

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday May 12, 2013

2013 GRADUATES!

Father Vasileios will be recognizing all high school and college graduates next Sunday, **May 19th**.



If you are a graduate this year, and have not already done so, please submit to us: your name, photo, the name of the school from which you are graduating, honors and awards, sports, clubs and overall history. Please include your parents' names and the school to which you will matriculate. You may also include any special message or quotation as well.

Please submit this information to the church office at office@transfiguration.org

Easter Lilies

It is time to clear the church of the lilies; please feel free to take home as many as you would like!

Philoptochos News

Please join us on Saturday, May 18th at 11:30 a.m. in Tabor Hall for the Philoptochos Final General Meeting for this year. This will be a very fun meeting which will include a fashion show, entertainment and lunch, after which we will conduct our meeting and elect the next Board of Directors for 2013 - 2015.

Please RSVP the church office if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget! We will continue to sell our gift cards throughout the summer!

You can order just about any vendor's gift card from us and we can have it for you in ONE WEEK. Or, you can order them yourselves online at shopwithscrip.com! Just ask Liz Strong, and she will show you how! These cards make great gifts for the graduates!

VCC SAVE THE DATE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUG. 5, 7, 8, & 9

CAMP ST. NICHOLAS, TRANSFIGURATION'S VACATION CHURCH CAMP, WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH ON THESE VERY SPECIAL DATES. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS 'HOLY WEEK'.

WE ALSO HAVE A FAMILY TRIP PLANNED TO HOLY ARCHANGELS MONASTERY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE OPENING SOON!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Evgenides, Ferrua, Gatlin, Georgantonis, Georgantonis-Keah

Thank you to Palm Sunday's Luncheon Sponsors:
Encore!

Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Garwood, George, George, Geranios, Gianakopoulos

Thank you to today's ushers:
Ioannis Ousaklidis, Allen Wynn, Liz Strong

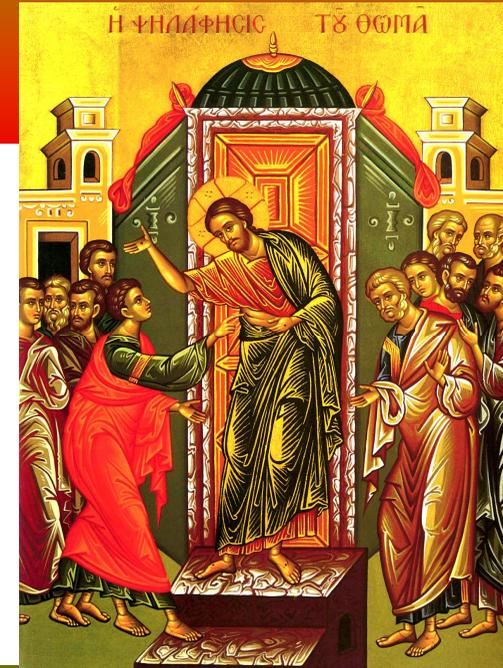
Thank you to all of the ushers and Council members for ushering throughout Holy Week and Pascha!

Next week's ushers are:
David Maziasz,
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK!

SUNDAY BULLETIN
MAY 12, 2013

Happy Mother's Day!

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS



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

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Hymns for Today

Resurrection Pascha Hymn

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἡρισάμενος.

Christós anésti ek nekron, thanáto thánaton patisas,
ke tis en tis mnimasi zoin harisámenos.

*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,
and to those in the tombs He has granted Life.*

Hymn for 2nd Sunday of Pascha

*“While the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, did shine forth from the grave,
O Christ God; and while the doors were shut,
Thou did come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all,
renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.”*

Special Entrance Hymn for the Pascha Season

*“In the congregations bless God, the Lord, from the springs of Israel.
Save us O Son God who did Rise from the dead. We sing to You Alleluia.”*

Kontakion of the Pascha Season

*“Though Thou did descend into the grave, O Immortal One,
yet did Thou destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God,
calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles,
O Thou Who grants resurrection to the fallen.”*

Hymn in place of “Axion estin... It is truly worthy...”

*“You the brightly shining lantern and the Mother of our God, and the conspicuous
glory, you are superior to all creation. We hymn you and magnify.”*

Special Communion Hymn

“Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia”

Pascha Greetings

During the forty-day period from Pascha to Ascension,
Orthodox Christians throughout the world greet one another with the Paschal Greeting:

Greek - Christos Anesti / Alithos Anesti

Arabic - Al-Masseeh Qam / Haqan Qam

Spanish - Christo ha Resucitado / En verdad
ha Resucitado

Ukrainian - Khristos Voskres / Voistynu
Voskres

Romanian - Hristos a Inviat / Adevarat a
Inviat

English - Christ is Risen / Truly He is Risen
or Indeed He is Risen

Georgian - Kriste Agzdga! / Cheshmaritad!

Swahili - Kristo Amefufukka / Kweli
Amefufukka

German - Christus ist Auferstanden! / Er ist
Wahrhaftig Auferstanden!

Eritrean - Christos Ten-si-ou! / Ba-Ha-ke
Ten-si-ou!

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Services for this week:

Great Vespers- Saturday, May 18 at 5:00pm

SAVE THE DATE !

**THE NEXT TRANSFIGURATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOWDOWN and RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS!

All Sunday School youth, pre-K through high school, get ready for the Sunday School Showdown on
Sunday May 19 during coffee hour.

