

# ***SYNDIAKONIA***

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## ***THE MONTHLY BULLETIN***

*OF THE*

**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ

**Marietta, GA**

**MAY/JUNE 2013**



**St. Constantine and Helen - Equal to the Apostles**

He beheld the image of Your Cross in the Heavens and, as Paul, he too did not receive the call from men. Your Apostle among Kings placed the care of the Royal City in Your hands. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Loving Lord, keep it ever in peace.

# **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## **PARISH CLERGY**

*Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.,  
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*Rev. Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter*

*Pastoral Assistant: Paul Lundberg*

## **PARISH COUNCIL-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President.....Steve Steffas

First Vice-President.....Alex Miltiades

Recording Secretary.....Randy Rogers

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Assistant Treasurer.....Athan Tsarouhas

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Cathy Costarides, Dennis Koutouzis, George Lopos, Larry Gess,  
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### **Directions to our Parish:**

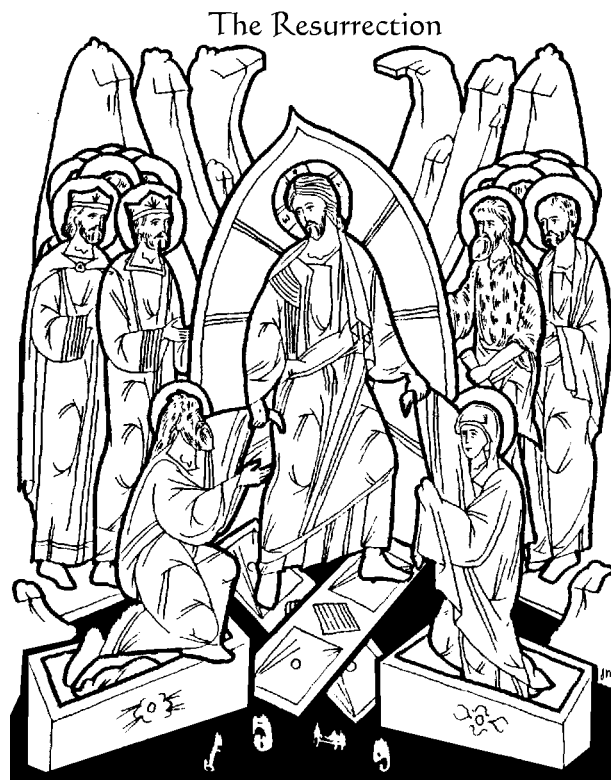
**FROM I-75 Exit at 267-A. At 1st light, turn right (Sandy Plains Road). Continue for 3-4 miles until you see a CVS Pharmacy on your left. At that light turn left onto Trickum Rd. Proceed Approx 1/2 mile. Church will be on your left. Can't miss it!**

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/directions/>

*Christ is Risen!*

*Truly He is Risen!*

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*May the Light of the Risen Christ shine in  
your life always!*

*The Christian Orthodox Community of  
Holy Transfiguration, Marietta, GA*

**IS THE RESURRECTION RELEVANT TODAY?**



We have just gone through Holy Week. We experienced Christ's passion, suffering and crucifixion, and we are now rejoicing in His Resurrection. We will continue to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" for 40 days reminding ourselves of this amazing event. But the question is, how is this event relevant to us or the world we live in today?

In the first century and subsequently, the defeat of death by Christ was welcome news to the people of the time. Death was everywhere. People suffered from wars, famines, plagues and all kinds of social and political abuse. Human beings needed the hope that there is something better than what they were experiencing in their lives, otherwise this life made no sense.

The ancients tried to find ways to counter the effects of death through poems and heroic tales, through monuments, graves and even mummification, but they had no clear indication as to what happens after death. The Greeks understood that the souls enter Hades, a place of darkness and everlasting suffering. The Egyptians equipped the tombs of their loved ones with material things, so that they might continue to have the comforts they experienced in this life. The Jews thought that the souls entered Sheol, a place of dormancy and sleep and many of them understood that there they were awaiting the final resurrection. It was this revelation of the possibility of the resurrection that gave hope to the Jewish people throughout the many centuries of oppression and suffering. And, finally, it was in Jesus Christ that this promise of God was made reality. The Jewish people received the fulness of the revelation of God through the life, actions and teachings of Jesus, but the affirmation of the identity of Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God came through His Resurrection. It is through this that the promised Kingdom of God was opened widely to all humanity. It is through the Resurrection that humanity is healed and made immortal, honored and glorified united to divinity in the person of Jesus Christ. It is now through a relationship with the Risen Christ that people can experience the power of God and a blessed life that never ends.

Even at a time like ours (two thousand years later) when science and technology are providing us with great conveniences and comforts, we are still faced with the same human issues; pain and suffering come to us in various forms, physical, emotional, mental and spiritual, and death strikes us, even when we don't expect it, as an inevitable end. Even in a wealthy and technologically advanced society like ours, people still live in great distress and more and more people every year take their own lives trying to find release from their suffering (as recent statistics have shown). Wars are still raging around the world, evil strikes even in places where we do not expect it (like the Boston Marathon) and people are still looking for hope for the future and to make sense of life and death.

The "Christ Event", the power of the Resurrection, the redemption offered by Christ continues to provide hope and comfort in the face of the tribulations of humanity and our ultimate physical death. We are reassured by this intervention of God that life does not end with the death of our bodies. Our spirit, our conscience, our soul lives on in the hands of God who has power over death and offers us eternal life "in a place where there is no pain, sorrow and suffering", but life everlasting!

