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**Marietta, GA**

**FEBRUARY 2013**



### SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

**O**pen to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life, for early in the morning my spirit hastens to Your holy temple, bringing the temple of my body all defiled. But as one Who is compassionate, cleanse me, I pray, by Your loving-kindness and mercy.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Orthros..... 8:30 am    Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 am

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**FROM I-75 Exit at 267-A. At 1st light, turn right (Sandy Plains Road). Continue for 3-4 miles until you see a CVS Pharmacy on your left. At that light turn left onto Trickum Rd. Proceed Approx 1/2 mile. Church will be on your left. Can't miss it!**

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**Coffee vs Heaven?**



Sometimes people wonder why they come to church. Many people, actually, have said that they come to church in order to see their friends and socialize. They come late for the Divine Liturgy and are the first ones to rush out to the church hall for the coffee-hour. Many of these people complain about the length of the service and find all the reasons to justify their behavior. But, in fact, the root of the problem is their own understanding of why we come to church, or rather, their misunderstanding of what the church can really offer to them.

If they only knew that the Divine Liturgy is the opening of the door to Heaven, it is the opportunity to be present at the Throne of God, it is the amazing encounter of the Living God in person where we may draw power, wisdom, health,

strength and life, they would treat their time in the Divine Liturgy not as a burden but rather as a divine privilege and their attitude would change completely.

How can we discover this amazing understanding of our time in church? By actually being there! Nothing can replace the experience of placing ourselves in the presence of God! We can only know God by putting ourselves on a trajectory to meet Him. Nothing can stop Him from touching our souls and filling our hearts with His joy except for our negligence and refusal to do so. If we enter the church leaving everything else behind, if we immerse ourselves in the Divine Worship as the angels and all the saints who are already in His Presence, if we open our hearts to His loving-kindness, we will taste of that Kingdom which is already here and made available to us, as well. This is the mystery which is revealed to us in the Divine Liturgy.

Christ came to earth in order to open the door to the Heavenly Kingdom. He actually became the door to Heaven. He keeps calling out: "I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find a pasture." (John 10:9) All we need to do is respond to His call and enter to enjoy the results of His efforts.

The coffee of our parish is pretty good, I must say (most of the time), but Heaven is far better! Why would anyone neglect the Kingdom of Heaven and go only for the earthly coffee? That is the greatest mystery for me! Besides, they can get better coffee at Starbucks, but they can experience Heaven only in church!

Join us for the full stretch of the Divine Liturgy, my brothers and sisters. Come at 10:00 am and let go of the worldly cares of your life. You have time to worry about everything after the Liturgy. And you will then be able to look at everything with a new perspective. Make the best out of what God has offered us here on earth. Come and join in to experience His Loving Presence.

Yes, Heaven is open and waiting for you in the here and now. Come, taste and see that the Lord is Good! Far better than any coffee!

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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **February 2013**

**February 1, Friday,** Blessing of the Water 10:00 am at Chapel

**Friday Evening:** Overnight Vigil for Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - 9:00 pm to 12:15 am

**February 2, Saturday,** Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ (Overnight Vigil ends at 12:15 am)

**Saturday Evening,** Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

**February 3, Sunday,** 15th Sunday of Matthew.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**February 9, Saturday,** Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

**February 10, Sunday,** 16th Sunday of Matthew. Feast of St. Haralambos.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**February 16, Saturday,** Great Vespers, 5:00 pm.

**February 17, Sunday,** 17th Sunday of Matthew.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

**February 23, Saturday,** Great Vespers, 5:00 pm.

**February 24, Sunday,** Beginning of Triodion. Ἑναρξίς Τριωδίου

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee. Κυριακή Τελώνου καί Φαρισαίου.

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

This week, following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, we do not fast on Wednesday and Friday in remembrance of the hypocrisy of the Pharisee and acknowledging that fasting alone is not acceptable to God if it is not accompanied by humility and repentance.

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### **ON HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE**

Humility should not be confused with weakness of mind. It is, rather, the desire to not be arrogant. Humility is exhibited when one lowers himself in order to help the other climb higher. It is the act of helping others improve themselves by accepting them where they are and lifting them up.

Repentance is a process of transforming one's heart and mind from sinfulness to righteousness. It is a change of path, a change of direction from evil to good. Repentance is an act of humility, where one recognizes his/her faults and vices and tries to correct one's self.

Christ is the *prime example* of humility; although He was God He lowered Himself to become like us in all things except sin. Hence, He needed no repentance for He was sinless.





## ST. HARALAMBOS THE HIEROMARTYR

FEBRUARY 10

*Apolytikion of St. Charalambos the Martyr and Miracle-Worker*

"As pillar unshaken of Christ's holy Church  
and lamp ever-burning to all the world,  
you emerged, O wise Charalambos.  
In all the world you shined with the martyrdom you suffered.  
You dispelled the dark night of the idols O blessed.  
Thence with daring do intercede to Christ that we may be saved."

In the early Church, the term "martyr" was originally used when characterizing the Apostles as witnesses of Christ's life and resurrection [Acts 1:8, 22]. Due to the persecutions that the early Christians endured, however, the term was applied to those who gave their lives for the Christian Orthodox Faith.

In Greek, the word "martyras" means, "witness" and, the verb form, to be martyred, means to "bear witness" or "give evidence." Though martyrdom was not a constant experience for the early Church, it was a possibility with which the early Christians had to reckon. It was the consummate act of faith for as the Lord said: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). Before actually being executed, however, the martyr usually endured extreme physical and moral sufferings.

One of the saints recorded to have endured the greatest suffering of any martyr was the presbyter Haralambos. As a second century priest in Magnesia, Asia Minor, he served his people with great faith and love. His reputation as a man of God had spread throughout the area and many people came to the Faith through his preaching of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

During a period of extreme persecution, Haralambos did not hide, but openly and boldly preached the Christian Orthodox Faith! When Haralambos was finally arrested for having the courage to preach the Gospel, his persecutors devised a plan of persecution for everyone to witness. Although he was tortured repeatedly, he never denounced his faith in Jesus Christ. For several months this persecution went on and not once did Haralambos weaken in his faith. Forced to suffer extreme pain and degradation, he continued to preach and many miracles and conversions took place among the people.

When the soldiers thrashed the skin from his body Haralambos said: "Thank you, my brethren, for scraping off the old body and renewing my soul for new and eternal life," In the final moments of his life, moments before he was to be beheaded, Haralambos lifted his hands to heaven and prayed for all humankind: "Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all." Following this prayer the saint gave up his soul to God and died without the sword being laid to his neck. The Holy Spirit filled the martyrs and inspired them.

