

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sunday, March 14, 2010

Service Schedule for the 5th week of Lent

Presanctified Liturgy - Wednesday, March 17 - 6:00pm

Akathist Hymn to the Holy Theotokos - Friday, March 19 - 7:00pm

Sacrament of Holy Confession - Please call the church office to schedule.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship lunch will meet on Thursday, March 18 at 11:45 at Madras Pavilion (183 and Burnet Road).

Dance lessons!

The Austin IOCC Committee will be sponsoring a series of dance lessons to raise \$\$ for IOCC. The first group of lessons will be Greek Dancing and are scheduled to begin on April 11 at St. Elias Orthodox Church. Please see Liz Strong for more information.

Philoptochos

*WELCOME to the St. Barbara's Philoptochos women of Dallas! Yesterday, the Philoptochos women went on a Lenten Retreat to Holy Archangel's Monastery in Kendalia. Today there will be a luncheon for the Dallas Philoptochos immediately following the Liturgy.

*The scrip cards are available for purchase immediately following Liturgy. Check out the expanded list of companies offering discounts to us when we purchase these cards! Lists are located on every table in the Mt. Tabor hall. Please purchase your cards today.

We currently have movie theatre cards on hand...just in time for Spring Break!

*Delicious Easter breads will be ready for Pascha. Philoptochos is taking orders now. Don't pass this up! Sign up for your bread today!

Donations for Flowers for Pascha

We are accepting donations for flowers for the decoration of the Epitaphion as well as for the Altar.

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

Thank you to today's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Poulos, Price, Qatato, Randol, Read

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Sponsors: Petropoulos, Phillips, Phocas, Phoumivong, Pon
Next Week's Luncheon Sponsors: AHEPA in celebration of Greek Independence Day

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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THE 4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



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

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HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE - HEBREWS 6: 13 - 20

GOSPEL - MARK 9: 17 - 31

For God, having made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." And thus, after he patiently endured, he attained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and the oath for confirmation is to them an end of all contradiction. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, mediated by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and firm, and which entereth into "the inner space behind the veil," where Jesus entered as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Hymn (Baris Tone) (p.23-24 in Hymnal)

"O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Hymn for Saint John Climacus

"With the streams of thy tears, thou did cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou did bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou became a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved."

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 4th 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 sign our Guest Book.

Receiving Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved only for 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.