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

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

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



The Vision becomes Reality as we trust in God and follow His Commandments in Unity and Love

by Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.

Parish Assembly, October 20, 2013

I greet you all with affection in Christ's Love and I thank you for attending this important gathering. I want to share with you some thoughts along with my joy for the blessings of God for us as we strive to honor Him with our lives and witness our Faith to those around us in Unity and Love.

I want to share with you some amazing things that have happened and are happening in our Parish. Over the last year,

1. We have acquired the land south of our property (8 acres) which has opened new opportunities for service to the poor through Jacob's Garden and has given us the ability (by satisfying the County Codes for contiguous land) to be able to establish an Orthodox School on the premises of our church when the time arrives and also provide more options and opportunities for future growth and development.
2. We have acquired a section in the Green Lawn Cemetery at a significantly lower cost which we are making available to our parishioner so that they may be able to be buried in an Orthodox Cemetery where the Divine Liturgy is celebrated at least once a year using a beautiful monument and holy table donated by parishioners and where prayers are offered by our priests on a regular basis for the people buried there.
3. We have experienced the Consecration of our Sanctuary last April and have received a great blessing in that process.
4. We are now redesigning our future facilities plan so that we can bring down the cost from the original estimated cost of 7 million to an affordable level for the parish while at the same time we are trying to make sure that the needs of the parish will be met in the three basic areas of Parking, Classrooms and Gymnasium as we grow in numbers.
5. We are attempting to ensure that as the needs of the Parish grow we will be able to expand our space even further into more classrooms, new administrative offices and a dedicated Gymnasium to serve the needs of the Parish and the future Orthodox School.
6. We will continue to look for opportunities to acquire more land adjacent to our property and across the street to provide more space for parking and the possibility for future growth of the Orthodox School as needed.
7. We will continue to look at the possibility of establishing independent housing for qualifying retired parishioners, which will enable them to reside in close proximity to the church so that they may live the later years of their life in a Christian way attending worship services and church social activities as well as offering their time and talent for the benefit of the Parish.

8. We are trying to involve more people in the Worship Services. We want all parishioners to celebrate and honor their patron saints and prepare appropriately to receive Holy Communion on those days. There should be no one who does not know or remember their patron saint and fails to attend the Divine Liturgy on that Feast Day, if they are able to do it.
9. We continue to provide various spiritual opportunities for personal spiritual growth through the Intro to Orthodoxy Class, the Bible Study Groups, the Spiritual Book Club, Holy Confession, Spiritual Counseling and various lectures and presentations throughout the year. As we grow personally in the spiritual life we can affect the spiritual growth of the whole Parish. Our goal is to enter the Kingdom of God and help others to enter, as well.
10. We would like to provide a more prominent presence of the Parish and the Orthodox Church in the local community through Philanthropy and Christian Outreach, thus facilitating the spread of the Orthodox Faith to those who seek Authentic Christianity and the Ancient Christian Faith. In addition, we would like to become better as a community in welcoming and embracing the newcomers and helping them integrate as Orthodox Christians into the life of the Parish. It is central to our Mission from Christ that we bring more people into the fold of the Church and help them receive His Love and Salvation.

In closing, I want to thank the Parish Council members and Ministry Leaders and all of you who are responding to Christ's call to serve and witness the Faith as you are offering your time, talent and treasures to make the miracle that is this Parish a reality, united in your Faith and Love for God.

May God Bless and protect you and your families, always.

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Panayiotis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*"Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts. 1Cor. 14:1
Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or
rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it
does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all
things. Love never ends." (1Cor. 13:4-8)*



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

November 2013

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

November 2, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

November 3, Sunday. Fifth Sunday of Luke
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

November 8, Friday, Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & All the Heavenly Hosts
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Evening: Great Vespers, 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Nektarios

November 9, Saturday, Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Evening: Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

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

November 13, Wednesday, 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, Friday, *Beginning of the Fast of Christmas.*

November 16, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 17, Sunday, Ninth 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 20, Wednesday Evening: Great Vespers, 6:00 pm. The Presentation of the Theotokos.

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

November 23, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

November 24, Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 25, Monday, Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 28, Thursday, *Thanksgiving Day.* Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

From the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops 2013

September 20, 2013

To our Orthodox Faithful

1. We, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, representing millions of Orthodox Christians in the United States of America, Canada and Central America, express our deep concern over recent actions on the part of our respective governments and certain societal trends concerning the status of marriage in our countries, in particular the legalization of same-sex unions.
2. The Orthodox Christian teaching on marriage and sexuality, firmly grounded in Holy Scripture, two millennia of Church Tradition, and Canon Law, holds that the sacrament of marriage consists in the union of a man and a woman, and that authentic marriage reflects the sacred unity that exists between Christ and His Bride, the Church.
3. Persons with homosexual orientation are to be cared for with the same mercy and love that is bestowed on all of humanity by our Lord Jesus Christ. Moreover, the Church is a spiritual hospital, where we all are called to find the healing of our fallen humanity through Jesus Christ, who assumed human nature in order to restore it. All of us struggle with various passions, and it is only within the Church that we find the means of overcoming these passions with the assistance of God's grace. Acting upon any sexual attraction outside of sacramental marriage, whether the attraction is heterosexual or homosexual, alienates us from God.
4. We exhort the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church to bear witness to the timeless teachings of Christ by striving for purity and holiness in their own lives, by instructing their families and communities in the precepts of the Holy Gospel, and by placing their trust in our Lord, who "has overcome the world." (John 16.33)
5. Finally, we encourage our faithful to approach their parish priest or spiritual father with any questions or concerns about this statement and its practical repercussions in their daily lives.