*Christ is Risen, brothers and sisters, offering hope to the whole world!*

*Truly He is Risen, offering Life Eternal to all who seek Him!*

*The Commission of Christ to us is to spread this message of hope. This is the Mission of the Church and of our Parish!*

*J Fr. Panayiotis*





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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **May-June 2013**

**May 11, Saturday, NO Vespers.**

**May 12, Sunday, Sunday of Thomas**

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

**May 17-18, Friday-Saturday, Greek Festival - Lectures and Tours of the Church**

**May 19, Sunday, Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women (Greek Festival Sunday)**

Orthros 8:15 am and Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

**May 20, Monday, Great Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen 6:00 pm**

**May 21. Tuesday, Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen.**

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**May 25, Saturday, NO Vespers.**

**May 26, Sunday, Sunday of the Paralytic**

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

**June 1, Saturday, NO Vespers.**

**June 2, Sunday, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

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

**June 8, Saturday, NO Vespers.**

**June 9, Sunday, Sunday of the Blind Man**

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

**June 12, Wednesday. Great Vespers for the Ascension of the Lord 6:00 pm**

**June 13, Thursday. The Ascension of the Lord.**

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**June 15, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**June 16, Sunday, Sunday of the 318 Holy Fathers of First Ecumenical Council.**

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

**June 22, Saturday of the Souls. Ψυχοσάββατο.**

**Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.** This service will be held at the Green Lawn Cemetery where we have established an Orthodox Cemetery.

**Evening: NO Vespers**

**June 23, Sunday of Holy Pentecost. Κυριακή τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς.**

Orthros 8:15 am and **Divine Liturgy 9:45 am.** The Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit will follow the Divine Liturgy. During this week there is NO FASTING.

**June 28, Friday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**June 29, Saturday. Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul - Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**

**Evening: NO Vespers**

**June 30, Sunday of All Saints - Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**



## June 11

### **Celebrating the Revelation of the Hymn "Axion Estin" to a monk on Mt. Athos by the Archangel Gabriel**

The Synaxis of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos is celebrated June 11 for the following reason: In 980, during the reign of Emperor Basil II, when Nicholas Chrysoberges was Ecumenical Patriarch (984-995), the holy Archangel Gabriel appeared in the guise of a monk to the disciple of a certain elder living in a hermitage belonging to the monastery of Pantocrator on the Holy Mountain.

During Matins, after the monk had chanted the customary hymn, "More Honorable than the Cherubim..." composed by Saint Cosmas the Hymnographer, the Archangel chanted the same hymn, but with the following prelude: "It is truly meet to call thee blest, the Theotokos, the ever-blessed and most pure, and Mother of our God." Marveling at the hymn's beauty, the

monk asked his visitor – who appeared also to be a monk - to record this new text in writing, which the Archangel did by miraculously inscribing the words on a piece of slate, using only his finger, and then vanished from sight.

This slate was brought to the Church of the Protaton, and from thence to Constantinople, to the imperial court and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as evidence of the miracle. Henceforth, this version of the hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos began to be chanted in the Divine Liturgy in all the churches. The place where the miracle took place is now called Adein, for the Greek word which means "to sing." The icon itself, before which this hymn was first chanted, is called "The Icon of the Axion Estin" ("It is truly meet") and it is kept in the sanctuary of the Church of the Protaton on the Holy Mountain.

#### **Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone**

Ye hosts of the Fathers of Mount Athos, gather today, and shout with a voice of jubilation, leaping for joy, and faithfully keeping feast: For, behold, the praise of the most pure Theotokos wondrously and awesome is sung by the Angel; and therefore, as the Mother of God, we glorify her name.

#### **Kontakion in the Fourth Tone**

All of Athos keepeth feast this day in gladness; for it wondrously received from on Archangel's holy hand the hymn whereby thou hast ever been praised as the Mother of God, as is truly meet.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MAY

5/1/2013	Gospel: <a href="#">John 12:17-50</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 26:6-16</a>	
5/2/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:23-32</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 26:1-20</a> ; <a href="#">John 13:3-17</a> ; <a href="#">Matthew 26:21-39</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 22:43-44</a> ; <a href="#">Matthew 26:40-75</a> ; <a href="#">27:1-2</a> 12 Gospels: <a href="#">The Twelve Gospels of the Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</a>		
5/3/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:6-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 27:62-66</a>	
5/4/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 27:62-66</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 28:1-20</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11</a>	
5/5/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:1-17</a>	
5/6/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:18-28</a>	
5/7/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 24:12-35</a>	
5/8/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. John's First Universal Letter 1:1-7</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 19:25-28, 21:24-25</a>	
5/9/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 2:38-43</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:1-15</a>	
5/10/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 3:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 2:12-22</a>	
5/11/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 3:11-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:22-33</a>	
5/12/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 28:16-20</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 20:19-31</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20</a>	
5/13/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 3:19-26</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 2:1-11</a>	
5/14/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 4:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:16-21</a>	
5/15/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 4:13-22</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 5:17-24</a>	
5/16/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 5:24-30</a>	
5/17/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 5:1-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 5:30-47</a> ; <a href="#">6:1-2</a>	
5/18/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 5:21-32</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 6:14-27</a>	
5/19/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:1-12</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 15:43-47</a> ; <a href="#">16:1-8</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7</a>	
5/20/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15</a> ; <a href="#">7:1-5, 47-60</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 4:46-54</a>	
5/21/2013	Matins: <a href="#">John 10:9-16</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20</a>	
5/22/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 8:18-25</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 6:35-39</a>	
5/23/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 6:40-44</a>	
5/24/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 8:40</a> ; <a href="#">9:1-19</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 6:48-54</a>	
5/25/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 7:17-30</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 11:2-15</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a>	
5/26/2013	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:13-35</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 5:1-15</a>
5/27/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 10:1-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 6:56-69</a>	
5/28/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 10:21-33</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 7:1-13</a>	
5/29/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 7:14-30</a>	
5/30/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 8:12-20</a>	
5/31/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48</a> ; <a href="#">11:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 8:21-30</a>	

