



From Father Anthony

Why we are Here

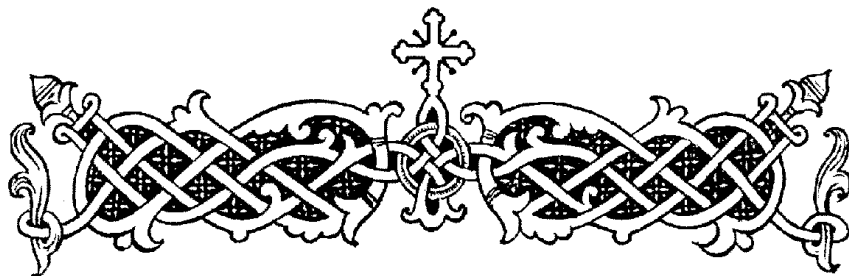
Our mission statement at St. Philothea talks about fulfilling the great commission of Christ that He gave to us before His Ascension. But to put it in concrete terms Christ came to show us love and to show us how to love, by serving us and laying His life down for us. He wants us to be co-ministers with Him in that ministry. That is the long and short of His Gospel; incarnating love to God and to our neighbor. It sounds easy enough but too many things can get in the way, fear, selfishness, passions, pride, ego, so it only makes sense that He came to show us the way and give us the tools. This is not just the ministry of the priest, rather each of us in our own way “works out our salvation in fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:11-13) That is to say we are all confronted daily with the opportunity to “love” or to “hate” to ‘serve’ or to ‘ignore’. It is not a static situation however. We succeed one day and we fail miserably another.

That is why we began a Counsel of Ministries, to help us be more intentional in carrying out our ministries in the Body of Christ, the Church. This year we will be expanding that effort to help each of us find our place (or places) in the body of Christ. Not only is this why we were created in the first place, it is also the place where we will find the most fulfillment and joy in this life.

He has also called us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. We are witnesses, but what do we testify to by our lives? Are we showing people the correct worship by our correct actions? Each of us has the opportunity to touch the lives of all who surround us; as long as we are growing and maturing in our faith, we do so in a positive way. We don’t have to be theologians, we have to be faithful and humble Christians. Actions speak louder than words. If we don’t know the theology of the Church we can speak as St. Andrew did to Nathaniel, “Come and See”. If we think that by avoiding education and services that we will not be held accountable then we have a wrong understanding of God’s love for us. He wants us to grow up “¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:13

As we begin a new Ecclesiastical Year on September 1st, let us ask God to direct our path this year that we may grow more fully into the ministry that he has called each of us to, and that our joy may be made full.

Fr. Anthony



SUNDAY READINGS

	Matins	Epistle	Gospel
9/6/2009	Mark 16:1-8	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24	Matthew 21:33-42
9/13/2009	Mark 16:9-20	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18	John 3:13-17
9/20/2009	Luke 24:1-12	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20	Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
9/27/2009	Luke 24:13-35	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians	Luke 5:1-11

KIDS CORNER

Coloring Fun!



Parish Happenings

<http://calendar.goarch.org/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.exe?level=marswoodhall>

*Announcements for the bulletin can be emailed to Greekgirl1087@aol.com

Item Collection: We are now collecting items for the Protection of the Theotokos Family Center in Romania run by OCMC Missionaries Floyd and Ancuta Frantz. Next time you are shopping, please think about their needs, pick up some of these items, and bring them to church where I can collect them.:

- Receiving or baby blanket
- Cloth diapers and diaper pins
- Baby clothing of any & all kinds
- Baby powder, baby oil, baby soap (mild like Ivory), baby lotion
- Diaper cream
- Antiseptic lotion
- Pacifier
- Toys suitable for babies (e.g. without small ingestible parts)
- A small treat for the new mother, such as some perfumed hand lotion or perfumed soap
- Washcloths or reusable cloth baby wipes
- Set of towels: One bath size, one hand towel and one washcloth (no large size bath sheets please)

OUR MISSION

St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; through Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and through loving service to God and to all humankind.

OUR VISION

*The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through **worship, service, witness and fellowship.***

St. Philothea is high tech!

See the on-line parish calendar for all the latest information. You can find it through the St. Philothea homepage:

<http://www.stphilothea.ga.goarch.org/>

*Marswood Hall Calendar

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee Hour Host Duties: Pay for and pick up the refreshments; set up and clean up--includes making coffee, wiping, tables and vacuuming as necessary. You may be asked to provide Prosforon, coffee or creamer when necessary. Lenten dates are marked in grey.

