

**Come join the fun! Get your team and compete in Transfiguration's first ever Parish BIBLE BOWL!**

- 1. THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 to Register your team of 3 players!**
- 2. Read and Study the Book of Genesis** (Chapters 1-11 and 37-50)
- 3. Compete for the Trophy on October 20**  
Complete rules and details are available in the office, at [transfiguration.org](http://transfiguration.org) or from Dr. Jacob Angelo: [giddoangelo@gmail.com](mailto:giddoangelo@gmail.com)

**Philoptochos News**

Please make plans to attend our **Annual Membership Tea** to be held on **Saturday, September 21, here at Mt. Tabor Hall. See you there!**

Don't forget to purchase gift cards from us! Your purchases help us raise funds to give to MANY worthy charities! Great Lakes Scrip now carries cards for ALL Pappas Restaurants!! And they offer us a 6% rebate!  
A gift card to Pappadeaux or Pappasitos makes a wonderful "back to school" gift!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Annual Bazaar "A Taste of Greece" is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 9:00am to 10:00pm. There will be lots of Greek food and cookies, music, dancing, vendors of beautiful crafts, family activities, and church tours! Make plans to join us!



**YES, (Youth Equipped to Serve),** a ministry of FOCUS North America, is coming to your community!

**WHEN?** Friday, October 11 – Sunday October 13, 2013  
**WHAT?** A wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most needy neighbors in Austin, TX.  
**WHO?** Junior High and High School Students  
**WHERE?** TGOC  
**COST?** A registration gift of \$150. Scholarships are available!  
**HOW DO I REGISTER?** [www.yesnorthamerica.org](http://www.yesnorthamerica.org)

**Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**  
Petry, Sewell, Shannon, Shotwell, Skevofilax, Skevofilax

**Thank you last week's Luncheon Sponsors:**  
**The Spiropoulos family**

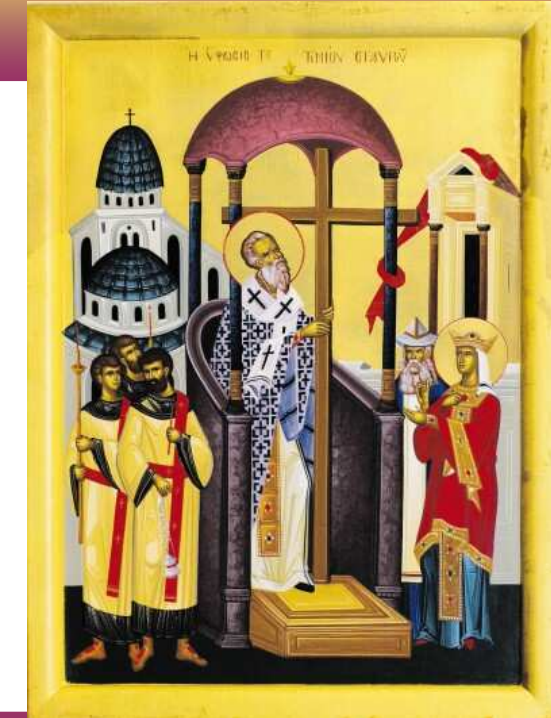
**Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:**  
*Spiropoulos, Stahlke, Stamatias, Stamatopoulos, Stathos*

**Thank you to today's ushers:**  
*Mary Georgantonis, Harry Stamatis, Mary Beth Gradziel,*

**Thank you to last week's ushers:**  
*Stephen Dow, Dr. Jerry Burks, Paul Petrogeorge, Allen Wynn*

**Next week's ushers are:**  
*Pat Mitchell, Nyda Glaros, Dan & Gigi Appling, Maria Miller*

**SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS**



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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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 (ThirdTone)**

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 ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

*Effrenestho ta urania agalliastho ta epigia oti epiise kratos en vraghoni aftu o Kirios. Epatise to thanato ton thanaton prototokos ton nekron egeneto ek kilias athu erisato imas ke pareske to kosmo to mega eleos.*

*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 δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φελάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

*Soson Kyrie, ton laon Su ke evlogison tin klironomian Su, nikas tis vasilefsi kata varvaron thorumenos, ke to Son fillaton thia tu Stavru Su politevma.*

*Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people through Your Holy Cross, Your Holy Cross.*

**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 i dynando  
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.  
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.*

**Kontakion for the Holy Cross**

*Thou Who was raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, O Christ our God,  
do Thou bestow thy compassions upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee.  
Gladden with Thy sovereign might our most Orthodox hierarchs,  
and vouchsafe them victory over every false teaching;  
and as Thy help in war may they possess the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.*

**Services for this Week**

**Great Vespers:** Saturday, September 21- 5:00pm

**MEMORY ETERNAL**

We will have a memorial service next Sunday, September 22 for John Peet.

**HOPE/JOY NEWS**

Today! Sunday, September 15  
the JOY aged children (3rd to 5th grade) will gather for a pool party after Divine Liturgy at the home of Stephen and Dianne Dow. Food will be provided. Please contact Amity Garwood for more information.

**AGAPE CHOIR**

The Agape Choir is a wonderful way for children to learn church hymns beyond the scope of Sunday School. Agape Choir participants will have certain opportunities to sing as a small ensemble or as soloists. All children are encouraged to join the Agape Choir.