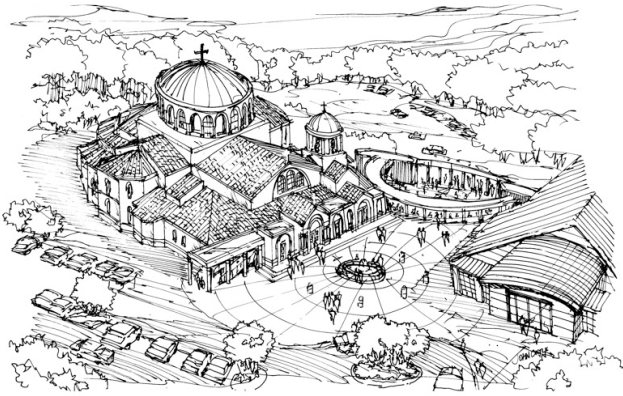
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6/2/2013	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:1-10</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 4:5-42</a>
6/3/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 12:12-17</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 8:42-51</a>
6/4/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a>
6/5/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 13:13-24</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 6:5-14</a>
6/6/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 14:20-28; 15:1-4</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 9:39-10:9</a>
6/7/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 15:5-12</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:17-28</a>
6/8/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:16-22</a>
6/9/2013	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:11-18</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 9:1-38</a>
6/10/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 17:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 11:47-54</a>
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6/14/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 14:1-11</a>
6/15/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 20:7-12</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 14:10-21</a>
6/16/2013	Matins: <a href="#">John 21:1-14</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 17:1-13</a>
6/17/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 21:8-14</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 14:27-15:7</a>
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6/21/2013	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 27:1-44; 28:1</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 17:18-26</a>
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## *Love One Another*



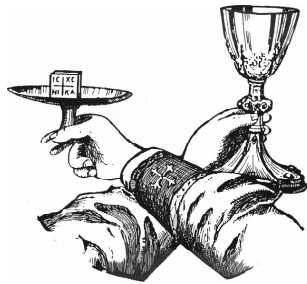
*This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ....You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ....I choose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, ....These things I command you that you may love one another.*

*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)*



***"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 Form? If not, please do so today.

# UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

BY LARRY GESS



## DO I TRULY BELIEVE IN GOD?

If we only say we believe in God, we are expressing an opinion. However, if we act daily on our belief in God, than we can truly say we believe Him.

What then is the difference between an opinion and a belief? An opinion is what we currently think but it is influenced by the ongoing events in our lives. However, a belief is a deeply held life view which guides how we live – what we think about, how we act, and prioritizes what we do daily.

If we truly believe in the Holy Trinity, **we do the following frequently:**

- † **Attend church services to worship Him and thank Him for our blessings.**
- † **Engage in sacraments.**
- † **Pray to Him (if not continuously).**
- † **Engage in activities personally and collectively which enable us to grow closer to Him.**
- † **In thanksgiving to Him, sacrificially return for His work a portion of the treasures derived from His blessings.**
- † **In thanksgiving to Him, sacrificially return for His Work a portion of our time and talents derived from His Blessings.**

Doing these actions not only expresses our belief in and love of Him, it also enables us to continuously overcome our ‘unbelief’ and it heightens our personal relationship with Him as well as demonstrates our love of others.

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## THE CONSECRATION OF OUR SANCTUARY AND OUR PARISH

**The Fountains of Heaven have opened up to shower us with God's Grace**

### LINKS TO CONSECRATION PHOTOS

Use the Links and/or QR codes below to view and download photos of the Consecration of our church.

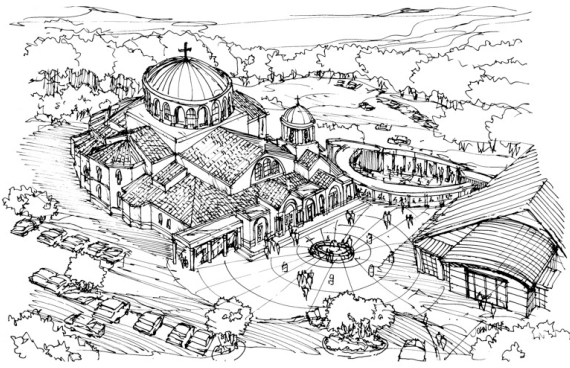
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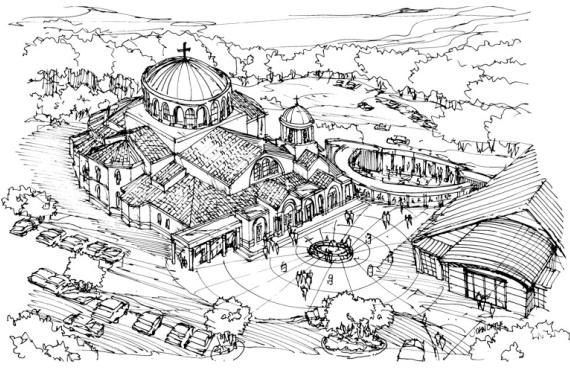
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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Agne  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Alberts  
Mr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Antoniadis  
Mr. Hayden Arp  
Mr. & Mrs. John Asimakos  
Mr. & Mrs. Amir Azarvan  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Azimzadeh  
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Ms. Judy McCall





## *Love One Another*

### MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP FOR 2013

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

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Mrs. Artemis Michael  
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Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wysmierski  
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits  
Mr. Basile Zafiroulis  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski  
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala

**Total Members: 295**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Joanna (Marcy) Brooks - April 13, 2013  
Christina (Chandler) Chitwood - April 13, 2013  
Alexander Panayotopoulos - April 20, 2013

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*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY  
& HONOR*

