

# *SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS*

## *SOZON THE MARTYR*



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

***Hymn***

*Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.*

*To fedron tis Anastaseos kirigma, ek tu angelu mathuse e tu Kiriou mathitrie, ke tin progonikin apofasin aporripsase, tis Apostolis kafhomena elegon Eskilefte o thantos, igerthi Christos o Theos, thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.*

*When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.*

***Hymn***

*Ἐκ τῆς ρίζης Ἰεσσαί, καὶ ἐξ ὀσφύος τοῦ Δαυὶδ, ἡ θεόπαις Μαριάμ, τίκτεται σήμερον ἡμῖν· διὸ καὶ χαίρει ἡ σύμπασα καὶ καινουργεῖται· συγχαίρει τε ὁμοῦ, ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ. Αἰνέσατε αὐτήν, αἱ πατριαὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν. Ἰωακεὶμ εὐφραίνεται, καὶ Ἄννα πανηγυρίζει κραυγάζουσα· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει, τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.*

*From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the great king, Mariam, the child of God, is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exults on its renewal. Both Heaven and the earth Rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below. The righteous Joachim rejoices, and Anna keeps feast, crying out: The barren bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.*

***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 ἠδυναντο, Λάμπων καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδῖον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.*

*Metemorphothis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dexas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos idynando 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***

*Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, καὶ Θεοτόκος Μαρία, ἡ παστὰς ἡ ἄλυστος, τοῦ οὐρανοῦ Νυμφίου, τίκτεται, ἀπὸ τῆς στεῖρας θεοβουλήτως, ὄχημα, τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου εὐτρεπισθῆναι· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ προωρίσθη, ἡ θεία πύλη, καὶ Μήτηρ τῆς ὄντως ζωῆς.*

*On this day the virgin Maid, Mary the true Theotokos, the inviolate bridal room of the heavenly Bridegroom, by the will of God is born of a barren woman, to prepare to be the carriage of God the Logos, as for this she had been destined, to be the gateway of God and Mother of Life.*

**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 Tidings - Τό Φαιδρόν

Ηχος Δ'

G Anastasiou

Τό φαι - δρόν τής Ά-να - στά - σε - ως κή - ρυγ - μα - ek του άγ -  
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7  
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18  
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23  
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yer - thi Hri - stos - o - the - os, tho rou - me - nos to ko - smo to  
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28  
μέ - γα έ - λε - ος.  
me - ga e - le - os.  
great - - mer - - cy.

# THE FOREFEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

September 7

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)  
*"Joseph was amazed"*

Intonation: #19

**Allegro** ♩.150

Ἐκ τῆς ρίζης Ἰεσσαί

From the root of Jes - se and the loins of Da - vid

the great king, Mar - i - am, the child of God, is

born for our sake on this day. Hence, all cre - a - tion ex - ult - eth

on its re - new - - - al. Both Heav - en

and the earth Re - joice to - geth - er now.

Praise her, O ye tribes of na - tions here

be - low. The right - eous Jo - a - chim re - joic - eth, and

An - na keep - eth feast, cry - ing out: The bar - ren

bear - - - eth the The - o - to - kos, the nour - ish -

er of our life.

# Apolytikion of the Transfiguration

Με-τε-μορ - φώ - θης ἐν τώ ό - ρει, Χρι - στε - ο Θε - ός, δει - ξας τοίς μα-θη-
   
 Me-te-mor - fo - this en to o - ri, Chri - ste - o The - os, di - xas tis ma-thi-

ταίς - Σου τήν δό-ξαν Σου, κα - θώς ή - δύ-ναν - το. Λάμ-πον και ή - μιν τοίς ά-μαρ-τω-
   
 tes - su tin do-xan Su, ka - thos i - dy-nan - do. Lam-pon ke i - min tis a-mar-to-

λοίς τό φώς-Σου τό - ά - ί - δι - ον, πρε-σβεί - ας τής Θε-ο - τό - κου. Φω-τα-δό-τα,
   
 lis to fos-Su to - a - i - di - on, pre-swi - es tis The-o - to - ku. Fo-to-do-ta,

δό - ξα - Σου.
   
 do - xa - Si.

## Apolytikion of the Transfiguration

English

When O Christ - our - God Thou was trans - figured on the moun - tain. Thou didst re -

veal Thy glo - ry to Thy di-sci-ples in pro-por - tion - as - they could bear - it.

Let Thine ev - er - las - ting - light - al - so en - light - en us - sin - ers.

Through the in - ter - ces - sions of the The - o - to kos, O Thou Be - stow - er of light, glo -

ry to Thee.