Although we may not experience similar persecution in our day and age, we, too, are called to follow the blessed example of the martyrs. Having partaken in the Holy Mysteries of the Church through Holy Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist, we are obligated to follow the example of the saints and strengthen our Church with our own sacrifice. As stewards of our precious Christian Orthodox Faith, we are called to support our local parish, strengthening and enabling the Orthodox Church in America to preserve and proclaim the Faith of the Apostles, Martyrs and Fathers of the earlier centuries. Let us be witnesses of the Faith by offering our Time, Talents, and Treasure to the glory of God.



## «Εγκαίνια» - «Consecration»

### The transformation of the world to a New Creation

The Greek word for "consecration" of a church is «εγκαίνια», which literally means "the entrance into a new state", a "new existence", the "New Creation", which was brought about by Christ through His Resurrection.

The consecration of this church will make this building a "new space" a "sacred space"; it will dedicate this space to the order of "the New Creation" which transforms the fallen man into renewed humanity, healed, perfected and made eternal in the Risen Christ.

After the consecration, this building will become a place of transformation for those who enter it. People will enter "fallen" and emerge from it "renewed and perfected" in the image of God. This human transformation will be accomplished through the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, our union with the Risen Christ, for the miracle of the transformation of bread and wine to the new existence of the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord will also transform those who touch it and partake of it.

When people enter into this sacred space, they should know that this will change them. They should expect to receive purification, salvation and sanctification, for they will be placing themselves in the presence of God, for He will now dwell in this place with all His Power and Glory. Here God will be worshiped, as Heaven will bend to meet the earth at this very place.

Hence, this consecration is not just about the building; it is primarily about those who will enter this building; it is about those who will confess their Faith in the Risen Lord; just like the holy martyrs, who will be forever buried in the Altar of this sanctuary, who through their confession received the "Kingdom", so also we will be enabled to become citizens of the "Kingdom".

We are called to become "martyrs" (literally "witnesses") of the Faith in the True God, the Father, His Son Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit. We are called to "let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven". (Cf. Matthew 5:16) This sanctuary will become the springboard of "Good Works" that please and glorify God.

Upon its consecration, this sanctuary will become the platform of the proclamation that the Kingdom of God has come to earth. The spiritual treasure of the Orthodox Faith, which gives eternal life, will now be made available to those who step onto these hallowed grounds. This building will become an ark of salvation for those who enter it. Here, men and women will be made disciples of the Lord; here men and women will be baptized; here men and women will be taught to observe the precepts of life as given to us by Christ. And the Lord will be with us always to the close of the age, as He promised. (Cf. Matthew 28:19-20)

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## Consecration Service Overview

In the early years of Christianity, Christians were persecuted and killed for their faith in Christ. In those days, the Christians met in underground burial places and celebrated the Eucharist on the graves of the martyred Saints. When the persecutions ended, and the Church was allowed to exist, the custom of celebrating the Eucharist over the graves of Martyrs continued by placing Holy Relics in the Altar at the time of the Consecration of the new houses of worship. ***In this manner, every Christian Church is built on the Blood of the Martyrs and founded on their faith in the Lord for Whom they died.***

We celebrated the opening of the doors of our new sanctuary in January of 2004. In these past eight years since then we have been abundantly blessed and have made wonderful strides towards the beautification of our Church both in iconography and furnishings. Unlike the "Opening of the Doors" ceremony, however, which focused on the Great Doors of the Church, the Consecration Service on April 27, 2013 will be centered around the Holy Altar Table. The Holy Altar Table is the center of the celebration of all the Sacraments and divine services of the Church, most especially the Holy Eucharist which takes place every Sunday (the Lord's Day) and on other Feast-days of the Church.

The Bishop will consecrate the Holy Table and the walls of the church by anointing them with Holy Myrrh and asking for God's Grace to come upon the structure as well as the people to renew and sanctify us.

Once a building is consecrated and dedicated to God it becomes ***holy ground*** and ***holy space*** where God dwells and meets with His people. Hence, a consecrated church building cannot be used for any other purpose except for the worship of God.

### What exactly takes place during the ancient rite of the Consecration of an Orthodox Church?

The Service of the Consecration of a house of worship is one of the major Sacraments of the Orthodox Church. Prayers are offered to bring God's Grace to the people. Certain actions are also taken.

The following sanctifying actions take place:

1. The Three Processions around the Church Building with prayers offered at every side of the building thus establishing the grounds of the church as ***sacred***.
2. The Placing of, and Sealing of, the Holy Relics in the Altar Table.
3. The Washing and Anointing of the Altar Table with the Holy Myrrh.
4. The placing of the four Icons of the Evangelists at the four corners of the Holy Table, from where the proclamation of the Gospel begins.
5. The covering of the Holy Altar with the savano (katasarkion) (a white cloth symbolizing the shroud with which the body of Christ was wrapped before placed in the tomb).
6. The Placing of the new Altar Coverings and other Holy Articles on the Holy Table.
7. The Lighting of the Unwaning Light (the oil lamp that burns on the Holy Altar all the time).
8. The anointing of the walls of the church with Holy Myrrh.

Once these actions have taken place, the holy sanctuary of the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will be Baptized, Chrismated, Sanctified, Consecrated, and dedicated to God for eternal use as an Orthodox Christian House of Worship.

## The Consecration as Baptism

The Consecration of our Sanctuary can be a reminder of our own baptism and an encouragement to truly live out our lives in the light of God's Kingdom. The fact is that any consecration, whether it is the consecration of our church or the consecration of our persons, is an end and a beginning, a death and a re-birth; we die to the world and are raised up again with Christ; we are born again through the Holy Spirit to a new life with God.

Our baptism was a renewal and initiation into the Church. It was a participation in Christ's death and resurrection in a mystical way. We died to sin and were buried with Christ as we descended into the water and then were risen again with Him to eternal life. We were renewed through this process and transformed through water and the Spirit to a new life.

Following our immersion in water, we were consecrated to God as we were anointed with the Holy Chrism (holy Myrrh). We received *"the Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit"* and became Temples of God sanctified by Him, just as the Lord Jesus requested from the Father:

*"I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify** them in the truth; thy word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I **consecrate** myself, that they also may be **consecrated** in truth. (John 17: 15-19).*

The Greek term for the consecration of a church building is "**εγκαίνια ναού**", which literally means "**renewal of the temple**". The church building is anointed with the Holy Myrrh during this service and thus renewed and dedicated to God as a Sacred Temple, a sacred space that can only be used for the worship of God.

