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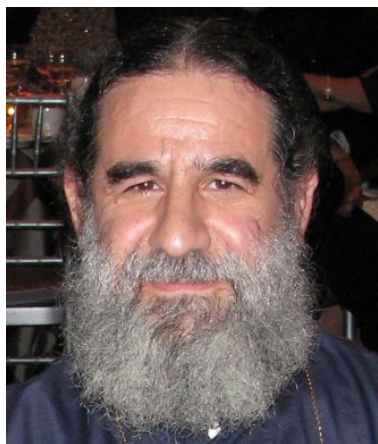
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A THOUSAND LITURGIES!



In the recent 60-minutes section on Mount Athos, one of the monks points out how on the Holy Mountain *a thousand liturgies are celebrated every day*. This is an amazing statement. What the monk wanted to emphasize (I believe) is that the whole mountain is turned into the *Throne of God* every day as the monks offer themselves as living sacrifices to the Lord in the Divine Liturgy. What a powerful image!!! We have the possibility to transform the whole world into the Kingdom of God and be present at His throne if we just turn everything we do into "a liturgy".

This is, indeed, what is missing from the world we live in. We go about every day doing things that are not always pleasing to God.

What the monks are telling us is that we can also do what they do, even where we are. We can also turn everything we do into an act of worship. The Divine Liturgy, which most of us attend on Sunday morning, does not have to end the moment we walk out of the church. We are able, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to turn every moment of our lives into a "*liturgy*"; help someone in need and you are worshiping God; comfort a person in distress and you are offering honor to Christ; witness your faith when the opportunity is offered and you will please the Lord. Above all, if you surrender every moment of your life, everything you have and everything you do to the Lord (as the monks seek to do) you receive great spiritual blessings; you experience the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

In our parishes today, we sometimes call this kind of surrender "*stewardship*". Many are under the impression that this is something new. The fact is, that this is the very essence of the Christian life. We were created by God, who breathed in us His life. Apart from Him, we have no life. Our surrender to Him ensures for us "Eternal Life".

Those we call "*Fathers of the Church*" are people who did exactly that. They offered themselves totally and completely to the providence of God and unleashed the torrents of His power into their lives. They utilized God's Grace and Power to touch the lives of those who came into contact with them through the gifts of amazing wisdom and acts of spiritual power. From the "*Fathers*" we can learn a lot, for they have left behind volumes of this wisdom and practical traditions we can follow, too. They are the "cloud of witnesses", which St. Paul refers to in Hebrews 11-12 that can enrich our lives.

Just pick up the "*Sayings of the Desert Fathers*" and experience the common sense approach to life. Get a volume of the "*Philokalia*" and delve into profound wisdom not found anywhere else. Consult the lives of the saints (like the life of St. Nektarios) to learn more clearly how to love Christ with all your heart and soul.

This is the way in which we may be able to deepen our encounter with God. This is the way through which we will experience on earth *a thousand liturgies a day* even here, where we are.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, ALWAYS!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

October 2011

October 1, Saturday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am. Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos
Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

October 2, Sunday. Second Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of the island of Cyprus
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Education Day

October 8, Saturday, NO Vespers.

October 9, Sunday, Third Sunday of Luke
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 15, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

October 16, Sunday, Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD)
Feast of St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist (transfer from October 18)
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 22, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

October 23, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Iakovos (James) the Apostle brother of God and first bishop of Jerusalem.
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 25, Tuesday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm for Feast of St. Demetrios.

October 26, Wednesday, Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America. Many Years to him!
Ἅγιου Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος τοῦ Μυροβλήτου.
Ὁνομαστική ἐορτή Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀμερικῆς κ. κ. Δημητρίου.

October 29, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

October 30, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

OXI Day Celebration. Doxology at the end of the Divine Liturgy. All Hellenic Studies students will attend this Service.

Δοξολογία Ἑθνικῆς Ἑορτῆς 28ης Ὀκτωβρίου 1940 μετὰ τό πέρας τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας. Ὅλοι οἱ μαθητές τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ μας σχολείου θά παρευρεθοῦν στήν τελετή αὐτή.

The Transfer of the Relics of St. Lazaros from Kition to Constantinople

Celebrated on October 17



Through the miracle of modern medicine the life-sustaining machine can pump air into a lung, cause a heart to beat, or a kidney to function, but although it can sustain life, it cannot restore it. Restoration of life calls for a true miracle. Such a true miracle is recounted in the familiar story of how Jesus Christ recalled a man named Lazaros from a premature death by his divine grace. A spark of that divinity was transmitted to Lazaros in the process of his deliverance and instilled in him the grace with which he was to become a saint.

Such great emphasis is placed on the return of Lazaros from the dead that his prior life is practically ignored. His true life began after he had died. exactly four days after, since that was the period of time in

which he had lain dead before Christ appeared at his tomb in Bethany. A true friend of the departed Lazaros, as well as of his grieving sisters Mary and Martha, Jesus stood before the tomb and commanded Lazaros to come forth, whereupon Lazaros stepped from oblivion into immortality. Thereafter he became a servant of the Lord in the early development of the new faith.

