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Marietta, GA

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD TO THE TEMPLE (February 2)

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

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Orthros..... 8:45 am Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 am

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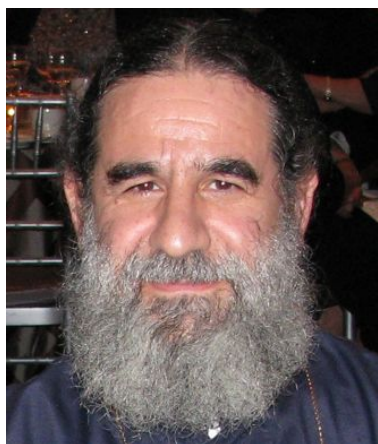
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Directions to our Parish:

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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THE HOLISTIC HEALING OF HUMANITY



One of the most impressive things Christ did during His earthly ministry is healing. *"And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing (θεραπεύων) every disease and every infirmity among the people."* (Matthew 4:23)

He saw the pain and suffering of the people and responded by healing them: *"As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed (ἐθεράπευσεν) their sick."* (Matthew 14:14) But while we have no special comments from Him when He heals the multitudes, there are several cases recorded by the

Evangelists where He associated the healing of the person with their strong faith. For example, He healed the woman with the flow of blood saying to her: *"Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well (ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε)."* (Matthew 9:22) He healed the blind man saying *"Receive your sight; your faith has made you well (Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε)."* (Luke 18:42; see also Mark 10:52) and to the healed paralytic who returns to thank Him falling down on his knees, He says: *"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."* (Ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέν σε. (Luke 17:19))

Christ singles out these specific individuals to point out the connection between their faith and their healing, but uses a different verb to describe this healing. While in the general cases of healing of the multitudes the verb used is ἐθεράπευσεν, in the specific cases the verb is σέσωκέν. This is the same verb that we translate as "saved" in English. In other words, His response is that *"Your faith has saved you!"* This *holistic saving healing*, it seems to me, is the ultimate, superior healing that Christ has brought to us. He has not come to heal our sicknesses and infirmities in the flesh alone, but He has come to heal our whole humanity, our body and soul. Our body may live a few more years, perhaps, but our soul will live forever. God will resurrect the body again by His power in the end times, but we are the only ones who can raise up our souls through our faith in Him and our humble trust in His love.

Many times, people misunderstand this connection between faith and the *holistic saving healing* and emphasize only the healing of the flesh through faith. It is clear that we must examine the New Testament in its original language in order to see these important theological nuances. It is necessary for us as Greek Orthodox Christians who are the inheritors of the Hellenic heritage to support the study of the Biblical texts in the original language in order to understand the exact meaning of the Holy Scriptures and the precise Will of God for us.

Join me, my brothers and sisters, to help build a Hellenic Studies Program in our parish that will be available to all Christians in this area who desire to study the New Testament in its original language. We should be able to provide a witness to the local community of the Ancient Faith, as it has been handed down to us, in yet one more way.

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February 2011

February 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 10:00 am.

Tuesday Evening: Great Vespers, 6:00 pm (for Feast of the Presentation of the Lord).

February 2, Wednesday, Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ἡ Ὑπαπαντή τοῦ Κυρίου
Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

February 5, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm followed by Presentation by Fr. Stephen Powley.

February 6, Sunday, 17th Sunday of Matthew. Sunday of the Canaanite Woman
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

February 9, Wednesday, Great Vespers, 6:00 pm (for the Feast of St. Haralambos)

February 10, Thursday, Feast of St. Haralambos the Priest-Martyr and Wonderworker
Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

February 12, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm.

February 13, Sunday, 16th Sunday of Luke. Ἑναρξίς Τριωδίου
Sunday of Publican and Pharisee. Κυριακή Τελώνου καί Φαρισαίου. Beginning of Triodion.
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος 8:30 πμ καί Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ

February 19, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm.

February 20, Sunday, Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Κυριακή τοῦ Ἀσώτου.
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος 8:30 πμ καί Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ

February 26, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all the departed Orthodox Christians.

Ψυχοσάββατο: Μνήμη πάντων τῶν κεκοιμημένων Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

Saturday Evening, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm. Μέγας Ἑσπερινός, 5:00 μμ.

February 27, Sunday, Meat-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκρεω
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος 8:30 πμ καί Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 πμ
Last day before Great Lent when we eat meat. Τελευταία ἡμέρα κατάλυσης κρέατος.
During this week (including Wednesday and Friday) we may eat all things except meat.
Ὁλόκληρη τήν ἐβδομάδα αὕτη γίνεται κατάλυσις εἰς πάντα ἐκτός κρέατος.





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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 2011

March 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 10:00 am.

March 5, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all who shown in ascesis.

Ψυχοσάββατο: Μνήμη πάντων τῶν ἐν ἀσκήσει λαμπάντων.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὁρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

March 6, Sunday, Cheese-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Τυρινῆς (Τυροφάγου).

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. **Evening:** Vespers of Forgiveness, 5:00 pm

March 7, Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent. Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Καθαρά Δευτέρα. Ἀρχή Μ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνο, 6:00 μμ

The Great Compline will be celebrated on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

March 9, First Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Lecture and Discussion**. Join us!

March 10, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 11, Friday. First Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Πρῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ**

March 12, Saturday. Divine Liturgy: Commem. of the miracle of St. Theodore with the Kolliva.

Μνήμη τοῦ διὰ κολλύβων θαύματος τοῦ Ἁγ. Θεοδώρου. **Ψυχοσάββατο.**

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 13, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας.

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

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the procession of the Holy Icons.

Evening: Pan-Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy at **St. Elias Church** 6:00 pm

March 14, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 16, Second Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Lecture and Discussion**. Join us!

March 17, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 18, Friday. Second Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Δεύτεροι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ.**

March 19, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 20, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Ἁγίου Γρηγορίου Παλαμᾶ.

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



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March 21, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 23, Third Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm
A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Lecture and Discussion**. Join us!

March 24, Thursday, Evening: Great Vespers for Annunciation of the Theotokos at the Cathedral in Atlanta, 7:00 pm

March 25, Friday, Annunciation of the Theotokos. Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Friday, Evening: Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7 μμ.

March 26, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 27, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

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

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will hold the procession of the Holy Cross.

March 28, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 30, Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm
A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion.

