

# ***BUILDING FAITH FAMILY and A FUTURE***

***Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
Austin, Texas  
A Vibrant and Growing Parish  
1985-2026***

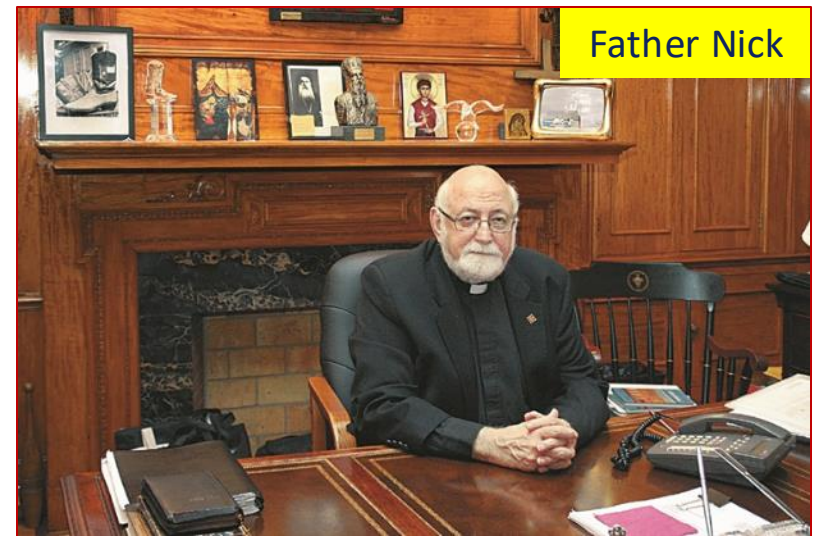
# ***TGOC History Overview***

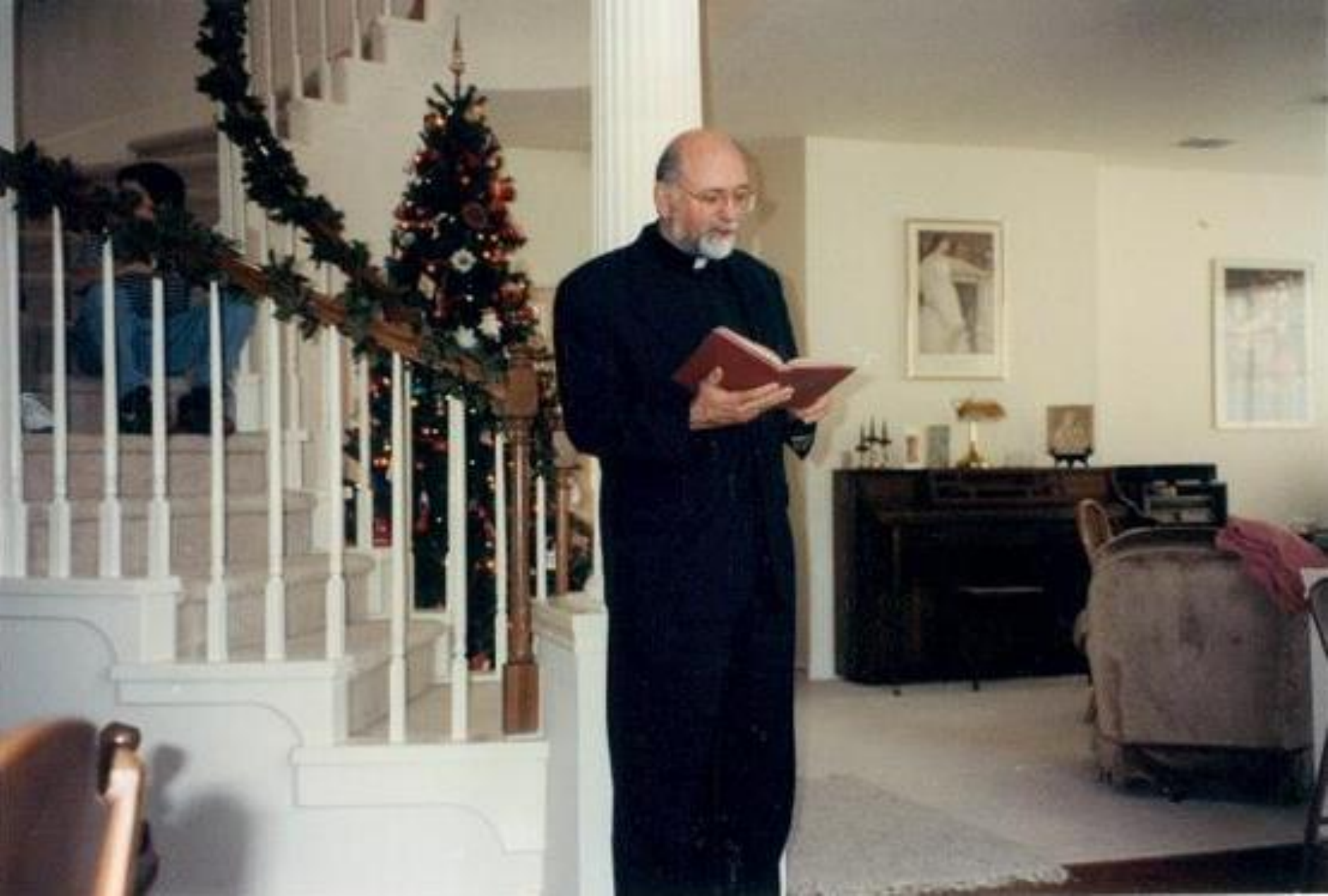
- 1985: Mission Parish w/Rev Nicholas Triantafilou
- 1986: Began using Parish Hall of St. George's Episcopal Church
- 1988: Official name The Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
- 1990: Purchased our current 4.2 acres
- 1991: Ladies Philoptochos Society established
- 1993: Divine Liturgy at Mt. Tabor Hall facilities.
- 1997: Fr. Jordan G. Brown became our Priest
- 2004: Our Byzantine Church Sanctuary opens
- 2006: First phase of Sanctuary Iconography
- 2009: Fr. Michael Lambakis became our Priest
- 2010: Fr. Vasileios Flegas becomes our Priest
- 2011: Beautiful wood pews installed
- 2012: Iconography Dome Project completed
- 2013: Our Parish mortgage is paid off
- 2016: Parish Walkway and TGOC Consecration
- 2018: Launch TGOC Parish Expansion Project
- 2018: Deacon Salvatore M. Fazio
- 2019: Annual Austin Greek Festivals 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- 2021: Father George Bithos becomes our Assistant Priest
- 2022: TGOC campus expansion project approved by Parish Assembly
- 2023: Ordination to Holy Diaconate: Deacon Stephen Dow, Deacon Haralambos Ryburn
- 2024: Mount Tabor Community Center opens



