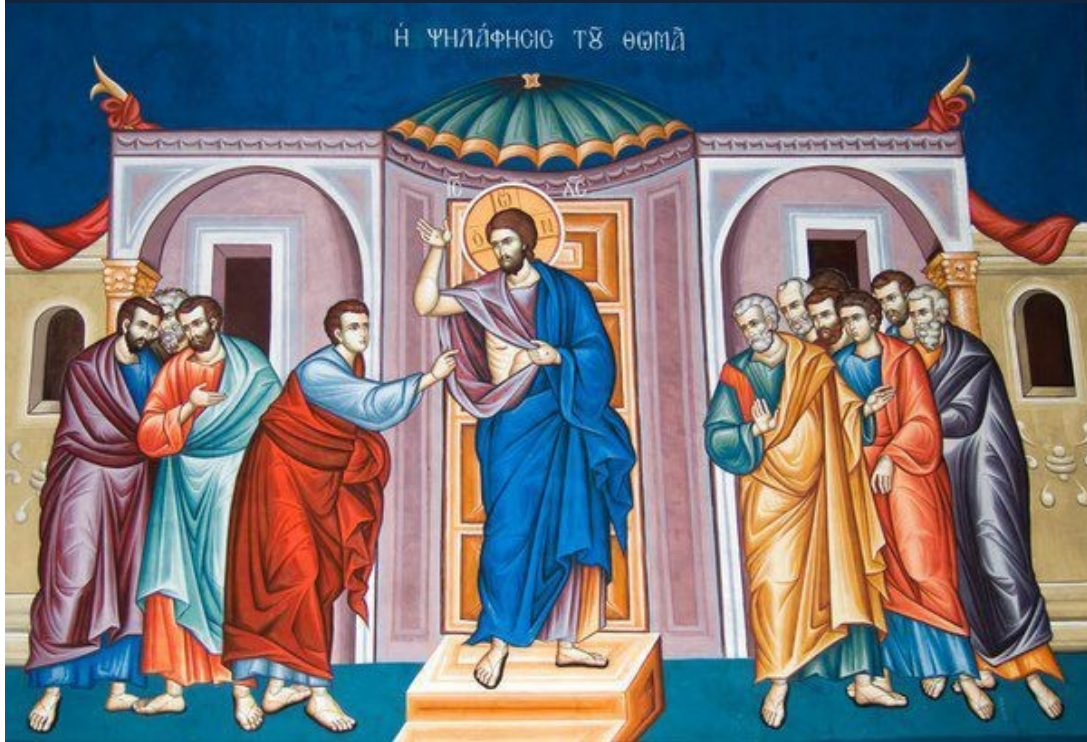


THOMAS SUNDAY

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**THESE HYMNS ARE SUNG BY THE COMMUNITY WITH THE CHANTERS
DURING AND AFTER THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

Hymn after Doxology

*Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς
Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.*

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

Hymn of the Feast

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christós anésti ek nekron, thanáto thánaton patísas, ke tis en tis mnímasi zoin harisámenos.

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

Small Entrance Hymn

*Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν,
ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλοῦῖα.*

*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

*Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ
Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγζάμενος, Χαίrete, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι
παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.*

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

Megalynarion Hymn

*Σὲ τὴν φαεινὴν λαμπάδα, καὶ Μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ, τὴν ἀρίζηλον δόξαν, καὶ ἀνωτέραν πάντων τῶν ποιημάτων, ἐν
ᾧμοις μεγαλύνομεν.*

*Mother of our God we praise you, as the brightly shining lamp, the illustrious glory of all creation, of which
you are the highest. With sacred hymns we magnify you.*

Special Communion Hymn

Ἐπαίνει, Ἱερουσαλήμ, τὸν Κύριον, αἶνει τὸν Θεόν σου, Σιών. Ἀλληλοῦῖα.

Praise the Lord oh Jerusalem: praise thy God oh Zion

These HYMNS are sung by the community with the chanters during and after the small entrance during and after the small entrance

Music assists the development of the perception of spiritual life. The soul becomes refined. It begins to understand spiritual music as well. -St. Barsanuphius of Optina

THOMAS SUNDAY

Apolytikion

Grave Mode

Intonation: #21

Allegro ♩=150

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος



Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the



grave, O Christ— God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst



come un - to— Thy dis - ci - ples, O Res - ur - rec - tion of



all, re - new - ing through them an up - right Spir - it in

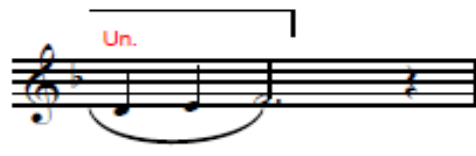


us ac - cord - ing to Thy great mer - cy.