Following the death and resurrection of the Saviour, Lazaros undertook an apostolic mission which carried him to many corners of the Empire and ultimately to the island of Cyprus, where he settled after his ordination as bishop of Kition. The Apostles of Christ encouraged him to stay on this island, and there he spent the final thirty years of his life, implanting Christianity with the firmness that was to sustain Cyprus centuries later through conquest, piracy, and subjugation. The association of St. Lazaros with Cyprus has been obscured by events on that strife-torn land, but evidence of his presence there is still extant after nearly two thousand years.

Christianity had taken a firm hold on the island when Lazaros died at the age of fifty-eight, this time not to be recalled by, but to join the Messiah who had summoned him many years before. He was buried in Cyprus and according to tradition there was inscribed after his name on his casket the words, "Tetraimeros, friend of Jesus Christ." The word "tetraimeros" is translated the "fourth day," the day on which he was brought back from the grave. Moreover, he was honored in life as a friend of Jesus and was thus assured a place of honor in the Kingdom of Heaven. Lazaros was entombed in a small chapel dedicated to his memory. More than 800 years later, Emperor Leo of Constantinople, himself a devout Christian, replaced the chapel which was threatened with ruin with a beautiful cathedral and monastery, a fitting tribute to the personal friend of Jesus. After a time, Leo decided that the proper resting place for St. Lazaros would be in the capital city of Constantinople. That project was probably frowned upon by the islanders who pridefully cherished the shrine of St. Lazaros, but in due course, they came to accept the plan to place the body of the Saint in a more hallowed setting. The remains of St. Lazaros were ceremoniously brought to the cultural, religious and political centre of Constantinople on the 17th of October 891 AD.

A magnificent cathedral was erected in Kition (Modern Larnaca in Cyprus) in honor of St. Lazaros and his holy relics were enshrined there in a bronze casket. Emperor Leo, however, brought his relics to Constantinople on October 17, 891 AD. About the same time the remains of St. Mary Magdalene were also brought to Constantinople by the devout Emperor Leo. Thus the Emperor sought to honor these two friends of Jesus.

St. John of Kronstadt (+1908 AD)

Celebrated on October 19



Father John of Kronstadt, one of the most well known Russian saints of recent history, possessed an evangelical fervor, and, above all, was 'flesh of the flesh' of the Orthodox tradition and of the faith and life of the Orthodox Church. Father John was an expressive and impressive preacher, an promoter of frequent communion, a man who moved the hearts of hardened sinners to repentance, a man with a great depth of love, and a spiritual healer. Huge crowds flocked to him from all parts of Orthodox Russia to hear him and to be healed by him (in body and soul).

Father John believed in indulging people with love. To indulgent people with love means not to judge, not to take revenge, and to endure and forgive. "Do not confuse man -this image of God - with the evil which is in him, because evil is only his accidental misfortune, a sickness, a devil's dream; but man's essence - the image of God - is always there". This recognition of God in others is the rule he used in relating to others. He also said, "As far as is it possible, be gentle, humble and simple to all, considering yourself, without hypocrisy, to be spiritually below everyone. Pride is the reason for a cold, pompous and insincere manner towards those whom are considered to be below us, or those from whom we hope to derive some benefit. When people speak ill of you and you feel resentment, it means that you are proud, and pride must be eliminated

from your heart by worldly dishonor. Therefore, do not resent and hate those who speak ill of you, but try to love them as you would love people who benefit you, and pray for them. Maintain a peaceful and loving disposition towards your brother even if he deprives you of your last shilling; show him that, above all, you love God's image in him. However most people are angry when they are deprived even of a very small part of their property!"

One of the basic aims of love is to see everyone saved, transformed and united to true, divine love. This is impeded by what he called "malicious joy" when he said, "Oh, how disgusted I am by this devilish malicious joy over the sins of one neighbor! People cast a slur on someone's whole life because of one sin that he has committed. They forget that love extenuates everything. A Christian must truly wish for himself and others, that God's name should be constantly glorified in both himself and others, that all should become Temples of God".

However, sobriety from evil is not enough. We should also seek to obtain inner peace, since "without inner peace and harmonious coexistence with others, one cannot have peace and harmony within oneself. In acquiring inner peace, let us also be peacemakers in relation to our fellowmen".

