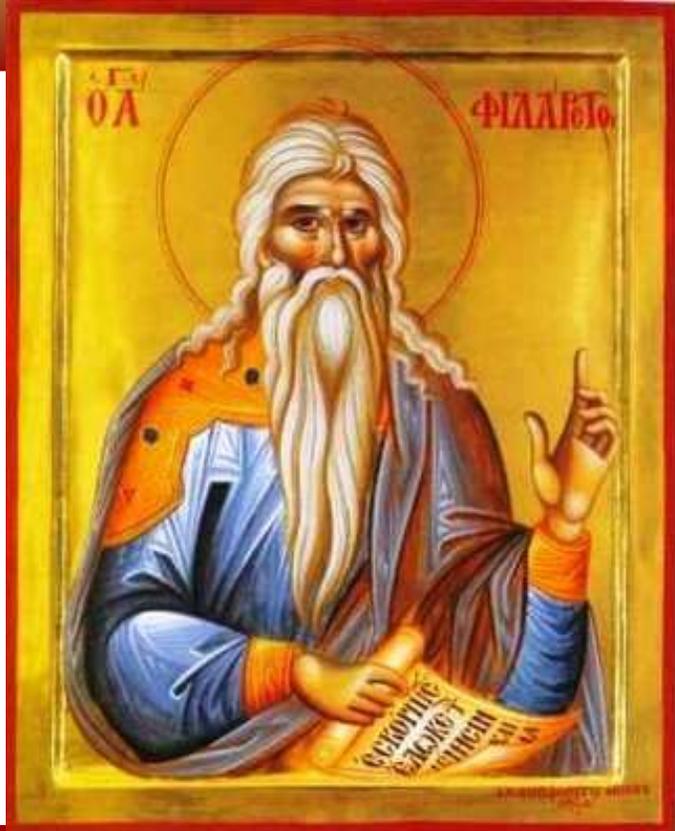


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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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Hymns for today

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Plagal Tone)

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκόλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angelike thinamis epì to mnima Su ke I filassontes apenekrothisan ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to ahranton Su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin mi pirasthis ip aftu ipintisas ti Partheno thorumenos tin zoin a Anastas ek ton nekron Kirie thoxa Si.

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead.

Lord we give glory to You.

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 ἠδύναντο, Λάμπρον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τό φῶς σου τό αἰδίων, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

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 Nativity Season

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν σπηλαίῳ ἐρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη ακουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν προ αἰώνων Θεόν.

I Parthénos símeron ton proeónion Lógon, en spiléo érhete apotkín aporrítos. Hóreve, I ikouméni, akoutisthísa; dóxason metá Angélon ke ton Piménon, voulithénta epofthine, pedíon néon, ton pro eónon Theón.

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεός, πλούσιος ὢν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἣν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ - χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι - καὶ συνήγειρεν, καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσιν τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσεται. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἔσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἐγγίζειν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεριχὼ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν· ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ Δαυῖδ, ἐλέησόν με· καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· υἱὲ Δαυῖδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν λέγων· τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

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, please see Fr. Vasileios after services.

There are no Sunday School Classes today for the Thanksgiving weekend.

They will resume next week!

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Arlena, Philip, Glenna, Euther, Nicole, Michael, 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, Presbytera Krissy, Malamo, Larry, Jane, 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, Brandi, Cia, Jimmy, Sybella, David, Anthony, Susan, Carole, John, Stephanie, Maria, Sophie, Christa, Andrea, Greg, Patricia, Stephen, Wanda, Nick, Westin, Larry, Anna, Barbara, Anna, Dana, Colleen, Zoe, John, Kh. Anastasia-Velvet, Christine, Sam, Alex, Gabriella Marie, Lisa, Patricia, Joe, Marija, Sophia, Alysun, Dave, Maria, Jerry, Layla, Deacon James, Tom, Johnathan, Xenia, Robin, Ben, Khouria Luanne, Kathy, Bill, Lisa, Katy

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, LCDR Thomas Uhl



Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church presents

The Fourth Wise Man

by Joy Chaitin, Sarah Stevens and Marilyn D. Anderson

Sunday, December 15
1:30 pm

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Welcome back, Fr. Vasileios! We are so glad to have you back!

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Feast of St. Barbara the Great Martyr- Wednesday, Dec. 4: *Orthros- 9:00am; Divine Liturgy- 10:00am*

Feast of St. Nicholas- Friday, Dec. 6: *Orthros- 9:00am; Divine Liturgy- 10:00am*

Great Vespers- Saturday, Dec. 7: *5:00pm*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

TODAY WE WILL HAVE THE 40 DAY MEMORIAL FOR EFROSINIE KAVAKOU,
BELOVED GRANDMOTHER OF: CHRISTINA (AND CHRISTAKIS) CHRISTOU
AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF CONSTANTINOS AND ANDREAS CHRISTOU

MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

HOPE/JOY Events Coming up:

December 13--Main Street Bethlehem (see info below)

December 15--Nativity Pageant: The Fourth Wiseman, 1:30 PM at Mt. Tabor Hall--come enjoy a beautiful production about Christ's birth

December 22--Christmas caroling at a retirement home

FOR ALL YOUTH: Main Street Bethlehem

On Friday, December 13, we invite all youth (GOYA and HOPE/JOY) and their families to drive out to Bethlehem, Christ's birthplace, conveniently located in Burnet, TX! The First Baptist Church in Burnet hosts a wonderful interactive experience that really helps illustrate the story of Christ's birth.