Final Ending



ac - cord - ing to Thy great mer - cy.



THE HOLY AND GREAT SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Hypakoë

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

Allegro ♩.150

Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον

Un.
When they who were with Mar - y came, an - tic - i - pat - ing the
dawn, and found the stone rolled a - way from the sep - ul - chre,
they heard from the An - gel: Why seek ye a - mong the
dead. as though He were mor - tal man. Him Who a -
bid - eth in ev - er - last - ing light? Be - hold the grave-clothes. Go
quick - ly and pro-claim to the world that the Lord is ris - en, and
hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who
sav - eth the race of man.

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Psalm 146.5;134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3

Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 5:12-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, 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 περὶ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὄχλουμένους 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 ἠνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

Gospel According to 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.

Oύσης ὀψίας τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκεῖνη τῆς μιᾶς 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 ἐγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινων ἀφῆτε τὰς ἀμαρτίας, ἀφιένται αὐτοῖς, ἄν τινων κρατῆτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δέ, εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταί· Ἐώρακαμεν 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. Ἐρχεται 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 ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἐώρακάς με πεπίστευκας, μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες, καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

“HE IS ALWAYS WRESTLING IN PRAYER FOR YOU...” (COLOSSIANS 4:12)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Chaplain Ahmad Athanasios Williams , SSGT Jennifer D. Atkinson, COL Dave Romine, CPT James Alfaro, MAJ Timothy Ullman, Col. Chris Chase, SPC Mindy Keys, SPC Andrew Bentzel, MAJ Scot Thornhill, CPT Christopher Gilbert, Major Alexander Stathos, 1st LT Angela Bahlatzis, MIDN 1/C Joseph Barone, LCDR Thomas Uhl, Lt. Lance Shannon, CPT Raphael Regalado, SSG George Graman , SSG Rebeca Najib, TSGT Trevor Soto

“THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE” (JAMES 5:16)

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Prsb. Aspazia, Prsb. Vasiliki, Sophia, Michael, Ioanna, John Garwood, Luke Garwood, Andrew Garwood, Kara Hardy, William, George, Panagiota, Demetra Anna Georgantonis-Keah, Gayla Easley, Jacob, Patricia, Jack, Michelle, Marc, Evan Wilson, Hank Wilson, Vasiliki, Sophia, Rob, Beth, Anirban, Stephen, Jill Gentry, Alexander, Jacob, Carl (Gregory) Forsberg, Becca, Chris, Glory, Bryce, Savanna, Addison, Dina, Manny, Oakley Grace, Giuseppe, Romano, Costa, Joyce

PRAYER FOR CATECHUMEN

O Lord our God, who dwellest on high and regardest the humble, who has sent forth as the salvation of the race of men Thine only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ: Look down upon Thy servants the Catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee; make them worthy in due season of the laver of regeneration, the forgiveness of sins and the robe of incorruption. Unite them to Thy holy, catholic and apostolic Church, and number them with Thine elect flock: That with us they may glorify Thine all-honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Rachael Adamson, Winston Cooke, Kelby, Jamison, Geoffrey, May Marshall, Colleen Bayer, Hugo Teran, Astraya, Tasha Adams, Heather Marshall, Jacob Spevak, Richard Runde

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS!

Fr. Vasileios will be honoring High School and College/University graduates on **Sunday, May 19th**, so please email the office at office@transfiguration.org with the following information no later than **May 7th**:

- ◆ *The correct spelling of your name, as you'd like it to appear in the bulletin*
- ◆ *The school you will attend next Fall*
- ◆ *The high school (or college) from which you are graduating*
- ◆ *A digital copy of your senior portrait or another nice photo*
- ◆ *A note about hobbies or activities in high school (i.e. band, theater, soccer, etc.)*
- ◆ *A note about future plans, if known*



Please make sure you attend church on that Sunday



Memorial Day Weekend

———— Friday, Saturday, & Sunday ————

www.AustinGreekFestival.com

Come to the land of plenty, amazing Greece, without leaving the beautiful views of Austin, Texas. This three-day event will feature delectable, authentic Greek cuisine, dance, and fun, all served with renowned Greek hospitality. Mark your calendars and come be our guests.

