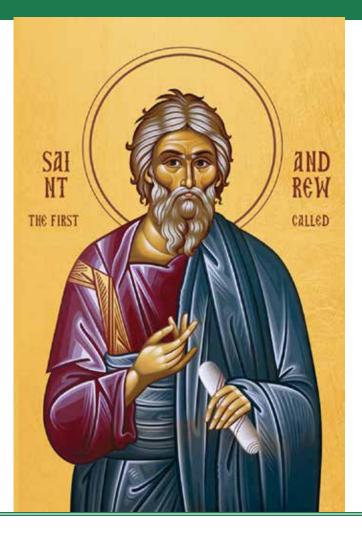
# ANDREW THE 1ST CALLED APOSTLE

# Froumentios, ABP. of Abyssina



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

### RESURRECTIONAL HYMN

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εἴσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ex ipsus katitthes o efsplagnos, tafin katethexo triimeros, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon. 1 Zoi ke i Anastasis imon, Kirie thoxa si.

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.

#### HYMN FOR THE ST. ANDREW

**'Ως τῶν Ἀποστόλων Πρωτόκλητος**, καὶ τοῦ Κορυφαίου αὐτάδελφος, τὸν Δεσπότην τῶνὅλων Ἀνδρέα ἱκέτευε, εἰρήνην τῆ οἰκουμένη δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**As the first- called of the Apostles,** and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls..

#### Hymn for Transfiguration

**Μετεμορφώθης εν τώ όρει Χριστέ ο Θεός**, δείξας τοίς Μαθηταίς σου τήν δόξαν σου, καθώς ήδυναντο, Λάμψον καί ημίν τοίς αμαρτωλοίς, τό φώς σου τό αϊδιον, πρεσβείαις τής Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Metemorfothis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dixas 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

Η Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀποὀῥήτως. Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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

#### Communion Hymn

**Eiς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν** ὁ φθόγγος αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ ῥήματα αὐτοῦ. Ἀλληλούϊα. **His proclamation went** forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world.

#### THE SMALL ENTRANCE

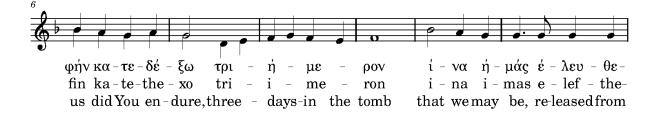
Music assists the development of the perception of spiritual life. The soul becomes refined. It begins to understand spiritual music as well.
-St. Barsanuphius of Optina

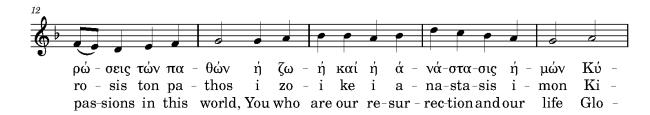
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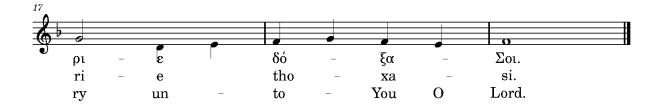
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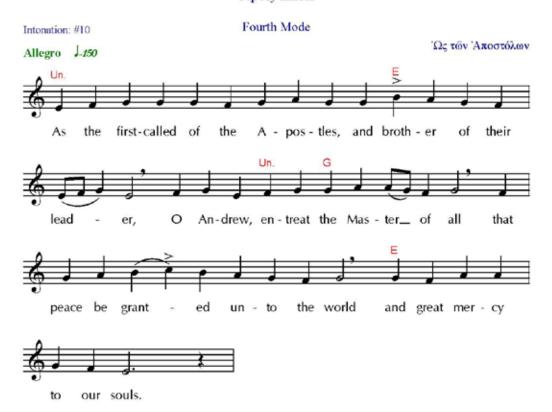




# THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

### November 30

#### Apolytikion



www.starthonysmonastery.org/music/Menaion.htm

### Apolytikion of the Transfiguration



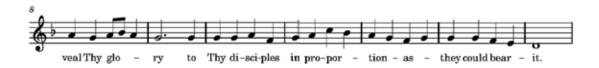






# Apolytikion of the Transfiguration English







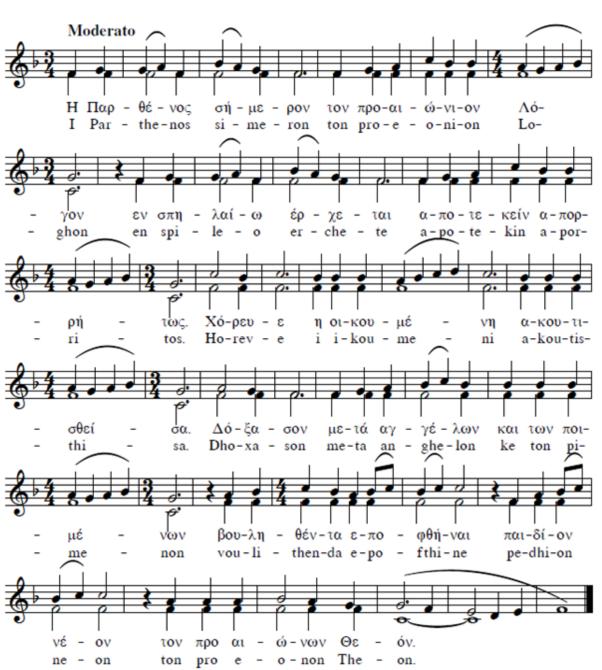




#### ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST Η ΠΑΡΘΕΝΟΣ ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΟΑΙΩΝΙΟΝ ΛΟΓΟΝ

November 26 to December 24





## St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4 Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ' ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 18.4,1

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν. Στίχ. Οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 4:9-16 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Α δελφοί, ό θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίψημα ἔως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγοὺς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε.



Transfiguration Church ENCORE (Baby Boomers +/-)
Lenten Potluck Dinner & Fellowship

4pm
Sunday, December 14, 2025
At the home of Katina & Mike Ko

At the home of Katina & Mike Koulakis 4 Club Estates Parkway, The Hills TX,78738

Use Security Gate entrance on Lohmans Crossing Road, Lakeway.
Please tell the Guard you are going to the Koulakis home.

RSVP to Bill & Linda Robertson: <u>dwr300@hotmail.com</u> (Please let us know what dish you will bring)

# The Gospel According to John 1:35-51

t that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! "Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

🦰 ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἱστήκει ὁ Ἰωάννης καὶ ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ δύο, καὶ ἐμβλέψας τῷ 'Ιησοῦ περιπατοῦντι λέγει, 'Ίδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ ἤκουσαν οί δύο μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος καὶ ηκολούθησαν τῷ Ἰησοῦ. Στραφεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ θεασάμενος αὐτοὺς ἀκολουθοῦντας λέγει αὐτοῖς, Τί ζητεῖτε; οἱ δὲ εἶπαν αὐτῷ, Ῥαββί (ὃ λέγεται μεθερμηνευόμενον Διδάσκαλε), ποῦ μένεις; λέγει αὐτοῖς, Ἐρχεσθε καὶ ὄψεσθε. ἦλθαν οὖν καὶ εἶδαν ποῦ μένει, καὶ παρ' αὐτῷ ἔμειναν τὴν ἡμέραν ἐκείνην· ώρα ἦν ὡς δεκάτη. Ἡν Ἀνδρέας ὁ ἀδελφὸς Σίμωνος Πέτρου εἶς ἐκ τῶν δύο τῶν ἀκουσάντων παρὰ Ἰωάννου καὶ ἀκολουθησάντων αὐτῷ εὑρίσκει οὖτος πρῶτον τὸν άδελφὸν τὸν ἴδιον Σίμωνα καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Εὑρήκαμεν τὸν Μεσσίαν [ὅ ἐστιν μεθερμηνευόμενον Χριστός]. ήγαγεν αὐτὸν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ἐμβλέψας αὐτῷ ὁ 'Ιησοῦς εἶπεν, Σὺ εἶ Σίμων ὁ υίὸς 'Ιωάννου· σὺ κληθήση Κηφᾶς [δ έρμηνεύεται Πέτρος]. Τῆ ἐπαύριον ἡθέλησεν έξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ εὑρίσκει Φίλιππον. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Ἀκολούθει μοι. Ἡν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. Εύρίσκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, ὃν ἔγραψεν Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται εύρήκαμεν, Ίησοῦν υίὸν τοῦ Ἰωσὴφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ, Ἐκ Ναζαρὲτ δύναταί τι άγαθον εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος, "Έρχου καὶ ἴδε. Είδεν ό Ίησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ, Ἰδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης ἐν ῷ δόλος οὐκ ἔστιν. Λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ, Πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι ὄντα ύπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. Άπεκρίθη αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ, Ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υίὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ βασιλεὺς εἶ τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. Ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, "Οτι εἶπόν σοι ὅτι εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψη. Καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν άνεωγότα καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υίὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

