
TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver

Welcome to our visitors! Please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs following the Liturgy so that we may meet you.

Receiving Holy Communion: Only those confessing the Orthodox Christian Faith, having prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, works of mercy and forgiveness, and confession may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. The Orthodox Church is not in sacramental communion with any other group outside the Orthodox Christian Faith.

+ PLEASE TURN OFF OR MUTE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS) WHILE IN CHURCH. +

NOVEMBER 15, 2009



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

The holy Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa Guria, Shamuna, and Habib the Deacon. Our Father among the Saints Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Κυριακή: Η' ΛΟΥΚΑ. Τῶν Ἁγίων Μαρτύρων καὶ Ὁμολογητῶν Γουρία, Σαμωνᾶ καὶ Ἀβιβου. Τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ὁωμᾶ, Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως.

Apostle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

At that time a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Resurrection Hymn (*Plagal of the Second Tone*)

When the angelic powers were at Your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, Who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

Hymn for the Holy Martyrs

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties, scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Friend of man.

Hymn for the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

Metemorphosis 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.

You were transfigured upon the mountain O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting Light. At the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You.

Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Memorial Prayers are offered today for the repose of the soul of our brother, **Gebringus Hailu**, on the fifth anniversary of his falling asleep in Christ. May our most merciful Lord grant rest to his soul in the bosom of Abraham.

The **Nativity Fast** begins today and continues for six weeks through December 24. This fast is a period of preparation for the great feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ (Christmas). The coming of God to dwell among us in the flesh is a great mystery. In order to enter into the depths of a divine mystery, we must prepare ourselves properly. Fasting is one of the ways the Church provides for us to do this.

Please consult the church calendar to know how to fast each day. (If you don't have a calendar, ask Father Sava. There are still a few left.) If you have special circumstances or questions about fasting, ask Father.

Orthodoxy 101 will meet two more times this fall. On Tuesday (Nov. 17th) we will study the Orthodox Church's teaching concerning human nature, the fall, and redemption in Christ. On December 1st, we will consider the Church, the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments), and "the life of the age to come."

Ted Kyriakos will be taking photos today (and the next few Sundays) for our new **Parish Directory**. Please stop by Ted's corner during Fellowship Hour to have your family's photo taken.

Thanks to today's fellowship hour sponsor: **Tsehay Nigussie**

A HOST IS NEEDED FOR NEXT SUNDAY.

THIS WEEK AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

- Tuesday Orthodoxy 101, 7 p.m.
Wednesday Paraklesis Service at 6:00 p.m. Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Friday Great Vespers and Artoklasia at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday **Entrance of the Theotokos** – Orthros at 8:00 a.m., Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.
Great Vespers at 5:00 p.m. Confessions following or by appointment.
Sunday Orthros and Church School at 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.
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LOOKING AHEAD

- November 15-24 We fast in preparation for the feast of the Lord's Nativity.
December 3 Serve dinner at St. Francis House (Philoptochos project)
December 5 Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale
December 6 St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
December 13 Parish Elections
February 15 Great Lent begins
April 4 Great and Holy Pascha (coincides with western Easter this year)
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WISDOM: THE MORNING PRAYER OF ST. PHILARET, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace.
Help me in all things to rely upon your holy will.

In every hour of the day reveal your will to me.

Bless my dealings with all who surround me.

Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that your will governs all.

In all my deeds and words, guide my thoughts and feelings.

In unforeseen events, let me not forget that all are sent by you.

Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others.

Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring.

Direct my will, teach me to pray. And you, yourself, pray in me. Amen



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