

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 22, 2014

# 2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW THE FEAST OF ST. EUSEBIUS



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### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ORTHROS 8:15AM; DIVINE LITURGY 9:30AM

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Reverend Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Proistamenos

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**Resurrection Hymn ( First Tone)**

*Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης  
τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα  
τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.*

*Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipoton Iutheon ke stratioton filasson ton to ahranton Su soma anestis triimeros Sotir  
thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin thia tuto e thinamis ton uranon evoon Si zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi Su Christe.*

*Thoxa ti vasilia Su. Thoxa ti ikonomia Su mo ne filanthrope.*

*The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews  
and the soldiers guarding did watch oe'r Your pure and sacred body  
O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life  
where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life  
Glory unto our resurrected Christ, Glory unto Your Kingdom,  
Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all*

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

*Μετεμορθώθης εν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ο Θεός,  
δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο,  
Λάμπρον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς αμαρτωλοῖς, τό φῶς σου τό αἶδιον,  
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**

*Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων  
φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν,  
καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.*

*A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not,  
the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good;  
Your loving help bring unto us, Who are crying in faith to you:  
Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, As a protection for all time,  
Theotokos, for those who honor you.*

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιοθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσὶν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

### *The Feast of St. John the Forerunner*

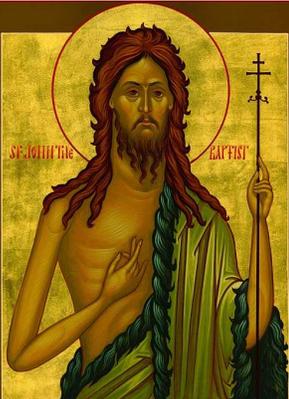
**The Feast of St. John the Forerunner is celebrated on June 24th.**

This year we will help celebrate this feast with the community of St. John in Cedar Park.

Great Vespers will be on **Monday, June 23 at 7:00pm.**

There will be light refreshments after the service.

On **Tuesday, June 24**, Festal Orthros at 7:00am;  
and the Divine Liturgy at 9:00am



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At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμονα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.



### *The Feast of St. Elias*

The Feast of the Prophet Elias is celebrated on July 20. The Community of St. Elias has invited us to celebrate with them on **Saturday evening, July 19** for Great Vespers with Artoklasia at 6:00 PM (5:45 PM 9th Hour); followed by a celebratory reception.



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## *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.*

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**Sunday Classes are on summer break. Have a blessed Summer!**

## *PRAYERS FOR HEALTH*

Arlena, Philip, Glenna, Euther, Nicole, Michael, John, Lili, Archie, Paul, Michael, Petra, Luke, Chris, Matthew, Elizabeth, Venton, John, Ricky, Wayne, Sarah, Christopher, John, Konstandinos, Jan, Marie, MaryAnn, Cliff, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Kathryn, Greg, Christopher, Steve, Nakis, Martha, George, Richard Simeon, Nicole, Mark, Maria, Nassos, Maria, Amy, Christina, Ana, Dolly, Irene, Fr. Ambrose, Bill, Linda, Mindy, Jenny, Maria, Zoe, Rosemary, Fr. Andreas, Emmanuel, Alkmene, Maree, Constanze, Jennifer, Timothy, Andrea, Janis Mae, Andreas, Luke, Zlata, Andrea, Albert, Dorothy, Presbytera Krissy, Larry, Jane, Boyd, Wilma, Ted, Nicolette, Alexandra, Carol, Frank, Fr. Damaskinos, Emmanuel, Thomas, Kalliopi, Aikaterini, Garyfalia, Ioannis, Nikolaos, Evangelia, Fotini, Eric, Aikaterini, Eirini, Dimitrios, Antigoni, Sharon, Georgia, Angie, Olga, Michael, Dimitra, Suzanne, Kirsten, Kimberlin, Alvin, Alison, Emily, Athanasios, Tristen, Damon, Fran, Melanie, Theone, Zoe, Gabriel, Maria, Dmitriy, Betty (Mary Elizabeth), Panayiota, Cia, David, Anthony, Susan, Carole, John, Stephanie, Maria, Sophie, Christa, Andrea, Greg, Stephen, Nick, Westin, Larry, Anna, Dana, Colleen, Zoe, John, Dave, Sam, Christine, Alysun, Joe, Kh. Anastasia-Velvet, Alex, Gabriella Marie, Lisa, Marija, Maria, Jerry, Layla, Irene, Johnathan, Xenia, Ben, Deacon James, Robin, Kathy, Bill, Katy, Katherine, Heidi, Philio, Robert, John, Dan, Jerry, Kimberly, David, Virginia, Anastasia-Stase, Evyenia, Molly, Andrew, infant Alex, Dionne and her unborn child, Billy, Presbytera Flora, Gabriel, Melanie, Cynthia, infant Abigail Grace, Nicholas the priest, Maria Teresa, Molly, Richard, Christine, Pavlos, JoGeo, Dino(Constantine), Cristie, Virginia, Mary, Tommy, Samantha, Eleni, Catherine and her unborn child, Guadalupe, Marta, Raphael, Salin, George-Panagiotis, Tina, Marian, Patricia, Emily