Through the relics of the martyrs buried into the Holy Table and the anointing of the Holy Spirit through the hands of the bishop, the building will be sanctified and the community of Holy Transfiguration will be girded forever with spiritual armor so that it may resist the ways of the world. It will also provide a sacred haven for worship in which the heavenly banquet can be truly experienced in the here and now as we gather together to celebrate God's mystical and Holy Liturgy.



**"Be renewed, be renewed, O New Jerusalem, because your light has shown, and the glory of the Lord has come upon you. This house has been founded by the Father, this house has been made firm by the Son, this house has been renewed by the Holy Spirit, which illumines and supports, and sanctifies our souls."**

**"In early times, while the temple was consecrated, Solomon offered to the Lord sacrifices of animals and holocausts. When you were pleased in us O Savior, to forgo the formalities and let the Truth be known, the whole world offers to You the bloodless sacrifices to Your glory, because You are the Lord of all things and make everything holy through Your Holy Spirit."**

(From the Service of the Consecration)

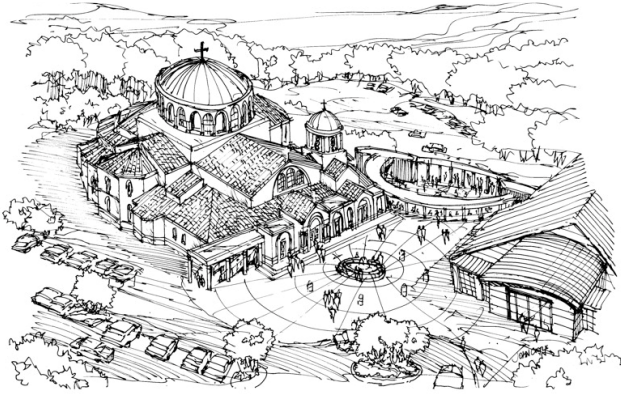


## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - FEBRUARY

2/1/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:28-39</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:19-21</a>
2/2/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 2:25-32</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 2:22-40</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17</a>
2/3/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:1-8</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 22:35-46</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a>
2/4/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:17-31</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:24-34</a>
2/5/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:25-27; 13:22-25</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 6:1-7</a>
2/6/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 1:1-18</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 6:7-13</a>
2/7/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 1:19-27</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 6:30-45</a>
2/8/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:16-22</a>
2/9/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:1-6</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 24:1-13</a>
2/10/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:9-20</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 25:14-30</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10</a>
2/11/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 2:14-26</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 6:54-56, 7:1-8</a>
2/12/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 3:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 7:5-15</a>
2/13/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 3:11-18; 4:1-6</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 7:14-24</a>
2/14/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 4:7-17; 5:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 7:24-30</a>
2/15/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's First Universal Letter 1:1-25; 2:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 8:1-10</a>
2/16/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:14-23</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 24:34-37, 42-44</a>	
2/17/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:1-12</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 15:21-28</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1</a>
2/18/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's First Universal Letter 2:21-25; 3:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 12:13-17</a>
2/19/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's First Universal Letter 3:10-22</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 12:18-27</a>
2/20/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's First Universal Letter 4:1-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 12:28-37</a>
2/21/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's First Universal Letter 4:12-19; 5:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 12:38-44</a>
2/22/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 13:1-8</a>
2/23/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:11-19</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 18:2-8</a>
2/24/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:13-35</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 18:10-14</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a>
2/25/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:20-21; 2:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 13:9-13</a>
2/26/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 2:9-22</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 13:14-23</a>
2/27/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 3:1-18</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 13:24-31</a>
2/28/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. John's First Universal Letter 1:8-10; 2:1-6</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 13:31-37; 14:1-2</a>

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## *Love One Another*



*This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ....You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ....I choose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, ....These things I command you that you may love one another.*

*John 15:12-17*

**Please fill out your Membership/Stewardship Form today and bring your offering to the Lord.**

**If you have not done so yet, please send in your  
2013 Membership/Stewardship Form**

*"Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits  
of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)*

### **DEVELOPING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

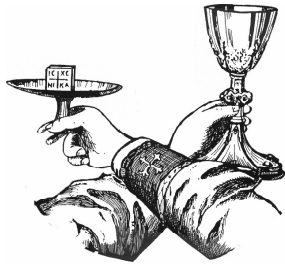
God came to earth as a man to teach and demonstrate to us two of His most important revelations – how we should love God and how we should love each other. An important way to enhance our love for God is to learn more about Him. In order to learn how to love one another we need to learn more about the living body of Christ, His Church, including that portion of the Church which is the closest to us – our parish. We are provided with many opportunities for such learning; we have the Intro to Orthodoxy Class, the Spiritual Book Club and the Bible Study Classes offered by our parish. In addition, we have the weekly bulletins, the monthly Syndiakonia, and the occasional e-mails sent to us from the parish office. It has been said that we will obtain the equivalent of a college education by thoroughly reading a daily newspaper for twenty years. We can obtain an immense understanding of God, especially His relationship to us and His Will for us by reading the materials which the parish provides. We convey our love of God every time we utilize these opportunities to broaden our knowledge and understanding. The more we do this, the more our minds descend into our hearts, the closer we come to God and His Creation.

What does this have to do with stewardship, one may ask? Whenever we read or experience something which would also help our spouse, our child, our grandchild, and/or a friend to grow in faith and to better understand how the Church works, including our parish, we should try to bring it to those peoples' attention, as well. In this way, not only will we develop in faith ourselves, but we will serve as an agent in the spiritual development of those who are close to us.

Please consider telling at least one other person about something that you have found to be interesting and/or inspiring in this issue of the Syndiakonia.

## ***Christ is asking for your Stewardship toward His Church***

***Our Church needs our financial support.  
Let us offer from the gifts God has given us.***



***"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You, in behalf of all, and for all."***

*Τὰ Σὰ ἐκ τῶν Σῶν, Σοὶ προσφέρομεν  
κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα.*

*Ta sa ek ton Son, Si prosferomen kata  
panta ke dia panta.*

***From the  
Anaphora of the  
Divine Liturgy***

We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, *"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."* We acknowledge that everything we offer to God is a gift from Him. We take what God has given to us and we return it to Him as an act of our thanksgiving and praise.

As stewards of God's gifts, we return to Him a portion of our time, talents and treasures for Christ's work on earth through His Church.

The Christian Stewardship Program is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love by perpetuating His ministry through the Church. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us. Let us offer then from the goods He has given us back to Him: *"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."*

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### ***How much should I offer to the Church in order to support the work of God?***

**Proportionate giving:** This involves two things; Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that our giving is an offer of thanksgiving for His blessings.

We should ask ourselves "what is a worthy level to determine my Stewardship?" The Bible gives much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and His work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability.