# 1985: Mission Parish w/Father Nicholas Triantafilou

- August 1985: Reverend Nicholas C. Triantafilou, Proistamenos of Annunciation Cathedral in Houston, visited Austin to meet Greek Orthodox families interested in founding the first Greek Orthodox Church in the growing state capital..
- December 1985: His Grace, Bishop Anthimos of Denver visited Austin and gave his blessing to proceed with the new Parish – with this the Greek Orthodox Church of Austin was born.
- 1988: At the recommendation of Father Nick, the membership voted to officially name the *Church The Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church* (celebrating its feast day on August 6).



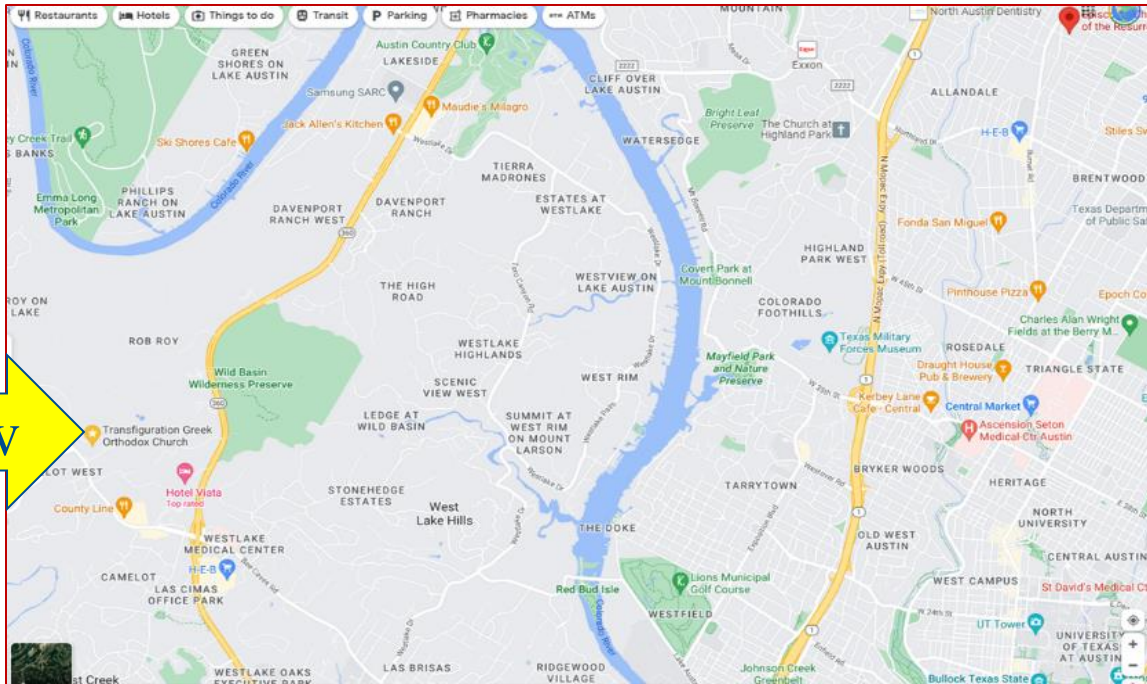




# 1986 to 1991: Liturgy at Parish Hall, Resurrection Episcopal Church on Justin Lane in Austin

1986-1991

Now



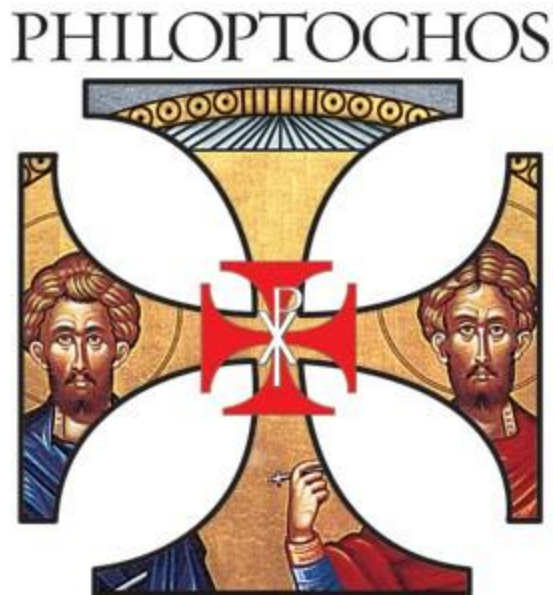
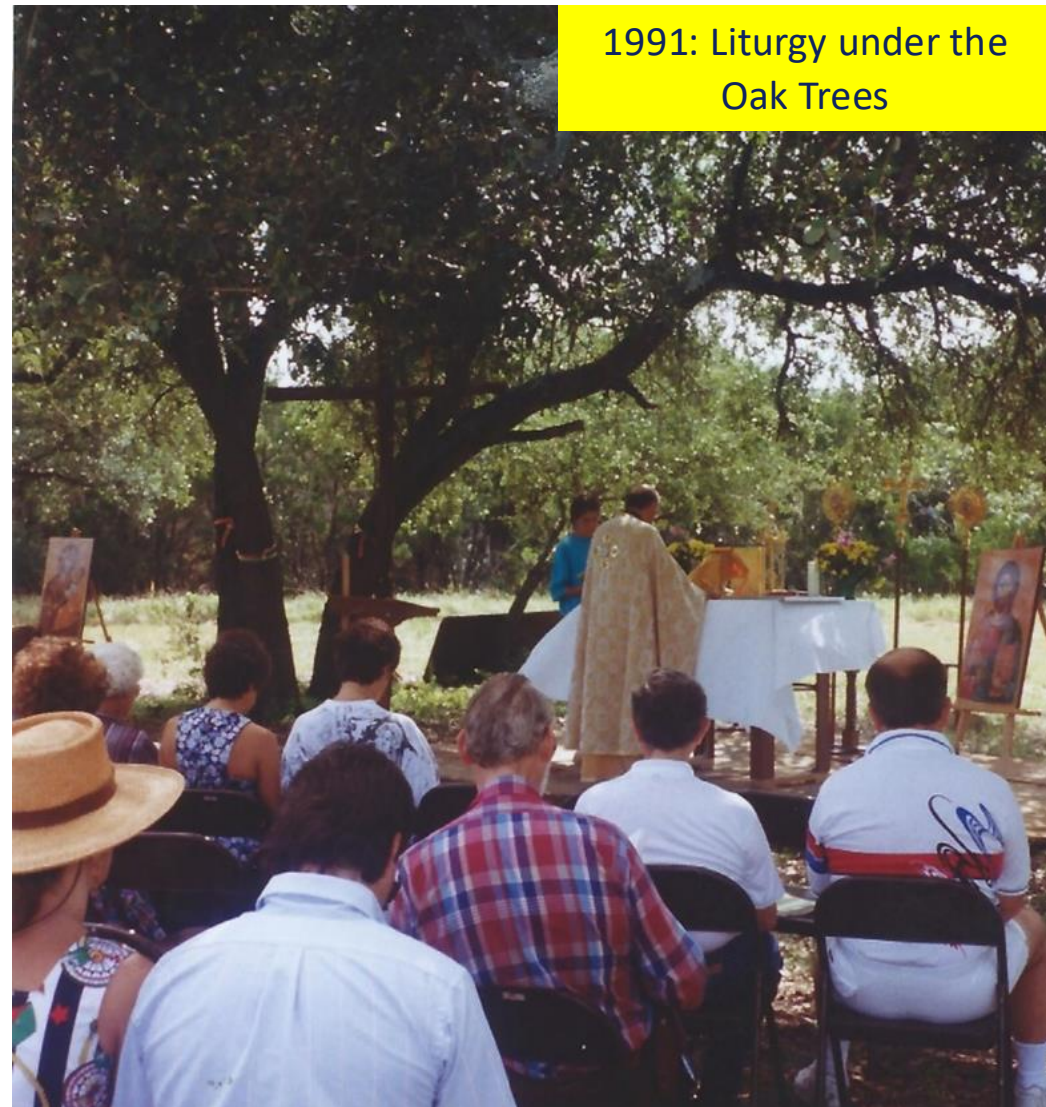
Fundraising to purchase Parish Property..

