

# ***SYNDIAKONIA***

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## ***THE MONTHLY BULLETIN***

*OF THE*

**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Marietta, GA**

**NOVEMBER 2012**



**Synaxis of the Holy Archangels and all the Heavenly Host - November 8**

O Commanders of the Heavenly Host, we the unworthy beseech you, that through your entreaties you will fortify us, guarding us in the shelter of the wings of your ethereal glory, even as we fervently bow before you crying: "Deliver us from all danger, as Commanders of the Powers on high! "

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## PARISH CLERGY

*Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.,  
Presiding Protopresbyter*

*Rev. Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter*

*Pastoral Assistant: Paul Lundberg*



### **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/>

### THE IMPORTANCE OF SAYING "THANK YOU!"



Most of us have been conditioned to respond quickly to other people's kindness with the word "thank you", almost automatically, without thinking about it. This is why it is not a bad idea to stop for a moment (and even better, a day) and ponder over what things we should be really thankful about, who we should be thanking, and for what.

"Thanksgiving Day" occurs every year on the last Thursday of November, offering us this opportunity. The early pilgrims established this day as a time of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom and the abundance of material things which they were enjoying in the "New World".

The Orthodox immigrants to this country (Russians, Greeks and others) from the very beginning embraced this feast because it reflected their own ethos. As Orthodox Christians we are accustomed to offering thanks to God, not just once a year, but every Sunday. Another term for

the "Liturgy" is "Eucharist", from the Greek word "Eucharistia", which means "Thanksgiving". We gather together around the "Eucharistic Table" every Sunday to offer thanks to God for all His Blessings, known and unknown, seen and unseen. Right before the consecration of the Gifts, the priest speaking on behalf of the people, says:

*"It is proper and right to sing to You, to bless You, to praise You, to give thanks to You, and to worship You in all places of Your dominion; for You are God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always the same; You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us into being out of nothing, and when we fell, You raised us up again. You did not cease doing everything until You led us to heaven and granted us Your kingdom to come. For all these things we thank You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit; for all things that we know and do not know, for blessings seen and unseen that have been bestowed upon us. We also thank You for this liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, even though You are surrounded by thousands of Archangels and tens of thousands of Angels, by the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring with their wings singing the victory hymn, proclaiming, crying out, and saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of angelic hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest!'"*

We are thankful to God and we rejoice because, *"We have seen the True Light; we have received the Heavenly Spirit; we have found the True Faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, Who has saved us."*

The early Greek Orthodox immigrants to America saw the feast of Thanksgiving also as a celebration of family and togetherness. As Greeks, they treasured the closeness of family and would not pass on an opportunity to come together for a family meal.

Today, when most families are scattered, and faith in God is battered, the feast of Thanksgiving has become even of greater importance in forging back into our lives these ideals established by the early pilgrims and cherished by the later immigrants.

As we gather again around the family table, let us ponder over all of the material and earthly things we have, but also the love of God for us, and His Kingdom that He has opened up for our sake.

Let us give thanks to God for all things again and again!

*Fr. Panayiotis*



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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **November 2012**

**November 1, Thursday,** Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

**November 3, Saturday,** Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

**November 4, Sunday.** Fifth Sunday of Luke  
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**November 7, Wednesday,** Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Archangels 6:00 pm

**November 8, Thursday,** Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & All the Heavenly Hosts  
*Celebration at the Metropolis Chapel. Metropolitan Alexios will preside. Join us there!*

Orthros 8:00 am & Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Evening:** Great Vespers, 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Nektarios (*at our church, here in Marietta*)

**November 9, Friday,** Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina  
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**November 10, Saturday,** Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

**November 11, Sunday,** Eighth Sunday of Luke. Also feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist (Moved from November 16)  
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**November 13, Tuesday,** Feast of St. John Chrysostom  
Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral with Metropolitan Alexios Presiding  
Orthros 8:00 am & Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**November 15, Thursday,** *Beginning of the Fast of Christmas.*

**November 17, Saturday,** Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

**November 18, Sunday,** Ninth Sunday of Luke.  
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**November 20, Tuesday Evening:** Great Vespers, 6:00 pm. Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos

**November 21, Wednesday,** Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple  
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**November 22, Thursday,** *Thanksgiving Day.* Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 24, Saturday,** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**November 25, Sunday,** Thirteenth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.  
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**November 29, Thursday.** Great Vespers-Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 6:00 pm

**November 30, Friday,** Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, the First Called. **Feast of our Chapel.**  
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am





Icon of St. Matthew under the dome of our Chapel

## ***St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist*** **November 16**

The Holy apostle and evangelist Matthew, who was also called Levi was the son of Alphaeus and had Galilee as his homeland. He was a publican, a tax-collector for Rome, in a time when the Jews were under the rule of the Roman Empire. When Matthew heard the voice of Jesus Christ: “Come, follow Me” (Mt. 9:9), he left everything and followed the Savior. Christ and His disciples did not refuse Matthew’s invitation and visited his home, where they shared a meal with the publican’s friends and acquaintances who, like their host were also publicans and known sinners. The Jews considered tax-collectors pernicious betrayers of their country and religion and to even speak with one was considered a sin, and to associate with one was defilement. But the Jewish leaders were not able to comprehend that the Lord had “not come to call the

righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Mt. 9:13).