### 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 ForcesPrayers 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, 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, 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, Marielle, Elissa, Helena, Holli, Eleni, Hugo, Vila, Charles, Vince, Ward, Brigid, Carolina and her unborn baby, Jose, Tamari, Elene & family, Bo, Lane Wessels, Noel Bell, Jacob Stone, Roberto Pineda, Patrice, Micheal Coyle

### 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, Richard Runde, Kyle Kirshbom, Cameron Wiley, Jeremy Mola, Jason Ballard, Burke, Gibbs, Beck, Nicolescu, Arenberg, Pira, Clark, Jones, Reyes, Bokos, Ballard, Ewell, Little, Smith, Wessels, Childress, Romero, Knotts, Hargis, Nathan Lopez, Sarah Lopez, Ron Jimenez, Val Mayerik, Hayden Kress, William Posey, Lane Wessels, Melissa McElhose, Sandra Kage, Griffin Collins, Harrison Haver, Jennifer Shepherd, Kross Abrams, Sawyer Hart, Cameron Thomas, Maya Thomas, Loren Thomas, India Stratakos, John Stratakos, Ian Mansur, Ly Yen Mansur, Robert J. Romero, Rodriguez, Alvarez, Guedea, Kage, Jones, Brudos, Nicolaou

If you are catechumen and do not see your name on our list, please contact Office@Transfiguration.org with your name.







# GOYA FALL

DATE/TIME	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
Nov 1 7-10p	Georgetown Fall Festivel - Dinner followed by Gorn Maze Dinner at Culinary Dropout (Domain)	Social
Nov 3 6:30-10p	Chili Cook Off & Monday Night Football	
Nov 16, Dec 7, 1412:30- 2:30p	GOYA Basketball Practice at Westridge Middle School	
Nov 22 3-7:00p	Vespers & *Orthodox Life & Friendsgiving (potluck) at MTCC	Spiritua & Socia
Dec 7	No Rehearsal Nativity Pageant - GOYANS are needed Dec 7 to help the younger kids get ready after Holy Communion	
Dec 20 9a-1p	Christmas on the Streets (parish wide)	
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1, 8 12:30-2:30p	GOYA Basketball Practice at Westridge Middle School	

# GOYA BASKETBALL

GOYA Basketball Practices Upcoming practice dates GOYA basketball. All GOYANS are invited! 12:30-2:30 at Westridge Middle School.

Dates: Nov 16, Dec 7, Dec 14, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8
Tournament will be in Tulsa, OK February 13-16, 2026

# **GOYA BASKETBALL**

Coaches will visit HS & MS Sunday School classes on 11/2 to introduce themselves & explain the program.

### Practice is 12:30-2:30p on these Sundays

Practices held at Westridge Middle School

**November 16:** Amity will be available from 12:30-1:30 to answer questions about the program.

December 7, 14

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1

February 8: Parent meeting during practice for final tournament details





### TOURNAMENT IN TULSA, OK February 13-16, 2026

GOYA BASKETBALL is for students grades 6th-12th.

No basketball experience needed--in fact, some of the greatest benefits aren't even athletic in nature. Besides the benefits of playing a team sport, students often build connections & community w/others. This can also help them grow in the Faith as they are surrounded by other Orthodox Christians.

