



This morning we welcome Fr. Seraphim Dedes!

Fr. Seraphim is here offering a wonderful workshop for our Chanting Ministry. He comes from the parish of St. Nektarios in Charlotte, North Carolina and is the founder of Ages Initiatives and E-Matins.

AGES Initiatives envisions all Orthodox Churches having the texts, music, and trained singers needed to maintain the fullest possible liturgical life. To that end, it is developing a multilingual database, rubrics engine, and applications for church, home, and classroom, as well as translation tools for use in the mission field.

*“Befriending My Soul; Becoming Human”*

a Lenten discussion group

Please join us for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evening, April 17th at 6:00pm, followed by a Lenten dinner- this week provided by the Men’s Fellowship Group- and the spiritual discussion led by Fr. David and Prsv. Vasiliki Eckley.

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; and Walmart is also offering 10 cents off each gallon as well; so pick up either of those stores’ cards 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 16!

Contact Whitney Papadatos: wpapadatos@hotmail.com for more information

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

**Daskalantonakis, Davenport, Demetriadis, DeRossi, Dow**

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

**Burks, Burns, Chronis, Clay, Colovas**

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

**Draina, Eagle, Edgell, Edwards, Esper**

**Thank you to today’s ushers:**

*Pat Mitchell, Harry Stamatis, Mary Beth Gradziel, Liz Strong*

**Thank you to last week’s ushers:**

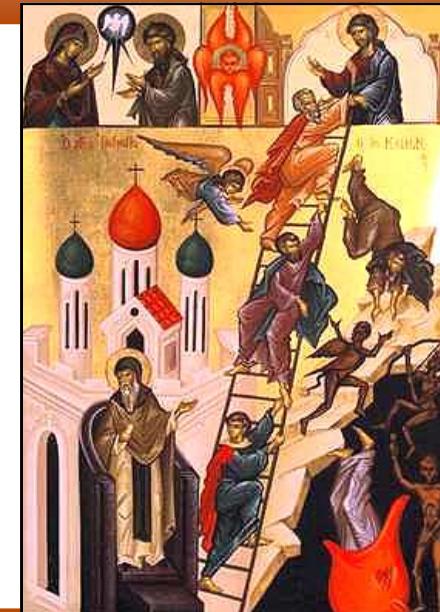
*Stephen Dow, Nyda Glaros, Dan and Gigi Appling*

**Next week’s ushers are:**

*Anita Jones, Maria Miller, Dr. Jerry Burks, Brian Holland*

Welcome to Transfiguration, Fr. Seraphim Dedes

**Sunday of St. John Climacus**



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

**Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos**

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**Resurrection Hymn** (Fourth Tone)

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

“When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles, with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.”

**Hymn for Saint John Climacus**

Ταῖς τῶν δακρῶν σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἀγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, τῆ οἰκουμένη λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν, Ὄσιε, Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

“With the streams of thy tears, thou did cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou did bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou became a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.”

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

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύνατο, Λάμπων καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδιον, 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 4th 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 σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

“Ti ypermacho stratigo 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 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.”

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 15: *Great Compline at 6:00pm*  
 Wednesday, April 17: *9th Hour Prayers- 5:30pm; Presanctified Liturgy- 6:00pm*  
 Thursday, April 18: *Full Canon of St. Andrew- 6:00pm*  
 Friday, April 19: *Akathist Hymn- 7:00pm*  
 Saturday, April 20: *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 14th, 9:30 - Archangels Rehearsal	We will sing at the Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy, April 27th 9:15 (Archangels) 9:30 am; ALL students 10:00 am in the Balcony
Sunday, April 14th, Before Sunday School - ALL students	
Sunday, April 21st, 9:30 - Archangels Rehearsal	Palm Sunday, April 28th 9:30 Archangels Rehearsal
Sunday, April 21st, Before Sunday School - ALL students	We will sing at the Liturgy on Holy Saturday Morning, 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)

April 14, 2013 -

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

### Celebrate and Support the 10th Anniversary of our Church Sanctuary with the 2013 Mortgage Elimination 1-2 Punch!

The Parish Council, together with Dr. Lou and Ellen Apostolakis are currently working on a very clear plan to *totally eliminate* our mortgage; which will be presented to the General Assembly on Sunday, May 26th.

