

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sunday, January 3, 2010

Service Schedule:

Forefeast of Holy Theophany - Tuesday, January 5
Vesperal Liturgy - 6:00pm

Holy Theophany - Wednesday, January 6
Orthros-8:00am; Liturgy-9:00am

Feast of St. John the Baptist - Thursday, January 7
Orthros-8:00am; Liturgy-9:00am

Welcome, Fr. Michael, Prva. Renee, Andrew and Nicholas!
We are so blessed to have you here!

We will have a welcome reception for Fr. Michael and his family on Saturday, January 23rd.
Save the date...more information to follow!

Today is Philoptochos Vasilopita Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who baked Vasilopita for today!
Please stop by the fellowship hall after Liturgy today and bid on one of these delightful loaves!
Supporting St. Basil's Academy is a great way to start off the new year as well as to remember St. Basil himself.

Philoptochos

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 30 at 6:30pm here at Transfiguration.
There will be a CAbi Fashion show as part of the meeting. Make plans to attend!

Photo Directories and 2010 Calendars

The directories and calendars are in! If you are a current steward of Transfiguration, stop by the stewardship table in the foyer of Mt. Tabor Hall and pick up the envelope with your name on it. There is one envelope containing a directory and calendar for each pledging family, so please be sure to take the one with your name. If you are not a steward or wish to purchase extra copies of the directory, they are for sale for \$5.00. The calendars are free - one per family, please. See Liz to get one.

Stewardship

If you haven't done so- make every effort to fulfill your 2009 stewardship pledge. Also, please complete and turn in your 2010 stewardship pledge cards as soon as possible. Stewardship packets are available in the narthex and in Mt. Tabor Hall. Don't forget the volunteer opportunities on the back of the stewardship cards. Contact Brandon Suehs or Stuart Yoder if you have any questions.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Kalogirou, Kalpaxis, Karides, Kasma-Carnes, Khan,

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Horwedel, Justice, Jones, Jernigan, Kalenterides
Next Week's Luncheon Sponsors: Men's Fellowship

Thank you to today's ushers: Peter Kangos and Sami Yagnam
Next week's usher will be: Elizabeth George and Sami Yagnam
contact Steve Levendakes at 927-2344 if you would like to help with ushering.

SUNDAY BULLETIN
JANUARY 3, 2010

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
ORTHROS 8:45 AM; DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

Reverend Fr. Michael Lambakis, Proistamenos

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HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - II TIMOTHY 4: 5 - 8

But thou, be watchful in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. For I already am being made a drink-offering and the time of my release is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall render to me in that day; and not only to me, but to all who have loved His appearing.

GOSPEL - ST. MARK I: 1 - 8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Hymn (First Plagal Tone) (p. 20-21 in Hymnal)

"Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection."

Hymn in preparation for Our Lords Baptism

"Be thou ready Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now to clothe you in the first robe again. Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation."

Hymn for Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

"Metemorphosis en to ori, Christe o Theos, dixas tis mathites Sou tin doxan Sou, kathos I dynando Lampson ke imin tis amarto lis to fos Sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotokou Fotodoto 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

"In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize Me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

WELCOME

We welcome all new visitors who worshipped with us this morning. Please join us next door after service for fellowship. There is material in the entrance of the church regarding ministries and events of our church. Please fill out our Guest Book.

Receiving Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved for only baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by fasting, prayer and confession. The Orthodox Church is not in sacramental communion with any other church outside the Orthodox Christian Faith. If you would like information about the Orthodox Church and becoming an Orthodox Christian, please see Fr. Michael after services.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

Dolly, Betty, Arlena, Sophie, Archie, Lou, Thomas, Kathy, Suzanne, Pat, Steve, Nina, Phyllis, Kathryn, Panayioti, Anna, Margaret, Sami, Abraham, Mary, George, Susan, Muna, Matthew, Ellen, Gary, Katina, Nelda, Nick, Elaine, Fotini, Gerasimos, Malone and family, Tracy, Richard, Lilly, Kimberly