Scholarships are available & it's a fun weekend for the whole family as we gather w/ other parishes from the Denver Metropolis. We'll have more information later on about registration & travel plans. Contact amity.garwood@transfiguration.org for more info.



### **Get Your** Tickets

IN ADVANCE ADULT \$60 STUDENT\$40 UNDER 10 FREE

AFTER 12/21 ADULT \$75



REALM MEMO: NEW YEARS



## An Evening with **Father Maximos**

As we continue to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior this Christmas season, please join us on December 12 at 7pm at our new Mt. Tabor Community Center for an in depth look into the historical and Holy Church Father, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

#### PRIEST MONK PROFESSOR

from the University of Austin:

"Fr. Maximos Constas previously served as a professor and Interim Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He completed his PhD in Patristics and Historical Theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. (1993), after which he taught at Helienic College and Holy Cross (1993-1998). In the fall of 1998, he was invited to join the faculty of Harvard Divinity School, where he was Professor of Patristics and Orthodox Theology from 1998-2004. Fr. Maximos resigned from his position at Harvard to respond to a life-long calling to monastic life and was tonsured a great-schema monk at the Holy Monastery of Simonopetra, where he lived from 2004-2011.

# **2026 YAL SNOW** CONFERENCE

#### Peace in the Peaks



#### Registration opens October 19th 7:30pm MST and Includes:

- Transportation
- Service Project
- Workshops
- Guest Speakers
- Snow Activities



The Metropolis of Denver is hosting the 4th annual YAL Snow Conference for young adults ages 18-35 in Breckenridge, CO. The conference will be held at Beaver Run Resort from January 8-11, 2026. Registration will open in early October, Follow us on Instagram or scan the QR code below for the most up to date information. We hope to see you there!



January 8-11, 2026 Breckenridge, Colorado Beaver Run Resort

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# **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 November 15 - December 24. We will be praying the Akathist for the Nativity of Christ in honor of Jesus, Son of God, who became incarnate for our sake.

If you are interested in joining us or want more information, contact womensprayer@transfiguration.org

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



We invite you to support the Transfiguration Philoptochos in their heartfelt effort to incorporate the icon of Sts. Cosmas and Damianos into our church's beautiful iconography.

#### How we can all help?

- By purchasing gift cards from the Philoptochos table every Sunday. Discover the perfect gift for everyone! Enjoy our wide selection of gift cards—groceries, dining, entertainment, beauty, kids, home and so much more!!
- Join Transfiguration Philoptochos RaiseRight program and buy gift cards or shop online by using the QR code below



- Every purchase earns Transfiguration Philoptochos up to 20% back—and it adds up fast! Give the gift of choice and make every occasion special. Shop now and spread joy!
- With proceeds going toward this meaningful project, your generosity will enrich our church and honor these beloved saints.

# PILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY Tis the Season to Get Together!

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 1pm (After Diving Liturgy for St Nicholas)

The Grove Wine Bar and Restaurant at Lakeway 3001 RR 620 S, Austin, TX 78738

\$40 per person; Lenten Buffet with salad, entree and dessert; Cash Bar

RSVP by November 30th (we have to give the restaurant a final count). Email (dbmisthos@gmail.com) or text (805-857-6160) Donna Misthos or stop by the Philoptochos table at Coffee Hour on Sunday. Limited seating, NO late reservations will be accepted

Please join us for a festive day of food, games and fellowship!

## Looking for the perfect gift for any occasion?

Whether it's a birthday, a heartfelt thank you, or Christmas, we've got you covered! Stop by the Philoptochos table every Sunday to purchase beautiful gift cards — a thoughtful gift that everyone will love.



Support our community and share the joy! Don't miss out — visit us each week and find the perfect gift for your loved ones!

If you're unable to stop by on Sundays, no worries! Please reach out to Panagiota Katsos (katsos456@yahoo.com) and we'll be happy to assist you.

Let's spread love and gratitude together!

### PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS CARD

If you have already completed the Transfiguration 2025 Parish Christmas Card and sent your payment, please disregard this email, and accept our gratitude and thanks!