Marcy and Lee Brooks - April 20, 2013

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Holy Transfiguration Summer Camp is  
Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, from  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Theme is:

**GOING FOR THE GOLD!**

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

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

**Monthly meeting - Tuesday, May 7 in the PLC.**

**Our annual District Convention will be held in Savannah Georgia, June 6-9. The meetings and accommodations will be at the Historic Desoto Hilton. Come enjoy a weekend of fellowship, golf, and dancing with AHEPANS and their families from our district. Please contact Harry for more information.**

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

**Your Board: Harry Kipreos, Jim Tidwell, Zack Kollias, and Dr. Phil Vodas**

**Vice-Presidents: Alan Levine, Michael Gavalas, Theodore Georgacopoulos, and Ron Sprouse**

# ***YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE A LIFE!***



**MARINA SAMPANES PEED**

*wife, mother, sister, daughter,  
niece, aunt, cousin, nouna*

Marina is suffering from a very rare  
form of blood cancer,  
myelofibrosis/chronic leukemia,  
and needs a blood stem cell transplant

**Are YOU the match?**

***Join the registry!***

**BE THE MATCH DONOR DRIVE**

Sponsored by Marietta AHEPA #519

***Sunday, May 26th***

Holy Transfiguration PLC

*12:00 – 1:00pm*

## **About Being TESTED**

- Testing is PAINLESS! Just a simple cheek swab
- You must be between 18-44 yrs old
- You must be in good general health

## **About Being a DONOR**

- There are two methods of donation: peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) & bone marrow
- PBSC donation is nonsurgical, and both are outpatient procedures
- Donors never pay to donate

**Learn more at  
BeTheMatch.org**

**Please give what you can.**

Every \$100 raised helps add  
another member to the registry  
[www.BeTheMatchFoundation.org/goto/Marina](http://www.BeTheMatchFoundation.org/goto/Marina)

For more information,  
please contact

**Christina Westmoreland**

404-593-4203,

[csampanes@hotmail.com](mailto:csampanes@hotmail.com)

Or

**Linda & Ted Sampanes**

770-642-8897

[sampanes@bellsouth.net](mailto:sampanes@bellsouth.net)

***Prayers for Marina will be her greatest gift!***

# *Renewing, Sanctifying and Beautifying Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Donation Catalogue Update*



## **Religious Items Donation Update**

*Thanks to those who have made generous pledges and donations towards the Consecration items. Your response has been overwhelming. We are pleased to report that essentially all of the religious items have been pledged or donated!*

## **Furnishings Donation Update**

The furnishings were ordered last fall and arrived in late March 2013 – just in time for our Consecration. The work order was paid for from the Building Fund so that they would arrive in time for the Consecration. Donations are being accepted towards the furnishings which will directly offset the cost for the production of these items and reimburse the building fund.

We have received pledges for about 12 % of the total. Please consider making a full or partial pledge or donation towards any of the items still available and listed below.

<b>Furnishings</b>	<b>Amount Needed</b>
<b>Transfiguration Iconostasion in Narthex</b>	\$12,000
<b>Theotokos Iconostasion in Narthex</b>	\$12,000
<b>Pankari table for Narthex (right side)</b>	\$13,000
<b>Pankari table for Narthex (left side)</b>	\$13,000

<b>Chapel of St. Andrew Proskomidi table</b>	\$5,600
<b>Carved, wooden icon stands SMALL</b>	\$2,650
<b>Carved, wooden icon stands SMALL</b>	\$2,650
<b>Solea-LARGE carved, wooden icon stands</b>	\$3,200
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## Iconography

There are still many items available including the icons that have been commissioned to be completed by our iconographer for the Altar area. We have received pledges of around 35% of the total amount shown in the catalogue.

**Would you like to commemorate a Saint for yourself or on behalf of your loved ones? Here are the ones that are still available. Please consider a donation in part or in full:**

<b>Iconography</b>	<b>Amount Needed</b>
<b>Solea - St. Demetrios full length icon</b>	\$21,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Basil icon</b>	\$11,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Athansios of Alex. Icon</b>	\$10,660
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Cyril of Alexandria Icon</b>	\$11,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Gregory of Nyssa Icon</b>	\$11,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. John Chrysostom Icon</b>	\$6,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Gregory of Theologian Icon</b>	\$11,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Spyridon Icon</b>	\$11,500
<b>Holy of Holies: St. Nicholas Icon</b>	\$10,900
<b>Holy of Holies (Center) Christ the High Priest Icon</b>	\$11,500

**Help us reach 100% in donations!** Please visit the church's website to download the pledge form at:

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Renewing-Sanctifying-Final1.pdf>

Payment installments are welcome along with partial donations towards any item. If the item you would like to donate is unavailable, you will have the option to apply your donation towards any other item.

Paper copies of the pledge forms are also available in the Narthex or the Church office. For questions about the items available or to discuss your pledge, please contact Father Panayiotis or Maria Alberts.



## TRANSFIGURATION GARDENS ORTHODOX CEMETERY AT GREEN LAWN CEMETERY, ROSWELL, GA

Our Parish has purchased 50 plots, which we are making available at a reduced price of \$2,900. This price includes one plot with a vault.

This is an effort of our parish to provide a resting place for our people where you can also have a headstone with a cross and the names of the deceased and where the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on a regular basis and our people will be commemorated for centuries to come. One of our parishioners has paid for the construction of a monument in the center of this Orthodox Cemetery, which provides an Altar for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

You may purchase plots through the church office.

An additional benefit provided by Dignity Funeral Home is a reduced price Funeral package of \$7,500 available during 2013.