- Monthly Luncheons
- Austin Pecan Street Festival



# ***1990: Purchase our current 4.2 Acres***

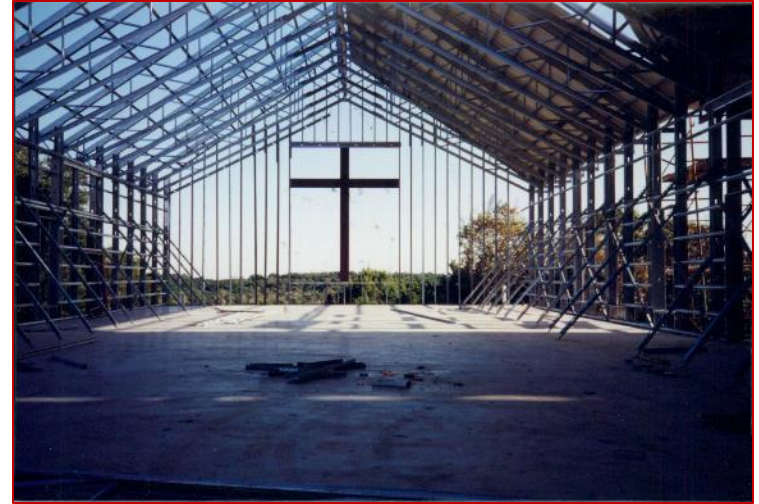
## ***1991: Ladies Philoptochos Society established***





# ***Divine Liturgy in Mt. Tabor Hall***

1991 Mount Tabor Hall  
Groundbreaking



1993 Divine Liturgy in  
Mount Tabor Hall



## ***1997: Fr. Jordan G. Brown became our Priest***





# **1997-2003**

## ***Mount Tabor Hall Debt Elimination Planning and Pledges for a Byzantine style Church***



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



# 2004: Our Byzantine Church Sanctuary Opens





## 2006: First phase of Sanctuary Iconography



Iconographer Leonidas Diamantopoulos was chosen to write the iconography for the Sanctuary. The first phase of Sanctuary iconography, including the Platytera, the Dormition of the Theotokos, the Hierarchs, and the major feasts in the life of Christ were installed in the Sanctuary in September 2006.