# THE FOREFEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

September 7

Kontakion

Fourth Mode

*"On this day Thou hast appeared"*

Intonation: #8

Allegro ♩.150

Τῇ σελτῇ γεννήσει σου

In the Im - ma - te - ri - al Spir - it, the

whole\_\_\_\_\_ world hath been mys - ti - c'ly\_\_\_\_\_ a -

dorned on thine au - gust Na - tiv - i - ty; and it doth

cry\_\_\_\_\_ to thee joy - ous - ly: Re-joice, O Vir - gin, thou

boast\_\_\_\_\_ of the Chris-tian race.\_\_\_\_\_

# St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2  
Psalm 27.9,1

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'  
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

**B**rethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

**Ἀ**δελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

# The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Ἔπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὕψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῇ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

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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

## **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

If you are catechumen and do not see your name on our list, please contact [Office@Transfiguration.org](mailto:Office@Transfiguration.org) with your name.



## 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.

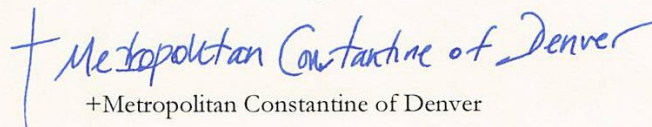
Supporting the sacred mission of Hellenic College and Holy Cross enables us to focus and to have a strong awareness of our Christian conscience, our history, our sacred Tradition, and our Church. It is for this reason that I call upon you to support and participate in the education of our young people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

# 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

with Fr. Vasileios

# 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS

## Sundays

August 31st  
September 7th & 14th

12:30pm in our  
conference room

## Wednesdays

September 3rd & 10th

Paraklesis 5:30pm  
Potluck Dinner 6:30pm  
Bible Study 7pm

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Dn Stephen in the High School  
room (snacks & drinks provided)



2025 Transfiguration

# BIBLE BOWL

## First Corinthians

October 5, 2025

Register your team today! All teams include 1 player, plus alternates if you like. TEEN Teams: all players aged 13-19 or ADULT Teams: all players 20+. Registration forms available now at transfiguration.org, in the office, and in Mt. Taber Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Jacob Angelo - godhangels@gmail.com



# 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!



Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Church

## YOU'RE INVITED:

We joyfully invite you to join us in  
celebrating the feast of our parish’s  
patron, the Nativity of the  
Theotokos.

### Schedule of Services & Fellowship

- Sunday, September 7 – 5:00 PM
- Great Vespers followed by a festive supper.
- Monday, September 8 – 9:00 AM  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by lunch

North Location – Saint Elias  
Antiochian Orthodox Church  
15519 Farm to Market Rd 1325  
Austin, TX 78728

## Women's Prayer Ministry

Discover more ways to deepen your prayer  
life and experience God's presence as we  
pray for and with each other!

Our next prayer offering will be  
September 14 - October 7.

We will be praying the Akathist to the  
Holy Precious and Life-Giving Cross in honor  
of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

If you are interested in joining us or want  
more information, contact  
[womensprayer@transfiguration.org](mailto:womensprayer@transfiguration.org)

## 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**

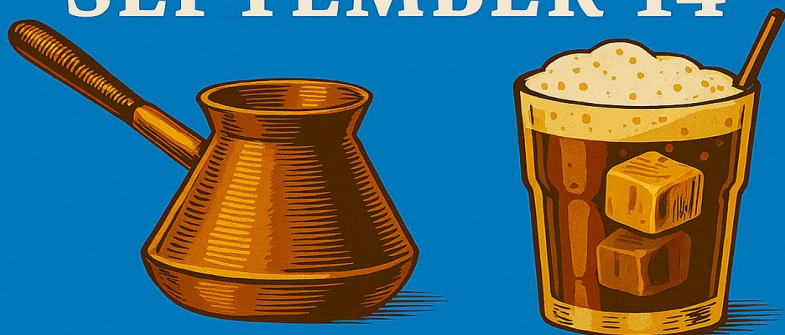


**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
**MT. TABOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

**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!*

## **Hamlet and Memory**

**A Discussion Group Led by  
Dr. Pano Kanelos**

**Thursday, September 18th  
7-9pm**

**Transfiguration Fellowship Hall**

Join us in discussing what Shakespeare and the Saints have to say about memory and its role in our lives.

For more information and reading materials, visit  
[staugustinebookclub.org](http://staugustinebookclub.org)