23<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# *Marietta* **GREEK FESTIVAL**



"COBB COUNTY'S  
MOST DELICIOUS FESTIVAL"



**May 17**  
**Friday**  
3 PM - 11 PM

**May 18**  
**Saturday**  
10 AM - 11 PM

**May 19**  
**Sunday**  
11 AM - 7 PM

- ❖ *SAVOR Authentic Homemade Greek Food & Pastries*
- ❖ *ENJOY Live Greek Music & Professional Dance Troupes*
- ❖ *GUIDED TOURS of our Byzantine Sanctuary & Chapel*
- ❖ *The South's ONLY Authentic Outdoor Greek Amphitheater*
- ❖ *LEARN about Greek Culture & Traditions*
- ❖ *SHOP for Imported Greek Gifts & Jewelry*
- ❖ *SPECIAL Kids Art & Play Area*

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Friday Only**  
**From 3 PM to 5 PM**

**OPA!**



On The Church Grounds

**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA 30066  
(Between Sandy Plains Road and Shallowford Road)  
Admission \$4.00 (Children 12 and under free)

Visit [www.MariettaGreekFestival.org](http://www.MariettaGreekFestival.org)  
Festival Hotline: 770- 924- 8080

**FREE** *Parking and Shuttle Bus Service is available at*  
Simpson Middle School, Trickum Road  
Church of Latter Day Saints, Trickum Road (except Sunday)  
Lassiter High School, Shallowford Road



MAY 17, 18, & 19

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those of you who have stepped up and volunteered your time and talents in preparation for the 2013 Marietta Greek Festival, scheduled for May 17-19. We have had an outpouring of support from parishioners who have volunteered to chair a committee, have helped cook food and pastries, have sold Visitor's Guide ads, have helped clean and spruce up our church grounds, and on and on and on. But it's still not too late to get involved. The Festival is our church's largest and most profitable fundraiser and requires everyone's service and sacrifice. And, although it can get tiring at times, working in preparation for, and at, the Festival is a great way to make new friends and enhance old relationships. Working for a common goal tends to do that.

Please include the church, and more specifically the Festival, in your schedule over the next few weeks. Please come and help cook at one or more of the cooking sessions, as shown below, or take some time off from work and help set up during the week preceding the Festival. And, of course, sign up to work as many shifts as you possibly can during the Festival. If you would like to contribute financially toward the preparation for the Festival, Carol Adamson is in charge of our Festival Giving Tree, which gives parishioners the opportunity to fund the purchase of specific items needed at the Festival. Please contact Carol at 404-388-2218 for details.

We expect approximately 18,000 attendees at this year's Festival and need everyone's participation in order to make a good impression. Thank you again to those of you who have already helped and thank you, in advance, to those of you who are planning to help between now and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Steve Tingas  
Festival Chairman



MAY 17, 18, & 19

### 2013 MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL BAKING/COOKING DATES

Mon.	May 13	10 am - 4 pm	Dipping Melomacarona
Tues.	May 14	10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
Tues.	May 14	2 pm - 10 pm	Pastitsio
Wed.	May 15	10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
Wed.	May 15	2 pm - 10 pm	Souvlakia
Thurs.	May 16	10 am - ????	Set-Up Pastry Booths



MAY 17, 18, & 19

**The Festival is a few weeks away!** It is the largest fundraiser for our church building fund. Please come by and visit our Festival table during coffee hour every Sunday.

**Tell Everyone.**

Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Tell or email everyone you know that the Festival is ***May 17th, 18th and 19th...The Weekend after Mother's Day!!!***

Please take flyers with you to hand out to friends, neighbors and businesses or forward an electronic version of the flyer to everyone on your email address book. Please contact the church office if you do not receive the flyer via email. A limited number of removable bumper stickers are also available.

**There are several ways for you to make the 2013 Festival a success!**

- **Volunteer** - Sign up sheets will be available. We need lots of help. We also welcome students who require community service hours - this event qualifies.

- **Buy Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards** - They make great gifts! \$8 for a \$10 card and \$20 for a \$25 card - these can be used at most church sponsored booths, including admission, and can be partially used through-out the Festival until the value is gone.

- **Become a Friend** of the Festival by donating \$25 to the Visitor's Guide.
- **Pick Up Flyers** to distribute.
- **Buy T-Shirts** - Buy last year's at a discount before the Festival.
- **Donate to our Giving Tree** - This is YOUR opportunity to donate money whether the amount is small or large to help defray the start up cost of the festival. Examples of items available for donation include milk, butter, feta, bus rental, etc. Visit the festival table during Coffee Hour to view the complete list of items for donation or contact Carol Adamson at [carol\\_adamson@yahoo.com](mailto:carol_adamson@yahoo.com) or 404-388-2218.

**For questions or to volunteer, please contact Steve Tingas,  
770.845.5045 or [tingasatl@gmail.com](mailto:tingasatl@gmail.com)  
We look forward to your participation in our greatest Festival ever!**





MAY 17, 18, & 19

# Giving Tree

CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR FESTIVAL AND OUR CHURCH  
BUILDING FUND BY DONATING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING\*:  
[MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL]

## KAFENION

FRAPPES / \$200  
COFFEE / \$50  
GREEK COFFEE / \$125  
SUGAR / \$75  
LOUKOUMADES:  
FLOUR / \$200  
EGGS / \$100  
YEAST / \$40  
HONEY / \$100  
CINNAMON / \$25