March 31, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm



From the Lenten Hymnology of our Church

“The arena of the virtues has been opened. Let all who wish to struggle for the prize now enter, girding themselves for the noble contest of the Fast; for those that strive lawfully are justly crowned. Taking up the armor of the Cross, let us make war against the enemy. Let us have as our invisible rampart the Faith, prayer as our breastplate, and as our helmet almsgiving; and as our sword let us use fasting that cuts away all evil from our heart. If we do this, we shall receive the true crown from Christ the King of all at the Day of Judgment.”

Saint Agatha of Palermo (+251)

February 5

The Holy Virgin Martyr Agatha was the fifteen-year-old daughter of rich and respected Christian parents from the city of Palermo in Sicily. During the persecutions of Christians under Emperor Decius, the city prefect of Catania by the name of Quintianus, having heard about Agatha's wealth and beauty, sent his soldiers after her to bring her to trial.

At Catania, St. Agatha was housed with a certain rich woman, who had five daughters. They all attempted to tempt St. Agatha with fine clothes, amusements and entertainment, urging her to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, but the saint disdained all these things. The more they tried to move her, the more resolute she became. She prayed that she might soon face martyrdom.

During her interrogation under Quintianus, the holy martyr was swayed neither by flattery nor threats, and was subjected to cruel torments. They tried to remove her breasts with metal tongs, and when this failed, used knives.

The holy Apostle Peter appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds. St. Agatha was led to be tortured again, and Quintianus was astonished to see her completely healed.

The tortures began once more, but an earthquake took place in the city at that moment, and many buildings were destroyed. Among those killed were two of Quintianus's advisors. The terrified inhabitants of the city rushed to Quintianus, demanding an end to Agatha's tortures. Fearing a revolt by the people, Quintianus sent St. Agatha to prison. There the martyr, offering thanks to God, peacefully surrendered her soul to the Lord.



Saint Philothei of Athens (+1589) February 19

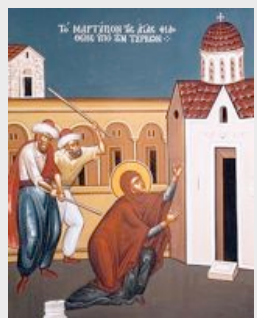
Philothei was born in 1550 Athens into a very affluent family. Her family was loving and caring as well as patient, and she was married to a young man and widowed before she was even sixteen. After returning to live with her parents, she took on an active position in the family as well as the church and city. She was only content when she was helping others, and this peace of mind drew her closer to God and the Church. Her family's wealth assisted in her charitable work, and before she had reached adulthood she had earned the love and respect of the community.

After her family had passed away, Philothei became the sole owner of extensive wealth, but desiring to become a nun, she assigned control of

her belongings to the care of others in order to move to an Orthodox convent. In the meantime her money continued helping the poor and also funded the building of several churches and nunneries in and around Athens. At her own convent, Philothei transferred the nuns' interests from passive to active. She taught them to supplement their worship and devotions with crafts that could benefit the Church community. Her work set the example for the handiwork that has been the trademark of nunneries for years.

During this time in history, Turkish Moslems were holding Greece hostage, challenging Christianity. However, they became frustrated because their attempts at conversion were unsuccessful. They had hoped the mere pressure of their presence would lead to the gradual replacement of Christianity by their own Moslem faith. Eventually the Turks endeavored to discredit the many faithful Christian leaders in Athens, but this was also unsuccessful. Philothei and other spiritual leaders only gained stronger resolve and greater devotion to God.

When it became apparent that Islam could not reach the hearts of the Christian Athenians, the Turks deliberately chose Philothei as a target, not only because of her open defiance but because they considered her sex to be a weakness and hoped she would succumb to surrender more easily. However, she remained a faithful and strong guide for the Athenians. Enraged, the Turks began a brutal course of terrorism.



During a service in Saint Andrew church, one of the beautiful chapels erected by her magnanimity, Philothei and some of her friends were attacked. The women were brutally beaten with clubs and stones, then dragged into the street to be murdered in front of the devastated townspeople. Philothei was carried out alive from this barbaric scene, but yielded to her wounds and gave up the spirit on February 19th, 1589.

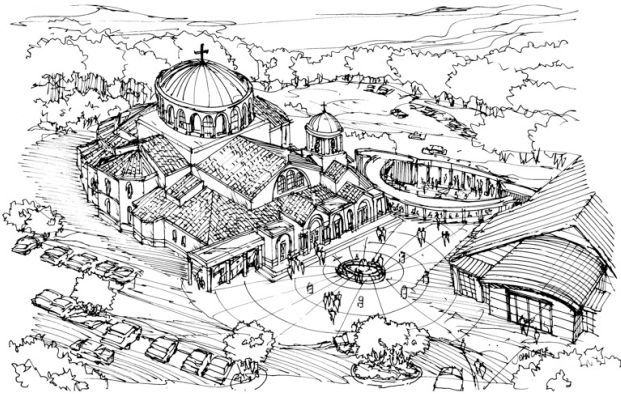


DAILY BIBLE READINGS - FEBRUARY

2/1/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:28-39	Gospel: Luke 10:19-21
2/2/2011	Matins: Luke 2:25-32 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17
2/3/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14	Gospel: Luke 2:25-38
2/4/2011	Epistle: St. Peter's First Universal Letter 1:1-25; 2:1-10	Gospel: Mark 12:1-12
2/5/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:14-23	Gospel: Luke 17:3-10
2/6/2011	Matins: Luke 24:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1
2/7/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3	Gospel: Mark 5:24-34
2/8/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10	Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22
2/9/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:8-21	Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
2/10/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10	Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2
2/11/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6	Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8
2/12/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:11-19	Gospel: Luke 18:2-8
2/13/2011	Matins: Luke 24:13-35 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15
2/14/2011	Epistle: St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:20-21; 2:1-9	Gospel: Mark 13:9-13
2/15/2011	Epistle: St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 2:9-22	Gospel: Mark 13:14-23
2/16/2011	Epistle: St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 3:1-18	Gospel: Mark 13:24-31
2/17/2011	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 1:8-10; 2:1-6	Gospel: Mark 13:31-37; 14:1-2
2/18/2011	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 2:7-17	Gospel: Mark 14:3-9
2/19/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 6:11-16	Gospel: Luke 20:46-47; 21:1-4
2/20/2011	Matins: Luke 24:36-53 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20
2/21/2011	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 2:18-29; 3:1-8	Gospel: Mark 11:1-11
2/22/2011	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 3:9-22	Gospel: Mark 14:10-42
2/23/2011	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 3:21-24; 4:1-11	Gospel: Mark 14:43-72; 15:1
2/24/2011	Matins: Luke 7:17-30 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15
2/25/2011	Epistle: St. John's Second Universal Letter 1:1-13	Gospel: Mark 15:20,22,25,33-41
2/26/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:23-28 Gospel: Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36	
2/27/2011	Matins: John 20:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2
2/28/2011	Epistle: St. John's Third Universal Letter 1:1-15	Gospel: Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39