Each year, we invite members and friends of the Parish to join in the Transfiguration Parish Christmas Card, sponsored by Philoptochos. This Christmas card provides an opportunity for the faithful to donate and have their names listed on a beautiful card which is then mailed to all parishioners and friends of the Parish including our Metropolitan CONSTANTINE of Denver.

A tax-exempt minimum donation of \$25.00 or more is required. Please consider donating above the minimum so that there will be ample funds in the Priest's Benevolent Fund to support our community through 2026.

The deadline to be included in this year's Christmas Card is December 7, 2025.

To participate in the Community Christmas Card, please provide your name as you would like it to be printed on the card using one of the following methods:

 EASY: Complete our Philoptochos Christmas Card fillable form online and submit it directly. https://forms.gle/KwtpwZW9LJd6fHA67

· Visit the Philoptochos table during any Sunday coffee hour in November and complete the form.

Complete and mail the attached form to the Church office: Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 414 St Stephens School Rd, Austin, TX 78746, Attention: Christmas Card

Payment options include:

Online via your REALM account

• (select the fund "Philoptochos" and add "Christmas Card" in the memo section). https://onrealm.org/tgoc/-/form/give/default

· ZELLE (Search: philoptochostgoc@gmail.com)

- PAYPAL to philoptochos@transfiguration.org https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/WDT7PRM-REMV8S
- VENMO https://www.paypal.com/qrcodes/venmocs/15d6d787-8438-4e29-881d-02b od5fda701?created=1761060929

· Mailing a check to the Church (414 St. Stephens School Rd., Austin, TX 78746), payable to Philoptochos with "Christmas Card"

· Check or Cash at the Philoptochos table.

This is a wonderful way to extend Christmas blessings to our Parish family.

Help our sanctuaty get ready for the Nativity of Our Lord by donating a poinsettia or two, that will decorate the church and the solea. We are looking for small and big potted poinsettias





In the Old Testament we read about Nehemiah. After seeing the crumbling walls of Jerusalem, he called the people to "Rise up and build." Nehemiah doesn't do it alone. He inspires the people, sharing his vision. And the response of the people? "Let us rise up and build."

This story and the words of Nehemiah (2:19) call us today, not just to building and rebuilding with bricks and mortar, but also to a deeper, spiritual building – the rebuilding and renewal of our faith. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to respond to God's gifts with faithful stewardship. Like Nehemiah, we are called to "rise up and build," carrying on God's work in our parish our community and in the world.

This call of Nehemiah to "rise up and build" invites us to become active members of the Church, the Body of Christ, to join in ministry and contribute according to our abilities. As Orthodox Christians, we understand that stewardship is a joint effort of all the members of the community. Every member has a role to play.

Stewardship and generosity are aspects of spiritual discipline and an indication of our spiritual maturity. In stewardship we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and we are to use His gifts in ways that honor Him. This transforms our understanding of the blessings in our life. It prompts us to use our blessings for the good of others and for the glory of God. Just as the walls of Jerusalem were broken through neglect or indifference, a neglected spiritual life can also become dilapidated and broken. The words of Nehemiah call us to renew and rebuild our commitment to our faith, and our dedication and support for our Church and her ministries.

Nehemiah's response is a great example for us. He was moved by compassion and faith. He saw the need, and his heart was stirred. He didn't ignore the problem; he embraced it as his own. This is the first step in true stewardship: seeing the needs of God's Church and responding with love and sacrifice.

Nehemiah prayed. Before any action, Nehemiah turned to God. He understood that true rebuilding, both physical or spiritual, begins and ends with God. Stewardship is not about our own strength, but about God working through us.

Nehemiah planned and acted. Prayer without action is just empty words. Nehemiah meticulously planned, secured resources, and then courageously led the work. Stewardship is practical; it is intentional, requiring wise planning, and diligent use of our God-given abilities and resources.

Nehemiah inspired others. He didn't just command. He shared his vision. He ignited a spark in the hearts of the people, reminding them of their importance in this process. This is crucial for our parish stewardship ministry. We lead by example, inspiring one another to participate, to offer their unique gifts for the good of our Church. This is our call today. We are called to be like Nehemiah in our own lives and in our parish.