## TAVERNA

HUMMUS / \$150  
TZATZIKI / \$150

## PASTITSIO

ONIONS / \$100  
SPICES / \$75  
BUTTER / \$80  
MILK / \$100  
MACARONI / \$100

## DOLMADES

GRAPE LEAVES / \$60 PER CASE  
ONIONS / \$50  
SPICES / \$50  
GREEN ONIONS / \$150  
OLIVE OIL / \$125

## SPANAKOPITA

ONIONS / \$100  
SPICES / \$75  
GREEN ONIONS / \$200  
EGGS / \$150

## KEFTEDES

ONIONS / \$125  
SPICES / \$50

GYRO / \$70 PER CASE  
FETA CHEESE / \$75 PER BUCKET  
HOT DOGS FOR CHILDREN / \$500  
SOUVLAKI ON A STICK / \$40 PER CASE  
PITA BREAD / \$25 PER CASE  
PEPPEROCINI FOR SALADS / \$300

PLATES / \$50 PER CASE  
BOWLS / \$40 PER CASE  
SILVERWARE PACKETS / \$20 PER CASE  
SKEWERS / \$75  
FACE PAINTING SUPPLIES / \$45  
CASH REGISTERS / \$250 EACH  
GAS FOR BUS / \$200 EACH  
BUS RENTAL / \$500 EACH  
STEAM TABLES / \$600 EACH

\*Partial Donations Accepted

## HELLENIC DANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need a folding card table for the festival, as well as table linens.

If anyone has these items for us to borrow (or to be donated) please contact Paulina Vastakis.

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Parent Packets with critical information about festival will be given out at practice.

If you have NOT received this packet, please let Paulina or Dorian know ASAP.

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If your child has outgrown any dance shoes please donate them to the dance closet.

If your child needs dance shoes, stop by the dance closet to check if we have their size.

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### PARENT HELP NEEDED:

...for costume check-out. We need four volunteers to sign out costumes during practice on Tuesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 16. We also need about four parents to help us stock the dressing rooms. This will also happen during practices on the above dates.

*Please let Paulina or Dorian know if you can help out!!*

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## Practice Schedule

### Metamorphosi (Young Adults)

Monday May 6, 7-9pm, PLC

Wednesday May 8, 7-9pm, PLC

Saturday May 11, 10-12pm, PLC and Costume Fittings

Sunday May 12, 2-4pm, PLC

Monday May 13, 8-10pm, PLC/Amphitheater

Tuesday May 14, 8-10pm, PLC/Amphitheater

Wednesday May 15, 8-10pm, BAPA Dance Studio

Thursday May 16, 8-10pm, PLC/Amphitheater

### Eleftheria (High School)

Monday May 6, 6-8pm, PLC

Wednesday May 8, 6-8pm, PLC

Saturday May 11, 10-12pm, PLC/Amphitheater

Sunday May 12, 2-4pm, Amphitheater

Monday May 13, 7-9pm, Amphitheater or PLC

Tuesday May 14, 7-10pm, BAPA Studio

Wednesday May 15, 7-9:30pm, Amphitheater

Thursday May 16, 7-9:30pm, PLC/Amphitheater

### Phoenix (Middle School)

Sunday May 12, 1-2:30pm, PLC/Amphitheater

Tuesday May 14, 7-9pm, PLC/Amphitheater

Thursday May 16, 8-10pm, PLC/Amphitheater

### Petaloudes (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

Tuesday May 7, (regular time) 7:15-8pm

Tuesday May 14, 6-7pm, Amphitheater

Thursday May 16, 6-7pm, Amphitheater

### Asteria (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Tuesday May 7, (regular time) 4:30-5:15pm

Tuesday May 14, 5:15-6pm, Amphitheater

### Palamakia (K and 1<sup>st</sup>)

Tuesday May 7, (regular time) 4:45-5:15pm

Tuesday May 14, (regular time) 4:45-5:15pm Amphitheater

### Pitsirikia (Pre-K)

Tuesday May 7, (regular time) 4:45-5:15pm

Tuesday May 14, 4:15-4:45pm Amphitheater

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# THANK YOU!

## FROM HELLENIC STUDIES



### Another great year completed...

We would like to thank the parents, students and staff of our Hellenic Studies Program for another fantastic year. We have seen our school grow tremendously in the last few years, and we hope with your support, we will continue to grow. A special thank you to our Director Eleni Clement for her tireless work in making the program a great success – and to Tasia Kipreos for keeping us organized and communicating important information to parents. Stay tuned this summer for more details regarding the 2013-2014 school year. Enrollment will begin in August.

YOUTH AND ADULT  
CLASSES

BIBLICAL GREEK:  
BEGINNER AND  
ADVANCED

READING, WRITING,  
GRAMMAR AND  
CONVERSATIONAL

NO PRIOR  
EXPERIENCE  
NECESSARY

CLASSES BEGIN  
AUGUST 27, 2013

HOLY  
TRANSFIGURATION

Hellenic Studies Program

Eleni Clement, Director

eleni@mindspring.com  
404-783-5103



## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

### Important May Dates:

May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next Soup Kitchen at Must Ministries at 11:30 am. If you would like to help cook, serve or make a monetary donation, please contact Athena Burke at [ibgreek@bellsouth.net](mailto:ibgreek@bellsouth.net) or 770-973-3111.

At Must Ministries in March we served 82 homeless with chicken, rice and salad. Thank you to the following people who helped serve, prepare the food and/or donated: **Donnis Gavalas, Margaret Kollias, Kathy Bylos, Dorothy Macris, Tina Vamvakias, Rosemary Peppas, Kathy Shoji, Dimitra Bournias, Michael Gavalas and Basile Zafiroulis.**

Save Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 pm for Book Club – Book is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

We continue accepting donations for the Giving Tree/Philoptochos Center in honor of His Grace, Bishop Sevastianos of Zela. Please give during Coffee Hour or donate in the Church office with Anne.

The End of the Year Luncheon will be on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On that date, we will also be having Board Elections/Voting. Please mark your calendars to attend!



