

# *ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*



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## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

*Apolytikon*

**Σώσον Κύριε τόν λαόν σου καί** εulόγησον τήν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοίς Βασιλεύσι κατά βαρβάρων  
δωρούμενος καί τό σόν φυλάττων διά τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

**Save O Lord, 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 .**

*Entrance Hymn*

**Ὑψοῦτε Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν καὶ προσκυνεῖτε τῷ ὑποποδίῳ τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἅγιός ἐστι. Σῶσον  
ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ σαρκὶ σταυρωθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα**

**Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet. For He is holy. Save us, O Son of God,  
who were crucified in the flesh, we sing to You alleluia.**

*Kontakion*

**Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι,  
Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ  
τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.**

**Thou who was raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, O Christ our God do Thou bestow Thy com-  
passions 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.**

*Ton Stavron Su*

**Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.**

**Your Cross do we venerate O Lord, and do we glorify, Your Holy Resurrection.**

*Megalynarion*

**Μυστικὸς εἶ Θεοτόκε Παράδεισος, ἀγεωργήτως βλαστήσασα Χριστόν, ὑφ' οὗ τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ,  
ζωηφόρον ἐν γῇ, πεφυτούργηται δένδρον· δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦντες αὐτόν, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.**

**Theotokos you are mystical paradise, for without husbandry you have blossomed Christ, by whom on  
earth the Cross, as a life-bearing tree, has been planted and watered. As it is now exalted, we adore Him  
and worship Him and magnify you.**

*Communion Hymn*

**Ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς τὸ φῶς τοῦ προσώπου σου, Κύριε. Ἀλληλούϊα**

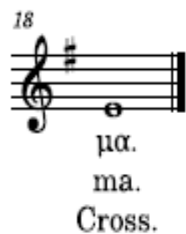
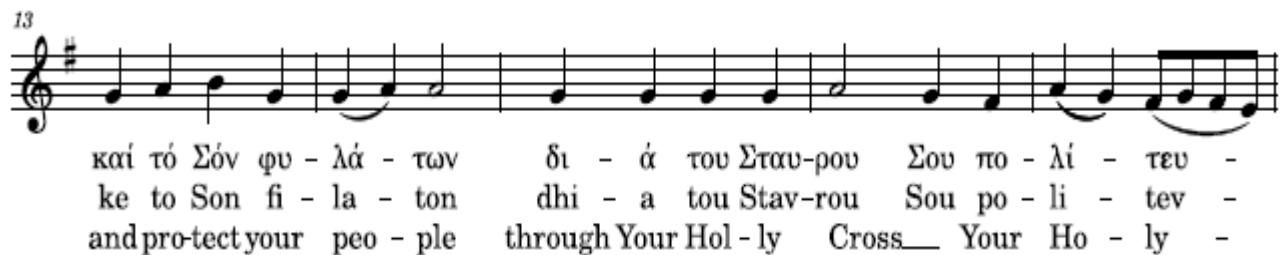
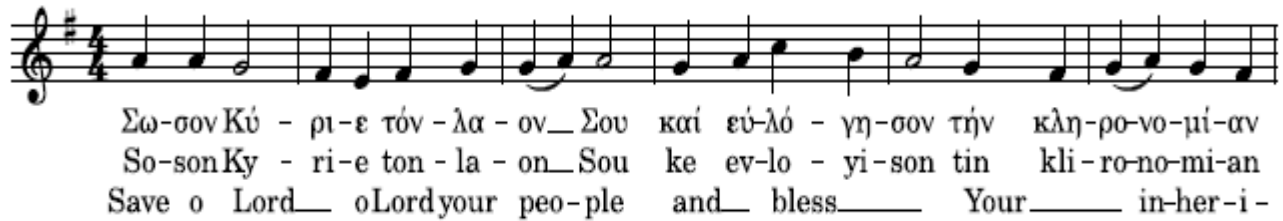
**The light of Thy countenance Oh Lord, has been signed upon us. Alleluia.**

**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*

## The Elevation of the Holy Cross

Σώσον κύριε τόν λαόν σου



# Kontakion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode (Soft Chromatic)

Allegro ♩=150

Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine  
own will, O Christ our God, do Thou be - stow  
Thy com - pas - sions up - on this, Thy new com - mon - wealth named  
af - ter Thee. Glad - den with Thy sov - 'reign might our most  
Or - tho - dox hier - archs, and vouch - safe them vic - to -  
ry o - ver eve - ry false teach - ing; and  
as Thy help in war, may they pos - sess the weap - on of peace,

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September 14 - The Exaltation of the Cross

the tro - phy in - vin - ci - ble.