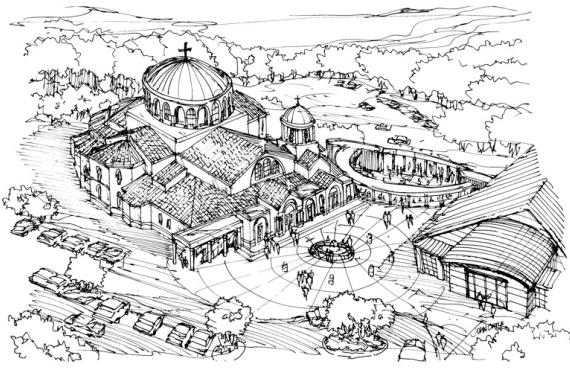
The Old Testament laid down the standard by asking for a percentage of one's income. This provides for us the principle that giving should be in proportion to our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church for the current year.

We should consider what we spend on cable television, holidays, pets, dining out, sports events, vacations and so on. How do these compare with our giving for God's work?

We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: *"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."?*

Offer your Stewardship each Sunday. Family members over 18 years of age, who are employed, should make their own Stewardship Commitment.

Participation in the Christian Stewardship Program allows each Greek Orthodox Steward to vote and to seek elective office in the administration of the parish as provided in the Archdiocesan and Parish By-laws.



*Love One Another*

## MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP FOR 2013

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO  
HAVE SUBMITTED FORMS FOR 2013!

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Adamson  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Alberts  
Mr. & Mrs. John Asimakos  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Azimzadeh  
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Mr. & Mrs. Drew Dudley  
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Mr. Tasi Pallas  
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantine  
Papadimitriou  
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Mr. Alex Paulson  
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Fr. George E. Prassas  
Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Quinterio  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Richards  
Dr. & Mrs. Lambros Rigas  
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Rogers  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Rury  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Sampanes



THANK YOU TO THE  
FAITHFUL STEWARDS  
WHO HAVE SUBMITTED  
FORMS FOR 2013!

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sarmir  
Mr. & Mrs. George Sarris  
Mr. & Mrs. Gheorghe Schipor  
Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Seraphim  
Mr. Mike Serkedakis  
Mr. & Mrs. Enrique Sermenio  
Mr. & Mrs. David Shelby  
Mr. & Mrs. Antonios Sideris  
Ms. Nicole Sigalos  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Simpson  
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Skarpelis  
Mr. & Mrs. Manning Smith  
Mrs. Mary Smith  
Mrs. Vasiliki Smith  
Ms. Robbin Sotir/Alton Simms  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sprouse  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Starks  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Strakes  
Mrs. Connie Stratigos  
Mr. & Mrs. Brett A. Strauch  
Mrs. Mary Stiakakis  
Mr. & Mrs. Zacharias Taoushiani  
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Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Teodorescu  
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Mr. Steve Tingas  
Mr. & Mrs. Lenny Trovato  
Mr. Athan Tsarouhas  
Mr. & Mrs. Diamandis Tsirnikas  
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tucker  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Turner  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos  
Ms. Becky Valagohar  
Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias  
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis  
Ms. Maria Vatzakas  
Mr. & Mrs. Vaios Vlachos  
Dr. Phillip Vodas  
Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Wagner  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wysmierski  
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits  
Mr. Basile Zafiroulis  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski  
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala

**Total Members: 206**

## 2012 STEWARDSHIP RESULTS

### The Good News:

During 2012, the General Fund (the monies donated to operate the parish) had slightly more income than expenditures – clearly a desirable result. The major factors contributing to this success were that there were more members (individuals/couples who turned in their Membership/Stewardship Forms), and we also had higher total donations to the General Fund than ever before in the history of this parish.

The members who stated that they would donate to the Building Fund and the Iconography Fund were the largest ever. The amount that members said they would donate was the highest ever, and the amount that people said they would donate exceeded the most ever – those donating to the Iconography Fund donated 50% more than they said they would. The total amount donated to the Building Fund, the Iconography Fund and the pews actually exceeded what the parishioners donated to the General Fund!!!

### The Bad News:

The number of members who gave what they promised they would give to the General Fund decreased in 2012 when compared to 2011. The members whose donations exceeded what they promised had a much lower average pledge in 2012 relative to 2011 and the percentage by which they exceeded their pledges also went down in 2012. The people who donated less than they promised gave a much smaller percentage in 2012 when compared to 2011. Finally, twenty-nine people who were members in 2011 did not become members in 2012 and donated nothing to the General Fund.

### The Emerging Pattern:

The longtime members are beginning to shift their donations from the General Fund to the other Funds. If this pattern continues in 2013, we would be quite likely to experience a deficit in 2013. Now that the Parish Council has recommended that the parish effectively fund its ministries for the first time in 2013 and that the General Assembly endorsed this change during its meeting last fall, it is even more likely that the parish's General Fund will have a deficit at the end of 2013 if nothing is done to deal with this pattern of shifting donations.

### **RECOMMENDATION of the Stewardship Committee - What we all need to do in 2013:**

**We must commit ourselves to donate at least what we pledged to God for the Building and Iconography Funds and also increase our donations to the General Fund in 2013, thereby enabling the parish to fully fund its ministries as well as meet its annual budget.**



## Furnishings/ Religious Items and Iconography Donation Update

A Donation Catalogue had been developed to assist those who would like to donate items towards the furnishing and completion of our Sanctuary in preparation for the upcoming Consecration. Copies are available in the Narthex and can be found on the church's website's home page.

Your response has been overwhelming! Thanks to all those who graciously pledged and/or donated money towards the items shown in the Donation catalogue.