We can rise up and build the walls of prayer by dedicating time each day to personal prayer, Scripture reading, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church. We can rise up and build the walls of worship by being present in Divine Liturgy, offering our time, our worship and our gratitude for His blessings. We offer our whole being to God in worship, and we receive the presence of Jesus Christ within us.

We can rise up and build the wall of generosity. Stewardship is not just about money, though it is vital for our Church's mission. Stewardship is offering our time, serving in ministries, being ready to help, wherever we are needed. It is about offering our talents and our unique skills – whether in music, administration, hospitality, or technology – for the glory of God. It is about offering our treasures, giving a proportional and sacrificial portion of our income, recognizing that all we have comes from God.

We can rise up and build the wall of Christian love, seeing Christ in all people, forgiving with patience, and compassion. In Christian love, we serve those in need, both within and outside our parish family, in our neighborhood and around the world. To rise up requires effort, dedication, and perseverance. Building and rebuilding is not easy. But when we commit ourselves fully and sacrificially, God will bless our efforts.

The story of Nehemiah reminds us that stewardship is not only a financial obligation; it is a response of gratitude and love to God for His blessings. It is about actively participating in the ongoing work of building up the Kingdom of God, starting with the walls of our own souls and extending to the life of our parish and the world around us.

We give thanks to God for each of you who has offered your time, talent, and treasure in support of our parish. Below is a list of our *2025 Stewards*—those who have either submitted a pledge or have given to support the ministries of Holy Transfiguration.

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### VISION

To be a thriving spiritual community, committed to worshiping God, with personal growth, and service to the world.

### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 30, 2025

Services & Activities for next Week

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. BARBARA Orthros 9am D. Liturgy 10am

St. Justin's Academy 9:30am -12:30pm

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 6pm

**Bringing Your Brokenness** 6:30pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 YAL WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY 6pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 ST. NICHOLAS Orthros 9am D. Liturgy 10am

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Grove 1pm

**GREAT VESPERS 3PM** 

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

ELENI HRISSIKOPOULOS (40 DAYS) - survived by her beloved son Manton (Traci) Reece; brother of Dr. Paul (Rebecca) Hrissikipoulos, and sister Susan (Craig) Sullivan; her grandchildren Alexandra, Meredith, and Julian; and beloved nieces, nephews and Godchildren

CHARLES GLENN HARRISON (I YR) - survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Jill "Mary" Harrison; his daughter, Tiffany Harrison Heffernan, and son Nikolai Trevor Harrison; and many loving grandchildren.

ANITA HASSETT (2 YRS) - survived by her beloved sister of Diana (Jacob) Angelo; her nieces Christine (Russell) Boyer, Jennifer (Brandon) Suehs, Michelle (William) Leara; and many more family members.

### MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL

THANK YOU TO NOVEMBER 23rd COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS	THANK YOU TO NOVEMBER 30th COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS	THANK YOU TO DECEMBER 7th COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS		
MILLER (CAPTAIN), ACKERMAN, AMBROSE, MAVROMOUSTAKOS, MCQUEEN, MISTHOS, MOYA	Madden (Captain), Michaelides, Bassila Moyseos, Nathan, Nickolson, Daskalantonakis, Nikolaidis, Nikolaou	Morrow-Rainwater (Captain), Nicolescu, Nilsen, O'Brien, O'Connell, Orr, Pacheco, Pallard, Palmer		
THANK YOU TO NOVEMBER 23rd USHERS	THANK YOU TO NOVEMBER 30th USHERS	THANK YOU TO DECEMBER 7th USHERS		
Anthony Rosario (PCM) Victor Daniello (PCM) Katie Kish, Effie Ambrose, Mitch Rivers, Corey Skahill	MIKE KINSLOW (PCM) MARGARET CHASE (PCM) DAN APPLING, GIGI APPLING, ALLEN WYNN	ALEX MICHALAKOS (PCM) RACHELLE STAMAS - HARENG (PCM) MICHAEL HARENG, BILL ROBERTSON		