If you would like to caravan: Please meet us at Transfiguration at 3:45. We plan to leave by 4:00 so that we will pull into Burnet at 5:00pm.

If you want to meet us there: Please meet us in the back of the HEB parking lot in Burnet at 5:00
HEB address is 105 S Boundry St, Burnet, TX

Then, we will line up and wait (for an hour) until the doors open at 6:00.

This is something that lots of people will get in line for, so it is important that you come on time if you want to join our group. It might be hard to squeeze latecomers in line when there are others waiting behind us.

A few things to keep in mind: It is a free event (donations are accepted).

Bring your own snacks and drinks to consume while waiting in line.

Hot cocoa and cookies are offered at the end.

It can be difficult for younger kids to wait patiently in line. So, parents, please use your discretion when deciding if this is something your child can handle.

Parish Council Elections!

The election of our new Parish Council positions will be held on **Sunday, December 8** during the coffee hour.
Please cast your vote!

To vote in any Parish Assembly, a Parishioner in Good Standing must have met the following requirements:

- 1) A Parishioner who was a Parishioner in Good Standing of the Parish during the immediately preceding year must have submitted a pledge card for the current year, on or before the date of the election.
- 2) If a Parishioner has not turned in a stewardship pledge card for the preceding year, he or she must submit a stewardship pledge card for the current year at least thirty (30) days prior to the assembly;
- 3) A new Parishioner of the Parish may vote in the election or assembly if he or she has become a Parishioner in Good Standing for at least three (3) months prior thereto.

Parish Survey

When you vote next week, you will be handed a "Distribution of Needs Prioritization Survey".

Please prayerfully consider the various needs of our church community and fill this survey out.

GOLF (Greek Orthodox Ladies Fellowship)

GOLF will be starting up again on Tuesday, Dec. 3!

All women are encouraged to attend these lovely studies with Fr. Vasileios. Come whenever you can!
Please contact Krystal Cawood to be added to our email distribution list- townsendcrafts@gmail.com

Philoptochos News

- * We are continuing our annual Community Christmas Card project! For a suggested donation of \$25, you can have your name in the beautiful Christmas greeting that we send out to all of our members plus many others! Please speak with Effie Ambrose if you would like your name to be on the card! The deadline to get in on this is Sunday, Dec. 8.
- * Don't forget to "Donate While You Shop"! GLS is now carrying Kohl's, Michaels, and P.F. Chang's gift cards! When you purchase gift cards through our Scrip Program, you help raise funds that help us help others. We have some cards on hand, and we can get whatever cards you would like in one week! Just go to shopwithscrip.com to view all of the different vendors who participate in Scrip!

Aidan Hart Lecture at St John Forerunner

The world famous iconographer, Aidan Hart, will be giving a free talk at St. John the Forerunner on
Thursday, December 12, at 7pm.

The talk is entitled "Holy Icons in Today's World: Insights into Contemporary Issues in Modern Art, Ecology, and Community"; the lecture will be accompanied by a power point presentation; there will be a reception and light refreshments afterwards. See the attached insert.

Encore!

Please save the date of Sunday, Dec. 15 for another wonderful Encore event.

The fun will be at the home of Michalis and Mary Katherine Bakiris.

2210 London Lane, Cedar Park, 78613

We will have a delicious dinner and blessed fellowship that begins at 6:00pm. Be there!



Festival of Tables

Our Philoptochos will be having our Fabulous Festival of Tables on Saturday, December 7th!

Join us for a very lovely luncheon and great fellowship from 12 noon -2:30pm.

The tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Philoptochos table on Sundays.

The deadline to purchase your ticket is Dec. 1st!

We will have a silent auction as well.

This is open to EVERYONE, women AND men!

Please join us for this very festive luncheon!



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

Please mark your calendars for a VERY IMPORTANT DATE in December: **SUNDAY, DEC. 8!**

This day is our STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY! Please bring your new 2014 stewardship cards with you on that Sunday. They will be collected by our wonderful ushers and given to Fr. Vasileios for a special blessing.

The new (and beautiful!) stewardship tri-folds are in the mail. If you do receive one, there will be more in the December newsletter, and some will be available in the Narthex.

Luncheon Next Sunday!

The Parish Council will be sponsoring our December Luncheon on Election Sunday.

They will be working very hard to prepare a delicious meal for us!

Their tasty menu will include:

- * Tilapia
- * Bread
- * Roasted Veggies
- * Apple Pie for dessert
- * Salad
- * Fish Sticks and Potato Chips for the children
- * Seasoned Rice

Make plans to eat with us!

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

DeRossi, Dietz, Dow, Draina, Eagle

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Colovas, Crenshaw, Daskalantonakis, Davenport, Demetriadis

Next Week's Luncheon Sponsors:

The 2013 Parish Council

Thank you to today's ushers:

Brian Holland, Vaios Athanasiou, Harry Stamatis, Chrissie Spiropoulos

Thank you to last week's ushers:

Anita Jones, Maria Miller, Chrissie Spiropoulos, Vaios Athanasiou

Next week's ushers are:

Pat Mitchell, Vaios Athanasiou, Chrissie Spiropoulos, Harry Stamatis