HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Sunday—the Lord's Day—June 5, 2016

The Sunday of the Blind Man Η Κυριακή τοῦ Τυφλοῦ

Musical Mode: Plagal 1st Eothinon: 8th Readings of the Day: Acts of the Apostles 16.16-34 and John 9.1-38

On this day we commemorate the Holy Priest-martyr Dorotheos, the Holy Ten Martyrs of Egypt, Holy Martyrs Christopher and Conon of Rome, and the Holy New-Martyr Mark.

Η μνήμη τοῦ Άγίου Ἱερομάρτυρος Δωροθέου, τῶν Άγίων δέκα Μαρτύρων τῶν ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ, τῶν Άγίων Μαρτύρων Χριστοφόρου καὶ Κόνωνος τῶν ἀπὸ Ῥώμης, καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Νεομάρτυρος Μάρκου.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today. We invite all of you to join us for light refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall (next to the church building) after the Divine Liturgy.

Please note that we only have access to part of the renovated Parish Life Center (the Parish Hall and kitchen). Work continues for the new construction. For your own safety, please stay out of the clearly marked work areas.

A HYMN FROM ORTHROS

In the eyes of soul have I become unseeing. Unto You I come, O Christ, as did of old the man born blind, and in repentance I cry to You. For those in darkness You are the most resplendent light.

THE FEAST OF ASCENSION

On Wednesday, we take leave of the Paschal period with services that are almost exactly like those with which the greatest of Church feasts began on May 1st. The Church permits fish to be eaten on this festive Wednesday, which is also the last day on which we greet each other with "Christ is risen!" The following day, we commemorate the Holy Ascension of the Lord into heaven, which is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church and from which point we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit at the great feast of Pentecost ten days later. Wine and oil are permitted on the Fridays and Wednesday between Holy Ascension and Holy Pentecost. The Jews celebrated their Pentecost fifty days after the Passover, first of all because the Hebrews had reached Mount Sinai and there received the Law from God. The Christian Church, experiencing the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, will meditate on such themes as the letter and spirit of the Law and the reversal of the confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Please sing along with us after the Small Entrance, as you are able.

Hymn of the Resurrection. Plagal 1st Mode.

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Hymn of the Parish—printed on the back cover of the bulletin.

Kontakion of Pascha. Plagal 4th Mode.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου, τήν δόξαν σου, καθώς ἠδύναντο· λάμψον καί ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τό Φῶς σου τό ἀῖδιον, πρεσβείες τῆς Θεοτόκου· Φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Metemorfóthis en to óri, Hristé o Theós, dixas tis Mathités sou, tin dóxan sou kathós idinanto; lampson ke imin tis amartolis, to fos sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotókou, Fotodóta dóxa 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 may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You.