# St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode**  
**Psalm 98.9,1**

**Exalt the Lord our God.**

**Verse: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the  
Corinthians 1:18-24

**B**rethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς**  
**ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 98.9,1**

**Ὑψοῦτε Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν.**

**Στίχ. Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, ὀργιζέσθωσαν λαοί.**

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 1:18-24 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

**Ἀ**δελφοί, ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστίν, τοῖς δὲ σωζόμενοις ἡμῖν δύναμις θεοῦ ἐστίν. Γέγραπται γάρ, Ἀπολῶ τὴν σοφίαν τῶν σοφῶν, καὶ τὴν σύνεσιν τῶν συνετῶν ἀθετήσω. Ποῦ σοφός; Ποῦ γραμματεὺς; Ποῦ συζητητὴς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου; Οὐχὶ ἐμῶρανεν ὁ θεὸς τὴν σοφίαν τοῦ κόσμου τούτου; Ἐπειδὴ γὰρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν θεόν, εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος σῶσαι τοὺς πιστεύοντας. Ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι σημεῖον αἰτοῦσιν, καὶ Ἕλληνες σοφίαν ζητοῦσιν· ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον, Ἰουδαίοις μὲν σκάνδαλον, Ἕλλησιν δὲ μωρίαν· αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς, Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησιν, Χριστὸν θεοῦ δύναμιν καὶ θεοῦ σοφίαν.



# The Gospel According to John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

**A**t that time, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, συμβούιον ἐποίησαν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ ὑπηρέται, ἐκραύγασαν λέγοντες· σταύρωσον σταύρωσον αὐτόν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· λάβετε αὐτὸν ὑμεῖς καὶ σταυρώσατε· ἐγὼ γὰρ οὐχ εὐρίσκω ἐν αὐτῷ αἰτίαν. ἀπεκρίθησαν αὐτῷ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι· ἡμεῖς νόμον ἔχομεν, καὶ κατὰ τὸν νόμον ἡμῶν ὀφείλει ἀποθανεῖν, ὅτι ἑαυτὸν Θεοῦ υἱὸν ἐποίησεν.

Ὅτε οὖν ἤκουσεν ὁ Πιλάτος τοῦτον τὸν λόγον, μᾶλλον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸ πραιτώριον πάλιν καὶ λέγει τῷ Ἰησοῦ· πόθεν εἶ σύ; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀπόκρισιν οὐκ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ. λέγει οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλάτος· ἐμοὶ οὐ λαλεῖς; οὐκ οἶδας ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχω σταυρῶσαί σε καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχω ἀπολῦσαί σε; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς· οὐκ εἶχες ἐξουσίαν οὐδεμίαν κατ' ἐμοῦ, εἰ μὴ ἦν σοι δεδομένον ἄνωθεν· διὰ τοῦτο ὁ παραδιδούς μέ σοι μείζονα ἁμαρτίαν ἔχει. ὁ οὖν Πιλάτος ἀκούσας τοῦτον τὸν λόγον ἤγαγεν ἔξω τὸν Ἰησοῦν, καὶ ἐκάθισεν ἐπὶ τοῦ βήματος εἰς τόπον λεγόμενον Λιθόστρωτον, ἑβραϊστὶ δὲ Γαββαθᾶ.