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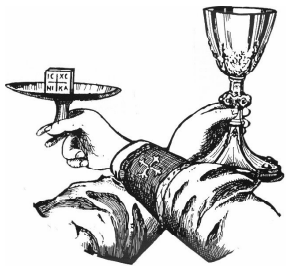


Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

Please fill out your Pledge Card today and bring your offering to the Lord.

**If you have not done so yet, please send in your
2011 Stewardship Pledge**

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



**"YOUR OWN GIFTS,
OF YOUR OWN,
WE OFFER UNTO YOU."**

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is the act of returning to God what is His. We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, *"Your own gifts, of Your own, we offer to 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 so that Christ's work on earth might be accomplished through His Church.

Please join the Stewardship program so that you may receive the joy which He gives to those who love Him!

*"We praise you, we bless you,
we thank you, O Lord and we
pray to you O our God."*

The Necessity of Stewardship

Our Parish depends on the Stewardship of its members. Our Parish is funded by us.

Let us offer to our Parish from the Gifts of God to us. Let us offer in proportion of His Gifts to us. Let us bring our offering with a joyful heart.

You will be Blessed greatly if you support the work of our Parish and the work of His Church.

Have you submitted your Stewardship Card and Building Fund Pledge? If not, please do so today.

THE ROLE OF STEWARDSHIP IN PARISH MANAGEMENT

By Dr. Larry Gess, Chair, Stewardship Ministry

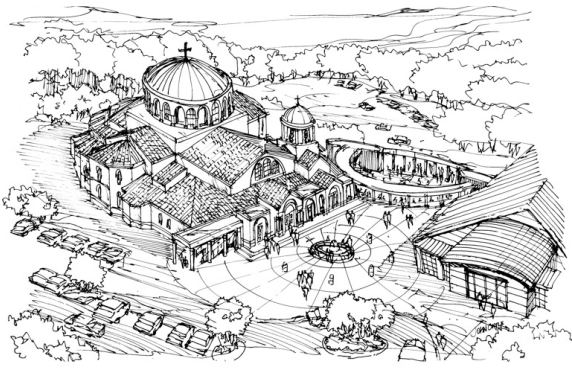
Each Orthodox parish is part of the Body of Christ, the Universal Church, thus every parish belongs to God and tries to lead its members to the Kingdom of God. However, the collective membership of each parish has the ability to decide the direction of their parish on this earth. They typically exercise their collective authority through their votes in the election of the Parish Council members and the decisions of the Parish Assemblies. The Parish Assembly decisions include the approval of the Local Parish By-Laws and their amendments, the purchase and sale of property, the approval of contracts to build and maintain facilities, the approval of annual budgets, and other similar actions which impact the daily life and future of the parish.

Every parish is headed by a duly ordained Orthodox Priest, whose role is to oversee and nurture the life of the parish for the spiritual development of its members while he serves as a father, spiritual leader and vessel of the Holy Spirit to impart the Grace of God on His people. The priest and the parish are under the authority of the local Orthodox bishop, in our case the Metropolitan of Atlanta, who is the teacher and keeper of the Holy Orthodox Faith and Traditions. All major decisions of the Parish Assembly have to be approved by the local bishop. The parish priest, as the direct representative of the Metropolitan at the parish, guides the parish away from actions that are counter to Holy Tradition and the Regulations of the Archdiocese.

The role of the Parish Council with the Parish Priest is the daily management of the parish in a fashion that reflects the Holy Traditions, Archdiocese Regulations, and, very importantly, the direction that has been decided by the collective parish membership – both for the current year and historically. Thus each Parish Council member is required to continually acquire knowledge and be mindful of the Holy Traditions, the Archdiocese Regulations, and the current and historical actions of the Parish Assembly.

Every Orthodox faithful has a responsibility to assist in making the parish management process effective on an ongoing basis. **First and foremost, each faithful person in the parish must annually renew his/hers active membership in the parish by completing and returning the annual Stewardship Form.** The Parish Council cannot effectively plan an annual budget, nor can it effectively manage the parish's expenses without the fiscal input reflected on each member's annual Stewardship Card – this is particularly true with regard to the youth ministries. Also, the Parish Council and the ministry leaders cannot effectively implement the parish ministries without the volunteering of members' time and talent that is also reflected on the Stewardship Forms. The second important responsibility of the parishioners in the management of the parish is their participation in the Parish Assemblies and the election of Parish Council members. Finally, the degree of success of the parish depends largely upon the extent to which the members unselfishly donate their time, talent, and treasure (money) towards the operation and development of the parish. The more we donate, the sooner we will realize our collective dreams for our parish.

If you have not yet completed your 2011 Stewardship Form, please do so and mail it back today.



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STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2011

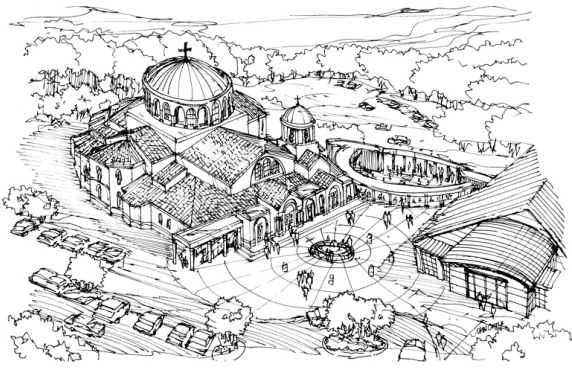
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179 Pledges - \$203,942.00

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Due to overwhelming interest, CrossRoad now offers two Sessions!
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CrossRoad (for High School Juniors and Seniors) is a 10-day Orthodox Christian Summer Program in which participants focus on Christ and His calling for their lives. As a CrossRoad participant, you'll explore your vocation through: mini-classes taught by Orthodox Christian professors, visits to Orthodox Churches in the Boston area, community outreach projects, and excursions around the Boston area.