Matthew, acknowledging his sinfulness, repaid fourfold anyone he had cheated, distributed his remaining possessions to the poor, and followed Christ with the other apostles. Matthew was attentive to the instructions of the Savior, beheld His innumerable miracles, and was one of the twelve apostles that went to preach to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt. 10:6). He was also a witness to the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Savior, and of His glorious Ascension into Heaven.

Having received the grace of the Holy Spirit, which descended upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, Matthew preached in Palestine for several years. At the request of the Jewish converts at Jerusalem, the holy apostle Matthew wrote his gospel, emphasizing Christ as the Incarnate God, inaugurating the kingdom of God and establishing the new covenant with the true Israel, before leaving to preach the Gospel in other lands. He wrote down the Gospel for the first time, in the Aramaic language. Some years later, this book was translated into Greek, but no copy in the original language has survived.

Later, St Matthew traveled to Parthia and the city of Hierapolis (on the Euphrates river) to proclaim the Gospel to the pagans there. One tradition holds that he reposed in peace in that region at a great age. Another tradition holds that he was martyred by a king of that region, who later repented and was baptized, taking the name Matthew. The king then cast down the idols and established the Christian faith in his realm.

Sometimes, he is depicted in icons, with someone in the likeness of a man standing next to him. This is reminiscent of one of the symbolic living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1.10), which, as Saint Irenaeus writes, is a symbol of our Savior’s Incarnation of which he reminds us with his continuous reference to Jesus as the “Son of Man” in his Gospel.

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### ***Apolytikion in the Third Tone***

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede to our merciful God,  
that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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

When you did cast away the publican’s balance and were united to the yoke of uprightness, then you did prove a merchant of great excellence, one that gathered in the wealth of the wisdom of Heaven; for this cause, the word of truth you did herald, O Matthew, and did arouse the souls of sluggish men by signifying the dread day of reckoning.

## ***Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation***

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

--Abraham Lincoln - October 3, 1863

## ***Andrew the First-Called to be an Apostle***

**November 30**



The Holy Apostle Andrew was the son of Jonas and was from Bethsaida on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. From his youth he turned with all his soul to God, working with his brother as a fisherman. Andrew first left his fisherman's trade to become a disciple of St John the Baptist. St John the Baptist said to Andrew and John the Theologian, "Behold the Lamb of God!", at this, both disciples followed after Jesus. After conversing with Christ, Andrew hurried home and told his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." For being the first to recognize Jesus as the Christ, St Andrew is called the First-Called.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Apostle Andrew went to Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He traveled around the Black Sea and in Thrace and Macedonia, traveling as far as Lazica in the Caucasus.

On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. In Sinope they pelted him with stones, but remaining unharmed, the persistent disciple of Christ continued to preach to people about the Savior. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked many miracles. By the labors of the holy Apostle Andrew, Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy.

The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patras of Achaia, where the Lord worked many miracles through His disciple. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness; he healed Maximilla, wife of the governor of Patras and his brother Stratokles. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of the city of Patras with the true Faith.

A few pagans, however, remained at Patras, including the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The Apostle Andrew repeatedly turned to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the apostle thinking he might undo St Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

St Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. He was crucified head downwards on a cross in the shape of an "X", the first letter of Christ in Greek. The holy Apostle rejoiced at being allowed to suffer the same death as his Master and the X shaped cross has become a symbol for the Apostle.

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

As first of the apostles to be called, O Andrew, brother of him (Peter) who was foremost,  
beseech the Master of all to grant the world peace and our souls great mercy.

### ***Kontakion in the Second Tone***

Let us praise the namesake of bravery, the divinely eloquent and first to be called of the Disciples of Christ, the kinsman of Peter. As he called out to him in the days of old, so now he calls to us, "Come, we have found Him for whom we yearned."