ἦν δὲ παρασκευὴ τοῦ πάσχα, ὥρα δὲ ὥσει ἔκτη· καὶ λέγει τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις· ἴδε ὁ βασιλεὺς ὑμῶν. οἱ δὲ ἐκραύγασαν· ἄρον ἄρον, σταύρωσον αὐτόν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· τὸν βασιλέα ὑμῶν σταυρώσω; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς· οὐκ ἔχομεν βασιλέα εἰ μὴ Καίσαρα. τότε οὖν παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν αὐτοῖς ἵνα σταυρωθῇ. Παρέλαβον δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἤγαγον· καὶ βαστάζων τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξῆλθεν εἰς τὸν λεγόμενον κρανίου τόπον, ὃς λέγεται ἑβραϊστὶ Γολγοθᾶ, ὅπου αὐτὸν ἐσταύρωσαν, καὶ μετ' αὐτοῦ ἄλλους δύο ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ἐντεῦθεν, μέσον δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ἔγραψε δὲ καὶ τίτλον ὁ Πιλάτος καὶ ἔθηκεν ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ· ἦν δὲ γεγραμμένον· Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων. τοῦτον οὖν τὸν τίτλον πολλοὶ ἀνέγνωσαν τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ὅτι ἐγγὺς ἦν τῆς πόλεως ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἐσταυρώθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς· καὶ ἦν γεγραμμένον ἑβραϊστὶ, ἑλληνιστί, Ῥωμαϊστί.

Οἱ μὲν οὖν στρατιῶται ταῦτα ἐποίησαν. εἰστήκεισαν δὲ παρὰ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ ἀδελφὴ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Κλωπᾶ καὶ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ. Ἰησοῦς οὖν ἰδὼν τὴν μητέρα καὶ τὸν μαθητὴν παρεστῶτα ὃν ἠγάπα, λέγει τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ· γύναι, ἴδε ὁ υἱός σου. εἶτα λέγει τῷ μαθητῇ· ἰδοὺ ἡ μήτηρ σου. καὶ ἀπ' ἐκείνης τῆς ὥρας ἔλαβεν ὁ μαθητὴς αὐτὴν εἰς τὰ ἴδια. Μετὰ τοῦτο εἰδὼς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι πάντα ἤδη τετέλεσται, ἵνα τελειωθῇ ἡ γραφή, λέγει· διψῶ. ὅτε οὖν ἔλαβε τὸ ὄξος ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε, τετέλεσται, καὶ κλίνας τὴν κεφαλὴν παρέδωκε τὸ πνεῦμα.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFESSION

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

## *PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES*

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**“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, Cara, 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, Daymon, Maria, Ann, George, Bill, Steve, Mamdouha Atiyah, Judi, Eleni, Amanda, Khouria Mary, Jaxson Cash, Terry, Kathie, Sunny, Scott, Michael, Paulette, Kathryn, John, Jamie, Greg, Connie, Julie, Matthew, George, Stella, Haralambos, Anna, George, Judith, Phyllis, Adam, Kassiani, Lee, Koula, MaryBeth, Miriam, Carina, Riot, Nikolaos, Katie, Judith, Martin, Eleni, Marielle, Elissa, Helena, Holli, Eleni, Hugo, ViLa, CharLes, Vince, Ward, Brigid, Carolina and her unborn baby, Jose, Tamari, Elene & family, Noel Bell, Jacob Stone

## **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, Hugo Teran, Astraya, Heather Marshall, Jacob Spevak, Richard Runde, Kyle Kirshbom, Nick Engel, Isabella Lynch, Sam Lynch, Rebecca Underwood, Cameron Wiley, Jeremy Mola, Jason Ballard, Trey McEntire, Johnnie McEntire, Corey Skahill, Louann Skahill, Isaac Bonnette, Dalya Arenburg, Cameron Myers, Ron Jimenez

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# GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

SEPTEMBER 2025

*"If any man would come after me,  
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."  
(Mark 8:34)*

Dear faithful of the Metropolis of Denver:

On September 1, our Holy Christian Orthodox Church celebrates the beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year. The Church also calls us during this month to approach with reverence the Holy Cross which we commemorate on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a great day as witnessed to by the faithful who venerate the Holy Cross to receive its divine grace.