## *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*

## HIEROMARTYR EUSEBIUS THE BISHOP OF SAMOSATA COMMEMORATED ON JUNE 22



The Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata, stood firmly for the Orthodox Confession of Faith proclaimed at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in the year 325. For this he underwent persecution by the Arians, being repeatedly deprived of his see and banished. The emperor Constantius (337-361), patron of the Arians, learned that St Eusebius kept a conciliar decree regarding the election of the Orthodox Archbishop Meletius to the See of Antioch. He commanded him to give up the decree. The saint boldly refused to do as ordered. The enraged emperor sent a message that if he did not give up the decree, then his right hand would be cut off. St Eusebius stretched out both hands to the emissary saying, "Cut them off, but I will not give up the Decree of the Council, which denounces the wickedness and iniquity of the Arians." The emperor Constantius marveled at the audacity of the bishop, but did not harm him.

During the reign of Justin the Apostate (361-363), even more difficult times ensued, and an open persecution against Christians began. St Eusebius, having concealed his identity, went about in the garb of a soldier across the whole of Syria, Phoenicia and Palestine, urging Christians to the Orthodox Faith. He established priests and deacons in desolated churches, and he consecrated bishops who renounced the Arian heresy. After Julian the Apostate's death, he was succeeded by the pious emperor Jovian (363-364), during whose reign the persecutions stopped. Returning from exile, St Meletius (February 12) convened a local Council at Antioch in the year 379 on the advice of St Eusebius. Twenty-seven bishops participated, and it reaffirmed the Orthodox teaching of the First Ecumenical Council. The Arians signed the conciliar

definition, fearing the steadfast defenders of Orthodoxy, the holy hierarchs Meletius, Eusebius and Pelagios, who had great influence with the emperor. After the death of Jovian the Arian Valentius (364-378) came to power.

The Orthodox were again subjected to persecution. St Meletius was banished to Armenia, St Pelagius to Arabia, and St Eusebius was condemned to exile in Thrace. Having received the imperial decree, St Eusebius left Samosata by night so as to prevent tumult among the people that esteemed him. Having learned of the bishop's departure, believers followed after him and with tears entreated him to return. The saint refused the entreaty of those who had come, saying that he had to obey the authorities. The saint urged his flock to hold firm to Orthodoxy, blessed them and set off to the place of exile. The Arian Eunomios became Bishop of Samosata, but the people did not accept the heretic. The Orthodox would not go to the church and avoided meeting with him. The heretical Arian perceived that it was impossible to attract the independent flock to him.