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - NOVEMBER

11/1/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:1, 5-8</a>
11/2/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:10-18</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:2-12</a>
11/3/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 9:1-6</a>
11/4/2012	Matins: <a href="#">John 21:14-25</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 16:19-31</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18</a>
11/5/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:13-15, 22-31</a>
11/6/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 8:1-6</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:8-12</a>
11/7/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:48-59</a>
11/8/2012	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 18:10-20</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:16-21</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10</a>
11/9/2012	Matins: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 13:31-35</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:14-20</a>
11/10/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 9:37-43</a>
11/11/2012	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 28:16-20</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:25-37</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a>
11/12/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:14-19</a>
11/13/2012	Matins: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:9-16</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2</a>
11/14/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:43-51</a>
11/15/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:18-5:10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 16:1-9</a>
11/16/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:9-13</a>
11/17/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:7-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 9:57-62</a>
11/18/2012	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:1-8</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:16-21</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22</a>
11/19/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:20-25</a>
11/20/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 1:10-12; 2:1-2</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:26-37; 18:8</a>	
11/21/2012	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 1:39-49, 56</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7</a>
11/22/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to Philemon 1:1-25</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 18:31-34</a>
11/23/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 3:6-18</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:12-28</a>
11/24/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:19-21</a>
11/25/2012	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:9-20</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 18:18-27</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>
11/26/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:1-7</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:37-44</a>
11/27/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:8-14</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:45-48</a>
11/28/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 20:1-8</a>
11/29/2012	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:1-13</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 20:9-18</a>
11/30/2012	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 2:13-23</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:35-52</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>



# *You Are a Member of the Church?*

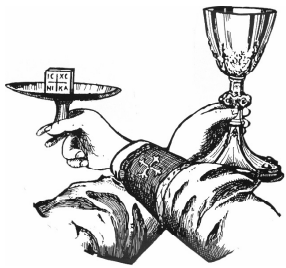
## *Are you a Steward also?*

A question always asked by our parishioners is "How can I be a member of the Parish? I am already an Orthodox Christian. Isn't that enough?"

The answer to this is very simple: All people baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Church are automatically members of the Church, but it takes a little more to be "members in good standing" in the Orthodox Church and in the parish. First, it is required that a person be married in the Church and live his/her life as an Orthodox Christian, participating in the Holy Sacraments, in order to be in good standing within the Orthodox Church. If one has been married outside the Orthodox Church or has gone through a civil divorce and has not obtained a Church divorce, he/she may not be in good standing with the Church. Please check with the priest of the parish in order to find out where you are.

### **How can one be a member of the parish?**

It takes participation in the parish by supporting the operation and ministries of the parish to be a member in good standing. In order to do that, you have to fill out the Membership/Stewardship Form and indicate on it how you are going to participate in the parish with your time, talents and treasure. When you join the Parish in this way, you make a pledge to God that you will support the work of the Church with the gifts He has given you so that the Gospel may be preached and people may be saved through the ministries of the Church. **Please join us at Holy Transfiguration and serve God with us!**



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

### **WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE PARISH'S STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY?**

Most of the parishioners seem to think that the primary purpose of the Stewardship Ministry is to collect money for the operation of the parish. However that is not what Stewardship is about – the collection of funds is a secondary purpose of stewardship.

Stewardship is about our relationship with God and our desire to connect with Him. It is about our Love for God and His work of Salvation. It is about our salvation and the salvation others.

Stewardship is also about our sharing of what God has given us to spread the Gospel and help others to come to Him. We do this by donating our time and talents to serve His Church, but we also donate money to support the ministries of the Church for the salvation of all. Our Stewardship enables the local as well as the universal Church to do the work of salvation.

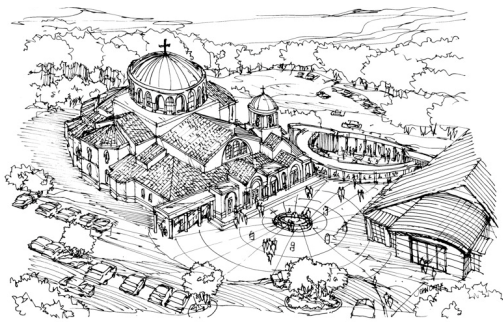
### **The Necessity of Stewardship**

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.



*Come and See*

## STEWARDSHIP FOR 2012

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO  
HAVE SUBMITTED FORMS FOR 2012!

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Adamson  
Mr. Michael Adare  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Alberts  
Mr. & Mrs. George Andros  
Mr. & Mrs. John Asimakos  
Mr. & Mrs. Gianis Asprakis  
Mr. & Mrs. Amir Azarvan  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Azimzadeh  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bafas  
Miss Dorian Bafas  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Bakatsas  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Baleno  
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Mr. & Mrs. Rick Bell  
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## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Greetings from the Parish Council!

I would like to thank everyone who attended our October 21<sup>st</sup> Parish Assembly meeting. It was longer than usual, but we covered a lot of ground and appreciate your attention while we covered some important issues. Here are some of the highlights:

At this meeting, we were able to see the presentation by Michael Boland from CDH, the architectural firm we hired to come up with a conceptual site design for our church beginning in 2011. CDH worked with our Parish Facilities Development Committee, chaired by Nick Pappleacos, to perform our site analysis, incorporating our projections for future growth and the parameters of our property. Many thanks to those who also serve on this committee for the great job they did.