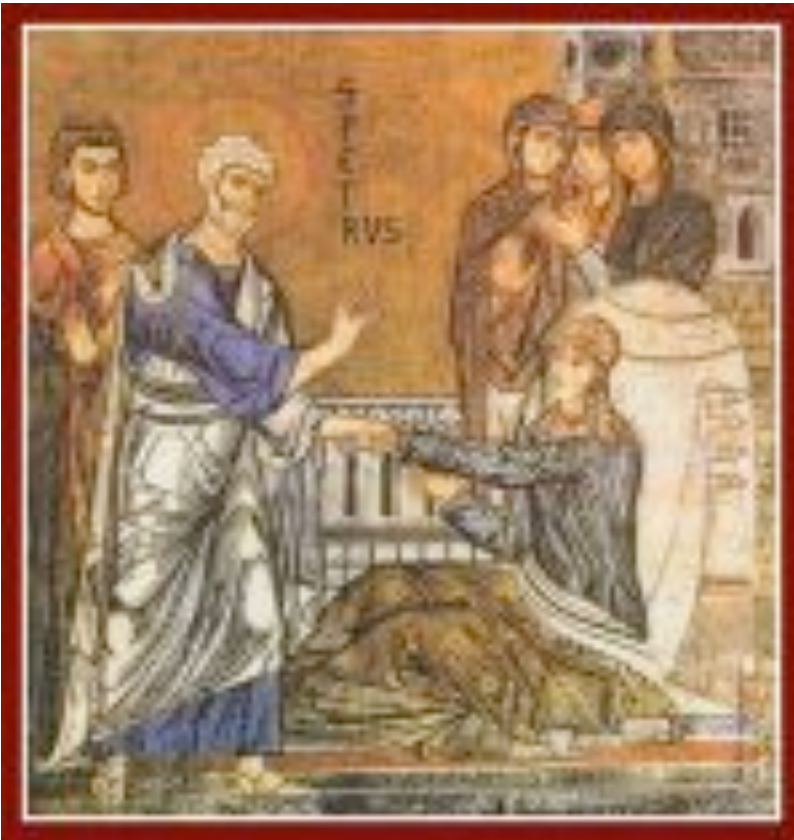
To attain peace and love, and to preserve them, "Do not be put out of countenance when you are angry and when this anger prepares to manifest itself in worlds, command it to be silent. When you allow anger to express itself, it will pour out with great force and may overwhelm your defense". He continued, "Do not expose all your impurities, not to contaminate others with the breath of evil concealed in you. It is better to speak of your illness to your spiritual father or your friend in order that they may direct and restrain you".

On reproaching others of their evil he said, "It is better not to pass on reproachful words, but to keep silent about them or, even if it is not true, convey words of love and goodwill; then our spirits will be at peace" and, "if you wish to correct somebody's faults of your own accord, restrain yourself, because, usually, through our pride and irritability, we do more harm than good... Pray to God that He Himself will enlighten the mind and the hearts of men; if God sees that your prayer is full of love, He most certainly will grant your wish. An embittered person is ill; to cure him we must apply to his heart a plaster of Love", and finally, "Look at every human being as if he were unique in God's world, a great miracle of God's wisdom and grace, and do not let the fact that you are accustomed to him serve as a ground for neglect".

"Our Savior bids us to love our enemies which is extremely difficult; but for a heart which is reborn through grace, it is easy to do so because God helps the believer in everything".

The reader is referred to "The Life of Father John of Kronstadt" by Bishop Alexander, published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, as a good introduction to his life and as an outline of his spiritual message.

The feast day of St. John of Kronstadt is on October 19.



Mosaic in San Vitale, at Ravenna, early 6th century

St. Peter raises St. Tabitha from the Dead - October 25th

Acts 9:36-42: Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

This icon is part of a mosaic in San Vitale, at Ravenna, early 6th century.

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INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT GREEK

Instructor: Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.

Assistant Instructor: Eleni Clement, M.S. Education

We are offering a course in New Testament Greek for those who are interested in learning to read the New Testament in its original language.

This is an Introductory Course that will begin with the Greek Alphabet and basic structure of the Hellenistic form of Greek, including basic Grammar that will enable the student to read and translate the New Testament.

The main textbook for the course will be the New Testament itself. A grammar book and lexicon will also be assigned.

Meeting Place: Office Classroom - Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA 30066

Time: Every Saturday from 10:00 - 11:30 am

The class will begin on October 15, 2011.

Tuition for the Academic Year: \$250

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The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

October 1st (Slavic); October 28 (Greek)



Already from the 13th century the feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God has been one of the most loved feasts of the Russian people. In its significance for Russian people it gives way only to the feasts of Annunciation, the Nativity of Christ and the Bright Resurrection of Christ. It is also a Russian national feast day.

Of great attraction is the underlying idea of this feast day itself. The Mother of God Herself keeps constant vigil over the Christian world and protects it.

As to the spreading of the celebration of this feast in Russia, it was doubtlessly influenced by spiritual and emotional peculiarities of the Russian people, who profoundly apprehended the veneration of the Mother of God.

At the end of the 9th century and the beginning of the 10th century there lived in Constantinople a holy man, St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ. At the age of 17 he was brought (as a slave) by a certain Byzantine nobleman, the head of the Imperial Bodyguard. He was of Scythian origin (the region that is now southern Russia). In the house of his master he received the education common at the time, and thanks to his abilities he was shortly appointed a secretary to the nobleman.