**We are asking for your help to make a generous one-time pledge!**

We already have pledges totaling more than \$54,000!! We need only \$12,000 more to meet the target!!!

We ask that you turn in a check, marked for mortgage elimination, prior to the assembly so that we can have it on hand at the meeting, making it clear that this is real. If the proposal does not pass, your check will be returned to you. If approved, we will gather all of the pledges given and take them to the bank!

**The plan is to actually close the mortgage on May 28th**, so please give your check, ready to be cashed, **before** May 28th. Let's knock this loan out of the ring!



#### Donations for Flowers for Holy Week & Pascha

We are collecting contributions for all the many flowers for Holy Week and Pascha. Please consider donating to this beautiful tradition. There is a tray in the Narthex for this purpose. Please indicate on your check "Flower Donation."



#### GRADUATES

Attention all graduating students!

As in the past, we want to recognize our graduates after a Liturgy on May 19th. If you are graduating from high school or college/university, please submit your photo and a short bio with a summary of your plans for "post graduation" to Liz in the church office. office@transfiguration.org

#### It's time to start planning the 2013 Gala!

Judith Kountoupis has some fresh ideas to share with all those willing to commit or recommit to this valuable TGOC activity. If you are interested in helping plan our next anniversary gala, please consider attending a discussion group **on Thursday, April 18 at Judith's home: 14909 Spillman Ranch Loop.**

We will begin with 'happy hour' at 6-6:30PM; and the meeting will be from 7-8:00PM.

Attending and contributing to this discussion will in **NO WAY** obligate you to serve on the Gala Committee. We just value your opinions. **Kindly RSVP if you are able to attend- 512-983-5839**

#### Transfiguration's Usher Ministry

Being a part of the Usher Ministry is a beautiful way to serve our Lord. As an usher, you are given the privilege of greeting everyone coming in to the church on Sunday mornings and helping them in any need that they may have. The ushers are the first "face of our community" that visitors see!

We are looking for 4 additional volunteers who would like to serve the parish by greeting parishioners and visitors approximately one service per month.

If you would like to volunteer to be an usher, or if you are curious about usher duties, contact Allen Wynn at AWynn3816@Gmail.com or call at 512-657-7805

Brethren, for God, having made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." And thus, after he patiently endured, he attained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and the oath for confirmation is to them an end of all contradiction. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, mediated by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and firm, and which entereth into "the inner space behind the veil," where Jesus entered as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραὰμ ἐπαγγελιάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὀμόσαι, ὥμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἥ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὀμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδὲκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, Διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σέ, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον·καὶ ὅπου ἐὰν αὐτὸν κατα λάβῃ ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπα τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσιν, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. Ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτοῖς λέγει, Ὡ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. Καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν τὸ πνεῦμα εὐθύς συνεσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. Καὶ ἐπηρώτησεν τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ, Πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐκ παιδιόθεν·καὶ πολλάκις καὶ εἰς πῦρ αὐτὸν ἔβαλεν καὶ εἰς ὕδατα ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνη, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Τὸ εἶ δύνηπάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Εὐθύς κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου ἔλεγεν, Πιστεύω· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. Ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος ἐπετίμησεν τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ, Τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφὸν πνεῦμα, ἐγὼ ἐπιτάσσω σοι, ἐξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. Καὶ κράξας καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξας ἐξῆλθεν· καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε τοὺς πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτοῦ ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντος αὐτοῦ εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ κατ' ἰδίαν ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν, Ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκ βαλεῖν αὐτόν;καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ. Κακεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἠθελεν ἵνα τις γνωσθῆναι αὐτὸν γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι Ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς μετὰ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἀναστήσεται.

## **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, Theone, Betty (Mary Elizabeth), Gabriel, Angie, Zoe, Themis, Maria, Panayiota, Dmitriy, Kinley, Brandi, Cia, Jimmy, Sybella, David

## **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,*