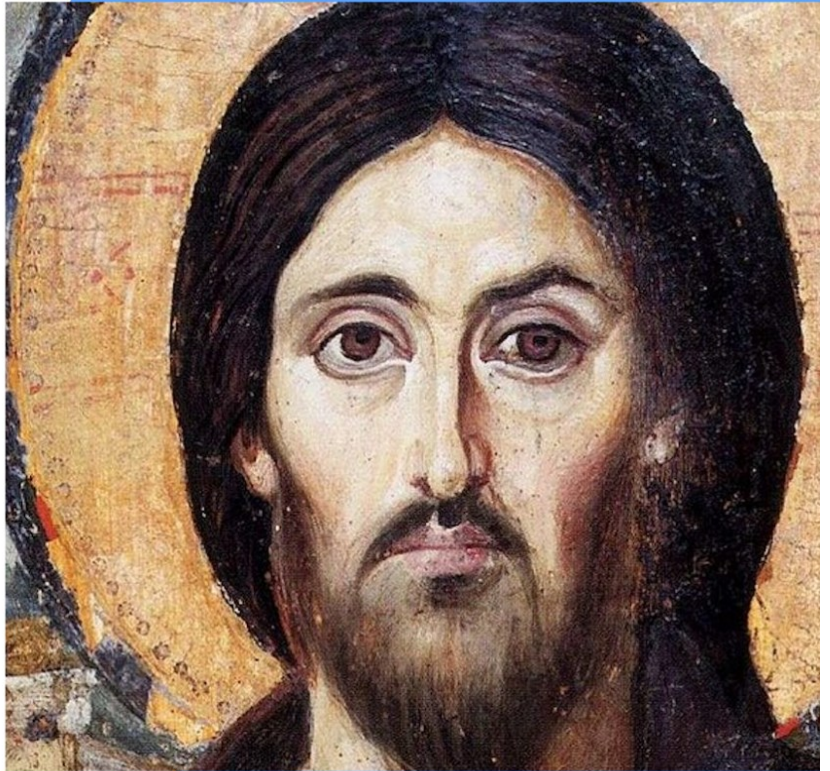
I am not thy uncle, nor let thy love continue  
Against thy mother ought, leave her to heaven,  
And to those thornes that in her bosome lodge  
To prick and sting. O Hamlet, thou hast coted  
The snake that's foul, and he hath fed thee  
And gins to pale his vniuersall fire,  
Adieu, adieu, adieu, remember me.  
Hamlet. How long hath she been dead?  
He. Not yett, but she is dead, yes she is dead,  
And you my sinnowes growe not in the cold,  
But she that was my mother she is dead,  
I thou poore Ghost, whiles memory holds a seate  
In my imagination, thou dost come to me,  
Yea, from the table of my memory  
I see her yet, I see her in my mind,  
All like the former, all like the latter, all pretures past,  
The truthes and obseruation coppied there,  
And thus I get it, thus I see it,  
Within the booke and volume of my braine  
Vnmixt with baser matter, yes by heaven,  
O Hamlet, thou hast coted the snake that's foul,  
And he hath fed thee, and he hath fed thee,  
Methinks I see thee yet, I see thee in my mind,  
That one may smile, and smile, and be a villaine,  
At that which looks like a kinde of kinde,  
So full of blisse and feare, and doubt, and hope,  
It is adew, adew, remember me.  
I haue sworn't.

*Enter Horatio, and Marcellus.  
Hor. My Lord, my Lord,  
Mar. Lord Hamlet.*

# **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](mailto:ICONS3@ME.COM)**

## Services & Activities for next Week

**Monday, September 8**

**Nativity of the Theotokos at St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church (at St. Elias North Campus) Hierarchical D. Liturgy 9am followed by Lunch**

**Wednesday, September 10**

**Paraklesis 5:30pm Potluck Dinner 6:30pm Fr. Vasileios Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 7pm**

**Thursday, September 11**

**St. Justin Academy 9:30am - 1:30pm**

**Saturday, September 13**

**Mobile Loaves & Fishes 8:30am; Vespers 3pm; GOYA Discussion with Deacons 4pm**

**Sunday, September 14**

**Annual Ministry Fair 11:30am; Fr. Vasileios Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 12:30pm**



**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

## Coffee Hour Ministry



Team provides light snacks: 150 – 200 folks  
Set up: 8:30 am – 9:30 am  
Serving: 11 am – 12 pm (after liturgy)  
Clean up: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm

### CHM Information

- CHM is the hospitality committee for TGOC
- Important part of our parish life
- Offers joy, generosity, and love to all parishioners and guests
- Part of each family's stewardship obligation

### CHM Assignment

1. Each family is assigned to a team (assign 8 per team).
2. Each team is led by a Team Captain to coordinate information for the team. We currently have 38 teams.
3. If everyone fulfills their obligation, each team will host CHM once or twice per year.

### Recruiting

1. Approximately 38 - 45 individuals to act as a Team Captain for their team, 7 alternates.]
2. Individuals or families who are willing to fill-in when extra support is needed.  
**NOTE:** occasionally, folks cannot participate due to last-minute issues & someone needs to fill-in for them.

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

GOMEZ (CAPTAIN), HARENG, HARRIS, HARRISON, HITT, MORROW-RAINWATER, VARSOS

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HOLTSINGER (CAPTAIN), HARRISON, HOLLAND, HORWEDEL, HUBBARD, INMAN, JAZLYNSA, JOEL, LINDSAY, GOMEZ

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

JOHNSON (CAPTAIN), JOHN, ANITA JONES, JULIE JONES, KANELOS, KELLER, KENYON

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

MIKE GLAROS (PCM)  
MIKE SCHWARTZ (PCM)  
KATIE KISH, EFFIE AMBROSE, MITCH RIVERS, COREY

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

MELISSA CONSTANTINIDES (PCM)  
VICTOR DANIELLO (PCM)  
DAN APPLING, GIGI APPLING, ALLEN WYNN

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

ANTHONY ROSARIO (PCM)  
RACHELLE HARENG (PCM)  
MICHAEL HARENG, BILL ROBERTSON