- See more at: <http://assemblyofbishops.org/about/documents/2013-assembly-statement-on-marriage-and-sexuality#sthash.ggPecQwu.dpuf>

See also the article by Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou on Homosexual Marriage here:

"Is Gay Marriage Just about Civil Rights?"

<http://www.pravmir.com/is-gay-marriage-just-about-civil-rights/>

STATEMENT ON THE VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

From the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops

September 20, 2013

To our Orthodox Faithful

1. We, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, representing millions of Orthodox Christians in the United States, Canada and Central America, express our grave concern over the escalation of political unrest and ongoing violence in countries throughout the Middle East, especially in Palestine, Egypt, Iraq and more recently in Syria.
2. Our Assembly repudiates any and all attacks on human beings, irrespective of race and religion, by means of violence, kidnapping, torture and killing. Moreover, we deplore the destruction of all places of worship. We are especially disheartened at the inexcusable indifference and unjustifiable inaction of authorities, which have failed to protect the Christian population and the broader public in these regions.
3. We implore all involved parties and political authorities, especially those of the countries we represent, to pursue vigorously all peaceful means for the resolution of the conflicts and the termination of the murder of men, women and children.
4. Finally, we appeal once more to the responsible persons for the release of all those kidnapped, especially the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi (brother of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch) and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop Yohanna Ibrahim, both of Aleppo, Syria.
5. The Assembly of Bishops urges people to remember that Christians in the Middle East, Egypt, and Syria have peacefully coexisted with all people in the region for two thousand years. As such, they must be respected and included in all decisions toward social and political justice.

- See more at: <http://assemblyofbishops.org/about/documents/2013-assembly-statement-on-the-middle-east#sthash.fLh47D8g.dpuf>

European Parliament condemns violence against Christians in Syria, Pakistan and Iran

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The European Parliament passed a resolution on Thursday condemning violence and persecution against Christians in Syria, Pakistan and Iran.

MEPs voiced particular concern over the attacks on Christians in Maaloula, Syria, and the suicide attack on All Saints Church, Peshawar, Pakistan, which killed at least 80 people.

Maaloula came under heavy attack last month from rebel groups reportedly linked to Al-Qaeda.

Monasteries were targeted and the 5,000 Christians in the town fled. At least 10 Christians were killed in the series of attacks, with some eyewitnesses claiming that they were killed when they refused to convert to Islam.

The MEPs called for "immediate support and humanitarian assistance" to a group of around 40 nuns and orphans still trapped in the Convent of St Tekla.

They also spoke of their "deep concern" about the general situation of religious minorities in Pakistan and the Christian churches in particular.

They urged the Pakistani authorities to overhaul the blasphemy laws and their current application "thoroughly", noting that the laws were open to misuse against people of faith.

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/>

european.parliament.condemns.violence.against.christians.in.syria.pakistan.and.iran/34340.htm

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.

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - NOVEMBER

11/1/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8	
11/2/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3	Gospel: Luke 9:1-6
11/3/2013	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
11/4/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12-15	Gospel: Luke 12:13-15, 22-31
11/5/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:16-23	Gospel: Luke 12:42-48
11/6/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 8:1-6	Gospel: Luke 12:8-12
11/7/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:1-8	Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
11/8/2013	Matins: Matthew 18:10-20 Gospel: Luke 10:16-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10
11/9/2013	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: Luke 9:37-43	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:8-11
11/10/2013	Matins: John 20:19-31 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19
11/11/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Gospel: Luke 14:1, 12-15
11/12/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
11/13/2013	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: John 10:9-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2
11/14/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 1:43-51
11/15/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:1-7	Gospel: Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
11/16/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2	Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13
11/17/2013	Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20
11/18/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:13-20	Gospel: Luke 17:20-25
11/19/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3	Gospel: Luke 17:26-37; 18:8
11/20/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1	Gospel: Luke 18:15-17, 26-30
11/21/2013	Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7
11/22/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Philemon 1:1-25	Gospel: Luke 19:12-28
11/23/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:1-10	Gospel: Luke 10:19-21
11/24/2013	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18
11/25/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5	Gospel: Mark 5:24-34
11/26/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:6-10	Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
11/27/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-8	Gospel: Luke 20:1-8
11/28/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:9-14	Gospel: Luke 20:9-18
11/29/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:14-20	Gospel: Luke 20:19-26
11/30/2013	Matins: Matthew 2:13-23 Gospel: John 1:35-52	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16



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Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Seraphim
Mr. Mike Serkedakis
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Mr. & Mrs. Vasileios Sfyris
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Ms. Robbin Sotir/Mr. Alton Simms
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Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
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Mr. & Mrs. Marc Westmoreland
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Woodall
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wysmierski
Mr. Richard Xanthakis
Ms. Peggy Yeotis
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Mr. Basile Zafiroulis
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mrs. Angela Ziros

Total Members: 325

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY CORNER – Larry Gess and Robbin Sotir, Co-Chairs

As we approach the 2014 Annual Membership/Stewardship Drive, we thought it would be a good time to examine closely our 2013 efforts to support the operation of the parish. This last February we budgeted over a half million dollars to finance the parish's operation (General Fund Total Income of \$575,216). The primary increase in this year's budget was to fund parish ministries at an adequate level for the first time in several years. Of this total income amount, we budgeted \$478,502 to come from parishioners' donations towards their weekly commitments to God for continuing Christ's work here on earth – predominately the work in the parish but also of the Patriarchate, the Archdiocese and its National ministries, our Metropolis and its ministries, and several charities.