If the date listed below does not work for you please call Georgia Parthemos (706-548-3876) or Lynn Manzione (706- 369 0546) to make any necessary changes.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS BLESSED MINISTRY

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOST
6-Sep	Covered Dish Lambros
13-Sep	Lamson
20-Sep	Lavelle
27-Sep	GREEK Festival
4-Oct	Covered Dish Lubimov
11-Oct	Mahoney
18-Oct	Manzione
25-Oct	Nguyentan
1-Nov	Lieffring
8-Nov	O'Malley
15-Nov	Advent Fast Pagonis
22-Nov	Pappas
29-Nov	Pottier
6-Dec	Covered Dish Salzman
13-Dec	Sarandos
20-Dec	Shih
27-Dec	Shurdha
3-Jan	Covered Dish (?) Stiles
10-Jan	Stojanivoc
17-Jan	Svoronos
24-Jan	Tseggai
31-Jan	Vlahos
7-Feb	Covered Dish Wright

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St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Calendar

Sep 2009 (Eastern Time)

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30	<p>12th Sunday of Matthew</p> <p>8:30am - Orthros</p> <p>9:30am - Divine Liturgy</p> <p>10:30am - Coffee Hour @</p>	31	<p>The Placing of the</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	1	<p>Ecclesiastical New Year</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	2	<p>Mammas the Martyr</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Services</p> <p>7pm - Catechumen class</p> <p>7pm - Choir practice</p>	3	<p>Anthimos, Bishop of</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>	4	<p>Babylas the Holy Martyr</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	5	<p>Zacharias the Prophet &</p> <p>10am - Christopher</p>
6	<p>13th Sunday of Matthew</p> <p>8:30am - Orthros</p> <p>9:30am - Divine Liturgy</p> <p>10:30am - Coffee Hour @</p>	7	<p>Labor Day</p> <p>The Forefeast of the</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	8	<p>The Nativity of Our Most</p> <p>7am - Birth of the</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	9	<p>The Holy & Righteous</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Services</p> <p>7pm - Catechumen class</p>	10	<p>Menodora, Metrodora, &</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>	11	<p>Theodora the Martyr of</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	12	<p>Apodosis of the Nativity</p> <p>12pm - Mendoza Party</p>
13	<p>Sunday before Holy Cross</p> <p>9am - Orthros</p> <p>10am - Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11am - Covered Dish</p>	14	<p>7 am Divine Liturgy Feast</p> <p>The Elevation of the</p> <p>7:30am - Golf Committee</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>5:30pm - Bread for Life</p>	15	<p>Nikitas the Great Martyr</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	16	<p>Euphemia the Great</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Services</p> <p>7pm - Catechumen class</p>	17	<p>Sophia & her three</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>	18	<p>Eumenios, Bishop of</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>5pm - Flint Rehearsal @</p>	19	<p>Saturday after Holy Cross</p> <p>12pm - Chris Flint</p>
20	<p>Sunday after Holy Cross</p> <p>9am - Orthros</p> <p>10am - Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p>	21	<p>Apodosis of the Elevation</p> <p>St. Philothea Golf Classic</p> <p>1pm - Golf Outing</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	22	<p>Phocas the Martyr, Bishop</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	23	<p>The Conception of St.</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Services</p> <p>7pm - Catechumen class</p>	24	<p>Thekla the Protomartyr &</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>	25	<p>Euphrosyne of Alexandria</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>5pm - Greek Fest Prep</p>	26	<p>Greek Festival</p> <p>The Falling Asleep of St.</p>
27	<p>Greek Festival</p> <p>1st Sunday of Luke</p> <p>9am - Orthros</p> <p>10am - Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11am - Coffee Hour</p>	28	<p>Chariton the Confessor</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	29	<p>Kyriakos the Hermit of</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	30	<p>Gregory the Illuminator,</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Services</p> <p>7pm - Catechumen class</p>	1	<p>Ananias, Apostle of the</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p> <p>6pm - Spaghetti Dinner</p>	2	<p>Cyprian the Holy Martyr,</p> <p>2pm - Bread for Life</p>	3	<p>Dionysios the Areopagite</p> <p>12pm - Reyes Reception</p>



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