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is a time to renew our efforts towards spiritual development for ourselves and our children. It is imperative that we all "take up" our cross to traverse the road of Christian Orthodoxy and to live with goodness, righteousness, and truth, protected by the power of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross.

There is no other emblem more honorable and holy for the Christian heart than the Holy Cross. The Cross of our Lord is the means of our salvation. On the Cross the Redeemer spread out His hands and by His sacrifice, returned the sinful man to the Grace of God. It is for this reason that our forefathers established the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School in 1937. Since the first graduating class of 1942, our clergy and lay graduates have been called to "...take up [the] cross..." to follow Christ. For eighty-three years, the graduates of our seminary have faithfully and prayerfully, guided the dedicated stewards of our parish churches to build loving communities united in Christ Jesus.

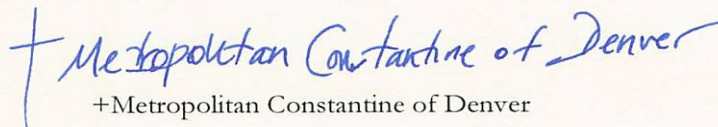
Supporting the sacred mission of Hellenic College and Holy Cross enables us to focus and to have a strong awareness of our Christian conscience, our history, our sacred Tradition, and our Church. It is for this reason that I call upon you to support and participate in the education of our young people that have been called to serve Christ and His Church.

I ask you once again, to make a special collection in our parishes on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Elevation of the Holy Cross. As the Holy and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord is raised once again this year, I ask that you please send your offering directly to the Metropolis of Denver by September 29, 2025. Kindly make your contribution payable to the "Metropolis of Denver, Attention HCHC Fund." As a means to represent your loving support and encouragement for our young people at HCHC, all proceeds will benefit the students from our Metropolis that are studying specifically for the Holy Priesthood.

In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of young men responding to our Lord's call to serve as priests. This year is a banner year for our Metropolis! We have eight students in the Master of Divinity enrolled in our Theological School. It is the largest number that we have had in years. In that same vein, there are three students in Hellenic College that are in preparation to enter Holy Cross in the coming years. In addition, the last three years have enabled us to award scholarships amounting to approximately \$200,000! The funds collected benefit our students who will be our future priests. It is the goal is for them to graduate, through your generosity, debt free.

In anticipation of your loving support, may we all bend the knees of our body and soul as we acknowledge the grace that we receive from the Holy Cross. In this way, we will be become worthy in our veneration of the Holy Cross.

With paternal blessings in our Lord,

  
+Metropolitan Constantine of Denver

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**WE WILL BE PASSING ONLY ONE SPECIAL TRAY TODAY WITH ALL FUNDS  
GOING DIRECTLY TO OUR SEMINARIANS AT HOLY CROSS**



# Lifting High the Cross Together on Sunday September 14

“Through the Cross,  
Paradise has been opened.”

Dear Transfiguration Family,

On Sunday, September 14, we celebrate ***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***—the life-giving wood through which Christ trampled down death and gave us the hope of eternal life. The Cross is not just a holy symbol we venerate; it is our Lord’s way of life for us to embrace: a love and compassion so strong that it is willing to self-sacrifice for the glory of God, which includes the salvation of the whole world.

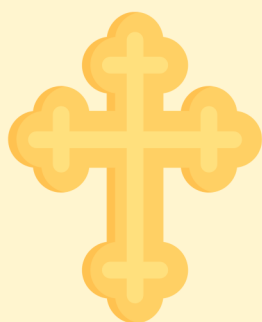
Just as the Cross was lifted high in Jerusalem for all to see, today we are invited to lift high the Cross here in our parish life. One way we do this is through our support of **Hellenic College and Holy Cross Seminary**. This is the only Greek Orthodox undergraduate college and seminary in America. It is from there that we receive our future priests, theologians, teachers, and lay leaders—those who will continue to plant and water the seeds of the Gospel for generations to come. When we support our HCHC seminarians through your donations this month, or at the **Annual Ministry Fair**, we are strengthening the very root of our Church’s life in this country.