Application deadline is March 1, 2011. Applications can be downloaded at the CrossRoad website: www.crossroad.hchc.edu or call 617-850-1309 for more information. Full scholarships are available.

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AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes

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

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

February 8
March 8

Second Tuesday "fun" Meeting
Second Tuesday Meeting

Dr. Kyriakos Michaelides, Honorary Consul of Cyprus, was our guest speaker at the January 18 Chapter Meeting. Dr. Michaelides spoke on the current state of affairs of a divided Cyprus. This was very informative and well received. A second discussion on this important issue is planned.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE. The applications are now available (electronic and hard copy) for all three levels of scholarship opportunity.

AHEPA CHAPTER #1 and #519 APPLICATION DUE DATE MARCH 15, 2011
AHEPA DISTRICT #1 APPLICATION DUE DATE MARCH 31, 2011
AHEPA NATIONAL APPLICATION DUE DATE MARCH 31, 2011

Applicants can actually receive more than one scholarship per year. We encourage applications for each scholarship opportunity. Please see any member of AHEPA for the applications. In addition, Anne Willcocks in the church office has the applications available to email. Do well Marietta applicants! Make us proud!

Your Board: Ron Sprouse, Plutarch Vamvakias, Zack Kollias, Harry Kipreos

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63 Pledges - \$27,001.00

***Donation for the Icon of the
Baptism of Christ over the
church baptistry was made
by Nick Tiliakos in memory
of his father John.***

Donation of the Dome Pantocrator
is offered by Alex and John Paulson.

Donations for the Chapel and the
Chapel Iconography are offered by
Eula Carlos and family.

**Special thanks to those who
have donated specific Icons
in our Church recently:**

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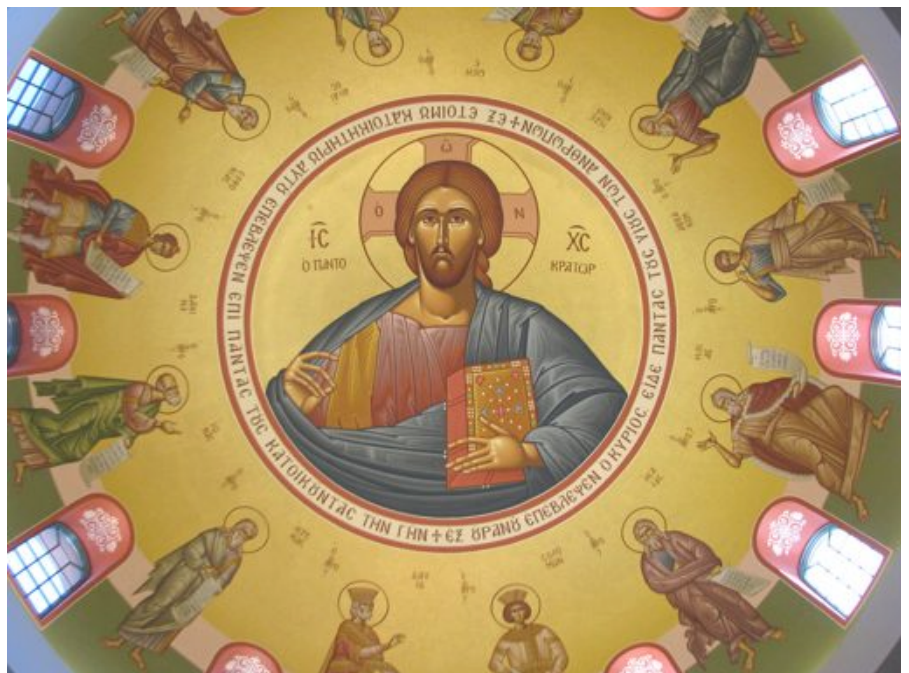
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Holy Transfiguration Choir
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Konstantinos Brilakis - January 2, 2011

*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR*

Maria Paradisis and Waldemar Dorawa - January 15, 2011

Maria Del Valle and Ioannis Kapsalis - January 23, 2011



Mark Your Calendars....

For the 21st Annual....**Marietta Greek Festival.....**

May 13, 14 and 15, 2011

Meet the 2011 Marietta Greek Festival Board -

Becky Valagohar - Chairperson

Cathy Papadopoulos - Asst. Chairperson

Athan Tsarouhas - Advisor

Theodore Georgacopoulos - Logistics

Terry Bliss - On Site

Mary Miltiades - Food

Jim Niarchos - Fundraising

Pam Starks - Culture and Entertainment

We need your help - Our biggest immediate need is to start our fundraising efforts, which include Corporate Sponsorship, Program Book, Booth Sponsorship and Publicity. If you have Marketing, Advertising or Public Relations experience, we invite you to join our fundraising team. Please contact Jim Niarchos@bellsouth.net or call 404-386-7933.

If you would like to volunteer in any way to co-chair a committee, there are available slots. Please contact Becky at 404-384-6464 or rebecca_t_valagohar@ganp.uscourts.gov

The Board members will meet regularly on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Meetings for all committee chairs will be held in March and May. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Start spreading the word...

Please tell your friends, neighbors and coworkers about our upcoming Greek Festival - through emails, Facebook, etc. It's always held on the weekend after Mother's Day. We are happy to donate Festival Gift Cards for school or other charity events - great for Door Prizes and Silent Auctions! Please contact Jim Niarchos or Becky Valagohar for more details.



WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING ADS FOR THE 2011 MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL VISITOR'S GUIDE

Bigger & Better Than Ever!

All Ads will now be four-color-process!

No rate increase for display ads inside book!

Visitor's Guide expanded to 60 pages with more ads and more interesting content!

Don't miss the opportunity to expose your business to thousands of consumers with attractive demographics!

A variety of sizes for every budget

The Visitor's Guide is also perfect for remembering a loved one, acknowledging a special occasion like graduation, anniversary, birthday or just a family ad.

Please submit ads in a JPG format (at least 300 dpi), PDF, EPS or TIFF. If needed, we will design your ad for a small additional charge.