We're waiting for you to start ***Living' the Greek Life!***

- Delicious Greek Food
- Live Greek Band from Greece
- Tours of our Beautiful Church
- Greek Dance Performances
- Shopping for Greek Souvenirs
- Kid-Friendly Activities

414 St. Stephen's School Road, Austin, TX 78746
Admission \$5 - Children 10 and under are Free
Free Admission to Military and First Responders with ID
Free Parking

5TH ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL



Memorial Day Weekend 2024



2024 Festival Donations

Stewards and Friends of Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church:

We are sixteen days away from our Fifth Annual Greek Festival!

The success of our festival depends greatly on supporters like you. In hopes of defraying some of the costs associated with the festival, we are asking for you to either sponsor an ad in our Festival Program Book or to give a donation.

Over and above inflation affecting our expenses, there are a number of items we will need to purchase this year in order to accommodate the growth we're expecting:

- Purchase of Tents
- Increase of Food items
- Additional Police Officers
- Purchase of Picnic Tables
- Forklift Rental
- Increase the number of Rental Vans/Shuttle

to name a few. Any help to defray these costs is appreciated.

Payments are accepted via Church Realm Website or checks payable to Transfiguration Austin Greek Festival. Please note, in the memo line, "***Festival Program Book***" if you would like to sponsor an ad, or "***Festival Donation***" if you'd like to give a donation

For further details or for a sponsorship form please email Anthony Rosario at :

Sponsors@AustinGreekFestival.com

See you at the festival! Efaristo ! (Thank you!)

www.AustinGreekFestival.org

Scan QR code to
volunteer for the
Festival!!!



happy

Mother's Day

RAFFLE
to benefit our Youth
Ministries

1 Ticket \$5
5 Tickets \$20
10 Tickets \$30

Purchase your tickets with the Zeffy QR



or at the Philoptochos Table on Sunday May 12



**Mother's Day Raffle Sale
to benefit
Transfiguration Youth Ministries.**

MAY 12, 2024
raffle sale ends at 12pm

We offer fantastic baskets!

If you can't make it to church on Sunday, May 12, simply scan the Zeffy QR code, select the number of tickets you want to buy, and complete the payment.

Your tickets will be entered into the draw, and we will inform you of any prizes won.

1. The Panagia Ierosolymitissa icon is a copy of an old Byzantine icon and it is coated with pure silver. This icon is considered by Orthodox Christians to be the patroness of Jerusalem.



2. A gorgeous bouquet of flowers in a mirrored square vase accompanied by a unique Mother's Day card.



3. An animal print Tory Burch wallet!!



4. A beautifully crafted necklace and bracelet set that would make a great Mother's Day gift!!



5. A certificate for a complimentary 1hr massage accompanied by an assortment of soaps. What a great gift!



6. This icon from the nuns of St. Paraskevi Monastery shows Christ as a child, sitting on Virgin Mary's lap, with her mother St. Anna behind her and Mary, St. Anna's mother.



What is Orthodox Christian Stewardship?

“It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, infinite though He be, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.” -Fr. Anthony Coniaris Orthodox Christian stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs.

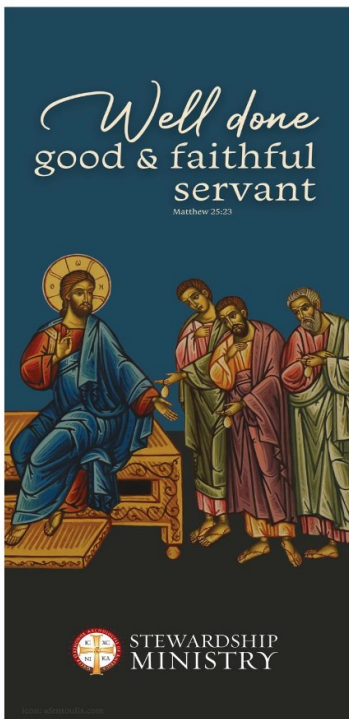
As stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

An Orthodox Christian steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing stewards. Each year the steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises and institutions.