And here, at our **Annual Ministry Fair**, we see the same spirit at work. Each ministry in our parish—from youth, chanters and choir, Philoptochos, Parish Council, altar servers, education, outreach, hospitality and so many more—represents a unique way of carrying the Cross of Christ, of offering our time, treasure, and talents for the building up of His Body, the Church. Together, these ministries form the living Cross of service and love planted here in Austin, a Cross that bears witness to Christ’s salvific presence among us as we carry our own crosses together.

So today, let us exalt the Cross not only with our lips but with our lives. Let us support our Seminary and College, that others may continue to be formed in Christ. Let us commit ourselves to the ministries of our parish, that our faith may be lived out in action. And let us remember always that by the Cross, joy has come into all the world.

May we be found worthy to bear that Cross with love and faith, and in so doing, bring Christ’s resurrectional light to all.

**Today’s tray offering will support our seminarians. You will also have an opportunity to learn more about Hellenic College and Holy Cross during our Annual Ministry Festival.**



**Annual  
Ministry Fair**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
At Coffee Hour  
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY  
& LIVE-GIVING CROSS



On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine, who is in Boston today, I greet you on this September 11, 2025, Twenty-Four years following the tragic events of that day in New York City, Washington, DC, and the hills of Pennsylvania. May the Memory of the nearly 3000 innocents who lost their lives that day be eternal. In light of this event and other recent tragic shootings, at Annunciation Roman Catholic School and Church in Minneapolis, MN, and yesterday at Evergreen High School, west of Denver, CO, and the murder of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University in Orem, UT, may our Lord bless, be with and protect innocent people and most especially our children from these senseless acts of violence and evil. In light of the divisions and wars in Ukraine, Gaza, the Middle East, and other problem places in the world, and the political unrest and divisions in our own country, please see the following remarks from Elder Zacharias of Essex:

*"We do not know everything about the conflicts of this world, nor is it necessary to know. We just pray with a compassionate heart for the peace of the world and for all. We do not take sides, because each side will be responsible for crimes, and we do not want to share in these crimes and be condemned. If we pray for those who are more wrong than right, well, we perform the commandment to love even enemies. And if we pray for those who are more right than wrong, we do well. Therefore, we cannot go wrong if we pray that God saves all and grants peace to the world. Especially for us, priests and monks, it is very important not to be political at all, because we offer our sacrifice to God, the Holy Liturgy, for the whole world; and if we are for some and against others, our sacrifice is annulled. I think that when there is a war, the best is not to be judgmental, but to have compassion and pray that the Lord may spare all from suffering. If my Liturgy is to have any value, no one should be missing from my heart when I stand before the altar of God and say to Him, "Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto Thee, in all and for all."*

*Elder Zacharias Zacharou of Essex*

As we begin this new Ecclesiastical Year, may we pray fervently for the world, for our children and for innocent people, for the disenfranchised, and confused everywhere. With the upcoming visit to America of His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, may our Good Lord guide him and all of our Hierarchs that through their prayers we might have His Peace from above in a world so much in need of it .

On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine and in Christ,

Fr. Lou

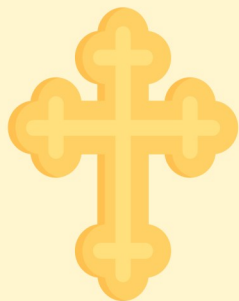
*Rev. Louis J Christopoulos, Chancellor*

*Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver*

*Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne*







# Annual Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
At Coffee Hour  
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY  
& LIVE-GIVING CROSS

## DISCOVER. CONNECT. BELONG.

With so many new & familiar faces in our parish, the Ministry Fair is the perfect opportunity to:

- Explore the many existing ministries at Transfiguration
- Meet ministry leaders and members
- Learn how to get involved
- Find new ways to grow in your faith & serve others

## WHY IT MATTERS

Parish involvement is more than “signing up” – it’s a journey deeper into Life with Christ, one another, & the world

