

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sunday, February 21, 2010

Service Schedule:

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - Wednesday, Feb. 24 - 6:00pm
Salutations to the Theotokos - Friday, Feb. 26 - 7:00pm

Congratulations, Oratorical Winners!

Junior Division: 1st place - Sara Khan, 2nd place - Jerry Benson, 3rd place, Matthew Wynn
Senior Division: 1st place - Jasmin Khan, 2nd place - Jessica Tindle, 3rd place - Maria Benson
Jasmin will not be able to attend the Metropolis Festival, so Jessica will represent Transfiguration at St. Basil's.

Philoptochos

Thank you to the Philoptochos ladies for the wonderful chocolate desserts that you provided for our Chocolate Lover's Bake Sale. They were not only delicious but beautiful to the eye. A huge thank you to the buyers. Without your support, we could not reach our goals to help others.

HEB and Starbucks scrip cards (otherwise known as gift cards) are ready to be picked up at the Philoptochos table. We are slowly but surely remembering to purchase these cards every week so we can support our church. Philoptochos is the way to get these cards. But this is all about getting free money for Transfiguration. Every family who shops for food should be buying these cards so that we can get some extra items for our church without it costing us anything. Stop by the table today and get the details and start helping with this project.

MARCH 6...Let's walk for charity! Every year we have this Lenten Walk to raise money for the needy. In the past we have been fortunate that we have been so generously supported. We will be asking for donations for those who will be walking. We can also take donations. The walkers will meet at the bridge by the hike and bike trail at 10:00am and will walk the loop. When we finish we will meet for coffee. Details will be at the table. Come and sign up! Everyone is welcome - kids, pets, bikes...just come.

Our Lenten dinners are being scheduled now. Please come to the Philoptochos table and find out how you can do your part. These dinners are so important for all of us.

MARCH 13TH...Philoptochos will be going on a retreat with the Dallas Philoptochos ladies. Come to the table to get more information and to sign up.

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, Dion, Jamil, Dimitrios, Lisa

Women's Bible Study

G.O.L.F. will meet this Wednesday, Feb. 24th at 9:30am.

Greek School

Tuesday evening at 6:45pm.

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Nikas, Nolan, Norman, O'Brien, Nicolaou

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Meador, Mirialakis, Missetis, Mitchell, Omer
Next Week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Orthmann, Ousaklidis, Papadatos, Papanikolaou, Pavlos

Thank you to today's ushers: Michael Glaros and Sami Yagnam
Next week's usher will be: Brandon Suehs and Sami Yagnam

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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THE 1ST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT / SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: TRIUMPH OF THE ICONS



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

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FEBRUARY 21, 2010
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS II: 24-26, 32-40

GOSPEL - JOHN I: 43-51

By faith Moses, "having become full-grown," refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, having chosen rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin, since he deemed the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures in Egypt; for he kept on looking away from the treasures to the recompense.

And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me narrating about Gideon and Barak and also Samson and Jephthae, and about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith struggled against kingdoms, wrought righteousness, attained to promises, stopped mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were empowered out of weakness, became strong in battle, turned back encampments of aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection. And others were tortured, not accepting release, that they might attain a better resurrection. And others received trial of mockings and of scourgings, and, moreover, of bonds and of imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted; they died, murdered by the sword. They went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in need, afflicted, ill-treated— of whom the world was not worthy. They were made to wander in deserts, and in mountains, and in caves, and in the holes of the earth. And these all, having been approved by testimony through faith, received not for themselves the promise, God having foreseen some better thing concerning us, that they should not be made perfect without us.

At that time, 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 he 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."

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

Hymn for the Sunday of Orthodoxy

"Your immaculate Icon we venerate oh Good one, begging for the forgiveness of our mistakes oh Christ God. For of your own will you consented in the flesh to ascend the Cross, in order to rescue those whom you created from the bondage of the enemy, wherefore thankfully we cry to You, You filled all things with joy, our Savior in coming to save the world."

Resurrection Hymn (Fourth Tone) (p.19-20 in Hymnal)

"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 evermore and Christ Our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy."

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 for the 1st Sunday of Great Lent

"O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride."

"Ti ypermacho stratigo ta nikitiria, os litrothisa ton dinon efcharistiria, anagrafo si I polis su, Theotoke. Allos echusa to kratos aprosmachiton, ek pandion me kindynon eleftheroson, ina krazo si: Chere, nym fi anymfefte."

Hymn in Place of Axion Estin

"All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace; the assembly of angels and the human race. You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory from whom God was incarnate and become a child our God existing before all ages. He made your womb a throne, and your body more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to you."

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.

Please allow the Church School Teachers to receive Holy Communion first, followed by the Sunday School students so that they can get to their classes.

All others should wait until the ushers dismiss you by rows to receive Communion.