Archdiocesan Department of Stewardship

If you need help or have any questions, please contact Anthony Rosario at stewardship@transfiguration.org and we will be happy to help you. You can also call the church office at 512-329-6363 for information.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7



COMMITMENT CARD
2024



The Prayer Shawl Ministry team at Transfiguration would like to invite anyone who **knits or crochets (or both)** to be part of this new ministry. Prayers Shawls console in times of illness, grief, and stress. They comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those who are in despair. They remind us that God's love is with us always and that each of us also remains in the hearts and prayers of others. The shawls are crafted with the love and prayers of the individual who knitted or crocheted it.

If you are interested in joining this new ministry, please contact Sue Holland or Julie Wynn so we can provide you with the patterns.

AND

We aren't just looking for people who crochet or knit! If you feel called to support this ministry in other ways, please let us know. You can contact Julie Wynn at txwynn@gmail.com or Sue Holland at susanstevens.holland@outlook.com

METROPOLIS OF DENVER

CAMP & RETREATS 2024

JUNE 23-29

CAMP EMMANUEL

LARKSPUR, CO

Early Bird Registration - \$550 First 50 spots
or through April 14 **SOLD OUT** whichever occurs first

Regular Registration - \$575 Next 50 spots
or through May 14 -- whichever occurs first

Late Registration - \$650

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.YOUTH.DENVER.GOARCH.ORG/CAMP-EMMANUEL

Women's Prayer Ministry

offers a

Celebration of Praise



The Akathist of Thanksgiving

May 15 - June 7; Pentecost

Feel the joy and God's goodness!

Praise God with specifics.

Celebrate the Resurrection!

If you are interested in praying with us, please contact Sheri Shannep (sshannep@gmail.com) by May 12.



NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
San Diego, California | July 3-7, 2024
UNIFY

CONV SESSIONS

- LIVING IN THE MOMENT: HOW WE CAN BE IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST EVERYDAY
- DATING FOR THE KINGDOM (PANEL DISCUSSION)
- HOW CHRIST HEALS AND CALLS US BACK AFTER FALLING AWAY
- THE POWER OF OBEDIENCE
- WINDOWS TO PARADISE: LIVING A LIFE WITH THE SAINTS
- FASTING: WORTHLESS OR LIFE CHANGING?

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Mark your calendars for camp:

June 3, 4, 5, and 6

Monastery trip to St. Paraskevi: Friday, June 7

Theme: Life of the Theotokos.



Scan here to register your child



Scan here to volunteer

New Communication



April 2, 2024

Subject: **New Mount Tabor Community Center**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It's been so very exciting to see the continued construction progress of our new community center. Thank God for all of you who have so generously shared your Time, Talent, and Treasure to make our "Dream a Reality"!

Now we need to respond with the same level of commitment to Phase 2 of the project.

Phase 2 includes upgrading the detention pond, repurposing the current septic system for the sanctuary, and razing Mt. Tabor Hall to put in place a new parking lot. The new parking lot is critical for future Greek Festivals and parishioner parking since military base access each Sunday is not guaranteed. As a community, we have dedicated so many man-hours and resources towards making the festival a sensational event. We must secure its success for 2025 and beyond.

Currently, we are short of our Phase 2 goal of 193 participants (~80% of parishioners) and \$245,000.

You may recall from my last communication mentioning that one of our faithful families used money from their own retirement fund to donate, another family is foregoing a vacation in 2024, a young parishioner donated \$30,000 to this initiative, and there are many others making a sacrifice. I am humbled and amazed by this level of giving for God's Church! I also realize so many people have given so much of their time, talent, and treasure already to our expansion project.

We now need to stretch a little more to complete what we've so lovingly and diligently started.

We currently have 94 parishioner families who have committed \$155,252, which is generous but short of our goal. Please look at the table below and determine the amount that you can commit to today! If you can contribute to our Phase 2 initiative, we ask that you submit the pledge form ASAP and fulfill your commitment by June 1. As you can see, this initiative is very attainable if we are able to get 80% of parishioners to participate, and you can use the information below as a guide to determine your pledge amount. Make it a part of your Lenten journey to Pascha this year. Your commitment helps build the future of our Church.