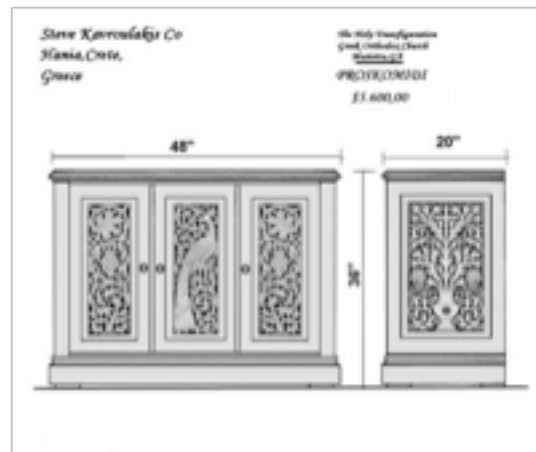
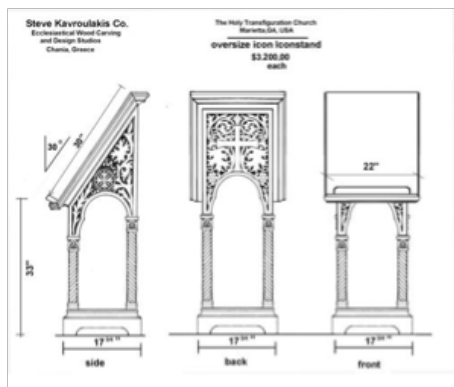
**Here is a list of all items donated in full:**

Page # Item

8	<b>Christ the Lifegiver Mosaic for Exonarthex</b>
12	<b>Transfiguration candeli for Narthex</b>
12	<b>Theotokos candeli for Narthex</b>
15	<b>Solea - St. George full length icon</b>
20	<b>Solea-Byzantine Imperial Crested Rug</b>
21	<b>Solea-Brass Manuallia (right side)</b>
21	<b>Solea-Brass Manuallia (left side)</b>
33	<b>Holy of Holies: Righteous Melchizedek Icon</b>
34	<b>Holy of Holies: Icon of Great Humility</b>
35	<b>Holy of Holies: Altar rug set</b>
36	<b>Holy of Holies: Artoforion</b>
7	<b>Holy of Holies: Silver Chalice &amp; Paten</b>
39	<b>Main iconostasion: Christ candeli</b>
39	<b>Main iconostasion: St John Forerunner candeli</b>
39	<b>Silver censer with 12 bells</b>
41	<b>White liturgical covers <i>(Red and Purple are still available)</i></b>
42	<b>Baptistry Area: New Baptismal Font</b>

## Furnishings

The order for the furnishings (e.g., Icon Stands, Pankari tables, Proskomidi table, etc.) has already been placed, and paid for from the Building Fund, so that they arrive in time for the Consecration. Donations are being accepted towards the furnishings will directly offset the cost for the production of these items.



## Iconography

There are still many items available including the icons that have been commissioned to be completed by our iconographer for the Altar area. **Would you like to commemorate a Saint for yourself or on behalf of your loved ones? Here are the ones that are available, in part or in full:**

Page # Item

10	Transfiguration Icon for Narthex
10	Theotokos Icon for Narthex
15	Solea - St. Demetrios full length icon
22	Holy of Holies: St. Basil icon
22	Holy of Holies: St. Athansios of Alex. Icon
22	Holy of Holies: St. Cyril of Alexandria Icon
22	Holy of Holies: St. Gregory of Nyssa Icon
27	Holy of Holies: St. John Chrysostom Icon
27	Holy of Holies: St. Gregory of Theologian Icon
27	Holy of Holies: St. Spyridon Icon
27	Holy of Holies: St. Nicholas Icon
32	Holy of Holies (Center) Christ the High Priest Icon

Please consider making a pledge and donation towards any item still available. You do not need to pledge the entire amount of the cost of each item. Partial donations are welcome. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN  
CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. ALLELUIA.

Anna Strauch - January 19, 2013  
Demetrios (Harrison) Tidwell - January 19, 2013  
Elizabeth (Isabelle) Tidwell - January 19, 2013

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**Please mark your calendars for the Consecration of our Church  
and the celebrations that follow:**



**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Vesper Service, followed by a reception; heavy hors  
d'oeuvres will be served.

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – 8:00 am Orthros; followed by the Consecration Service at 9:00  
am. A formal luncheon will be served following the service. Tickets for the luncheon  
may be purchased in advance. Please look for your invitation in the mail in the next  
few weeks.



Parishioner with dog seeks housemate to share her home in safe, friendly  
neighborhood near church. Furnished bedroom and personal bathroom.  
Washer and dryer. Security system. Deck and fenced backyard. Garage space for small car.  
\$550 per month plus utilities. For further information, call: 770-875-1457.



### **MARIETTA PROMETHEUS CHAPTER 519**

***"As Iron Sharpens Iron, One Man Sharpens Another" (Proverbs 27:17)***

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS...** For 2013-2014 school year are now available in electronic form or hard  
copy from any AHEPA Board member and online at the district website [ahepadistrict1.org](http://ahepadistrict1.org) .

Any graduating Senior or current College Student can apply. Just Do It! Marietta students compete VERY well in  
the scholarship process. Yes...you can receive more than 1 scholarship!

AHEPA Chapter Applications - Due March 15  
AHEPA District Applications - Due March 31  
AHEPA National Applications - Due March 31

#### **Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!**

February 9 - Party @ Info Mart  
February 19 - Fun meeting TBD  
March 1-3 - Mid-Winter Conference-Knoxville, TN  
March 10 - Pancake Breakfast-PLC  
March 12 - General meeting-PLC  
March 31 - Scholarship Applications Due  
June 7-10 - District Convention-Savannah

Questions about AHEPA? Interested in being a member of this great organization? Please contact any Board  
Member

Your Board : Harry Kipreos, Jim Tidwell, Dr. Phil Vodas, and Zack Kollias  
Vice- presidents: Ron Sprouse , Keath Paxten, Alan Levine, Theodore Georgacopoulos



## MISSIONS MINISTRY

The Missions Ministry would like to thank this parish for supporting the Macdonald family in their journey to raise funds for long term missions in Albania through Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). Thank you to those who attended the dinner we held for them in November, followed by the warm welcome we showed through our support for their trip, particularly in our monetary donations. The Macdonald family was able to raise over \$2,000 in donations from the weekend they were at our parish and they have continued to express their deep gratitude for the generosity shown to them. I would like to remind you that while this money will go to their startup costs of living in Albania long term, they are still in need of additional funds to be donated on a monthly basis. They would like to remain there permanently and can only do that if we choose to give them what we can each month. If you missed the chance to give to this incredible family, would like to read more about them, or would like set up a continual donation to their fund, visit [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) and look the family up as well as donate through the website. Here is a Christmas greetings picture from the family!



Also, Leslie Hansard was recently accepted as a Moldova Mission Team member for June 15-29, 2013. She will be returning to Moldova to help host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Orthodox youth camp. If you are interested in participating in a short-term mission team and would prefer to go with someone you know and who has experience with mission teams, you are invited to apply. If you have specific questions related to this trip or mission trips in general, you can contact Leslie at [leslie.hansard@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.hansard@gmail.com) or contact OCMC and ask to speak with Presvytera Renee Ritsi or Andy Lekos. Visit [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) to read more about the trip and to sign up. You will need to create an account to fill out the application and to send a clergy referral form to Father Panayiotis to be fully considered. Hope to see some parishioners eager to participate in this amazing trip!