Choir Practice Schedule – Save the Date!  
Sundays: September 15, 22, & 29  
9:30 a.m. in Mount Tabor Hall

**Transfiguration's Nativity Pageant**

Even though it still feels like summer, our "fall" is just around the corner, which is why we are starting to prepare for this year's Parish Nativity Pageant. This year we are trying something new for the Nativity Pageant and are looking for talent from the YOUTH (4th grade and up) and the ADULTS. Yes, even the adults! :)

We are looking for singers, actors, instrumentalists, stage hands, prop masters, etc!  
The next casting call will be Sunday, September 22 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. by appointment only.

ANYONE interested in participating in the program, should contact Lainie Horwedel directly to set up your appointment for the casting call so that we can budget time and resources appropriately.  
Lainie can be contacted via email at: [mymmommysings@gmail.com](mailto:mymmommysings@gmail.com).

**Levendia & Ellinakia Dance Troupes**

We will have practices on Sept. 22nd & Oct. 6 (location TBD) - please contact Eleni Ackerman for Levendia (middle & high school age) and Vicki Zotis (2nd-5th grade) for Ellinakia. The first performance will be the week-end of Oct. 19th!

**GOYA FALL RETREAT**

Attention all GOYAnS! The Southern Region Fall GOYA Retreat is now open!  
The fee for the weekend is \$120 and registration will close at midnight Mountain Daylight Time on November, 1, 2013.

The link for information and registration is:  
[www.youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2013-events/2013-southern-region-fall-retreat](http://www.youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2013-events/2013-southern-region-fall-retreat)



## Welcome FOCUS North America!

We are visited today by Nikos Petrogeorge from FOCUS North America.

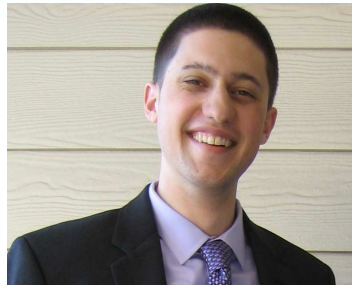
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*92% of all public donations go directly to helping people in need. FOCUS does not discriminate in any of its programs,*

*which are implemented in more than 25 cities in the United States.*

**A second tray will be passed at the end of Liturgy to help FOCUS North America.  
Please give generously!**

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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."

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιοθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἰ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὅς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὅς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὅς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς 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 ἑστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.



# ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS OF NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

September 15, 2013

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Members of Philanthropic Organizations, the Youth and Youth Workers, and the entire Orthodox Christian Family in North and Central America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America will convene for its fourth meeting on September 17 – 19, 2013. On this day, marked as “Assembly Sunday,” we ask all clergy and faithful throughout the lands of which the Assembly is composed to offer prayers for safe travel, fraternal dialogue, and furtherance of the work of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church. The Assembly represents the hopes, aspirations and vision for the future of Orthodoxy for all Orthodox Christian faithful in North and Central America.

Our Assembly of Bishops is one of twelve bishops’ assemblies that have been established in different geographical regions throughout the world. It was established in accordance with the decision of the Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, convened in Chambesy, Switzerland, in June of 2009, attended by representatives from all the universally-recognized autocephalous Orthodox churches.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we are asking the following prayer to be offered at a special litany:

*O Lord of Heaven and Earth and of all who dwell therein, we beseech you on behalf of all the Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America who are gathering this week in solemn convocation. Make their travel to and from their meeting safe and sound; direct their deliberations to the glory of Your Holy Name and the benefit of Your Holy Church; grant them a fraternal spirit founded in Your love and Your grace, that in all they do and say, they may bring all honor, praise and glory to Your Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

With paternal love in Christ,

† DEMETRIOS

Archbishop of America

Chairman Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America

## 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 Fr. Vasileios after services.

## Our Sunday School Classes are back in session!

**Please allow the Church School children (High School first) and teachers to go 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, Philip, Glenna, Euther, 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, Maria, Madeleine, 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, Koula, Boyd, Wilma, Ted, Nicolette, Danae, Alexandra, Fr. Damaskinos, Emmanuel, Thomas, Maria, Zoe, Kalliopi, Aikaterini, Garyfalia, Ioannis, Konstantinos, Nikolaos, Evangelia, Carol, Frank, Aikaterini, Eleni, Eirini, Dimitrios, Antigoni, Sharon, Georgia, Chrysoula, Michael, Dimitra, Suzanne, Fotini, Kirsten, Yvette, Kimberlin, Alvin, Eric, Alison, Emily, Olga, Angie, Anastasios, Tahseen, Athanasios, Tristen, Damon, Fran, Melanie, Theone, Betty (Mary Elizabeth), Zoe, Gabriel, Themis, Maria, Panayiota, Dmitriy, Kinley, Brandi, Cia, Jimmy, Sybella, David, Anthony, Susan, Jason, Carole, John, Stephanie, Maria, Sophie, Christa, Andrea, Greg, Patricia, Stephen, Wanda, Nick, Westin, Larry, Anna, Irma, Barbara, Anna, Dana, Colleen, Zoe, John, Kh. Anastasia-Velvet, Christine, Sam, Alex, Gabriella Marie, Lisa

## 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, MIDN 1/C Joseph Barone, Specialist Walter Hurbert (Nikolaos) Willoughby IV

In case of a medical emergency, water and glucose tablets are available in the Narthex.

Please ask an usher and they will be glad to help you with this.