Currently we have 444 adult individuals and couples in the parish. This article will summarize their participation in funding the parish's operation. First, many visitors and friends from outside of the parish have already donated over \$6,000 this year. A few major benefactors will donate about \$100,000 this year. The benefactors have been separated from the rest of this analysis as they would greatly distort the results.

120 individuals and couples (27%) did not make a pledge this year – the highest percentage of non-members in recent years. This unfortunate situation is the result of the rush during the consecration of the church building, Holy Week and the festival all coming very close together before the Membership/ Stewardship Drive could be successfully completed.

We are fortunate that twelve percent of our parishioners are donating about half again more than the indicated they would. On the other hand, the average amount they indicated they would donate is \$620 – an amount that is easier to surpass than the amount that the two following groups indicated they would donate.

We are also fortunate that another twenty percent are donating what they indicated they would. The average amount that they indicated they would donate is \$785. We will be very fortunate as this 'On-Target' group will assuredly meet the amount they indicated they would -- just as they have done every year.

The largest group – one-third of our parishioners -- are somewhat behind (donating 85% of what they indicated they would at this time, but the average amount that they indicated they would donate by the end of the year is \$1,374 – approaching double the amount for the 'On-Target' group. If the members of this group meet their personal targets, the parish will be truly blessed. We pray they are being so blessed by God that they can support His work to the extent they indicated they would.

Finally, slightly more than 7% of the parishioners indicated they would donate collectively nearly \$17,000 but have not yet donated anything towards this amount. The response of this group over the ensuing two months will greatly determine if the parish meets its 2013 budget.

In closing, we all would greatly assist the planning and operation of our parish in 2014 if we each would provide a more accurate figure regarding what we will be donating during the year and then donate equal amounts each week all year long (or at least the same amount each month). The vast majority of the parish's expenses are fixed amounts that have to be paid each month; just we all do in our own homes. When we don't donate on a regular basis throughout the year, the parish must borrow funds (typically in January and during the months of June through September) to meet its bills or otherwise fall behind on our payments – either of which is bad for everyone in our parish.

STEWARDSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

BY LARRY GESS

Throughout the year, the parish focuses on two aspects of our collective Christian stewardship:

(1) developing a deeper understanding of Christian stewardship as well as (2) developing a more intense commitment to return a sacrificial portion of God's blessing to the work of continuing and developing His Church and for helping those in need. From time to time, we will be informed specifically of the needs of the parish (the closest part of His Church to us) and the needs of some other aspects of the Church – whether this need is for our time and talents or if it is a need for our treasure (especially money), which has been derived from our God-given time and talents. Money is the modern day alternative to the extensive donations of parishioners' time and talents directly to the Church during past times, along with donating their personally grown and made products. As money was very scarce seventy years ago and before, parishioners had to give directly of themselves and their own work.

However, we are now approaching that portion of the year that too many of us think is the parish's sole stewardship concern – the Annual Membership/Stewardship Drive. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are focusing on stewardship all year long, but it is difficult to have many parishioners pay attention to the Stewardship Ministry communication during other parts of the year. In fact it is difficult to get many people to pay attention to communication during the annual Drive.

Each year we kick off the Annual Drive with a thanksgiving Luncheon on the Sunday before Thanksgiving – this year the Luncheon is on Sunday, November 24-right after the Divine Liturgy. It would be wonderful if two things happened at that time: (1) every family in town that Sunday would take the time to attend church and this luncheon on November 24, and (2) everyone who attends this luncheon would mail back their Membership/Stewardship Form for 2014 on the very next day. **Please make a special effort to attend this important annual event.**

With rare exceptions, every person becomes a lifelong Orthodox Christian when he or she is baptized/chrismated into the Church. However, under the Archdiocese Regulations, turning in a completed Membership/Stewardship Form for 2014 is the only way we can become an active member of our parish – This is true for all parishes across this nation and in most Greek Orthodox Parishes across the world.

It has been our goal to end the Annual Membership/Stewardship Drive by the end of February. Unfortunately, too many parishioners ignore the kickoff luncheon, the first mailing, the second mailing, even a third mailing, and frequently a personal contact from a parish member. This year – let's all try something different. **Let's all turn in the 2014 Form before Christmas – it would be a marvelous Christmas gift to the parish because returning our Forms early would enable the parish to apply all the money and energy used to continue the drive after January 1 to other more urgent parish needs.**

A major stewardship change will be taking place this month, during this December, and during 2014. In response to the recent strategic planning process, we will be undertaking efforts to develop an understanding of Christian stewardship among the children and youth of our parish. We will endeavor to keep all parishioners apprised of this effort as it progresses.

In Christ's service,
Larry Gess and Robbin Sotir, Stewardship Ministry Co-Chairs



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

BY LARRY GESS

Nearly everyone now knows that Christian stewardship is donating our time, talents, and treasure to the Church and to the needy out of love of God and in thanksgiving for His continued blessings. However, it is much more than just these things. Another aspect of Christian Stewardship is showing our love for Him by our actions towards others around us:

- † holding the door open to allow others to enter before us,
- † giving our seat to an older or physically needy person,
- † allowing those who have physical needs to enter the coffee, food, and other similar lines ahead of us, or better yet -- offer to get their coffee, food, other similar items for them,
- † allowing another car to start from the all-way or four-way stop before us,
- † allowing the left turning car across from us to turn before we make our right turn,
- † leaving all parking places near the entrance, not just the handicapped spaces, for those who are older and less able to walk,
- † not parking in front of the curb break so those with walkers, canes, etc. can easily get to their cars,
- † waiting for the usher to tell us when we may line up for Holy Communion, and
- † doing all other similar acts of love, thereby showing Jesus Christ that we do indeed love Him and all those who are created in His image.