Please contact Visitor's Guide Chairperson-Linda Lopos at **678-492-5818** today or email her at llopos@bellsouth.net

FESTIVAL COOKING DATES

Thursday	Feb. 3	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Pastries
Tuesday	Feb 15	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Keftedes
Tuesday	March 1	10:00 am- 1:00 pm	Pastries
Wednesday	March 2	10:00 am- 1:00 pm	Pastries
Tuesday	March 15	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Dolmades
Wednesday	March 16	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Dolmades
Tuesday	April 12	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Spanakopita
Wednesday	April 13	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Spanakopita
Tuesday	May 10	3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Pastitsio
Wednesday	May 11	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Souvlakia
Thursday	May 12	4:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Souvlakia



Working for Our 2011 Greek Festival Visitor's Guide

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Here is your chance to make the 2011 Marietta Greek Festival a great success by helping to increase Visitor's Guide revenue. This year we are offering **full color ads** for **ALL** advertisers. 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 Say

- Give them the Advertising Information brochure and show them a previous year's Visitor's Guide. **(Remember, all ads in this year's Visitor's Guide will be in full color.)**
- Tell them about the Festival, its culture, food, fun and entertainment.
- Stress the exposure their ad will give their business – over 15,000 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, follow-up in three days with a reminder phone call or visit.**

If you have someone who shows an interest in purchasing an ad at the "Gold" level (full page), please contact Linda Lopos at 678-445-3556 or llopos@bellsouth.net.

If each of us can make these contacts, we can extend our Festival to new audiences, help them understand and enjoy our culture and contribute significantly to our Building Fund. **You are a key to our success.**

Remember it is EVERYONE'S responsibility to make this year's Visitor's Guide a success. Spread the word and start selling. All leads will be followed up on personally.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Linda Lopos at 678-445-3556 or llopos@bellsouth.net.

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Marietta Greek Festival Visitor's Guide Advertisement Information

Cornerstone Sponsor (back cover).....	\$5,000
Platinum Sponsor (inside front/back cover or centerfold).....	\$2,500
Gold Sponsor (full inside page).....	\$1,000
1/2 Page Ad.....	\$600
1/3 Page Ad.....	\$350
1/4 Page Ad.....	\$250
1/8 Page Ad.....	\$100
Festival Friends Directory Listing.....	\$50
(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:

FULL PAGE 4.75" x 7.5"	1/2 PAGE 3.5" x 4.75"	1/3 PAGE 2.5" x 4.75"	1/4 PAGE 2.25" x 3.75"	1/8 PAGE 2.25" x 1.75"
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AD DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2011

2011

Marietta Greek Festival Visitor's Guide Advertisement Order Form

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Cornerstone Sponsor
☐ Platinum Sponsor
☐ Gold Sponsor (full page ad)
☐ 1/2 Page Ad
☐ 1/3 Page Ad
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☐ 1/8 Page Ad
☐ Festival Friends Directory Listing

Contact Name _____ Title _____
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 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
3433 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@choicecarvings.net

(Subject line: Marietta Greek Festival)

Questions? Contact Linda Logan at 678-445-3556 or lllogan@belbouthart.com

**ADS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY
APRIL 1, 2011**

*"No boundaries to the Kingdom of God:
Preaching the Gospel in the depths of hell."*

Orthodox Prison Ministry in the U.S.

a Presentation by

Fr. Stephen Powley,

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Saturday, February 5

at

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

3431 Trickum Road

Marietta, GA 30066

Program:

Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm

Presentation by Fr. Stephen 6:30 pm

One wonders: Where is the Gospel being preached today? We know about missions in Africa, India, Albania and other remote places. But Fr. Stephen Powley and others have brought the Christian missions inside the maximum security prisons in America where hundreds of thousands of Americans are serving life-sentences. Fr. Stephen will talk to us about this unusual ministry he has been involved with for more than 25 years.

Factoids: One in every hundred adult Americans are serving time in jail or prison. According to a 2008 study by the non-partisan Pew Center. The U.S. leads the world with more than 2.3 million people incarcerated at any given time and the numbers are rising. Even the more populous China comes a distant second to the U.S in incarcerations. The prison population in Florida, for example, has doubled over the last 15 years with the unfortunate result of only a minor reduction in crime.

The States of the U.S. spend nearly \$50 billion a year on incarcerations, up from \$11 billion twenty years earlier. The federal government spends an additional \$5 billion annually.



HELLENIC STUDIES EVENT



Save the date!

Please join the Hellenic Studies Program for an
"Apokriatiko" Glendi (that is, Pre-Lent celebration)
on the evening of February 26th, 2011

This event will take place in the PLC...
with food, music, entertainment and more!

Details coming soon...

Hellenic Dance

The younger Hellenic Dance classes started on **January 18th**; if you want your children to dance at the festival, please join us!



The groups will meet in the Parish Life Center at the times listed below:

Pitsirikia (Pre-K Age)	Tuesday	4:30-5
Palamakia (K-1st Graders)	Tuesday	4:30-5
Asteria (2nd-3rd Graders)	Tuesday	4:15-5
Petaloudes (4th-5th Graders)	Tuesday	7:15-8

For information, contact Ellen Linebaugh,
thelinebaughs@bellsouth.net

GOYA & OCF LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Lenten Retreat 2011

Session I: March 11-13, 2011

Session II: March 18-20, 2011

Cost: \$95 per person

at: Diakonia Retreat Center
www.diakoniacenter.org
455 Quail Ridge Rd.
Salem, SC
29676

What Does God Want From Me?

FEAR vs FAITH

For More Information,
Please Contact:

Presbytera Mari I. Mars, Youth Coordinator
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta
2480 Clairmont Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA, 30329
youth@atlmeteropolis.org
404.634.9345 ext. 19
www.atlmeteropolis.org

To Register:

GOYAn's: <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/reg4/Form.aspx?IDIT=3107661&rf=3009747&mode=0>

Adults: <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/reg4/Form.aspx?IDIT=3107661&rf=3009746&mode=0>

Please send required forms (on the registration websites) to Presbytera Mari at the Metropolis by February 21st! All Registration Ends February 21!

ocf workdaze XII

retreat theme:

Choosing a Spouse- Facing the Future- Having a Plan!
a dialogue with Fr. Anthony and Presbytera Christine Salzman

at the Diakonia Center

A work retreat to renew your mind.... and get back to nature

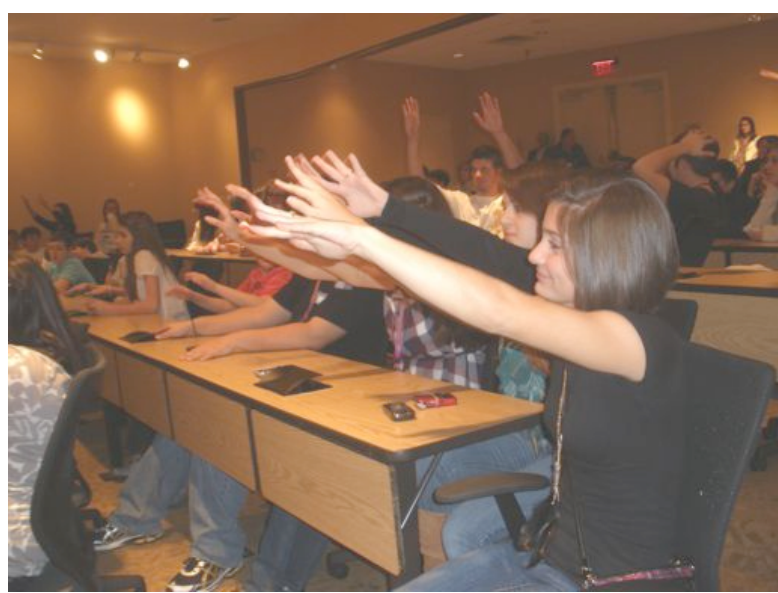
MARCH 25-27, 2011

Spring Break Work Daze Week March 14-18

free room and board for a few hours of work on Saturday

for more info & to register: www.diakoniaretreatcente.org and go to Calendar/Upcoming Events
or email: frantonios@ilicons.us 706-310-1304
travel scholarships available

GOYA- REWIND- 2010 WYR BIBLE BOWL 3RD PLACE
SR. GIRLS BASKETBALL 1ST PLACE (3-PEAT!)



GOYA QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2011

****Saturday, March 19th, 2011 at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**

****Central Conference- Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Cathedral in Birmingham, AL**

****Metropolis of Atlanta- May 6-8, 2011 at the Diakonia Center, SC**

****Archdiocese Finals- June at Holy Trinity Cathedral, New York**



Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2011- Topics

2011 Topics- <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/sjcof/sjcof2011topics>

***grades 4-6 (30-90 seconds; no judging; strictly a local program)**

Suggested Topics- Jesus Christ; Love; Being Kind; Lighting a Candle; Helping Others; The Cross; Prayer; A Smile; My Church; Church School; The Bible; My Family; My Favorite Icon

***grades 7-9 (3-4 minutes)**

Topic #1- In the Orthodox Church, saints and their icons are presented as examples to be imitated. Discuss one saint who has become an example in your life.

Topic #2- In St. John's Gospel, Philip invites Nathanael to "Come and see" (John 1:46). What would you want someone to experience in his or her first visit to an Orthodox Christian parish.

Topic #3- In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord says, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). What does it mean to be a peacemaker in an age of violence, terrorism, and war?

Topic #4- Discuss the spiritual discipline of fasting in light of our age of increasing obesity. How does fasting compare with diets that have the purpose of achieving "model" appearance?

Topic #5- Clean water is a precious commodity that is becoming even scarcer in many parts of the world. It also features prominently in many Bible stories. Discuss the importance of water as a symbol and in Orthodox liturgical life.

***grades 10-12 (4-5 minutes)**

Topic #1- In the past few years, the issue of bullying- including cyberbullying- has been in the news. How should a Christian respond to the problem, especially in light of Jesus's teaching to turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39)?

Topic #2- St. Paul encouraged the Christians in Ephesus to "grow up" (Ephesians 4:13-15). What is Christian maturity, and how does one become a mature Christian?

Topic #3- Discuss what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26) in our age of extreme individualism and independence.

Topic #4- What are the most attractive points that Orthodox Christianity offers to teenagers today, and how can we use them to bring young people to the Church?

Topic #5- St. Basil the Great wrote, "Wealth left idle is of no use to anyone, but put to use and exchanged it becomes fruitful and beneficial for the public" (I Will Tear Down My Barns, ch. 5). Explore this statement in light of the financial insecurity of the last few years and of modern financial practices in general.

Dear GOYA parents,

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides our Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. At the Metropolis level, this is one of the big events of the year, along with the Winter Youth Rally and Summer Camp. Those who make it to the Archdiocesan Finals also receive scholarships. I asked the GOYANS recently to raise their hands if any of them had participated in past years and 1 person out of 20 said they had. I think our goal should be to aim for as close to 100% participation as possible. I also would like to see our youth not yet of GOYA age participate this year. Please look at this year's topics with your child and encourage him/her to write and talk about their faith in this annual Oratorical Festival. Please confirm intent to participate & topic to: tyemery.htgocmarietta@gmail.com

Thank you, -Tyrone-Stavros Emery

GOYA WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Wed. Scripture Reading // Saints commemorated during the week- Can you identify all the Saints?

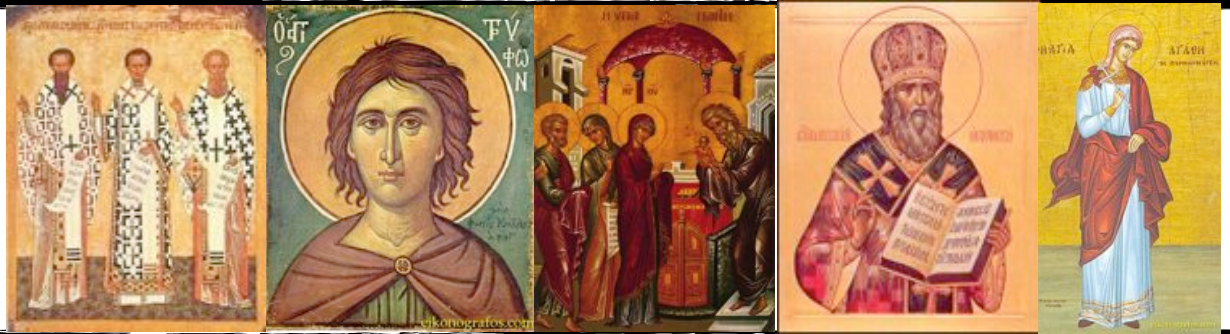
Wed., 02/02/2011

Epistle:

- Hebrews 7:7-17

Gospel:

- Luke 2:22-40



Wed., 02/09/2011

Epistle:

- Ephesians 3:8-21

Gospel:

- Mark 6:7-13



Wed., 02/16/2011

Epistle:

- 2 Peter 3:1-8

Gospel:

- Mark 13:24-31



Wed., 02/23/2011

Epistle:

- 1 John 3:21-24;

4:1-11

Gospel:

- Mark 14:43-72;

15:1



"Man is worthy of being loved just because he's in the image of God. It doesn't matter at all if he's good or bad, moral or sinful. Man is worthy of being loved for what he is. Christ loved and sacrificed Himself for sinful, corrupt people. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." We should be the same way:.....our love should be like the love of God" – Elder Paisios

Visit the Online Chapel at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Website for help in identifying the saints commemorated in Feb..