Soon, however under the influence of his reading about the lives of saints, and his spiritual father, Andrew took upon himself the spiritual endeavour of a fool for Christ. The purpose of this endeavour was to demonstrate, under the guise of insanity and inappropriate behaviour, the senselessness of the wisdom of this world. He would roam the streets of the capital dressed in rags, sleep under an open sky, and utter insane words. Idle folk would often beat him, and he would suffer from heat and cold. For this feat of his he was granted the gift of prophesying; he worked miracles and saved many from depraved ways of life. He had a pupil, Epiphanius of aristocratic family, who subsequently became Patriarch Polievktos of Constantinople.

The miraculous events, which formed the basis of the feast of the Protection, unfolded over a thousand years ago. A formidable enemy invaded the Byzantine Empire, threatening Constantinople. The Greeks felt incapable of repelling the encroaching enemy by their own means. So they turned to the Mother of God with tearful prayers. Crowds of the faithful headed towards the Blachernae Church where great holy objects were kept: the Panagia's robe and Her veil (omophorion). This took place towards the end of St. Andrew's life.

During the All-Night Vigil service, at about 4am, an amazing vision was presented to Blessed Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius. A majestic Lady was advancing in the air from the western door. St. John the Baptist and the Apostle John were supporting Her. Other saints of the heavenly escort, in white garments, preceded and followed the Mother of God singing hymns. When She reached the ambo, Blessed Andrew asked Epiphanius: "Do you see the Lady and the Queen of the World?" - "I see, my spiritual father", he answered - "I see and I tremble". And as they were watching, She knelt down and remained long in prayer with tears streaming down Her All-pure Face. Having finished Her prayers, She approached the Altar Table and prayed yet again for the people who were present. Then She removed Her veil which shone like lightning, and which she wore on Her head, and holding it over Her arms She extended it over all the people standing in the church. Sts. Andrew and Epiphanius stood looking at this luminous veil, at this glory of the Lord. When the Holy Theotokos departed, the veil too became invisible, leaving the Grace upon those present in the Church.

This wonderful vision inspired the Greeks so much that on the following morning they were able to repulse the enemies and put them to flight. Thus in many other instances, when called upon by the faithful in fervent prayer,

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....the Mother of God has always manifested Her miraculous help and intercession against visible and invisible enemies.

All-important events in the history of the Russian people have always been so closely associated with the pious veneration of the Most Holy Mother of God and Her saving Protection. Thus Russian rightfully called herself the "House of the Mother of God".

So, this manifestation of the Most Holy Mother of God in Blachernae Church, with Her omophorion, as a symbol of her protection and shield, extended over the faithful constitutes the basis of our feast of Protection.

The Greek Church did not establish a specific rite to celebrate this vision of the Holy Theotokos. Apparently Greeks did not see any particular necessity for that since the veneration of the Mother of God was very widespread in Byzantium. In the 10th century in Constantinople alone there were over 90 churches dedicated to the Most Holy Theotokos, not counting monasteries and private churches, erected later.

When the life of St. Andrew, Fool for Christ, was translated into the Slavonic language and spread in Russia, its readers particularly noted the wonderful appearance of the Mother of God, and thus the feast of Protection was established in Russia to commemorate this miracle.

Some people think that this celebration was initiated by the famous Russian Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky, who was subsequently canonized. In support of this assumption we may point out the fact that in the past he was commemorated on the day following the feast of Protection, as the initiator of this feast. About 1165 Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky erected a stone church on the river Nerli dedicated to the Protection of the Mother of God. But as shown by a strict investigation of the history of the feast of the Protection, it could have been established even earlier, at the beginning of the 12th century Kiev Rus.

It may also be assumed that the feast of the Protection was established by another Russian prince, whom a chronicler called, "a wonderful prince....merciful beyond measure", i.e. Vladimir Monomakh (1113-1125). The Great Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky, however, the great venerator of the Mother of God, who built a series of churches in Her honour, has greatly contributed to the celebration of the Protection feast and its spread throughout Russia, particularly in its northern part. Later this feast became the All-Russian national feast day, single-mindedly observed throughout the country. Even the heterodox, as for example Tatars, Bashkirs, Kalmyks and others, respected this feast day and following the example of Russians, would abstain from work on that day.

And today, when we experience tragic times, let us turn to the Most Holy Mother of God; let us implore Her with all our hearts to protect us, to shorten the days of suffering of the entire Christian world, and shelter us under Her precious omophorion.

In recent years, the Feast of the Protection has become associated with thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Greek nation from the Italian invasion of 1940. These events are commemorated in Greece in a national holiday known as "Ochi Day" or "No Day," referring to the response of the Greek leader Metaxas to Mussolini's ultimatum.