Let's all attempt at least once a day to recognize and respond to an opportunity to do an unselfish act for someone else. As we get into the habit of doing this once a day, let's then attempt to do such acts frequently every day.

RESPECTING THE SACREDNESS OF HOLY COMMUNION

BY LARRY GESS, GEORGIA O'BRIEN, RANDY ROGERS

Two of the most sacred times during the Divine Liturgy are the prayer for the Consecration of the Gifts into the Blood and Body of Christ, and Holy Communion. During Holy Communion the Blood and Body of Christ have been brought out of the Sanctuary into the presence of the parishioners, Christ is physically as well as spiritually in the midst of the people, and parishioners are receiving the Blood and Body of Christ to nourish their minds and deify their souls and then returning to their places thereby bringing Christ's Blood and Body close to everyone in the Nave.

The Holy Communion Sacrament calls us all to observe several worshipful (and respectful) behaviors from us all:

- (1) To stand during the entire Sacrament if we are physically able to do so,
- (2) To refrain from all unnecessary conversation, including greeting other parishioners during this sacred time,
- (3) To approach the chalice in an orderly fashion (following the users' direction) which demonstrates our respect and
- (4) To cross our forearms over our chest in a fashion that reflects the Cross of St. Andrew.

Every Divine Liturgy:

Recently baptized/christened Orthodox Christians should always be first for Holy Communion – they should move down the center aisle to stand before the Solea while the Priest(s) are doing the final preparations of the chalice(s) for Holy Communion. With the additional exception of Catechism teachers and children proceeding to their Catechetical classes, all other parishioners are urged to wait for an usher to release them for Holy Communion.

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The Choir should always approach the chalice closest to it. When there is no Catechetical School, the Choir Director decides when the Choir will approach the chalice and the closest usher will pause the releasing of parishioners. When the Catechetical School goes to the chalice first, the Choir will approach the chalice as the last of the students are being received at the chalice.

Holy Communion on Catechism School days:

Catechism teachers, children and youth go to the chalice(s) first for two reasons – (1) to lengthen the time for their classes, and (2) to reduce how long the children straggle into the classrooms, which not only delays the start time but tends to make the start more chaotic.

Parents of children too young to attend Catechism School and older children who are not going to attend Catechetical School should not proceed to the chalice(s) along with the Catechism participants at this time since doing so delays the start of the Catechism. Also, if a very young student is not able to find his/her way to his/her class, ONE parent should accompany this child to the chalice -- both parents going to the chalice as well as a godparent and/or a grandparent going at this time delay Catechism start time.

Holy Communion – One or Two Chalices:

The two middle sections are ushered first, then the two outer sections next to the two middle sections. The fifth (upper-level) section is ushered to the chalice when either of the two outside sections has been completed.

Holy Communion – Three Chalices:

The Acolytes will go to one of the outside chalices.

The middle two sections will go to the center **chalice** – Catechism adults and children first, then the remainder of the parishioners will be ushered.

The Choir and the section to the left of the center will be ushered to the chalice to the left of the Altar after the Catechism School participants have been to the chalice.

The two outer sections to the right of the Altar will go to the chalice to the right – first the Catechism School participants, then the remainder of the parishioners will be ushered – always the lower section first, then the upper section.

If either of the outside sections have been completed before the neighboring center section has been completed, the outside usher will direct the people in the back of that center section to the chalice on that side of the Solea.

SUMMARY

If we all follow these practices, Catechism School will have more time each Sunday, Holy communion will take less time each Sunday, and best of all – we will be giving Christ's Blood and Body the sacred respect that they warrant when they are in our presence.

Thank you for your assistance.

Randy Rogers, Georgia O'Brien, and Larry Gess



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Katherine and Michael Wells - October 5, 2013



CROWN THEM WITH GLORY

& HONOR

John McQueary & Katherine Wells - October 6, 2013

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Let's All Together Put the

THANKS

BACK IN THANKSGIVING



On Sunday, November 24th, 2013 in the PLC,
following the Divine Liturgy

Menu: Shrimp and Grits

Free Will Offering

*Please register to reserve your family table on Nov. 3rd, 10th or 11th
during Coffee Hour.*

*Come and Support our Parish's Stewardship program share in
fellowship and have a delicious lunch.*

"...be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins'. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:7-10)

PARISH

CHILDCARE

WHEN:

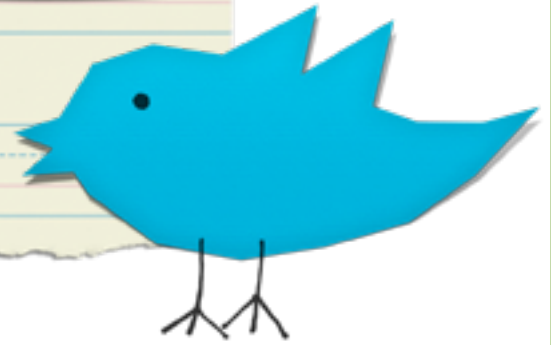
During the Sunday
Divine Liturgy - Begins
on November 3rd!

TIME:

10:00 am
to
Noon

WHERE:

Parish Life Center
Nursery Classroom



AGE OF CHILDREN

FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS

NOTE: Children under one year
are welcome, but a parent must
stay with the child.

Childcare will be run by parents, and
volunteer helpers are needed!! Contact:
Syra Pethel sapethel@gmail.com

To register: Please email Syra Pethel sapethel@gmail.com or 404.556.0064 with
your name, child's name and age.