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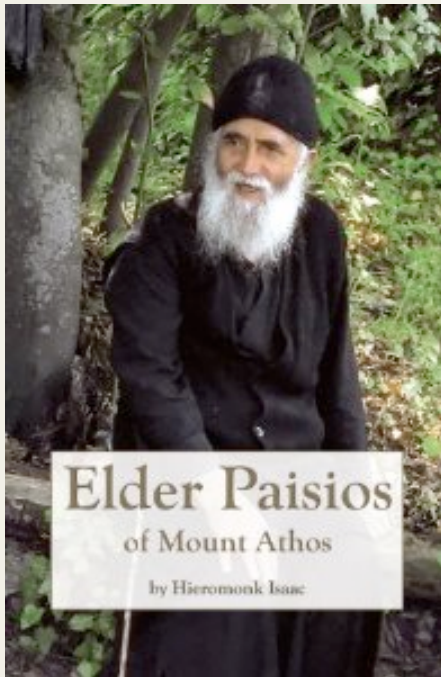


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## NEW ARRIVALS



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### **Elder Paisios of Mount Athos**

- biography of the Elder

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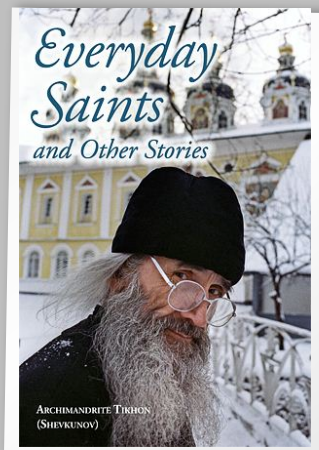
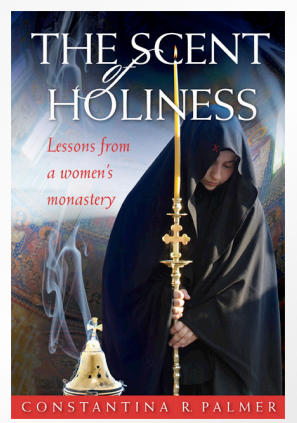
- Lessons from a women's monastery

### **Everyday Saints and Other Stories**

- some wonderful stories about everyday people and monastics that live extraordinary and holy lives

### **When Hearts Become Flame**

- about the mystery of love revealed in those "Emmaus Road" experiences where God's presence suddenly kindles fire in the heart. The act of listening and speaking from the heart involves not just flesh and blood but faith in the Uncreated Source of life invisibly present in our midst.



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## Remembering the Fall of Constantinople to the Moslem Turks - May 29, 1453



On May 29, 1453, the last Emperor Constantine Palaeologos falls defending the Christian City and the civilization it represents. The only Christian Empire which lasted 1,100 years became subjected to utter destruction.

### May 29, 1453: The Fall of Constantinople

The fall of the city to the Ottoman Turks signaled the end of the longest civilization in the history of humankind.

On that fateful Tuesday of May in 1453, Constantinople fell to the hands of the Ottoman Turks, led by Mehmet the Conqueror. The Great City, which for 1,100 years represented the Christian Greco-Roman Civilization initiated by Constantine the Great, was overrun by the Asian warriors.

The Great Church of Agia Sophia (built by Emperor Justinian), which for 900 years stood as the symbol of the triumph of Christianity in the world, was turned into a muslim mosque.

The Greco-Roman Christians, who preserved Orthodox Christianity for over 1,000 years, came under the rule of the muslim conquerors. For the next 400 years (and in some places even until today) they would suffer the ultimate humiliation, but would continue preserving the Faith undefiled.

The Christians lived under muslim yoke always looking to the miracle of the Resurrection of the Lord with the hope of liberation and freedom.