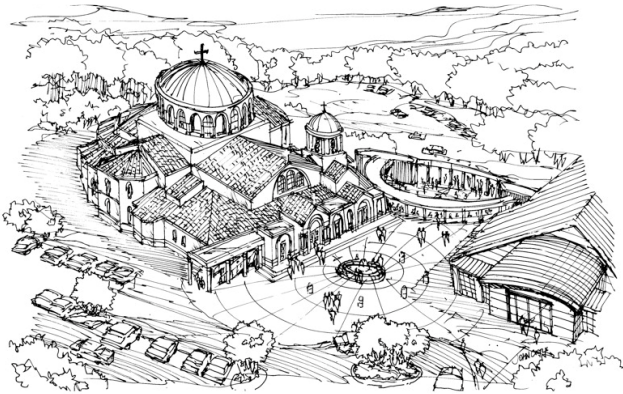
In recognition of this, the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece elected in 1960 to transfer the Feast from October 1 to October 28. The Ecumenical Patriarchate also provides for this usage in its parishes in Greece and in the Greek diaspora, and it is generally observed now throughout the Greek-speaking world. The observance includes the chanting of a Doxology incorporating hymns recognizing the Protection of the Theotokos over the Greek nation, as well as the kontakion "O Champion Leader."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - OCTOBER

10/1/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19	Gospel: Luke 5:17-26
10/2/2011	Matins: Luke 24:13-35 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10
10/3/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34	Gospel: Luke 6:24-30
10/4/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:19-22; 3:1-7	Gospel: Luke 6:37-45
10/5/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:8-21	Gospel: Luke 6:46-49, 7:1
10/6/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 20:19-31
10/7/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:17-25	Gospel: Luke 7:31-35
10/8/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:20-25	Gospel: Luke 5:27-32
10/9/2011	Matins: Luke 24:36-53 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16
10/10/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:25-32	Gospel: Luke 7:36-50
10/11/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39	Gospel: Luke 8:1-3
10/12/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:25-33	Gospel: Luke 8:22-25
10/13/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:33; 6:1-9	Gospel: Luke 9:7-11
10/14/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:18-24	Gospel: Luke 9:12-18
10/15/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:39-45	Gospel: Luke 6:1-10
10/16/2011	Matins: John 20:1-10 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
10/17/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:18-33	Gospel: Luke 9:18-22
10/18/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18	Gospel: Luke 10:16-21
10/19/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21	Gospel: Luke 9:44-50
10/20/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:20-27	Gospel: Luke 9:49-56
10/21/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11	Gospel: Luke 10:1-15
10/22/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3	Gospel: Luke 7:1-10
10/23/2011	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19
10/24/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12-15	Gospel: Luke 10:22-24
10/25/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:16-23	Gospel: Luke 11:1-10
10/26/2011	Matins: Luke 21:12-19 Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
10/28/2011	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
10/29/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:8-11	Gospel: Luke 8:16-21
10/30/2011	Matins: John 20:19-31 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19
10/31/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:10-23	Gospel: Luke 11:29-33

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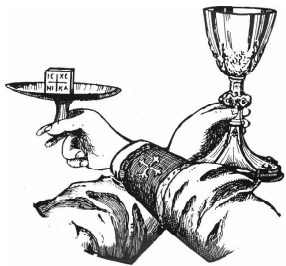


Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

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

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

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



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

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

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

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

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

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

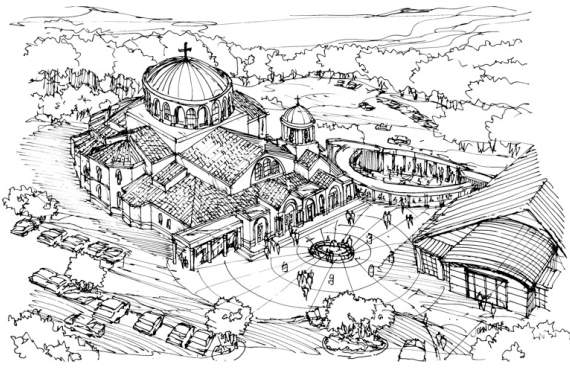
The Necessity of Stewardship

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

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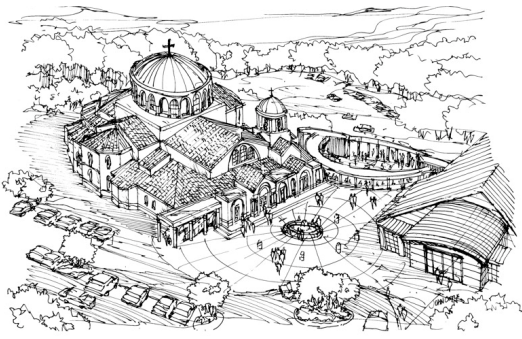
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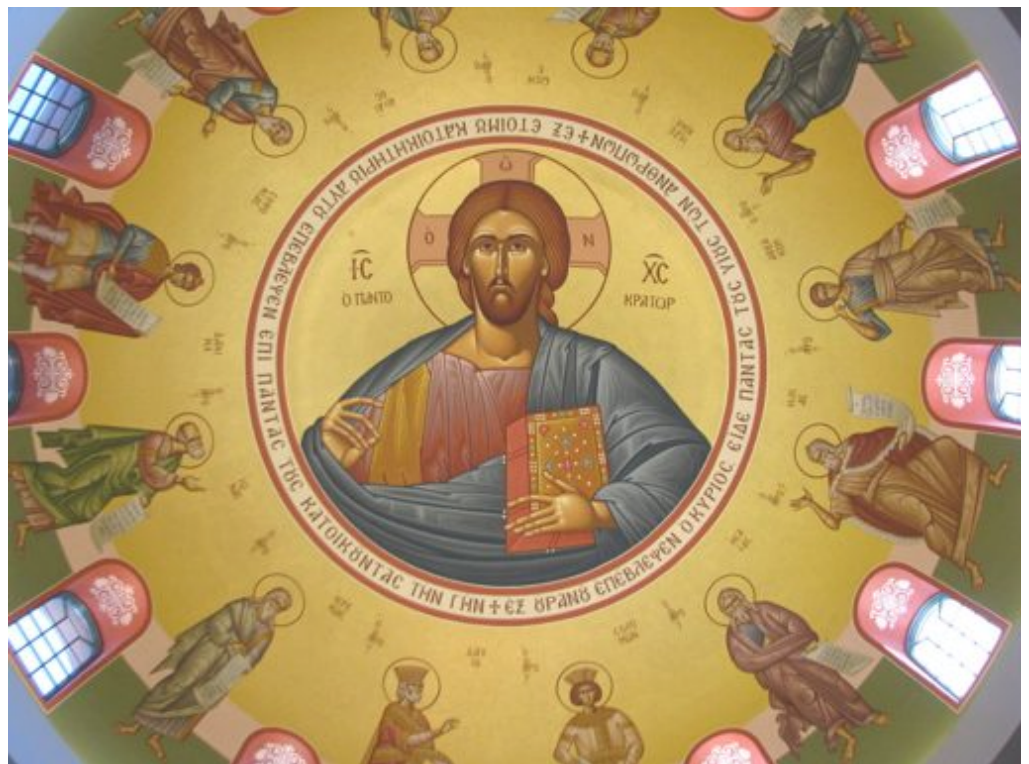
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR

Edward Scully & Angela Mertzanis - September 10, 2011



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

The Choir welcomes and needs new voices, young and old, to sing with us during services on Sundays and various Holidays. It is not necessary for you to read or speak Greek. Most music is in English phonetics. All we need is for you to make a commitment to sing with us to enhance the spiritual element of the Divine Liturgy and other services.

Please join us in singing a "Joyful Noise Unto the Lord". For further info, please contact the church office or Demetri Miltiades at dmiltiades@mslogistics.us

HOPE & JOY

HOPE and JOY is looking forward to its first event on **Sunday, October 16th!** Immediately following coffee hour, HOPE and JOY families should meet at the outdoor pavilion located near the lower parking lot. We will provide lunch (pizza and salad) for everyone at 12:30 pm. Following lunch, parents will attend a presentation by Father Panayiotis while the children participate in various supervised activities led by Ty Emery, our parish Youth Director. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to seeing old faces and welcoming new ones!

If there are any children with special dietary needs who would not eat pizza and salad, please let Elaine or Katerina know and the appropriate accommodations will be made!

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

AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 9	Pancake Breakfast, PLC
October 11	Second Tuesday "Fun" Meeting
November 8	Second Tuesday Meeting
December 11	Christmas Party, Kollias Home
December 13	Second Tuesday Meeting

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

Your Board: Ron Sprouse, Harry Kipreos, Zack Kollias, Phillip Vodas
Vice Presidents: Keath Paxten, Jim Tidwell, Greg Muse, Andy Johansen

Speak Greek Is Back!

This social event is back by popular demand!

Please join us for an evening of

Fun, Food & Friendship

Sunday, October 9th @ 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Hosted by Cedric & Peggy Dunkerly

10900 S. Kimball Bridge Crossing

Alpharetta, Georgia 30022

Chef Socrates will be grilling scrumptious souvlakia!

Just bring a dish to share and enjoy the feast!

You don't have to know Greek to come!

This event is open to all, whether you want to just hear a little Greek or speak a lot of it!

Both English and Greek are spoken.