This was so much fun last year and will be even better this year.
Fr. Vasileios will also recognize our graduates after the Liturgy. Plan to be there!

Greek School News

We would like to thank all the families who support and help the Greek School
during the year.

May 17th will be the last class of the Greek school, and on **May 24th** we will have our
Olympic Games and picnic!

We will have lots of games and food for everyone.
The school will start up again after summer around the middle of September.
We will have early registration starting on August 15th till September 1st.

YAL (Young Adult League)

Now that Great Lent is over, our YAL will return to every-other-Thursday meetings at 6:00pm

We will skip Bright Week, therefore our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 23

Please join us for potluck dinner, fabulous fellowship, and great study with Fr. Vasileios!

If you are interested in joining our wonderful group of young adults, email us at
austin.oya@gmail.com

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

We encourage all ladies to join us if you are able on Tuesdays from 10 - 12pm in Mount Tabor Hall.
GOLF is a group meeting most weeks, led by Fr. Vasili, to read and discuss a book of the Bible, or other
Orthodox material. Please don't hesitate to come even if it is on an irregular basis.
We enjoy each other's company, edifying discussion, and sometimes even delicious food!

Kids are always welcome to play while we meet.

Please contact Whitney Papadatos to be added to our email distribution list- wpapadatos@hotmail.com

Upcoming meeting dates: May 14 & 28; June 4 & 25

Keeping the Light Burning

The week following Pascha (Easter), the Holy Altar doors remained open to show us the empty tomb and fasting was not permitted in order to celebrate the great feast of feasts—the resurrection of our Lord and our God, the true light of faith in our daily lives. We continue to pray fervently, **but for 50 days, until Pentecost; we will not kneel in Church**, signifying how the Lord has raised us up to be with Him, in Spirit, and that we trust He will raise us up on the last day. We do not kneel, because we “stand in the presence of the Lord” as a new creation. St. Gregory the Theologian in his Paschal homily said: “Yesterday, I was crucified with Christ. Today, I am glorified with Him. Yesterday, I died with Him. Today, I am made alive with Him. Yesterday, I was buried with Him. Today I am raised with Him.” These words are the light within our minds.

During this season of 50 days, we anticipate the fulfillment of the promise—the descent of the Holy Spirit—and therefore, **we do not say the prayer “O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth. . . at the beginning of the Trisagion prayers; nor do we pray “Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal. . .”** Instead, for 40 of those days, we substitute the words luminous and triumphant words of the hymn, “Christ is Risen”—“Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life”—followed by “Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, O Holy Trinity have mercy on us, . . .”, followed by the “Our Father. . .” This is the light that begins our day.

For 40 days, we greet one another with “Christ is Risen!” and the response, “Truly, He is Risen!” **For 40 days, the hymn, “Christ is Risen!” is sung at the beginning and the end of every service**, beginning and ending with the joyous presence of our Risen Lord, who appeared again and again for forty days, as the Light of the world: “The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up (the day of Ascension on the 40th day), after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart. . .” (Acts 1:1-4) We do not depart from going to Church, keeping the light burning, waiting for the fulfillment of His promises. We keep the fire burning by speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

Today is the eighth day after the resurrection of our Lord; and Thomas, who was not present in the assembly of his brother disciples (that is the Church), missed our Lord’s first resurrectional appearance. Due to his fear and grief, disorientation and personal pain, he remained alone and did not convene with the others; however, the good news could not be kept from him. His fellow disciples had to spread the light of the good news and begged Thomas to believe and remain with them. On the eighth day, that is today, Thomas Sunday, we hear the Holy Apostle make the greatest proclamation of faith, calling Him—“my Lord and my God”—after seeing Him and believing. We also hear our Lord tell us, that “Blessed are those that believe, and do not see,” with their physical eyes. Rather we see with the eyes of our faith, and thus, we keep the light burning. . .

Let us keep the light burning by coming to Church, by continuing to grow in learning, and by stoking the fire with works of mercy. . .

Thomas Sunday

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Epistle - Acts 5: 12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were being wrought among the people. And they were all with one accord in the porch of Solomon. And of the rest not even one was daring to be joined to them, but the people were magnifying them. And more believers were being added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and of women, insomuch that they carried out the sick into the streets and laid them upon beds and pallets, in order that at least the shadow of Peter as he came might overshadow some of them. And also the multitude kept on coming together out of the cities round about to Jerusalem, bearing sick people and those who were troubled by unclean spirits—all of whom were being healed. Then the high priest rose up and all those with him (the sect which is of the Sadducees), and were full of jealousy, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in state custody. But an angel of the Lord during the night opened the doors of the prison and led them out, and said, “Go and take a stand in the temple, and be speaking to the people all the words of this life.”

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ’ ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

Gospel - St. John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Οὐσης οὖν ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ. ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πάλιν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, καὶ γὰρ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον· ἃν τινῶν ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἃν τινῶν κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται.

Θωμᾶς δὲ εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς. ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταὶ· ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτὼ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου, καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος, ἀλλὰ πιστός. καὶ ἀπεκρίθη Θωμᾶς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ὅτι ἐωράκας με, πεπίστευκας· μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστι γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

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 Antidoron (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.

Our Sunday School Classes resume today.

Please allow the Church School children and teachers to go to 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, 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, Anthony, Katie, Susan, Jason

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, CPT. Alexander Stathos, 1st LT Angela Bahlatzis