This conceptual design is just the first in a series of phases that need to be completed before future building can occur. The Parish Assembly approved a motion to move forward with the next phase – Schematic Plans, which will help determine the actual layout and physical design of the spaces as well as determine the projected costs.

There is still much work to do before actual building can take place, such as determining if future growth will include additional property acquisition, researching the feasibility of housing a day, charter or parochial school, senior housing, and future fundraising. However, we are moving forward and will be working on more details in this next design phase. Your input was valuable at the meeting, and we welcome more opportunities to gain your input on the plans at future meetings.

Another major milestone is the introduction of the new **Donation Catalogue** containing pictures and descriptions of items needed to complete the current Iconography contract with Elias Katsaros, along with items required for the Consecration on **April 26, 2013**. There are also furnishings that have been ordered to complete what is needed for our Sanctuary, for which we need donations. You can download a copy of the Catalogue and Donation Form from the church's website. Paper copies are available in the Sanctuary Narthex, or by contacting the Church office. You can complete and return the Donation Form and give it to a Parish Council Member on any Sunday or deliver to the church office. Please note that partial donations for the higher priced items are gladly accepted.

Please contact any Parish Council member if you have any questions concerning the Parish Assembly meeting or regarding any other questions in general.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Alberts

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### *Introducing the new...*

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

### *A Donation Catalogue*

Here is a unique opportunity to give something of important and lasting value. Please visit the church's website to download your copy of the catalogue.

<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 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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY  
& HONOR*

Catie Harrah and Brian Paris - Oct. 6, 2012



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

Isidore Tsirnikas - Oct. 28, 2012



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

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

Cabin Fever 3! Nov. 9 – 11 in Blairsville, GA. Come enjoy a weekend of fellowship, food, and fun with the AHEPA brothers. Please call Harry if you are interested in joining us - 770.316.8583.

Tues., Nov. 13 - Meeting in the PLC @ 6:30 pm. District Governor Dan Kartanos is scheduled to attend.

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, Dr. Phillip Vodas

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



## ***Christmas Poinsettias***

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia to decorate the church this holiday season, please contact Anne in the Church office, [holytrans@comcast.net](mailto:holytrans@comcast.net) or 770.924.8080 or fill out this form and put it in the mail or offering tray.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or

For the Health of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sun., Dec. 23rd.

## A MEAL WITH THE MACDONALDS

**Come share a meal with the Macdonald family and hear about their exciting future work in Albania.**



The Macdonald family is preparing to travel to Albania through Orthodox Christian Missions Center (OCMC). Dr. Jeffrey Macdonald will be teaching at the Seminary of the Church of Albania and be part in the training of their Orthodox priests.

The Missions Ministry of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will be hosting a dinner and missions presentation for the Macdonald family Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Life Center.

**We are asking for the support of our parishioners and all those in surrounding parishes in regards to this missionary family in both prayer and monetary donations.**

To read more go to: <http://www.holytransfiguration.info/missions>

Support for the Macdonalds can be made payable to the "OCMC" with "Macdonald" designated in the check's memo line and sent to 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086. Gifts can be made online at "ocmc.org".

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Leslie Hansard, whose information can be found at the above link.

# Christmas Cards



## 2012 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD - SUPPORT OUR GOYA AND WISH EVERYONE IN THE PARISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*If you would like for your name to be included in our Community Christmas Card, please complete the form below and return along with your free-will donation to the Church Office, or drop it off at the GOYA table in the PLC after Church, no later than **Sunday, November 25th!** Thank you!*

**I would like my name(s) to read as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to: HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOYA*

**Mail to:** Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
3431 Trickum Road  
Marietta, GA 30066



*May the true  
meaning of  
Christmas  
be with you  
always!!!*

# GOYA in November

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The GOYA of  
Sts. Raphael,  
Nicholas, & Irene  
invites you to a

# BBQ



**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00 Vespers

5:30 Rap Session

6:00 BBQ Dinner

6:30 Volleyball

7:00-9:00 Bonfire and Hang Time

# ...in Cumming



Wednesday Night Meetings  
7-9pm, beginning in the Parish Life Center

November  
7<sup>th</sup>

# Angels

November  
14<sup>th</sup>

# Fire Pit Night

November  
21<sup>st</sup>



No GOYA Tonight  
Happy Thanksgiving!



November  
28<sup>th</sup>

Grain:  
How to Make *Kollyva*





## Recent GOYA Wednesdays



Above: Andrew (right) gets a good laugh, probably from looking at Mikey (left).

## *Faith, Fun, & Fellowship*

Below: Evans, Chris, and Evan (right) pose for a photo op during the early stages of pumpkin carving. Tommy, Kris, Yianni, Kiki, and Emma (left) pause from pumpkin prep.