AWARENESS → BELONGING → SERVICE → LEADERSHIP



Ministry Tables  
Opportunities to Serve  
Community & Connection

How can we embody ministry more fully as a community?  
Join us for “Life as Ministry: Living the Orthodox Way,” a  
parish-wide talk this October during Wednesday  
Catechesis. Details coming soon.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

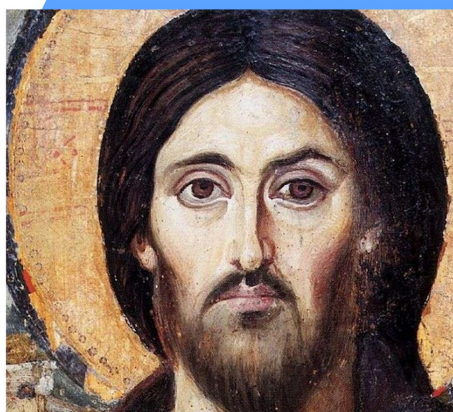
Explore ways to get involved &  
celebrate the life of our parish  
family together, over coffee, &  
fun ministry displays!

# JESUS CHRIST

**YESTERDAY,  
TODAY AND  
FOREVER...**

**CLASSES START  
WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17  
AFTER 5:30PM**

**PARAKLESIS AND A  
LIGHT LENTEN POT  
LUCK MEAL**



Classes are for ALL Catechumens, those new to  
Orthodoxy and anyone wishing to learn more  
about the faith!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE EMAIL**

**FR. GEORGE: ICONS3@ME.COM**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
**MT. TABOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT  
UPDATE ON OUR PARKING LOT  
PROJECT**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
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**Thursday, September 18, 7pm**  
**Mt. Tabor Community Center**



Discussion with  
**Dr. Panos Kanelos, PhD**  
on  
**the Role of Memory  
in Hamlet**

Join us Thursday, September 18th at 7pm for a discussion of Hamlet and Memory, led by Dr. Pano Kanelos. Event will be held at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, at 414 St. Stephens School Rd, Austin, TX, in the fellowship hall.

**St. Augustine Book Club**

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Thursday, 9/25**

**6:30pm**

*Mt. Tabor Community Center:  
High School Room (upstairs)*

*Please bring a potluck  
item to share!*

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## **2025 Transfiguration BIBLE BOWL**

**Sunday, October 5**

**1pm Mount Tabor Community Center**

The Bible Bowl ministry was started to help parishioners read the bible more and enhance their understanding of the scripture. Additionally, creating an element of competition makes studying more enjoyable, and ultimately, more fun for the participants as well as the audience.

The Bible Bowl involves both the teens (ages 13 – 19) and the adults (ages 20 and older.) It usually lasts about 1.5 hours with a 10-minute break after the first hour, and is conducted in the church hall. The text is the Orthodox Study Bible. Those parishioners who are interested in participating would form teams of three people and alternates, if desired. Each of the team members would study the assigned text for a couple of months prior to the bowl and collaborate, if necessary.

For more information on the Bible Bowl and rules, please visit our website: [www.transfiguration.org](http://www.transfiguration.org). Registration forms are available on our website and in our Bookstore.

For questions please contact Dr. Jacob Angelo in person or at: [giddoangelo@gmail.com](mailto:giddoangelo@gmail.com)



## Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Adult Beginners' Modern Greek Class

This class is for beginners. It will take place on church premises, on Tuesdays 6:45-8:15pm, starting on Tuesday September 23rd 2025 and ending on May 12th, 2026 - 30 classes. Tuition is \$ 450 / \$225 per semester, payable during registration time, and by the beginning of classes. Commitment, regular attendance and participation are required, for an effective, satisfactory experience.

The class will teach reading, writing, pronunciation, modern Greek grammar, conversational Greek, and we will also cover Greek culture elements. Topics of your personal interest, like songs, psalms, prayers, recipes etc. will also be included. No textbooks are required, at this time. We will talk about books in class.

If interested, and can clear your Tuesday evenings, please register, by September 22nd, 2025.

