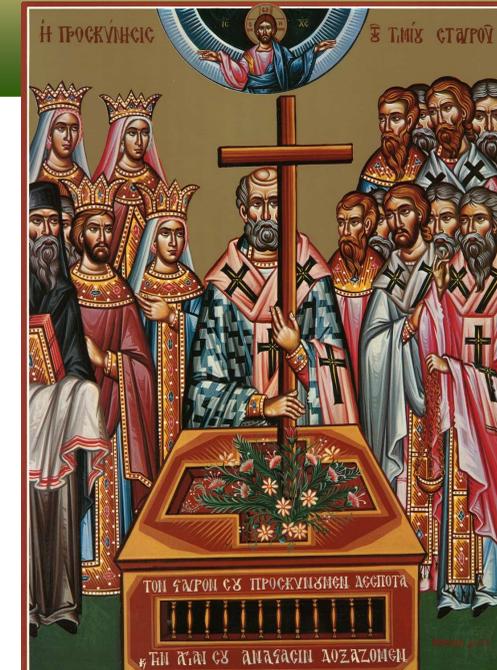
**Thank you to last week's ushers:  
Kevin & Tricia Koriath,  
Allen Wynn**

**Next week's ushers are:  
Pat Mitchell, Harry Stamatis,  
Mary Beth Gradziel, Liz Strong**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

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**SUNDAY OF THE CROSS**



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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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**Resurrection Hymn** (Third Tone)

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἕδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

“Let all things above in heav’n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad  
With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform  
Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become.  
From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy”

**Hymn for the Holy Cross**

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεύσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωροῦμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

“Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries.  
And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.”

**Hymn for the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δεῖξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύνατο, Λάμπρον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδίων, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

“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 3rd Sunday of Great Lent**

Τὴ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε, Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοὶ, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

“Ti ypermachō stratigō ta nikitiria, os litrothisa ton dinon efcharistiria, anagrafo si I polis su, Theotoke.  
Allos echusa to kratos aprosmachiton, ek pandion me kindynon eleftheroson,  
ina krazo si: Xhere, nym fi anymfefte.”

“To You, the Champion Commander, I, Your City, inscribe victorious anthems of thanksgiving, for deliverance from sufferings, Theotokos. In as much as you have power unassailable, from all manner of dangers set me free. That I may cry out to you, rejoice Bride unwedded.”

**Hymn in place of the Trisagion Hymn**

“Τὸν Σταυρὸν Σου προσκυνοῦμεν Δέσποτα καὶ τὴν Ἀγίαν Σου, Ἀνάστασιν, δοξάζομεν.”  
“Ton Stavron Sou proskinoumen Despota kai tin Agian Sou, Anastasin doxazomen.”  
“O Your Cross do we venerate O Lord and do we glorify, Your Holy resurrection we glorify.”

**Hymn in Place of Axion Estin**

“All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace; the assembly of angels and the human race. You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory from whom God was incarnate and become a child our God existing before all ages. He made your womb a throne, and your body more spacious than the heavens.  
All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to you.”

**Special Communion Hymn of the Cross**

“Upon us shines the light the light of Your countenance O Lord O Lord. Alleluia.”

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**SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday, April 8: *Great Compline at 6:00pm*  
Wednesday, April 10: *9th Hour Prayers- 5:45pm; Presanctified Liturgy- 6:00pm*  
Friday, April 12: *Salutations to the Theotokos- 7:00pm*  
Saturday, April 13: *Great Vespers - 5:00pm*

FATHER VASILEIOS WILL CONTINUE HOUSE BLESSINGS THROUGHOUT GREAT LENT.  
HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO HOUSE BLESSINGS OR CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK!

**Agape Choir News**

We are excited to announce that the Agape Choir will be singing in Divine Liturgies more regularly, throughout the year. We look forward to singing at the Divine Liturgies of Lazarus Saturday and Holy Saturday. Children of all ages are invited to participate; there is no requirement to sign up or to attend rehearsals. All youth will be encouraged to join us in the balcony for Liturgies.