Donations of **gently** used toys, books, furniture etc. that are age appropriate are
needed. Please contact Syra and let her know what you wish to donate. Pick up
of larger items will be arranged.



New Coffee Hour Sign Up Process

Everyone with an email address contact for Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will now be able to sign up for hosting coffee hour through the Sign Up Genius website. Some of you might be familiar with this website, which allows group sign ups in a quick and convenient manner online. The website is www.signupgenius.com.

Please be on the look out for an email invitation to sign up. You will be directed to the Sign Up Genius website where you can create a login and password (if you do not have one already), and then browse the dates available to host coffee hour. If you would like to host coffee hour on your own, sign up for all four slots listed for that date. If you would like to share hosting with another family, then each of you would sign up for two slots, etc. Just make sure you confirm with your co-host(s) what everyone will be bringing or list it in the comments section of your sign up. You will be emailed a reminder two days before you host as well.

Email invitations to sign up will be sent out periodically as needed. If you have any questions or problems, please contact site administrator Stephanie Lukens, 678-230-8412, dsclukens@bellsouth.net.

And if you prefer to sign up for coffee the old way, that will still be available to you through Maria Alberts, 770-578-6694, mariaalberts@comcast.net

Stephanie Lukens,
Coffee hour co-chair



2013 Community Christmas Card

Support our parish and wish everyone in the parish
a Merry Christmas!!

If you would like for your name to be included in our community card,
please complete the form below and return it with
your free-will donation to the church office by no later
than Sunday, November 24th! Thank you!

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

(PLEASE PRINT)

Address

Telephone _____

Amount Enclosed

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

**FOR UNTO US A
CHILD IS BORN!!**



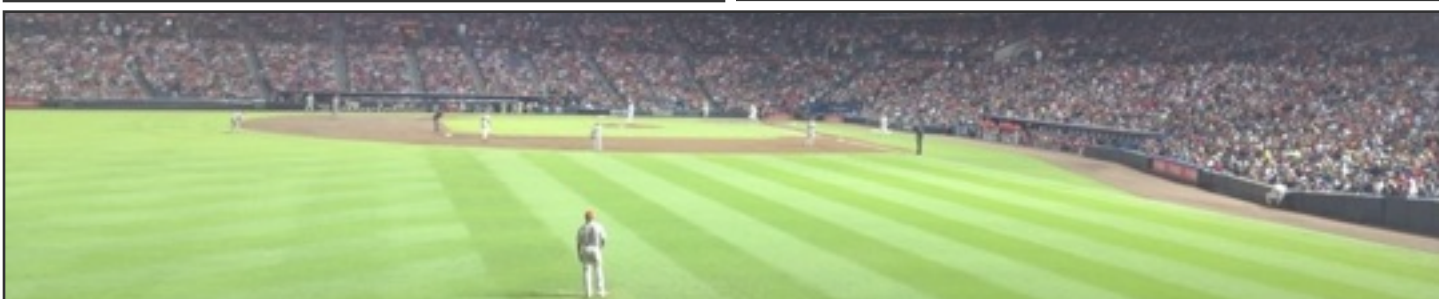
Parish Youth Serve & Play

The purpose of GOYA is to create safe, friendly, and fun environments and activities in which middle & high school youth can grow further into Orthodox Christian faith & life through deepening, Christ-centered friendships with each other.

In recent weeks, the youth group went to one of the last Braves' games of the regular season, served at the annual Philoptochos fall fundraiser, and apparently struck fabulous poses at one of our weekly gatherings. The youth group (GOYA) meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. For more information about the youth group, please contact Paul Lundberg at the parish office.

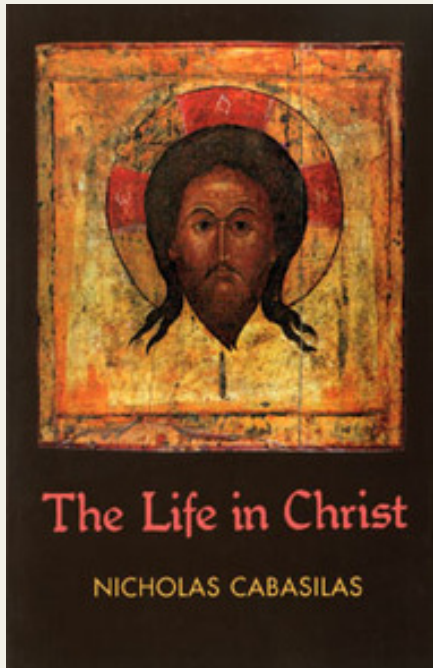


GOYA Braves' Game Outing



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY



THE LIFE IN CHRIST

BY NICHOLAS CABASILAS

The Life in Christ (Cabasilas)

- A remarkable product of Byzantium's last great flowering of theology. At a time when secular humanism was increasingly asserting man's complete autonomy, Cabasilas proclaimed that man's true life lies not in himself, but in Christ.