To pay online: Go to Transfiguration.org, select REALM, then go to give on line, then under fund select Greek School (not Biblical school), and follow the steps to submit your payment. Email your REALM receipt to the Greek school at [moderngreek@transfiguration.org](mailto:moderngreek@transfiguration.org), so that your payment is verified on time. If you prefer, you can bring your check or cash in the first class. Please make your check payable to: Transfiguration Greek Language School and note it's for: Modern Greek.

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### BIBLICAL-LITURGICAL GREEK (FALL 2025 – SPRING 2026)

This **online** course (early October 2025 through late May 2026) introduces students to the pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and syntax that are essential for understanding the Services of the Orthodox Church, Scriptural readings, and Byzantine hymnography in the original Greek.

For the Intermediate and Advanced levels, a background in Greek is required. Participants will receive the respective Zoom links upon completion of their enrollment. *Tuition covers 27 two-hour weekly sessions, all course materials, and access to the lesson recordings.*

#### Meeting Times

<i>Beginners:</i>	<b>Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> , starting October 7, 2025.
<i>Intermediate:</i>	<b>Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.</b> , starting October 2, 2025.
<i>Advanced:</i>	<b>Monday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.</b> starting October 6, 2025.

To sign up for the course, receive tuition details, and be assigned to the appropriate level, please contact Transfiguration Greek Language School ([biblicalgreek@transfiguration.org](mailto:biblicalgreek@transfiguration.org)) by **Friday September 5, 2025**.



Θέλεις να μιλήσεις Ελληνικά;\*



## CONVERSATIONAL MODERN GREEK

**Taught by Spyros A. Kinnas** ([kinnas@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:kinnas@mail.utexas.edu)) Cell: 1-512-797-6217

**When:** Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 pm

**Where:** [Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church](#); 414 St Stephens School Rd S, Austin, TX 78746

**First Day of Classes:** Thursday, September 25, 2025 – FIRST 2 classes will be with no financial obligation (for those who wish to check if this class is for them) – Last Day of Classes: May 14, 2026

**Please RSVP** by emailing to [kinnas@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:kinnas@mail.utexas.edu) if you plan on attending, no later than September 21, 2025

**Who should take it:** young adults + adults who wish to start learning or refresh their Greek

**Level:** Beginner – No textbook required

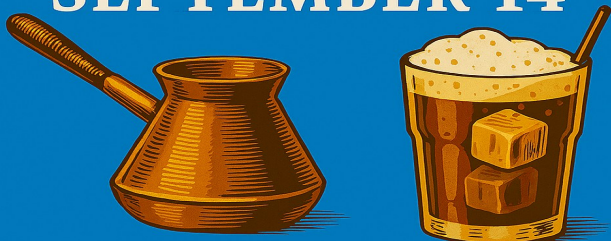
**Price:** \$450 (\$225 per semester) – Make check payable to Transfiguration Greek Language School with note: Conversational Modern Greek

**What we will cover:** Emphasis on understanding, speaking, and reading modern Greek, so that you feel comfortable in conversing in modern basic Greek on everyday situations (e.g. how to ask for directions, ask for someone's name or interests, order in a restaurant, take the bus, taxi, plane, train or a boat...) especially if on vacation in Greece.

**Style:** Very informal, encouraging you to speak in Greek (...without Glossophobia!) and to be able to understand and speak with local Greeks, and/or to get you ready for the next time you visit Greece to impress yourself and your relatives and friends (there and here!).

\*Do you want to speak Greek?

### COFFEE HOUR FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 14



THE MAIDS OF ATHENA AND  
SONS OF PERICLES WILL OFFER  
**GREEK COFFEE  
AND FRAPPÉ**  
YOUR DONATION WILL SUPPORT  
THEIR PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES  
*Thank you!*



### Orthodoxy 101 with Fr. George



Wednesday September 17th at 7:00 pm



### Bible Study on 1st Corinthians with Fr. V

Wednesday September 17th at 7:00 pm







# Modern Greek for Kids

**Teacher:**

Alexander Glarakis, [glarakis@gmail.com](mailto:glarakis@gmail.com), (512) 632-3879

**When:**

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:15 pm

**Where:**

Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 414 St. Stephens School Rd, Austin, TX 78746