# GOYA in February

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	 Purity
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mission: Impossible 
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	 Humility
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	 Brothers & Fathers

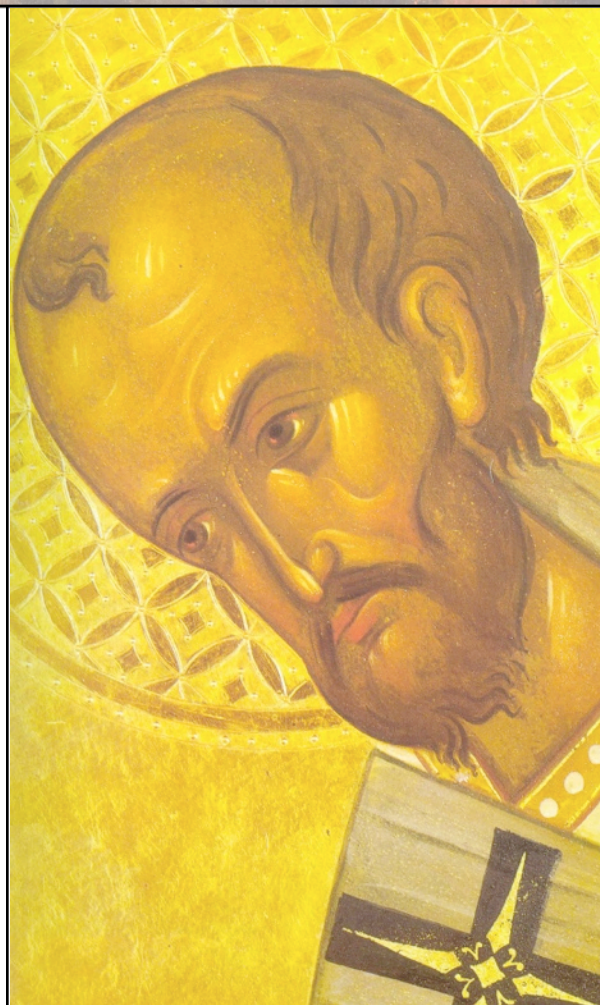
## St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

5 pm: Great Vespers  
6 pm: Covered Dish Supper  
6:30 pm: Oratorical Festival

Each year, our youth have the opportunity to participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, an opportunity to learn about our faith and gain experience in expressing it. Any youth (12<sup>th</sup> grade or younger) of the parish is welcome to participate; 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have the chance to advance to the district level festival in April. For topics and tips for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth or for more information, please visit:

[www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/scoff](http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/scoff)

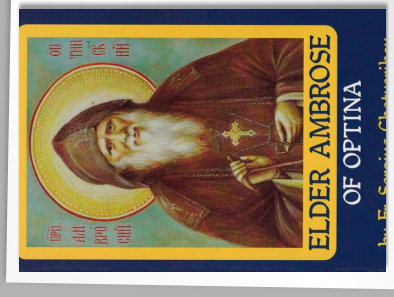
Or contact Paul Lundberg





The Lives of the Saints offer us living, concrete examples of how people like us have lived the Gospel in their lives and reflected Christ's light throughout the world. They offer us practical advice on Orthodox living and teach us how to respond to different circumstances and problems in our lives. Many of these help us to fast correctly, to offer sincere repentance, to engage in spiritual warfare, and to lead a moral life. As always, we recommend that you speak with Father Panayiotis for suggestions about which of these books or others are best for your spiritual development.

- Saint Savvas the New of Kalymnos
- Saint Nicodemus the Hagiorite
- Saint Silouan the Athonite
- Elder Ambrose of Optina
- Saint Seraphim of Sarov
- Saint Arsenios of Paros
- Elder Ieronymos of Aegina
- Spiritual Awakening by Elder Paisios
- Three more books by Elder Paisios
- Sayings of the Desert Fathers
- Life in Christ by Cabasilas
- and more to come!

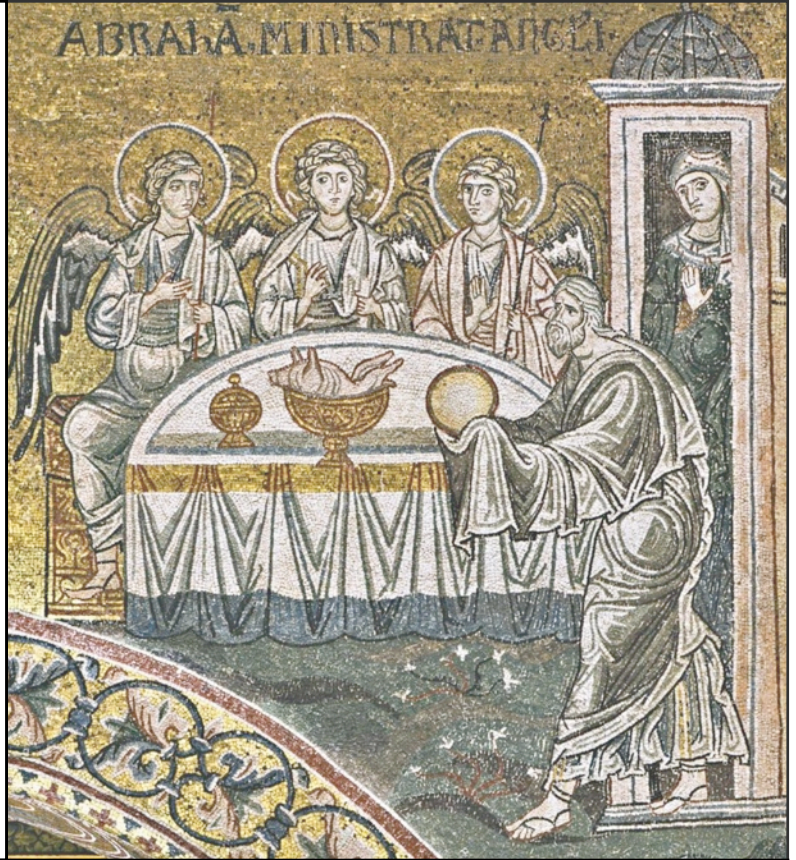


# Ministries

## Young Adult Gathering

Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6~9pm

Hospitality is an important part of Orthodox Christian faith and life. Young adults from our community and the Cathedral of the Annunciation are welcome to join us for good food and conversation about this subject and others. Attendees are welcome to bring a covered dish to add variety and abundance to this feast. The gathering will be at Paul Lundberg's residence (3446 Trickum Road, across the street from the upper parking lot). For more information, contact Paul at the parish office.