The emperor Gracian (375-383) came upon the throne, and all the Orthodox hierarchs banished under the Arians were brought back from exile. St Eusebius also returned to Samosata and continued with the task of building up the Church. Together with St Meletius he supplied Orthodox hierarchs and clergy to Arian places. In the year 380 he arrived in the Arian city of Dolikhina to establish the Orthodox bishop Marinus there. An Arian woman threw a roof tile at the holy bishop's head. As he lay dying, he asked her for wine and requested those around not to do her any harm. The body of St Eusebius was taken to Samosata and was buried by his flock. The saint's nephew, Antiochus, succeeded him and the Samosata Church continued to confess the Orthodox Faith, firmly spread through the efforts of the holy Hieromartyr Eusebius.

*Services for this Week*

*Great Vespers - Saturday, June 28, 2014 - 4:00 pm*

**Monthly Luncheon Today!**

Please join us after the Liturgy today for a wonderful lunch prepared by our Men's Fellowship! Your participation in and contributions for these luncheons help with all of the improvement projects for our church!

Thank you to Allen Wynn for spearheading this luncheon and to all the men who helped with the preparations and clean-up!

*The delicious menu includes:*

- \* Baked Tilapia
- \* Roasted Potatoes and Carrots
- \* Salad
- \* Bread
- \* Lenten Cakes for Dessert
- \* For the kids: Fish sticks and French Fries

**OUR PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS TODAY**

Plan to stay for lunch and the meeting to find out what our Parish Council has been doing for us and what projects they are working on. The agenda for the meeting is on the next page.

**The VCC crew needs woodworking help!**

This year the kids will be painting talantons during Vacation Church Camp! Some volunteers are needed to help prepare the wood for this project. The wood has already been cut; but we now need people to sand and prime them! Please let Allen know if you can help.

The woodwork needs to be completed by mid July. [awynn3816@gmail.com](mailto:awynn3816@gmail.com)

**IOCC Event on Friday, July 11th!**

Mark your Calendars! The Austin IOCC committee is planning an Arabian Night for Friday July 11th, 7-10pm at St. Elias. In a traditional Arabian staging, listen to mellow music and Mediterranean tunes, sip some wine or Moroccan tea, savor appetizers, and enjoy a hookah! Dance if your feet are itching for some Mediterranean dance! Ticket cost for all the above is \$30.

Net proceeds go directly to IOCC's humanitarian aid programs. Questions/tickets [AustinMet@ioccc.org](mailto:AustinMet@ioccc.org)

**Attention All Young Adults -**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2014 Orthodox Young Professionals Conference -**

**October 24-26, 2014**

**To be held at the Town Lake Holiday Inn**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS continued: Sunday, June 22, 2014**

Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
 General Assembly Meeting  
**June 22, 2014**

Establishment of Quorum	Tom Gouris
Call to Order	Tom Gouris
Opening Prayer	Fr. Vasileios
Election of Assembly Chairperson	
Appointment of Assembly Secretary	Assembly Chair
Approval of Meeting Agenda	Assembly Chair
Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2013 General Assembly Meeting	Assembly Chair
Proistamenos' Report	Fr. Vasileios
President's Report	Tom Gouris
Treasurer's Report	Mary Georgantonis
Stewardship Report	Tricia Koriath
Maintenance Report	Stuart Yoder
Future Development Report and Next Steps	FDC
New Business	
Nomination and Election of Nomination Committee	Assembly Chair
Proposal for Recycling	Tom Gouris
Any Other New Business	
Old Business	Assembly Chair
Adjournment	Assembly Chair
Closing Prayer	Fr. Vasileios

***Thank you to today's Luncheon Sponsors:***

***The Men's Study Group***

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

***Zachos, Zotis, Ambrose, Angelo,  
 Antoniadis, Bakiris***

***Next week's Coffee Hour Sponsors:***

***Benson, Bjeletich, Bourgeois, Bryant,  
 Burke, Burns***

***Thank you to today's ushers:***

***David Maziasz (PCM),  
 Gigi Appling, Mary Beth Gradziel***

***Thank you to last week's ushers:***

***Tricia Koriath (PCM),  
 James & Karen Landon,  
 Paul Petrogeorge***

***Next week's ushers are:***

***Mike Strong (PCM),  
 Gregory Chronis, David Horwedel,  
 Chrissie Spiropoulos***