Please RSVP to Peggy by October 2nd

770.664.7972 or greekpd@comcast.net

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION EDUCATION DAY

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011

OPEN HOUSE FOR CATECHISM SCHOOL & HELLENIC STUDIES

after the Divine Liturgy in the PLC
Come meet your 2011/2012 Teachers

ALSO:

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

- *Introduction to Orthodoxy

- *Bible Study

- *Spiritual Book Club

More Education Resources:

Holy Transfiguration Church Bookstore
& Library

GOYA- CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER

**Thu.,
10/06/2011
Saint Thomas,
Apostle**



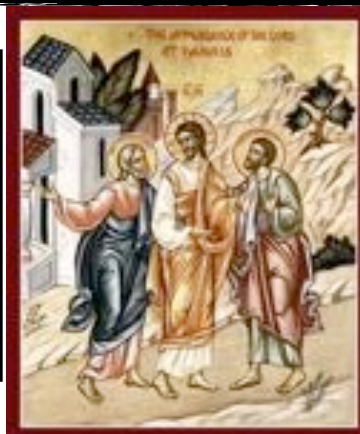
Jesus Appears to His Disciples- “And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’ And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and My God!’ (John 20:26-28)

**Tue.,
10/11/2011
Saint Philip,
Apostle of the
Seventy**



The Ethiopian Eunuch- “Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this: ‘*He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.*’ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, ‘I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?’ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.” (Acts 8:29-35)

**Tue.,
10/18/2011
Saint Luke
the
Evangelist**



Jesus Appears: The Road to Emmaus- “Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’ So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.” (Luke 24:31-35)

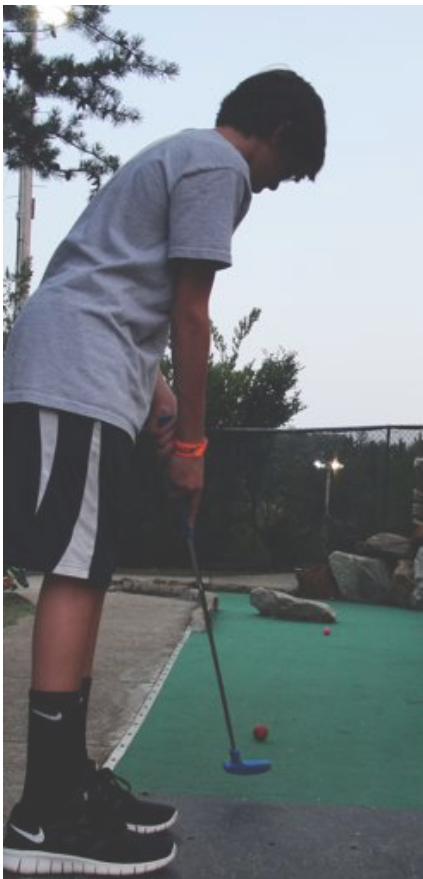
**Sun.,
10/23/2011
Saint Iakovos
(James),
Apostle and
‘Brother of the
Lord’**



“He says, ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:6-8)

“Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19-20)

GOYA REWIND- GO-KARTS/MINI-GOLF AT MOUNTASIA



Unlimited Go-Kart Racing and Mini-Golf at Mountasia!

GOYA QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES



Altar Servers Workshop

Sat., October 15, 2011

1:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Six Flags Over Georgia

Sat., October 8, 2011

GOYA - Stay Tuned for Details!



WYR 2011- BIBLE BOWL TEAMS TO BEGIN SOON

THIS YEARS TOPICS NOT YET IN-STAY TUNED!

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2012 **Topics, Tips, and Resources**

Junior Division (Grades 7–9)

1. Many times in the New Testament, we see Jesus caring about the blind, the paralyzed, and others with physical disabilities (for example, Matthew 9:2 and 9:27–29). Following Christ's footsteps, discuss the Christian attitude toward disabled people.
2. Discuss the lives of Sts. Cyril and Methodios and their missionary work. How can we follow their example by responding to Christ's commandment to "go forth" (Matthew 28:19)?
3. In the Old Testament, we see many stories involving disagreements among siblings. What can families learn from these stories today?
4. Discuss one of the Great Feasts of the Church. How has this feast become important to you and your family?

Pascha (the Feast of Feasts)

The Twelve Great Feasts:

- Nativity of the Theotokos
- Annunciation of the Theotokos
- Elevation of the Holy Cross
- Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem
- Presentation of the Theotokos
- Ascension of the Lord
- Nativity of the Lord
- Pentecost
- Theophany
- Transfiguration of the Lord
- Presentation of the Lord
- Dormition of the Theotokos

5. In our day, when people's lives have become more and more scheduled with events, how might we reclaim our understanding of Sunday (the Sabbath) as a day of rest and honoring the Lord?

Senior Division (Grades 10–12)

1. In Leviticus 19:33, we read, "And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him." Immigration has always been a source of growth and change in American society. What should be the attitude of an Orthodox Christian toward immigration and immigrants?
2. Discuss the prayers and Biblical references of the Sacrament of Holy Unction in the Orthodox Church (James 5:14–15). What does the sacrament tell us about faith, healing, and our relationship with God?
3. In Matthew 18:21–22, Jesus tells Peter that one should forgive one's brother not just seven times but "seventy times seven." Discuss how and why we should forgive wrongdoers, even when something within us cries out for justice—especially if we're the injured party.
4. Discuss the famous speech of St. Paul in Athens (Acts of the Apostles 17:22–31). Why is the speech meaningful, and what is its relevance for our today?
5. Stress and anxiety seem to be inevitable nowadays, in our every relationship and activity. How are we as Christians supposed to act in times of worry and uncertainty?