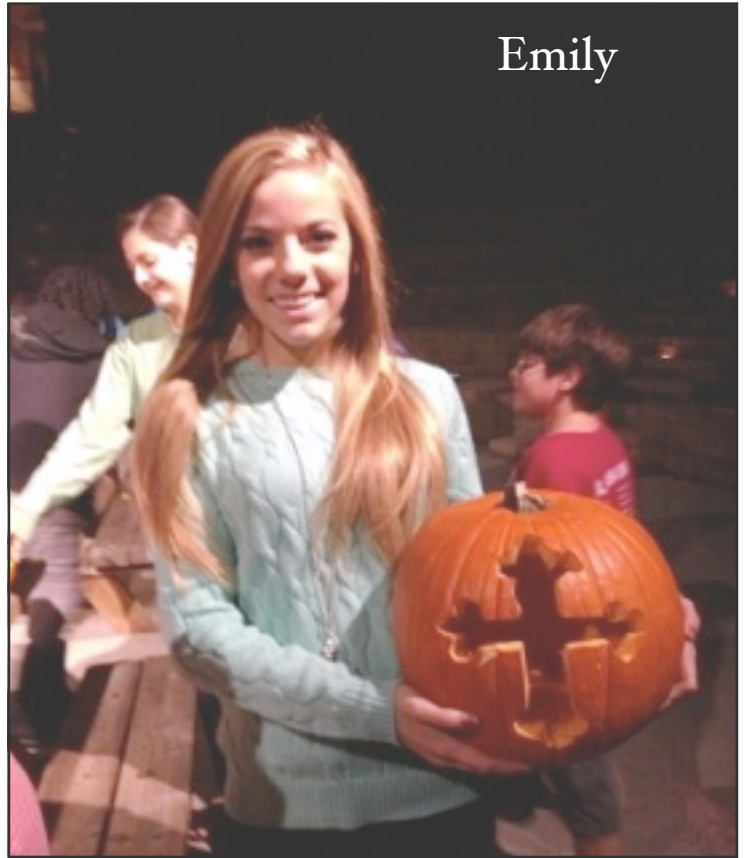


## Recent GOYA Wednesdays

Chandler

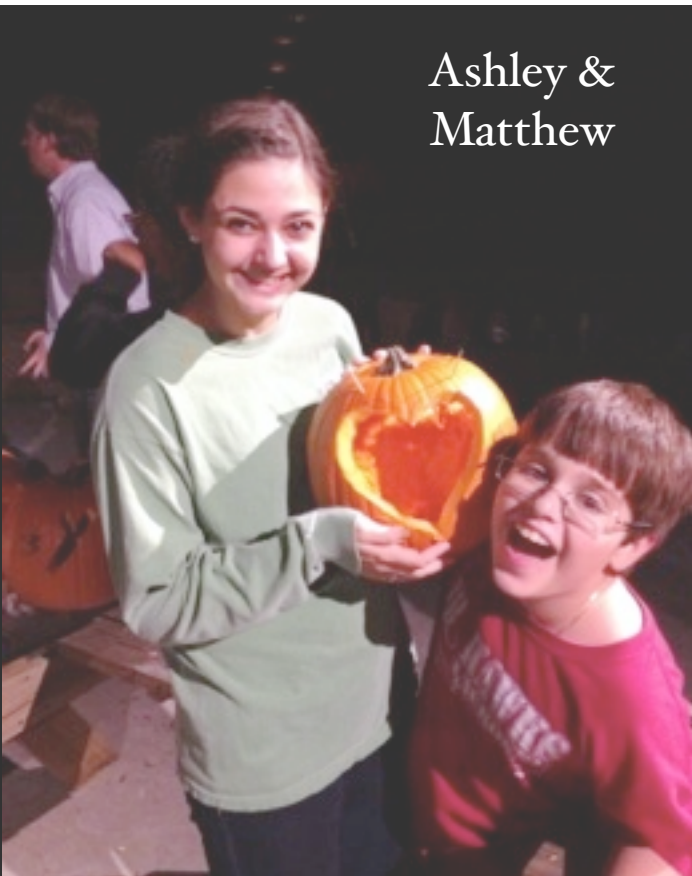


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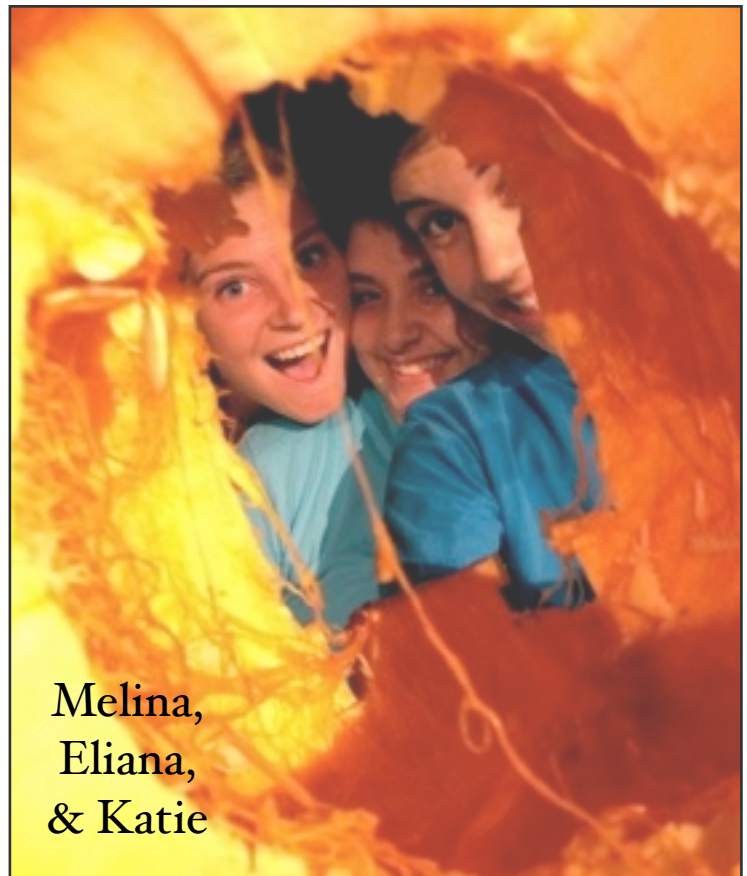


The artists and their gourds...er...squashes...

Ashley &  
Matthew



Melina,  
Eliana,  
& Katie





# HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

The Hellenic Dance Ministry would like to thank everyone for supporting our Gyro Sunday fundraiser! We would also like to give a *very special thanks* to all the dance parents that volunteered, and all those who donated items for the fundraiser!!!

THANK YOU!!!

\*\*\* \*\* Please Join Us For Our Upcoming Performances \*\* \*\*



*St. Philothea Athens Greek Festival – Athens, GA  
November 10-11, 2012*

*Hellenic Dance Festival – Winston-Salem, NC  
January 18-21, 2013*

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 4 – *Eleftheria*, 1pm-3pm (early dismissal allowed for basketball)  
Sunday, November 4 – *Phoenix*, 1pm-2:30pm  
Sunday, November 11 – *Eleftheria*, 1pm-3pm (early dismissal allowed for basketball)  
Sunday, November 18 – *Eleftheria*, 1pm-3pm (early dismissal allowed for basketball)  
Sunday, November 18 – *Eleftheria*, 1pm-3pm (early dismissal allowed for basketball)  
Sunday, November 18 – *Phoenix*, 1pm-2:30pm  
***No Practice the Sunday after Thanksgiving***

**DANCERS – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARRIVE TO PRACTICE ON TIME!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE DANCERS  
WHO PARTICIPATED AT THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES:**

*EAST COBB PARADE & PERFORMANCE  
MACON GREEK FESTIVAL  
CUMMING GREEK FESTIVAL*

Your stewardship to our parish, and to our neighboring parishes  
is VERY MUCH appreciated!!!!

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## ***HDF ANNOUNCEMENT***