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



GODPARENTS' LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION – Invite your Godparent or Godchild to join you as we host our annual Godparents' Luncheon on **Sunday, February 6, 2011**. Tickets can be purchased after Divine Liturgy in the PLC during coffee hour and are \$6 each for children and adults. The menu includes: Spaghetti / Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread and Dessert. The Auction will feature a variety of items and especially children's items. Please consider being a "Fairy Godparent" and donate items for the auction or make a monetary donation with which we can purchase items for the auction. Be creative and put together a themed package of toys, tickets or gift certificates. Visit merchants you use and ask for their donations.

Proceeds from this event will go to our own Social Services Fund and to Blessings in a Backpack. We look forward to seeing all of you there! If you have any questions please contact Nikki Palamiotis at nikki_31419@yahoo.com about the luncheon or Mary Miltiades at mmiltiades@bellsouth.net.

NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR FEBRUARY:

- **The Autism Assistance:** This fund will heighten awareness of autism and provide assistance and support to persons within the autism spectrum.
- **Saint Photios Shrine:** The Avero house was purchased in 1965 in historic St. Augustine, Florida to commemorate the arrival of the first Greek settlers to the New World in 1768. This commitment helps provide financial assistance towards the preservation of this National Shrine.

SPANAKOPITA FOR SALE: We have several pans of Spanakopita available for sale at \$20 a pan. If you would like to purchase a pan, please see a Philoptochos member at our table at coffee hour after Divine Liturgy or contact Marty Driscoll msdriscoll@bellsouth.net or Mary Miltiades mmiltiades@bellsouth.net.

MEETINGS:

- **Board Meeting** – Monday, February 21, 2011, PLC, 6:30 potluck dinner, and 7:00 pm meeting.
- **General Meeting** – Monday, February 28, 2011, Location TBD.

BOOK CLUB: Next Book Club meeting is **Thursday, February 24, 2011** at 7:00 pm. Book and location information will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

SOUP KITCHEN: Our next commitment to the MUST Ministries Soup Kitchen is on **Thursday, February 24, 2011** and then the fourth Thursday of every month. Please contact **Athena Burke** at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or **678-462-9775** to cook, serve or make a monetary donation.

MEMBERSHIP: Contact **Evelyn Bilson** at evelynbilson@hotmail.com, **Nancy Barke** at knitchef@gmail.com or **Dorothy Macris** at dorothymacris@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE for:

Metropolis Philoptochos Retreat - **April 8-10, 2011** at the Diakonia Center. Hold these dates and plan to join us at the beautiful Diakonia Center. Registration and more information will follow soon.

For more information or questions, please contact Annette Jacobs, President, at **770-992-1684** or am1988@bellsouth.net

Prime Timers News

We had a very good turnout at our January 15 breakfast meeting, despite a week of freezing temperatures and icy road conditions. Thank you, Pat Koutouzis, for suggesting the program which brought our two WellStar speakers, Sylvia Wilson and Donna Kremer.

Sylvia brought us information about WellStar's "Good Life Club," an organization for people 50 and older that offers many benefits, privileges, activities and programs. Their annual membership fee is \$12 per person. For more information, please visit their website:

<http://www.wellstar.org>.

Donna brought us information about "advance health care directives." Using our own copies of "The Critical Conditions Planning Guide," she led us in a discussion of how to discuss and make final health care decisions with our loved ones. Additional copies of the guide are available in the church office for all who are interested in learning more about this topic. Fr. Panayiotis suggested we invite Donna to return and speak at one of our Lenten Wednesday discussions. More information will be forthcoming.

Our next breakfast meeting will be Saturday, February 19, in the PLC. Please refer to the information below. We will not be having any meetings in March and April and encourage everyone to attend services during Great Lent, including Wednesday evening "potlucks" and discussions.

Welcome to our new members: Artemis Michael and Costas and Maroulla (Maro) Neodeous.



February 19 Breakfast Meeting 10:00 A.M.- Noon PLC

February is Heart Month! Join us for a presentation on "Heart Health" given by a representative from WellStar's Cardiovascular Medicine (CVM)

Presentation open to all adult parishioners

\$5 per person (for breakfast)

****RSVP: Mary Stiakakis (770-740-0127) or Dorothy Botni (770-971-9956) no later than Wednesday, February 16.**

Newly unearthed baptismal font at Hagia Sophia to open in spring

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

ISTANBUL - Anatolia News Agency

A baptismal font unearthed during restoration of Hagia Sophia has been revealed to the press. The baptismal font dates back to the sixth century and was used in mass baptism ceremonies. The pool, which shows the cultural and architectural style of the Byzantine period, will open to visitors in the spring.

The large baptismal font unearthed during restoration work in the Hagia Sophia and dating back to the sixth century



was shown to press members at a press conference Monday.

Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency head Yilmaz Kurt noted that a Google search of "Hagia Sofia" yielded 800,000 results and said Istanbul was home to popular world cultural heritage sites. "We are proud to take the initiative in the restoration of this heritage site, provide financing and finish such a huge renovation project."

Outlining the history of Hagia Sophia, Kurt said: "The construction of Hagia Sophia was ordered by Constantius II. The structure opened in 360 A.D. Its roof burned in a fire in 404 and its restoration took 10 years. In 415, Hagia Sophia opened once again. This second structure burned down in 532 and the church was constructed for the third time under Emperor Justinian. The columns of the Artemis Temple in Ephesus were used in its construction; it opened for the third time in 537. The dome was damaged in earthquakes and completely destroyed in 558. It reopened in 562."