Of course, knowledge and comfort with the music comes from rehearsals. ;)

We will hold music rehearsals directly after Communion during the first 10 minutes of Sunday School. **The Agape Choir includes all children at Transfiguration. Within the choir, we are also creating a smaller group to be known as the "Archangels". These are those youths (of any age) who are interested in devoting more time and focus to learning our liturgical music and to developing a quality sound.**

**Agape Choir Rehearsal and Participation Schedule Through Pascha:**

Sunday, April 7th, 9:30 - Archangels Rehearsal	We will sing at the Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy, April 27th 9:15
Sunday, April 14th, 9:30 - Archangels Rehearsal	(Archangels) 9:30 am; ALL students 10:00 am in the Balcony
Sunday, April 14th, Before Sunday School - ALL students	Palm Sunday, April 28th 9:30 Archangels Rehearsal
Sunday, April 21st, 9:30 - Archangels Rehearsal	We will sing at the Liturgy on Holy Saturday Morning,
Sunday, April 21st, Before Sunday School - ALL students	May 4th 9:15 (Archangels) 9:30am; ALL students 10:00am in the Balcony

**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 students is June 16-22.

**OCF** (Orthodox College Fellowship)

OCF will begin meeting every Tuesday at the Campus Business Center (CBA 4.348) at 6:30pm.  
(Become a member of their facebook group [University of Texas OCF](http://University of Texas OCF) to keep up with all the events & info!)

**YAL**

YAL will meet at Transfiguration EVERY MONDAY during Great Lent for Compline followed by a potluck dinner and have our study together. Join our email group at [austin.oya@gmail.com](mailto:austin.oya@gmail.com)



Dear Friends,

We wanted to let you know that we are now preparing to leave on May 15<sup>th</sup> to serve as long term missionaries with the Orthodox Church in Albania. Please remember us in your prayers as we complete our preparations for departure and travel to begin our ministry there.

We will be assisting with theological education at the Resurrection of Christ Seminary near Durres. Having taught for many years at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak to prepare clergy for the Orthodox Church in Alaska, we are very pleased to be able to assist in a similar work in Albania.

The Church in Albania suffered persecution under the communists following World War II, when Albania attempted to become the first atheist state. During this time all Orthodox Churches were seized or destroyed and all public and private religious life was forbidden.

After the end of communism in 1992, the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy near Durres was established by Archbishop Anastasios to train clergy and church leaders for the Church of Albania. The seminary has played an important role in rebuilding church life in Albania and we are pleased to be able to participate in their work.



The Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy near Durres, Albania

In Albania, we will have monthly expenses for housing, health insurance, and other living and ministry expenses. **We are still in need of MONTHLY SUPPORT from individuals and parishes** to help us meet these ongoing expenses. Please consider whether you or your parish would be able to assist us in this way.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Jeffrey and Caryn Macdonald

April 7, 2013 - Sunday of The Holy Cross

Epistle - Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 1-6

Brethren, having then a great High Priest Who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us be holding fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is not able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who hath been tempted in all respects according to our likeness, without sin. Let us therefore be coming with boldness to the throne of grace, that we might receive mercy and find grace for help in due season.

For every high priest being taken from among men is being appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins, who is able to feel in due measure with those who are ignorant and led astray, since he himself also is compassed about with weakness. And by reason of this he ought, even for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no one taketh the honor to himself, but he who is called by God, even as also Aaron. Thus also the Christ glorified not Himself to become a high priest, but the One Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." Even as He saith also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek".

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοίτητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περικείται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

*April 7, 2013 - Sunday of The Holy Cross*

*Gospel - St. Mark 8: 34-38; 9: 1*

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔλθειν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσῃ ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμούς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

### **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, 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, Danae, Alexandra, Fr. Damaskinos, Emmanuel, Eleni, Thomas, Maria, Zoe, Kalliopi, Aikaterini, Garyfalia, 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, Maria, Panayiota, Dmitriy, Kinley, Brandi, Cia

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES:**

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