***NOVEMBER 10 IS THE DEADLINE TO LET MRS. PAULINA KNOW IF YOU WISH TO  
PARTICIPATE IN HDF THIS YEAR!!!***

## OUR DANCERS AT THE MACON & CUMMING FESTIVALS





# Hellenic Studies Announcements



There will be NO classes (Youth or Adult) on **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** due to the fall break (school) schedule in observance of Election Day.



Please join us on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** for our annual FALL BAKE SALE. We will have fresh, homemade *Greek* baked goods and pastries for sale. These delicious treats will make a great addition to your Thanksgiving table!



There will be NO class (Youth or Adult) on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you have a blessed and safe holiday with your family!

# HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

## VETERANS WALL OF GRATITUDE

**For those who have fought for it, freedom has a taste the protected will never know.**

In observance of Veteran's Day in November, Holy Transfiguration would like to honor those who have ever served in the military.

We would like to present a Wall of Gratitude in the PLC.

If you are currently serving, or have ever served in any branch of the military, in war or peace time, in any country, we need your help.

We would like to post a photo of you, (preferably in uniform, but if that's not available, any clear photo will do), so that we can start to build our wall.

Please list:

Your name and rank  
Branch of the military  
Country served  
And the dates of service

Digital pictures are preferred, but if you only have a hard copy, please send it in, but please do NOT send the original. You can email the electronic pictures to Ellen Linebaugh at [thelinebaughs@bellsouth.net](mailto:thelinebaughs@bellsouth.net), or mail a COPY of your original to Ellen Linebaugh, 2525 Arthur's Court, Marietta GA 30062.