Everyday Saints and Other Stories

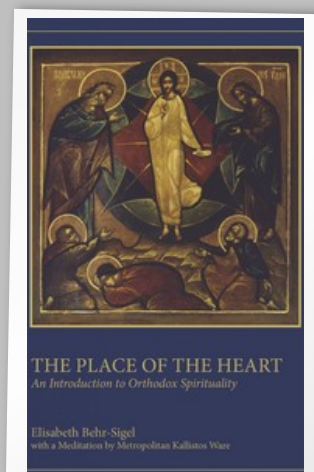
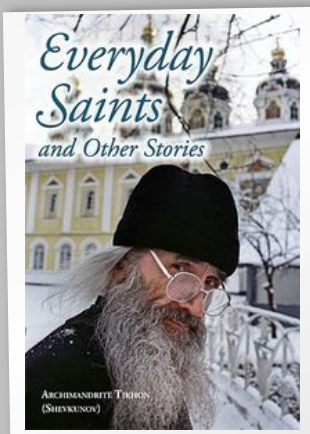
- Discover a wondrous, enigmatic, remarkably beautiful, yet absolutely real world. Peer into the mysterious Russia soul, where happiness reigns no matter what life brings.

The Place of the Heart

- A description of the basic essential elements of Orthodox spirituality.

The Scent of Holiness

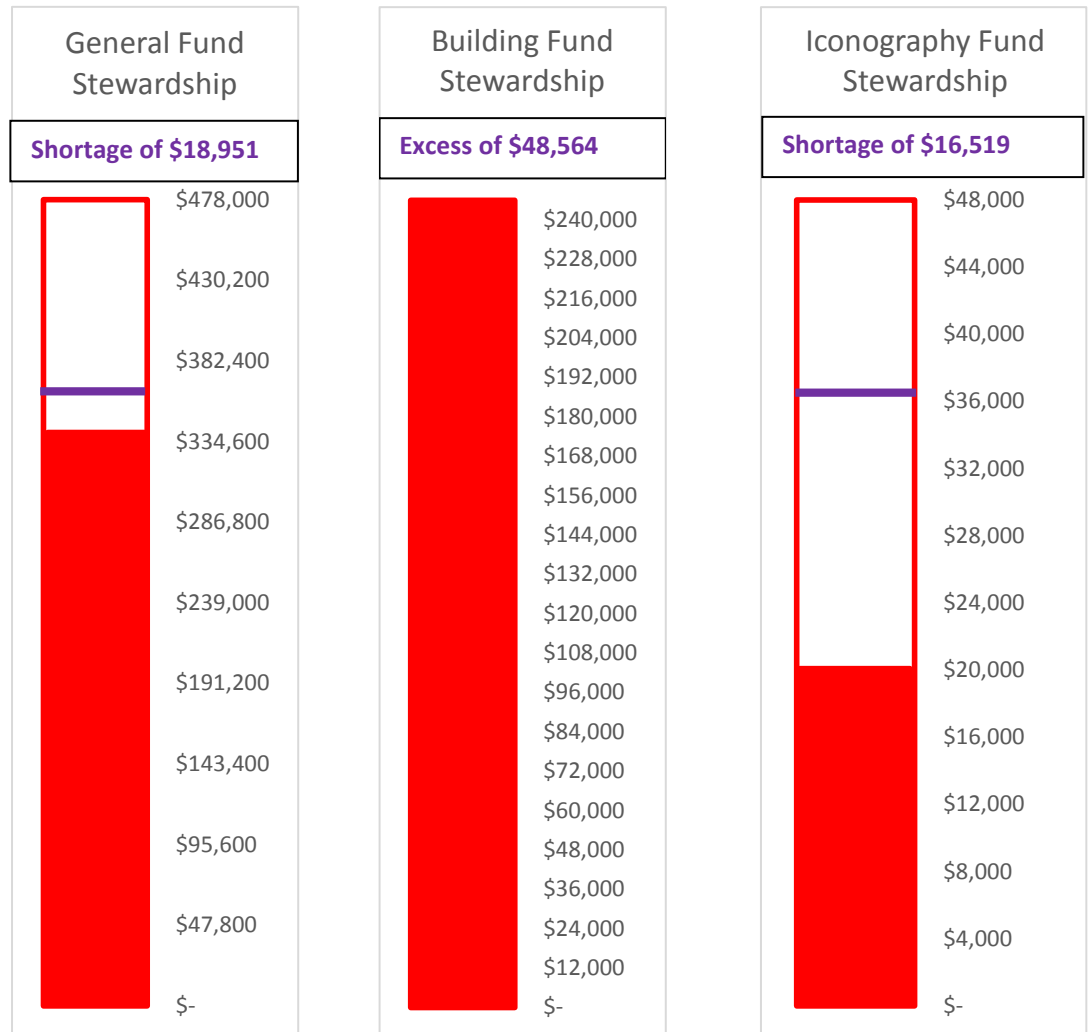
- Collection of stories from the author's frequent trips to women's monasteries in Northern Greece. Written by a layperson for laypeople.



TREASURER'S CORNER

Welcome to the Treasurer's Corner, your monthly update on Holy Transfiguration's finances. The Parish Council thanks you for your generous support of the parish. We encourage you to keep your donations current so that cash flow obligations can be met.

**Line Represents
Need as of
September 30**



Reminders

When making your donations, please write a separate check for each church fund to which you donate (i.e. General, Building, Iconography, etc.). In the memo section of each check, please indicate the fund you are donating to along with your church PIN (e.g., General Fund PIN 234).

You can monitor your donations online through the IconCMO system. To get your PIN and setup your account, ask Anne (770-924-8080, holytrans@comcast.com), and she will send you an email from the IconCMO website which will provide your PIN and a temporary password which you can use to setup your IconCMO account.

If you ever have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ,

Christopher Hansard
Treasurer

Athan Tsarouhas
Assistant Treasurer

Larry Gess
Stewardship Liaison

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 **pre-need price Funeral package of \$7,500 available during 2013.**



Hellenic Dance News

Practices this Month:

Middle School "Phoenix" Sundays 1:30-2:30 – November 3, 10, 17 & 24

High School "Eleftheria" Sundays 1:30-3:30 – November 3, 10 & 17

"Eleftheria" FESTIVAL practices are on November 10 and 17

"Phoenix" last practice of 2013 will be on November 24

HDF Practices begin Sunday November 24!