**School Dates:**

Starts on Tuesday September 23, 2025

Ends on Tuesday May 12, 2026

**Registration:**

Email me your child's data (First and Last Name along with age) to the email above, no later than September 20, 2025

**Who should take it:**

Kids from 6-12 years old. No previous knowledge of Greek is required

**Level:** Beginners

**Cost:**

\$450.00 ( \$225.00 per semester) for attendance. Additional \$40.00 is required for Books and online access

**What will be covered:**

Alphabet, phonetics, diphthongs, syllables. Syllables will be used as the first step of reading. Writing will emphasize the importance of correct spelling. Vocabulary building. Based upon the already learned vocabulary simple sentences will be introduced, in order to encourage kids starting their first attempts in speaking.

**Style:**

Very kids-friendly. Students will always be encouraged to try and conquer that 'scary monster' (new knowledge) and having fun at the same time. After all, knowledge is just a fun game!



**Monday, October 13, 2025**

12:30PM Shotgun

Scramble

ShadowGlen Golf Club

**\$160 per Player**

*Includes box lunch, drinks, Greek dinner, & prizes*

- Lunch by Arby's at check in
- Dinner by Cretan Aromas
- Hole-in-one Contest

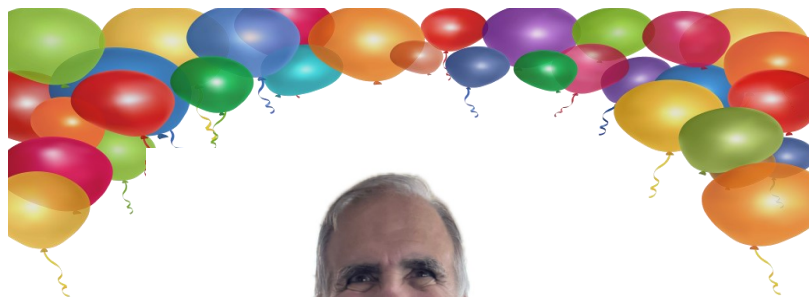
**Sponsorship Packages**

- Gold: \$2000
- Silver: \$1000
- Commercial: \$250
- Individual: \$150

For details and registration please visit:  
[www.transfiguration.org/GreekGolfDay](http://www.transfiguration.org/GreekGolfDay)

Email: [GreekGolfDay@transfiguration.org](mailto:GreekGolfDay@transfiguration.org)

Mike Koulakis (818) 635-2520 Stuart Yoder (512) 914-9938



Happy name-day to our own Parish  
Administrator Steve (Stavros) Levendakes!  
We greatly appreciate you and all of the

*Thank You*

**Services & Activities for next Week****Tuesday, September 16****Memorial for Founders at St. Sophia (Dripping Springs) 4:30 pm;****Wednesday, September 17****9th Hour & Great Vespers at St. Sophia (Dripping Springs) 5pm****St. Sophia, Faith, Hope, & Love at St. Sophia (Dripping Springs)****Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am; Paraklesis 5:30pm;****Potluck Dinner 6:30pm; Fr. George's Class 7pm; Fr. V's Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 7pm****Thursday, September 18****St. Justin Academy 9:30am - 1:30pm; Discussion with Panos****Kanelos on the Role of Memory in Hamlet 7pm****Saturday, September 20****Philoptochos Membership Bonanza at Ellen Apostolakis' House 11:30am;****Vespers 3pm****40 days blessing****Alexander Klemos****Born July 4, 2025****Son of****Constantine (Gus) & Caroline Klemos****Grandson of****Christina Klemos**

The family is looking for a nanny, preferably one who speaks Greek, to start 10/3/25 & work for the next 6 to 9 months. Hours would be

Monday - Friday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please contact Gus & Caroline at (512) 940-5622 if interested.

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

ANTHONY ROSARIO (PCMV)  
RACHELLE HARENG (PCMV)  
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***Next week's ushers are:***

ALEX MICHALAKOS (PCMV)  
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CHRISTAKIS CHRISTOU, DANIEL REEDER, CHRIS FRAZIER