If you have any questions, please call Ellen at 770-509-2517.  
Thanks and a HUGE thank you to those who have served or are serving.



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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Thanks to all in our Parish who came out for the Radio Mystery Dinner Theater fundraiser on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity helped make this event a huge success! Many thanks to the chairs: **Pat Koutouzis and Linda Lopos.**

Ladies, please mark your calendars for these dates: Sun., Nov. 4 - Artoklasia for Sts. Cosmos and Damianos.

Mon., Nov. 5 Board Meeting 7 pm in the office lower level classroom.

Mon., Nov. 12 General Meeting-PLC

In September, we served 112 people at Must Ministries for soup kitchen. Those who helped serve and prepare food were Dorothy Macris, Dawn Orr, Basili Zafiroulis, Mike and Donnis Gavalas, Kally Niarchos, Lois Bafas, Dorothy Botni, Xanthippi Marsico, Annette Jacobs, Cathy Papadopoulos, Lisa Moraitakis and Margaret Kollias.

SAVE the DATE: Metropolis Philoptochos Retreat at the Diakonia Center - January 18, Friday, through January 20, Sunday. All women are invited to attend.



## PHILOPTOCHOS CENTER OF PHILANTHROPY

“Hey! You wanna help a bunch of ladies buy a building in New York City?”

“What! Yeah, right... a bunch of ladies buying a building in New York City! What are they crazy? What are they thinkin’...like they’re goin’ shoppin’ or somethin’? I suppose they’re gonna buy a BIG ole SKYSCRAPER!” (ha-ha)

“Nope, they’re buying a five-story brownstone in the Murray Hill historical district near Grand Central Station..126 East 37th Street, to be exact!!! At 3600 square feet with offices on the bottom floor and two duplexes for rental income on the middle floors, it is a jewel in the middle of several UN embassies and near the American Association of University Women. So...you wanna help a bunch of ladies buy a building in NYC?”

“You’ve gotta be kidding!! What ARE they thinkin! Really...a building in NYC. Where’d they come up with this idea...a bunch of ladies buying a building in NYC?”

“Well, a small diminutive GIANT of a man lovingly said that the ladies’ three room space was needed by a growing school and, now, after 80 long years, it was TIME that the bunch of ladies move out of the Archdiocese and find a HOME of their OWN!”

“Really...so what plastic is gonna cover this little price tag?”

“Well,...the building is \$3 million and \$2 million is already in the bank so to speak. Now, one of the ladies, Mrs. Mary Jaharis, wants to ‘seal the deal.’ She says she’ll give \$500,000 if the other ladies in the bunch match it. So, if the other ladies in the bunch match it, then the whole bunch can slap down the cash and buy it. So, do you wanna help a bunch of ladies buy a building in NYC?”

“Wait a minute...what in the world is this all about? It’s gotta be a no-brainer.”

“It is a no-brainer. This bunch of Orthodox ladies...well, they are on a MISSION. They want to strengthen their MISSION to follow Christ’s teachings and to strengthen for the future the Greek Orthodox Church. They are determined:

- 1) To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned...and to offer assistance to anyone who may need help of the Church...;**
- 2) To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America...;**
- 3) To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions,...;**
- 4) To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community....**

If “you wanna help a bunch of Orthodox ladies buy a building, a home of their own,” please consider a donation to the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy.

**Any amount will be GREATLY APPRECIATED. (for more details, go to [www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org) )**

**Please make out your check to the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. and earmark for “Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy.” Please bring to church office or send to: National Philoptochos Office, 7 West 55th Street - 7th Floor, New York, NY 10019.**



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Friday, October 26, 2012

## New Martyr Fadi Jamil Haddad

Damascus (Agenzia Fides) – The body of the Greek Orthodox priest, Father Fadi Jamil Haddad, pastor of the Church of Saint Elias in Qatana, was found today in the Jaramana neighborhood (north of Damascus) not far from the place where he was kidnapped, on October 19, by unidentified armed group (see Fides 24/10/2012). This was confirmed to Fides by Fr. Haddad's Greek Orthodox confrere, who asked for anonymity. "His body was horribly tortured and his eyes gouged out," he told Fides. "It is a purely terrorist act. Fr. Haddad is a martyr of our church."



With regards to the responsibilities of the terrible act there is an ongoing rebound of responsibilities between the opposition forces and government authorities, that accuse the armed gangs of armed rebellion in the army. According to Fides sources, the kidnappers had asked the priest's family and his church a ransom of 50 million Syrian pounds (over 550 thousand euro). It was, however, impossible to find the money and meet this exorbitant demand. A source of Fides condemns "the terrible practice, present for months in this dirty war, of kidnapping and then killing innocent civilians."