Georgia's other GREEK FESTIVALS

We want to give a sincere THANK YOU to our dancers and parents who participated in the "travel group" that performed at the **Peachtree City, Augusta, Cumming, Macon and Athens festivals!** Our dancers learned firsthand the value of giving their time and talent -- and the importance of stewardship. They help make our festival a great success every year and now travel every weekend in the fall to help other communities that have no older dancers. We are proud of all of you!!

We had lots of fun and fellowship, and were very humbled how each community took such good care of us! In turn, they raised money to help complete our folk dance costume needs! WAY TO GO!!!



Hellenic Dance Festival in ORLANDO this January!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE GROUP...that will head to Orlando to represent Holy Transfiguration at this year's HDF event, during MLK Holiday weekend. We encourage all dance families to join us and make a mini-vacation for the family that weekend. ALL parents and families are WELCOME!

[See attached flyer for the information about the program and the hotel.]

Contact Paulina Vastakis if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



Hellenic Dance Festival 2014

Join us January 17-19, 2014, for the 14th annual Hellenic Dance Festival in sunny Orlando, FL. This year the competition will be held at Shingle Creek Resort near Universal

Studios. With spiritual workshops, nonstop competition, vendors, choir competitions, and live music on Saturday and Sunday night, there is something for everyone!!

THREE REASONS WHY YOU CAN'T MISS THIS YEAR'S HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL



Resort Hotel

Shingle Creek has luxurious guestrooms and suites as well as a myriad of upscale amenities. With four outdoor heated pools, two hot tubs, tennis, volleyball, and golf, you may never get to stay anywhere in Orlando at such discounted prices again!

Hard Rock Live!

Saturday night's dance will be held at Universal Studios Hard Rock Live! Featuring live music from Dromeno from Seattle, WA! Only steps away from Universal CityWalk, there will be endless opportunities for fun!



Universal Tickets

Enjoy a day at the park with your family, friends, or fellow dancers. HDF has discounted pricing for tickets to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. Bring your family and friends to HDF and enjoy all that Orlando has to offer!

HELLENIC STUDIES



Announcing the...

HELLENIC STUDIES BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 10th

Time: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Place: Parish Life Center

Please come by the PLC to purchase some delectable baked goods and pastries, prepared by the parents and teachers of the Hellenic Studies program. All the proceeds go to towards helping to grow and improve our program.
We need your help and support!

Σας παρακαλούμε την 10 Νοεμβρίου, ημέρα Κυριακή - μετά την Λειτουργία, στην αίθουσα τις Εκκλησίας μας, όπου το Ελληνικό Σχολείο θα προσφέρει προς πώληση σπιτικά γλυκίσματα όλων των ειδών, και νοστιμότητα ψωμιά...με σκοπό την οικονομική στήριξη των προσπαθειών μας, για την ανάπτυξη των Ελληνικών γραμμάτων. Οι γονείς και δάσκαλοι θα προετοιμάσουν όλα τα γλυκίσματα. Όπως ήδη έχετε κάνει στο παρελθόν σας προσκαλούμε άλλη μια φορά να ενισχύσετε αυτόν μας τον σκοπό.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers, sponsors, and silent auction donors who helped make our "Yorgo's Greek Taverna" such a success!

We would like to also thank the following ladies and gentlemen for either cooking and/or serving at the Soup Kitchen on September 26: **Fran Tucker, Lois Bafas, Michelle Frangis, Rosemary Peppas, Christine Sprouse, Lori Kollias, Ray Wysmierski and his co-worker Denise Jones, Dorothy Macris, Kathy Shoji, Michael Gavalas, Athena Burke.**

NO Soup Kitchen in the months of November and December.

NO Book Club in the month of November.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming special events that will benefit our Philoptochos:

Saturday, November 2: "Marietta's Got Talent" at the Clay Oven Restaurant
(details to come)

Saturday, November 23: A Night of Comedy and Jazz at Jerry Farber's Comedy Club
(details to come)

BRING your "**SMALL**" USED ELECTRONICS (accepting ONLY the following items): cell phones, laser and inkjet cartridges, iPods, video games & consoles, scientific and graphing calculators, DVDs and GPS devices, PDAs, digital cameras and laptops to a drop off box near the Bookstore. Philoptochos is supporting Simpson Middle School in collecting these items to help raise funds for needy families in East Cobb. Funds from the recycling will benefit students whose utilities have been shut off or are experiencing other emergencies that would impact their ability to attend and succeed in school. It is a small way for all of us at Holy Transfiguration to possibly make a big difference in a needy student's success at school...and life.

Important Dates:

Sunday, November 3: Artoklasia for St. Cosmas and Damianos (Patron Saints of the National Philoptochos)

Wednesday, November 13: Philoptochos General Meeting, 7:00 pm (with GOYAns)

Saturday, December 7: Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Marietta's Got Talent

Clay Oven Restaurant

1115 Powder Springs Street

Marietta, GA 30064

- OPEN MIC (No need to audition)

Be a STAR!

Show your talent!

Have fun!