***2009: Fr. Michael Lambakis became our Priest  
2010: Fr. Michael assigned to Annunciation  
Greek Orthodox Cathedral as Proistamenos***





**2010:  
Father  
Vasileios  
Flegas  
becomes  
our Priest**



***2011: Our beautiful wood pews are installed***  
***2012: Iconography Dome Project completed***





# 2016: Metropolitan ISALAH of Denver consecrates Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church



Consecration of  
our Church is the  
Service of sanctification  
and solemn dedication  
of a building for use as  
a Church



# ***A Vibrant and Growing Parish***

1998: Mt Tabor Hall mortgage paid off

2002-2006: New Sanctuary and Icons

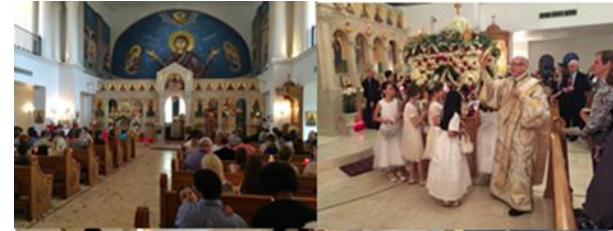
2011: Funding raised for Pews

2012: Phase 2 Icons, lighting, sound

2013: Sanctuary mortgage eliminated

2016: Consecration and Walkway

Vision: We Need a Community Center





# 2018: Parishioner Led Parish Expansion Project





# ***Building Faith, Family and a Future***





# Austin Greek Festivals 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025





## ***Blessed Feast of the Transfiguration - 2024***



Great Vespers with His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine of Denver during our Feast of the Transfiguration!



# ***TGOC Mount Tabor Community Center***

- Accommodate a growing Parish
- Phase 1: MTCC 14,720 sq. ft., 12 Classrooms, Banquet Hall, Kitchen, Offices, Work Rooms, Balconies...
- October 27-28, 2024: MTCC Ribbon Cutting & Raising the Cross
- 2026 Phase 2: Repurposing MTH for increased parking.



# ***Parish Ministries***

## ***Discover. Connect, Belong***

### **Educational Ministries**

Orthodoxy 101  
AHEPA  
Bible Bowl  
Biblical Liturgical Greek  
Modern Greek School  
Greek Dance  
Oratorical Festival  
Sunday School

### **Liturgical Service Ministries**

Acolytes  
Agape Choir  
Chanters  
Prospora Ministry  
Transfiguration Adult Choir  
Ushers  
Youth Epistle Readers

### **Holistic Wellness**

Bringing Your Brokenness  
Women's Prayer Ministry  
Acoustic Music Ministry  
Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **Outreach & Cultural Ministries**

Austin Greek Festival  
Encore  
Greek Golf Day  
Men's Fellowship  
Mobile Loaves and Fishes  
Orthodox College Fellowship (OCF)  
Philoctochochos  
Women's Fellowship  
Young Professionals

### **Youth Activities**

TGOC Tykes  
HOPE/JOY  
GOYA  
GOYA Basketball  
Camp St. Nicholas





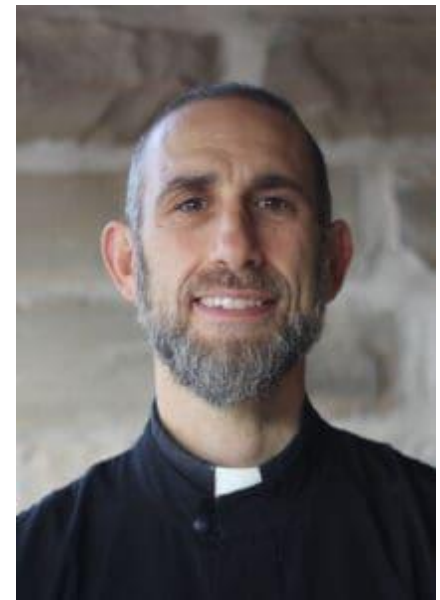
# Our Clergy



Fr. Vasileios Flegas  
Protopresbyter



Fr. George Bithos  
Ekonomos



Deacon Sal Fazio



Deacon Stephen Dow