# Of Contributors Needed	Contribution Amount	Total from All Contributors
3	\$13,000	\$39,000
6	\$6,500	\$39,000
12	\$3,250	\$39,000
24	\$1,625	\$39,000
48	\$813	\$39,000
100	\$500	\$50,000
193		\$245,000

While living in Houston before moving to Austin over 27 years ago, I remember Fr. Lou Christopoulos, the Proestamenos of Annunciation Cathedral (currently Chancellor of our Denver Diocese) gave a sermon during our expansion project. I remember he stressed that no matter what the challenge, we *must* complete what we were doing for the glory and honor of God. Now, his words come back to me since we are SO VERY close to finishing this project. I implore you that we come together as a Church family and give generously to see this Phase 2 through to completion. As always, I thank you so very much for all that you have done and continue to do for our beloved Church. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, and please give to this project as you always have, with a generous and cheerful heart. Have a blessed Great Lent.

In Christ's Love,

George Gianakopoulos, Parish Council President, 512-914-2636

cc: Building Fund Committee (Fr. Vasileios Flegas, Bill Robertson, Elton Stewart, John Stefanos)

TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mount Tabor Community Center (MTCC)

Phase 2 Donation

Building Faith, Family and A Future

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/We offer the following financial commitment.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Total Donation. Payment completion by June 1, 2024, is appreciated. \$ _____

Total paid to date \$: _____

Total balance: \$: _____

Please make checks to: Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church: Building Expansion

Donation contributions can be made through EGiving, using

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Please contact us if you will consider fulfilling a portion of your contribution gift through a transfer of stocks, bonds, or retirement assets.

Donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Dream big. Work hard. With God's blessing, anything is possible.

REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT TO REPURPOSE MT. TABOR HALL FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING

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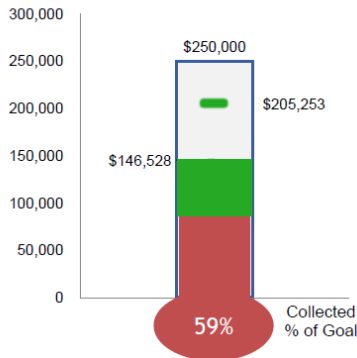
**Building Faith, Family,
and a Future**
New Mount Tabor Hall

Requesting your support to repurpose Mount Tabor Hall for additional parking

May 12, 2024	
TGOC Building Expansion Phase II Pledge Goal	\$250,000
Total Committed	\$205,253
Total Pledges Collected	\$146,528
Collected % of Goal	59%
Pledge Participant Goal	193
Pledge Participant as of today	108
Support our Building Expansion Phase II	

TGOC BUILDING EXPANSION PHASE II

■ TGOC Building Expansion Phase II Pledge Goal
■ Total Pledges Collected



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 193 PLEDGE PARTICIPANTS



Thank you to our Building Expansion Phase II Pledgers

Fr. Vasileios & Prsb. Stella Flegas
Fr. George & Prsb. Ria Bithos
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Dn. Sal & Dnss. Angela Fazio
Dn. Haralambos & Dnss. Michelle Ryburn

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Davchev, Ivan
Demirdal, Tsambika Bakiris
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Garwood, Jason & Amity
Gatlin, Jack & Pat
Gavriel, Cyrus & Maria
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Georgantonis, Mary
George, Anthony & Effie
George, Dr. Thomas
Ghebremicael, Abraham
Giakoumakis, Evangelos
Gianakopoulos, George & Crissi

Giannopoulos, Demetris
Giannukos, George
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Gradziel, MaryBeth
Hahalos, Roula
Haldes, Tula
Hareng, Michael & Rachelle
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Cocavesis, Nicolas
Colovas, Bill & Betty
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Cosara, Andrei & Ioana

Happy Mother's Day



She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:26



Lets celebrate all mothers this
Sunday, May 12, with a
Mother's Day Brunch

sponsored by our
Men's Fellowship Group

Breakfast Casserole
salad,
fruit,
cinnamon rolls,
coffee, juice and mimosas



**Thank you to today's AGAPE
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TRANSFIGURATION

**Thank you to our Monthly
Luncheon Sponsors:**

MEN'S GROUP

**Thank you to our Coffee Hour
Sponsors:**

Alfaro (Captain), Adams, Price,
Ambrose, Angle

Thank you to last week's ushers:

ALL PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to today's ushers:

Christaki Christou (PCM)
Jackie Edwardson, Mike Kinslow,
Angeliki Cavazos

Next week's ushers are:

George Gianakopoulos (PCM)
Mark & Gail Saenz, Michael Dindio
Jack Gatlin