- DELICIOUS FOOD

- Appetizers

- Choice of Kleftiko entrée :

- Marinated beef or chicken ,
baked overnight in wood-
burning clay ovens OR

★ - Fried fish

- Roasted potatoes

- Pita bread

- Soft drinks included

- CASH BAR

Price per person:

Adults: \$25.00

13-17: \$15.00

12 and under: \$10.00

Reservations/Tickets Required

Available at:

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Or

Clay Oven Restaurant

678-581-1533

Clayovensrestaurant.com

For more information, contact:

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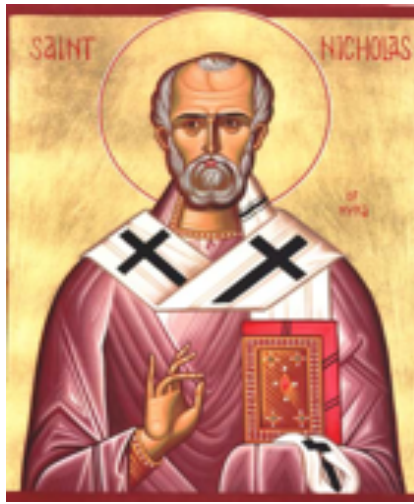
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St. Nicholas Christmas Market . . . SAVE THE DATE !!!

Come shop with us on SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8
Philoptochos UNIQUE holiday market full of Special Gifts

After a successful debut last year, St. Nicholas Christmas Market promises to be the perfect shopping spot this holiday!!!

A portion of sales will benefit our Philoptochos Social Services Fund to help those in need.

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VENDORS: If you are interested in having a table in the PLC, please
contact Mary Miltiades at [404/626-5111](tel:4046265111) or marymiltiades@gmail.com
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"As Iron Sharpens Iron, One Man Sharpens Another" (Proverbs 27:17)

We would like to welcome 4 new brothers to the chapter!

Dennis Christopher, Kurk Johnson, Leonidas Parker, and Ray Wysmierski

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, November 3 - Pancake Breakfast PLC , Proceeds to benefit Hellenic Studies

November 15-17 - Cabin Fever 4

November 25 - Kick off "Toys for Tots"

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

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Seventh Sunday...ontious Pilate Oxi Day Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:30 PM Winter Youth 12:30 PM Hellenic Studies 1:30 PM Men's Recreational 2:30 PM Boys' Basketball 2:45 PM Bible Bowl Practice <p>and 2 more...</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy (Fr. George)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Paul) 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween 7:00 PM Bible Study (Paul)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Blessing of the Water</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:30 PM Philoptochos Benefit Night</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends Fifth Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM Artoklasia for 11:30 AM A one year 11:40 AM A Memorial Service 12:00 PM AHEPA Pancake <p>and 7 more...</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM PC Meeting 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Election Day 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Parents Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy (Fr. George)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning Crew 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Archangels 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Synaxis of the...avenly Hosts 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nektarios 12:15 PM Johansen Reception? 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Feast of St...rios of Aegina 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Johansen Baptisms 12:15 PM Johansen Reception? 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Eighth Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A one year 11:55 AM The Artoklasia is 12:30 PM Kipreos Coffee 1:30 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria 1:30 PM Men's Recreational <p>and 3 more...</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day 6:30 PM Festival Board Meeting 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Prime Timers - Biltmore Estates 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM EYC Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy (Fr. George)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Feast of St. John Chrysostom (Cathedral) 8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Cathedral) 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting with GOYA 7:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Beginning of...of Christmas 9:00 PM GOYA Lock-in</p>	<p>16</p> <p>... GOYA Lock-in 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Ninth Sunday...from Nov. 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:15 AM Catechism 12:30 PM HOPE/JOY Meeting 1:30 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria 1:30 PM Men's Recreational 2:30 PM Girls' Basketball & 2:45 PM Bible Bowl Practice 3:30 PM Boys' Basketball 	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy (Fr. George)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Feast of the...to the Temple 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers 7:00 PM Philoptochos Benefit Night</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Thirteenth Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM A Memorial Service 11:55 AM 40 day Blessing 12:00 PM Stewardship Luncheon 1:30 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria 1:30 PM Men's Recreational 2:30 PM Boys' Basketball <p>and 2 more...</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Feast of St...e Great Maryr 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Feast of St...he First Called 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Baptism of Richard Xanthakis 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</p>

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Nov. 3, 2013	L. Gess/S. Steffas	Team II	E. Markley/B. Valagohar	M. Miltiades/K. Niarchos/M. Papadimitriou
Nov. 10, 2013	A. Miltiades/S. Tingas	Team I	M. Alberts/K. Bilson	R. Peppas/I. Steffas/S. Tidwell
Nov. 17, 2013	C. Hansard/J. Tidwell	Team II	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	M. Tingas/F. Tucker/T. Vamvakias
Nov. 24, 2013	C. Costarides/G. Lopos	Team I	P. Dunkerly/D. Levine	N. Barke/A. Burke/C. Costarides

Team 1: Nicholas Azimzadeh (captain), Chris Alberts, Matthew Azimzadeh, Gabriel Beneda, Chris Bilson, Evan Bilson, Alex Brewer, Chris Bridgers, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Zayne Isaac, Paul Jacobs, Spiros Kefalas, Andrew Levine, Tommy O'Brien, George Moraitakis, Evan Papadopoulos, Dean Papastrat, Lucas Porter, Alex Skarpelis, Evan Strakes, Nick Zakreski

Team 2: Luke Tassopoulos (captain), Theo Bliss, Matthew Buchan, Anthony Bundros, Brody Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Niko Gekas, Alex Gekas, Morgan Lilly, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Angelo Nichols, Eli Nichols, Matthew Paulson, Matthew Shanahan, Mitchell Starks, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Braden Thorne, Alex Thorne, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Yianni Turner