## Byzantine Chant



Anyone interested in learning the Byzantine chant of the Greek Orthodox Church is welcome to attend our class, held most Saturday afternoons at 4pm in the parish office building. For more information, please contact Paul Lundberg at the parish office.

“Byzantine sacred music, which is the traditional, official music of the Greek Orthodox Church, is characterized... by simplicity or freedom from undue complexity, by purity... and by unsurpassed power and spirituality.”

Constantine Cavarinos, *Byzantine Sacred Music*





## HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

On behalf of the Hellenic Dance Ministry – we would like to *thank* the dancers, parents and instructors for their hard work in preparing for HDF – which took place in Winston Salem, NC over MLK weekend. Our dancers did a *phenomenal* job of representing Holy Transfiguration – and narrowly missed a bronze medal by mere tenths of a point! The competition was fierce – and we are incredibly proud of our dancers for working so hard. We look forward to next year's event!

Thank you to our *dancers* - Matina Bliss, Despina Chryssopoulos, Christos Costarides, Alexander Georgacopoulos, Christina Georgacopoulos, Jake Harrah, Steve Harrah, Christina Honey, Eli Nichols, Yeoryia Papadopoulos, Marika Papadopoulos, Sophia Papaevangelou, Mike Steffas; Thank you to our *instructors* - Paulina Vastakis, Stratis Papageorgiou and Dorian Bafas; Thank you to our *chaperones* - Cathy Costarides, Agapi Chryssopoulos, Irene and Steve Steffas.





*Reminder:* Below is the **2013 practice schedule** for the Marietta Greek Festival

Palamakia (K and 1st)...Tuesdays, starting @ 4:30pm  
Asteria (2nd and 3rd)...Tuesdays, starting @ 4:30pm  
Petaloudes (4th and 5th)...Tuesdays, starting @ 7:15pm  
Phoenix (6th-8th)...Sundays, starting @ 1:30pm  
Eleftheria (9th-12th)...Sundays, starting @ 1:30pm

**Save The Date...**

Mark your calendars for the annual Anoixi Dance Workshop in Charlotte, NC.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ANOIXI 2013**  
MARCH 15-17 CHARLOTTE, NC

join us in perpetuating paradosi at our...



GREEK DANCE WORKSHOP  
APOKRIATIKO GLENDI  
and SUNDAY LUNCHEON

INSTRUCTION BY  
VASILIS CONTOS AND JORDAN ELROD

live music by **ENDASI**

for additional information, contact:  
[anoixiweekend@gmail.com](mailto:anoixiweekend@gmail.com)



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

All Ladies (and Gentlemen) are invited to the **Philoptochos Membership Brunch** on February 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. Please help launch the new year with the 2013 membership drive! Come and enjoy a delicious brunch and fellowship. A drawing will be held at the end of the luncheon for those who have joined in the 2013 year. Completed forms may be given to a Philoptochos Board Member, the Bookstore or the Philoptochos table at the brunch.

Volunteers are needed to join the **Godparents' Luncheon Committee**. The luncheon is **February 17, 2013**. There are opportunities for helping with: theme/favors/décor, advertising/invites, tickets, menu/cooking, food donations/sponsors, favors-photo frames, set up, serving and clean up. Come be a part of this special event. Please contact Penny Miltiades at [pmiltia@gmail.com](mailto:pmiltia@gmail.com) or 404.630.7083.

### **Dates to Remember:**

February 18 - Board Meeting at 6pm

February 25 - General Meeting at 7pm

February 28 – Soup Kitchen and Book Club

## PRIME TIMERS

### **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD**

On Saturday, January 26, 2013, a general meeting of the Prime Timers was held. Everyone enjoyed a luncheon at the North Point Diner followed by the election of new officers and board.

Linda Lopos, our outgoing president, was honored with a beautiful silver cross, a lovely card of thanks and a delicious cake. She was recognized for her service and many dedicated years. Linda thanked everyone and also reminded us that she would gladly help as needed and that she would still be involved. Linda was praised for a job well done.

Dina McCollum acted as moderator of the election. Results for the term 2013-2015 are:

President:	Connie Stratigos
Vice President:	Xanthippe Marsico
Secretary:	Robbin Sotir
Treasurer:	Dorothy Botni
Board Members:	Martha Gingles, Irene Hammond, Mary Ellen Knuchel, Mary Stiakakis

The new president, Connie Stratigos, thanked everyone and said that we should share a bond of affection and genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next. She encouraged suggestions from the membership. Larry Gess offered ideas for transportation for excursions that we might be taking. Dues were collected. Fr. George and Presbyteria Toulas were greatly missed. Connie also reminded everyone that life should be fun....so please come and join us! Let's have fun TOGETHER!!!!

Congratulations and all God's Blessings to the new Officers and Board!

In God's service,

Connie Stratigos, President



## FROM THE GREEK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



### 2013 Festival Plans Are Under Way

It's hard to believe that eight months have passed since our last Festival. Planning for the 2013 Festival is already under way. The Festival Board has met four times and is finalizing assignment of Committee Chairmen. We are still in need of a few leaders for various committees. If you are interested in serving as a leader for the 2013 Festival, please call me, Steve Tingas, at 770-845-5045, or Mary Miltiades, at 404-626-5111. If you would like to help in the preparation for the Festival, cooking dates for food and pastries are posted herein. Please do all that you can when called upon to help in this year's preparations, as we try to improve upon last year's record-breaking event. Keep in mind that our Festival is critical to the ministering of our faith to our surrounding community and for the raising of funds for our building fund. Again, if you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact me or Mary or one of the Festival Board members below. Thank you in advance for your contributions of time and talent.

#### 2013 Festival Board

Steve Tingas	Festival Chairman	770-845-5045
Mary Miltiades	Festival Co-Chairman	404-626-5111
Charles Miltiades	Festival Co-Chairman	770-597-7013
Athan Tsarouhas	Liaison to Parish Council	404-538-5469
Carol Adamson	Communications	404-398-2218
Jim Niarchos	Marketing	404-386-7933
Theodore Georgacopoulos	Logistics	770-993-8002
Terry Bliss	On-Site	404-626-6677
Maria Alberts	Finance	404-966-6694
Mary Miltiades	Food	404-626-5111
Pam Starks	Culture & Entertainment	404-514-6427

### 2013 MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL BAKING/COOKING DATES

Wed.	Feb 20	2 pm - 10 pm	Keftedes
Fri.	Feb. 15	10 am - 4 pm	Pastry
Tues.	Feb. 26	10 am - 4 pm	Pastry
Tues.	March 12	2 pm - 10 pm	Dolmades
Wed.	March 13	2 pm - 10 pm	Dolmades
Tues.	April 16	2 pm - 10 pm	Spanakopita
Wed.	April 17	2 pm - 10 pm	Spanakopita
Tues.	May 14	2 pm - 10 pm	Pastitsio
Wed.	May 15	2 pm - 10 pm	Souvlakia





## Working for Our 2013 Greek Festival Visitor's Guide

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Here is your chance to make the 2013 Marietta Greek Festival a great success by helping to increase Visitor's Guide revenue. All ads in the Festival Visitor's Guide are in full color. Your mission is to contact potential advertisers / "Festival Friends" – where you shop, your dentist, hairdresser, garage, car dealership, lawyer, accountant, lawn service, etc. and offer them the opportunity to increase their business.