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Palm Sunday</b> ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 7:00 PM Bridgroom Service vice	28 <b>Holy and Great</b> ■ 7:00 PM Bridgroom Service vice	29 <b>Holy and Great</b> ■ 7:00 PM Bridgroom Service vice	1 <b>Holy and Great</b> ■ 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts ■ 3:00 PM Holy Unction (the Service of Holy Oil for Healing) ■ 6:45 PM Small Compline ■ 7:00 PM Holy Unction (the Service of Holy Oil for Healing)	2 <b>Holy and Great</b> ■ 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil ■ 5:30 PM Trisagion Service (Brotis) ■ 7:00 PM The Service of the Passion of Christ	3 <b>Holy and Great</b> ■ 9:00 AM The Great Hours ■ 3:00 PM The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial ■ 7:00 PM The Burial of Christ--Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios)	4 <b>Holy and Great</b> ■ 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; the Descent of Christ into Hades. ■ 10:30 AM Isaksson Christomation (Nathan) ■ 2:00 PM Johnson Baptism (Kyrikos) ■ 11:00 PM The Canon of Easter
5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b> <b>The Holy an...he Bright Day)</b> ■ 12:00 AM Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord ■ 12:30 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha ■ ... The Canon of Easter ■ 12:00 PM Great Vespers of Love ■ 1:00 PM Pascal Picnic	6 <b>Renewal Mo...of St. George</b> ■ 9:00 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 6:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 7:00 PM Metamorphosi Practice	7 ■ 4:30 PM Pitsirikia Dance Practice ■ 4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd & 3rd) ■ 4:45 PM Palamakia Dance Practice (K & 1st) ■ 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies ■ 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th & 5th)	8 ■ 6:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 6:30 PM Festival Meeting ■ 7:00 PM Metamorphosi Practice	9 ■ 6:00 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th & 5th) ■ 7:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 8:00 PM Metamorphosi Practice ■ 8:00 PM Phoenix Practice	10 ■ 7:00 PM GOYA Pascha Party	11 ■ 10:00 AM Metamorphosi Practice ■ 10:00 AM Eleftheria Practice ■ 11:00 AM Simpson Baptism ■ 5:00 PM Macris/Pourenaras Wedding ■ 6:00 PM Macris/Pourenaras Wedding Reception
12 <b>Thomas Sunday</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 11:30 AM A 40 day Memo- ■ 11:40 AM A 40 day Memo- ■ ... Macris/Pourenaras Wed- ■ 12:00 PM 40 day Blessing ■ 1:00 PM Phoenix Practice and 4 more...	13 ■ 6:30 PM PC Meeting ■ 7:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 8:00 PM Metamorphosi Practice	14 ■ 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting ■ 2:00 PM Festival Cooking (Pastitsio) ■ 4:15 PM Pitsirikia Dance ■ 4:45 PM Palamakia Dance ■ 5:15 PM Asteria Dance ■ 6:00 PM Petaloudes Dance ■ 7:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 7:00 PM Phoenix Practice ■ 8:00 PM Metamorphosi	15 ■ 2:00 PM Festival Cooking (Souvlakia) ■ 7:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 8:00 PM Metamorphosi Practice	16 ■ 6:00 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th & 5th) ■ 7:00 PM Eleftheria Practice ■ 8:00 PM Metamorphosi Practice ■ 8:00 PM Phoenix Practice	17 <b>Marietta Greek Festival</b>	18 ■ 10:00 AM Metamorphosi Practice ■ 10:00 AM Eleftheria Practice ■ 11:00 AM Simpson Baptism ■ 5:00 PM Macris/Pourenaras Wedding ■ 6:00 PM Macris/Pourenaras Wedding Reception
19 <b>Marietta Greek Festival</b> <b>Sunday of th...aring Women</b> ■ 8:15 AM Orthros ■ 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	20 ■ 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen	21 <b>Feast of Sts....ine and Helen</b> ■ 9:00 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	22 ■ 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	23 ■ 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	24 ■ 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	25 ■ 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club
26 <b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b> ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 11:30 AM A six month Memorial Service is given by Diana Honey for Ted Gregor. May his memory be eternal! ■ 4:00 PM Bessie Thomas Wedding	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>	28 <b>John F. Kennedy's Birthday</b>	29 <b>John F. Kennedy's Birthday</b>	30 ■ 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	31 ■ 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club ■ 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	1 ■ 3:30 PM Chechopoulos / Strickland Wedding

# June 2013

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26 Sunday of the Paralytic ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 11:30 AM A six month Memorial Service is given by Diana Honey for Ted ■ 4:00 PM Bessie Thomas Wedding	27 Memorial Day	28 John F. Kennedy's Birthday	29	30	31	1 3:30 PM Chechopoulos/Strickland Wedding
2 Sunday of the...ritan Woman ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 12:00 PM Library Open ■ 1:00 PM Philoptochos End-of-Year Luncheon ■ 1:00 PM Harris/Gailer Wedding ■ 2:00 PM Harris/Gailer Wedding	3 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting	4 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting	5	6 7:00 PM Tsarouhas Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm	7 7:00 PM Tsarouhas Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm	8 4:30 PM Nikki Tsarouhas Wedding
9 Sunday of the Blind Man ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 2:00 PM GOYA End-of-Year Party	10 9:00 AM Church Day Camp	11 9:00 AM Church Day Camp	12 9:00 AM Church Day Camp 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Ascension of the Lord	13 The Ascension of the Lord ■ 9:00 AM Orthros ■ 9:00 AM Church Day Camp ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	14 Flag Day ■ 9:00 AM Church Day Camp	15 5:00 PM Great Vespers
16 Father's Day Sunday of the...nical Council ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	17 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	18	19	20	21 Saturday of the Souls ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	22
23 Sunday of Holy Pentecost ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy; Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit	24	25 Clergy/Laity Meeting	26 Clergy/Laity Meeting	27 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	28 5:00 PM Great Vespers	29 Feasts of Sts. Peter & Paul ■ 9:00 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ■ 3:30 PM Bratic Wedding
30 Clergy/Laity Meeting Sunday of All Saints ■ 8:30 AM Orthros ■ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 Independence Day	5 5	6 6

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DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
May 5, 2013 Pascha	D. Koutouzis/A. Tsarouhas	Team II	TBA	M. Tingas/F. Tucker/T. Vamvakias
May 12, 2013	G. O'Brien/R. Rogers	Team I	P. Dunkerly/P. Koutouzis	Nancy Barke/A. Burke
May 19, 2013 Festival	L. Gess/S. Steffas	Team II	TBA	C. Costarides/M. Driscoll
May 26, 2013	D. Koutouzis/S. Tingas	Team I	M. Alberts/P. Koutouzis	M. Eleftheriou/T. Georgacopoulos

**Team 1:** Chris Alberts, Matthew Azimzadeh, Nicholas Azimzadeh, Gabriel Beneda, Christopher Bilson, Evan Bilson, Alex Brewer, Nick Brewer, Chris Bridgers, Daniel Bridgers, Michael Bridgers, Anthony Bundros, Cole Foster, George Gavalas, Constantine Gavalas, Jacob Harrah, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, Paul Jacobs, Andrew Levine, Luke Melissas, Zach Melissas, Evan Papadopoulos, Lucas Porter, Matthew Shanahan, Mike Steffas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Yianni Turner, Nicholas Zakreski

**Team 2:** Theo Bliss, Matthew Buchan, Brody (Thomas) Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Niko Gekas, Alex Gekas, Alexander Georgacopoulos, Yianni Gormanos, Morgan Lilly, Michael Marianos, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Eli Nichols, Angelo Nichols, Evans Nichols, Tommy O'Brien, Michael Papadimitriou, Dean Papastrat, Matthew Paulson, Alex Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Evan Strakes, Luke Tassopoulos, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Braden Thorne, Alex Thorne