Baptistery becomes sultan tomb

Speaking about the features of the baptismal font, Dursun said the Hagia Sophia's Byzantine (Greek Orthodox) baptistery building had been turned into an Ottoman sultans' tomb, and the sixth-century baptismal font in it was moved to the baptistery's courtyard.

He said the sultans who were buried in the tomb were those who had been dethroned. "When Sultan Mustafa I and Sultan Ibrahim were buried there, the baptistery turned into a sultans' tomb and the baptismal font in it was moved to the court without being damaged. It remained under the soil. This court is a very beautiful section showing Byzantine art."

Troy Polamalu says 'Kala Christougena!'

By Ann Rodgers, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Friday, January 07, 2011



The most famous Orthodox Christian in Pittsburgh, if not the nation, has a greeting for his fellow believers today: "Kala Christougena!" said Steelers safety Troy Polamalu. That's Greek for "Merry Christmas!"

He and Theodora converted to Orthodoxy about five years ago. His background was Catholic and Protestant, hers Muslim and Protestant. They were Christians in search of a deeper, more consistent experience of God.

"Orthodoxy is like an abyss of beauty that's just endless," he said. "I have read the Bible many times. But after fasting, and being baptized Orthodox, it's like reading a whole new Bible. You see the depth behind the words so much more clearly."

That fasting is a Christmastime difference between Eastern and Western Christians. While many Americans pile on the food from Thanksgiving to Christmas, Orthodox Christians start fasting Nov. 15.

Mr. Polamalu is of Samoan heritage, and belongs to the Greek church.

His consists of a "fast from dairy, from meat and from oil for 40 days -- as well as from sex," he said. "It's to prepare you for the birth of Christ, of God incarnate."

Fasting doesn't affect his football fitness, he said. "When you fast, you can eat extremely healthy by eating a lot of light food, like fruits and vegetables."

There are other aspects to fasting. "Maybe not watching as much TV, or not getting caught up in idle talk or different things, in order to keep you spiritually healthy," he said. The most important Orthodox fast is Great Lent, for 50 days before Easter.

When he has kept longer fasts "I have never felt more spiritually strong," he said. Referring to great theologians of the early church, he said, "The church fathers have said that when you eat gluttonously or you eat a lot of meat, your passions get stronger, so your inclination toward sinning becomes stronger. ... [Fasting] really does soften your passions. It gives you spiritual insight." In Orthodox theology "passions" are negative impulses -- such as sadness or greed -- that can harm the soul.

As the Polamaluses build Christmas traditions for their children, Paisios, 2, and Ephraim, 3 months, "It's become less about Santa Claus and more about the birth of Christ and the celebration of the Virgin birth," he said.

They spent Christmas Eve at an Orthodox monastery. The service lasted several hours, ending at 1 a.m. It was entirely chanted.

Polamalu continued

"Orthodox chanting is non-emotional, it's very monotone," said Mr. Polamalu, who also calls it "the most beautiful thing."

"It's the perfect environment for prayer," he said. "Chanting in Greek ... is like a beautiful opera, but way better. You have candles, not [electric] lights. It's dark. You have the women sitting on the left and the men sitting on the right. Everything is to keep your mind focused on God. ... To me the most beautiful thing anyone on earth can experience, other than maybe marriage and child-bearing, would be the Orthodox Liturgy."

Before he became Orthodox, he said, songs in church sometimes moved him to tears. He now distrusts those passing feelings.

"I'd start crying and feel 'This is awesome.' If I'd had a Red Bull, I'd feel it even more. If I'd had breakfast, I'd feel good. If I didn't have breakfast, I didn't feel anything, I was grumpy," he said. "It was a very superficial experience. I was thinking, 'God, why did I not feel you today?' because I wasn't feeling the music today. Orthodoxy is very sensitive to that, to take the emotion out of it, to really go after the heart."

The difference between the heart and emotion, he said, is like the difference between the deep love he has for his wife and their daily ups and downs.

"I could say, emotionally, I'm mad and sad with my wife. But that has nothing to do with how much I love my wife within my heart," he said.

"Before we were Orthodox we were able to separate our spiritual lives and our daily lives. Now that we're Orthodox, because of the prayer life that is required ... and the fasting, it consumes your life. It's the number one thing in your life."

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11007/1116221-323.stm#ixzz1AScyZKmF>

Fasting through the centuries:

All the righteous before Christ fasted. Fasting was precursory to meeting with God or to a revelation. Moses climbed up Mount Sinai after forty days of non-eating and then spoke with God. The New Testament is not at all different, it begins with a fastener - John the Baptist. Even Christ Himself fasted for forty days before beginning His earthly ministry.

All the holy men and women of the church fasted on a regular basis. Christians have been fasting for the last 2,000 years. We fast every Wednesday remembering the betrayal of Christ and every Friday remembering His crucifixion. We fast during Great Lent, the Lent of Christmas and the Lent of August. By doing so we honor Christ and also exercise control over our passions.

March 2011

Ministry Meetings

Sunday

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DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Feb. 6, 2011	T. Isaac	Team I	TBA	E. Turner/A. Leros
Feb. 13, 2011	D. Dudley/C. Dunkerly	Team II	TBA	K. Lewis/L. Lopos
Feb. 20, 2011	A. Tsarouhas/C. Westmoreland	Team I	TBA	F. Mavridis/K. Melissas
Feb. 27, 2011	H. Catrakilis/M. Kipreos	Team II	TBA	M. Miltiades/K. Niarchos

Altar Server Teams

Team 1: Chris Alberts, George Caras, Dylan Rogers, Will Pappleacos, Stratton Paulson, Alexander Georgacopoulos, Nicholas Azimzadeh, Yianni Turner, Zach Melissas, Michael Marianos, Paul Jacobs, Christopher Bilson, Leo Frangis, Michael Papadimitriou, Nicholas Gekas, Matthew Shanahan, Anthony Bundros, Alex Skarpelis, Chris Danos, Evan Papadopoulos, Yanni Gormanos, Alex Gekas

Team 2: Nick Steffas, Alex Elias, Christos Costarides, Michael Sarris, Evans Nichols, Nick Brewer, Graeme Hunt, Daniel Bridgers, Zach Derr, Luke Tassopoulos, Alex Brewer, Mike Steffas, Dean Papastrat, Eli Nichols, Michael Bridgers, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Nicholas Zakreski, Lucas Porter, Jacob Harrah, Chris Bridgers, Stephen Harrah, Nick Danos