### What to Take with You

- Advertising Information Brochure/Order Form
- "Promote Your Business" handout or post card
- Previous year's Visitor's Guide. (This is to show and not leave behind.)

### What to Say

- Tell them about the Festival, its culture, food, fun and entertainment.
- Point out information inside the Advertising Information Brochure
- Stress the exposure their ad will give their business – over 16,000 potential Festival visitors in only 3 days.
- It's advertising that's tax deductible.

### What to Do

- Try to end your visit with a completed Advertisement Order Form and check.
- If you don't get a completed form and check, leave them with the Advertising Information Brochure/Order Form and "Promote Your Business" handout or post card. Follow up in three days with a reminder phone call or visit.

### Incentives

Following are incentives for **YOU** for selling advertising space to a **NEW** sponsor (**individual/business has not previously advertised in the Visitor's Guide**)

- 1/8 page: **YOU** receive a free Marietta Greek Festival T-shirt.
- 1/4 page or larger: **YOU** receive "Festival Dollars"\* worth 10% of the total price of the ad.

\*"Festival Dollars" may be used at Marietta Greek Festival church sponsored food or beverage booths and at the church sponsored "Greek Shop."

Remember it is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to make this year's Visitor's Guide a success. Spread the word and start selling.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Lopos at 678-492-5818 or [llopos@bellsouth.net](mailto:llopos@bellsouth.net).

## Marietta Greek Festival Visitor's Guide

<b>Cornerstone Sponsor</b> (back cover).....	\$4,000
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<b>1/2 Page Ad</b> .....	\$600
<b>1/3 Page Ad</b> .....	\$350
<b>1/4 Page Ad</b> .....	\$250
<b>1/8 Page Ad</b> .....	\$100
<b>Festival Friends Directory Listing</b> .....	\$25

(Free with any ad paid in full by April 1)

*Smaller ad sizes may not be combined to create a larger ad.*

Ads may be submitted as camera-ready art or as electronic files. Acceptable electronic files should all be at least 300 dpi in the following formats: PDF, JPEG, TIFF or EPS. All ads are full color.

**SIZE SPECIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

The diagram illustrates the layout of a 4-page spread for a book with a total width of 2.25 inches and a height of 1.75 inches. The pages are labeled as follows:

- 1/8 PAGE**: Dimensions 2.25" x 1.75". The shaded area is a small rectangle in the bottom right corner.
- 1/4 PAGE**: Dimensions 2.25" x 3.75". The shaded area is a rectangle in the bottom right corner.
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- FULL PAGE**: Dimensions 4.75" x 7.5". The shaded area is a large rectangle covering the entire page.

**AD DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2013**

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# Marietta Greek Festival Visitor's Guide Advertisement Order Form

Please check all that apply:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cornerstone Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/2 Page Ad                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Platinum Sponsor    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/3 Page Ad                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gold Sponsor        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/4 Page Ad                        |
|                          | (full page ad)      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/8 Page Ad                        |
|                          |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Festival Friends Directory Listing |

Contact Name	Title
Company Name	
Street Address	
City	State Zip
Phone Number	FAX Number
E-Mail Address	Web Site Address



**DETACH ORDER FORM  
AND SEND WITH PAYMENT  
TO:**

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
3431 Trickum Road \* Marietta, Georgia \* 30066

Please make checks payable to Marietta Greek Festival.

Be sure to include camera-ready artwork or email electronic artwork to:

graphics@choicesavings.net  
(Subject line: Marietta Greek Festival)

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**ADS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY  
APRIL 1, 2013**

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Fifteenth Sunday of Luke</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM Three Hierarchs-AHEPA/Hellenic Studies</li> <li>1:00 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria Dance Practice</li> <li>6:30 PM Spiritual Book</li> <li>7:30 PM Young Adult Gathering</li> </ul>	<p>7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd &amp; 3rd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:45 PM Palamakia Dance Practice (K &amp; 1st)</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>6:00 PM Vespers for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th &amp; 5th)</li> </ul>	<p>Feast of the Holy Hierarchs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>6:30 PM Finance Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 AM Blessing of the Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 PM Overnight Vigil for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</li> </ul>	<p><b>Groundhog Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Catechism Teachers' Workshop</li> <li>... Overnight Vigil for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> <li>7:00 PM Cyprus Night</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fifteenth Sunday of Matthew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM Philoptochos Membership Tea and Luncheon</li> </ul>		<p>10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd &amp; 3rd)</li> <li>4:45 PM Palamakia Dance Practice (K &amp; 1st)</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:00 PM Choir Practice</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice</li> </ul>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Festival Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>		<p>11:00 AM Karacalidis Baptism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sixteenth Sunday of Haralambos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM HOPE/JOY Event (Tentative)</li> </ul>	<p>7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>Lincoln's Birthday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd &amp; 3rd)</li> <li>4:45 PM Palamakia Dance Practice (K &amp; 1st)</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th &amp; 5th)</li> </ul>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Valentine's Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>		<p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p><b>Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM Philoptochos Godparents' Luncheon</li> </ul>	<p><b>President's Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM Convocation for Youth Stewardship</li> </ul>	<p>4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd &amp; 3rd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:45 PM Palamakia Dance Practice (K &amp; 1st)</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Choir Practice</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th &amp; 5th)</li> </ul>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>7:00 PM Consecration Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p><b>Washington's Birthday</b></p>	<p>12:00 PM Trovato Baptism (Michael)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sunday of the Holy Innocents and Pharisees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM Parish Assembly</li> <li>6:00 PM Young Adult Gathering</li> </ul>	<p>7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting</p>	<p>4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd &amp; 3rd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:45 PM Palamakia Dance Practice (K &amp; 1st)</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th &amp; 5th)</li> </ul>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM GOYA/HOPE/JOY Parents Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club</li> <li>7:00 PM Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p><b>GOYA Vigil for St. Nicholas Planas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Pallas Baptism (George) (Tentative)</li> </ul>	

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