Among the various Christian communities in Syria, the Greek Orthodox is the largest (with about 500 thousand faithful) and is concentrated mainly in the western part of the country and in Damascus.

May the Lord make his memory be eternal.

<http://morningoffering.blogspot.com>

**NOTE:** Since the revolution began in Syria, many Christians have been abducted and killed. Many churches have been destroyed and many of their businesses have been shut down. Thousands of Christians are fleeing Syria. These things are a result of a resurgence of Muslim fanatics who are now running around free. May God have mercy on His people.



## The Island Where People Forget to Die

By DAN BUETTNER

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Stamatis Moraitis tending his vineyard and olive grove on Ikaria.

In 1943, a Greek war veteran named Stamatis Moraitis came to the United States for treatment of a combat-mangled arm. He'd survived a gunshot wound, escaped to Turkey and eventually talked his way onto the Queen Elizabeth, then serving as a troopship, to cross the Atlantic. Moraitis settled in Port Jefferson, N.Y., an enclave of countrymen from his native island, Ikaria. He quickly landed a job doing manual labor. Later, he moved to Boynton Beach, Fla. Along the way, Moraitis married a Greek-American woman, had three children and bought a three-bedroom house and a 1951 Chevrolet.

One day in 1976, Moraitis felt short of breath. Climbing stairs was a chore; he had to quit working midday. After X-rays, his doctor concluded that Moraitis had lung cancer. As he recalls, nine other doctors confirmed the diagnosis. They gave him nine months to live. He was in his mid-60s.

Moraitis considered staying in America and seeking aggressive cancer treatment at a local hospital. That way, he could also be close to his adult children.

But he decided instead to return to Ikaria, where he could be buried with his ancestors in a cemetery shaded by oak trees that overlooked the Aegean Sea.

At first, he spent his days in bed, as his mother and wife tended to him. He reconnected with his faith. On Sunday mornings, he hobbled up the hill to a tiny Greek Orthodox chapel where his grandfather once served as a priest. When his childhood friends discovered that he had moved back, they started showing up every afternoon. They'd talk for hours, an activity that invariably involved a bottle or two of locally produced wine. I might as well die happy, he thought.

In the ensuing months, something strange happened. He says he started to feel stronger. One day, feeling ambitious, he planted some vegetables in the garden. He didn't expect to live to harvest them, but he enjoyed being in the sunshine, breathing the ocean air. Elpiniki could enjoy the fresh vegetables after he was gone.

Six months came and went. Moraitis didn't die. . . . .

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<div>4</div> <div>Fifth Sunday of Luke</div> <div><div><div></div><div>Daylight Savings Time Ends</div></div><div><div></div><div>8:30 AM Orthros</div></div><div><div></div><div>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</div></div><div><div></div><div>11:15 AM Catechism</div></div><div><div></div><div>11:45 AM Philoptochos Ar-</div></div><div><div></div><div>11:55 AM 40 day blessing</div></div><div><div></div><div>12:00 PM Hansard/Leven-</div></div><div><div></div><div>12:00 PM Church Library</div></div><div>and 3 more...</div></div>	<div>5</div> <div>6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting</div> <div><div><div></div><div>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</div></div></div>	<div>6</div> <div>Election Day</div> <div><div><div></div><div>7:00 PM Intro. to Ortho-</div></div><div><div></div><div>doxy</div></div></div>	<div>7</div> <div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div> <div><div><div></div><div>6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Archangels</div></div><div><div></div><div>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</div></div></div>	<div>8</div> <div>8:00 AM Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; All the Heavenly</div> <div><div><div></div><div>6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nektarios</div></div><div><div></div><div>6:05 PM The Artoklasia is given by Virginia Yiannovits and family in honor of St.</div></div><div><div></div><div>7:00 PM Stewardship Meet-</div></div><div><div></div><div>ing</div></div><div><div></div><div>7:00 PM Bible Study</div></div></div>	<div>9</div> <div>Feast of St. Nektarios</div> <div><div><div></div><div>9:00 AM Orthros</div></div><div><div></div><div>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</div></div><div><div></div><div>6:00 PM "A Mystical Evening" Holy Cross Fundraiser</div></div></div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class</div> <div><div></div><div>5:00 PM Great Vespers</div></div>
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Nov. 11, 2012	P. Bilson/A. Miltiades	Team I	M. Csonka/P. Koutouzis	F. Mavridis/K. Melissas
Nov. 18, 2012	M. Alberts/C. Hansard	Team II	T. & A. Johansen	M. Miltiades/E. Turner
Nov. 25, 2012	R. Rogers/S. Steffas	Team I	D. Bafas/M. Niarchos	K. Niarchos/M. Papadimitriou

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