You can also find the Topics, the Topic Tips, and Bibliography at www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/



Every month we will be acknowledging and thanking the people who fill out the time & talent portion of their stewardship card and then get involved!

This month the names come from Tasia Kipreos for Hellenic Dance.

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO FREELY OFFER THEIR TIME AND TALENTS

HELLENIC DANCE

The following individuals have offered their *time and talents* to the Hellenic Dance ministry throughout the last year. Because of their hard work and dedication, our dance program continues to grow, and enrich our community. We would like to thank these instructors and helpers for their passion and commitment to Hellenic Dance.

Paulina Vastakis
Dorian Bafas
Ted Gormanos
Tasia Kipreos
Renee Tiller
Thanos Caras

Elaine Bilson
Tina Johansen
Chris Kanelos
Zoe Pettas
Lee Nichols
Andrew Miltiades

Friday Paulson
Demetra Lilly
Sophia Sarris
Stratis Papageorgiou
Ellen Linebaugh

We would also like to thank the following sewers and helpers who took part in our SEW MUCH FUN sewing days last spring. Because of their hard work, we were able to fabricate several new costumes for our festival this year.

Nikki Kakissis
Zoe Pettas
Irene Stavrou
Artemis Michael

Mary Duvlaris
Paulina Vastakis
Tasia Kipreos

Kate Lewis
Tina Johansen
Marianna Constantinou

Please stay tuned for more announcements about upcoming SEW MUCH FUN sewing events. We are still in the process of sewing costumes, and will need all the helping hands we can get! If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please contact Paulina Vastakis (678-294-4262).

Make sure your ministry volunteers are recognized in next month's Syndiakonia by sending a list to the church office.

Hellenic Dance News

We have successfully kicked-off another great year of Hellenic Dance! Dancers from our **Phoenix**, **Eleftheria**, and **Metamorphosi** groups have already begun their weekly practices on Sunday afternoons, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Our younger dancers (ages Pre-K to 5th grade) will begin practicing in January 2012, in preparation for next year's festival.

We are also gearing up for **Hellenic Dance Festival** (HDF) which will take place in January 2012, here in Atlanta. We are asking that all dancers (Phoenix, Eleftheria, and Metamorphosi) who intend to participate complete the **Commitment Form** given to you during dance practice, and return it to your instructor, *no later* than October 23, 2011.

2011-2012 Dance Groups

Pitsirikia: Pre-K

Instructor: Paulina Vastakis (678-294-4262)

Palamakia: Kindergarten, 1st grade

Instructor: Elaine Bilson (404-825-9454)

Asteria: 2nd-3rd grade

Instructors: Friday Paulson (404-219-2434)

Petaloudes: 4th-5th grade

Instructors: Tina Johansen (678-524-8672),
Dorian Bafas (770-833-8431)

Phoenix: 6th-8th grade

Instructors: Demetra Lilly (678-485-7975),
Ted Gormanos (908-303-7518)

Eleftheria: High School

Instructors: Chris Kanelos (404-395-8034),
Sophia Sarris (404-769-2230)

Metamorphosi: College Students / Adults

Instructor: Paulina Vastakis (678-294-4262)



Find us online!

We are frequently updating our Facebook pages with great information, videos, and other resources. We also frequently send email updates to our listserv regarding news and events.

To be added to our email list, please contact Dorian Bafas at dorianbafas@yahoo.com

Please find us on Facebook at:

**Holy Transfiguration
Marietta Greek Dancers
and
Metamorphosis
(HTGOC Adult Dance Group)**



We would like to ask that if you have any items that belong in the dance closet (costume pieces, scarves, necklaces, dance props, etc) that you please return them to the dance ministry **as soon as possible** - no questions asked. We know that sometimes these items are mistakenly carried home, or borrowed and (forgetfully) not brought back. We are undergoing an effort to reorganize the dance closet and take stock of what we have/what we need. We will be officially documenting an inventory of what we have, in order to help monitor and make sure that anything that leaves the dance closet finds its way back - as these items are *expensive* and often *difficult* to replace. Please note - the dance closet will remain locked at all times...contact Paulina Vastakis, Dorian Bafas, or Tasia Kipreos to arrange to bring back whatever items you have at home.

Hellenic Studies News

A special announcement from Hellenic Studies...

The administrators, staff, students and parents of the Hellenic Studies Program would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to **Mr. Tom Little, President and CEO of Intralot USA** – as well as **Mr. Christos Tzoumaras, VP of Operations**, and **Mrs. Toulia (Argentis) Brotsis, VP and CFO**.

Intralot made a very generous donation of \$5,000 to our program for the 2011-2012 academic year. We cannot express how deeply moved and appreciative we are for your generosity. This donation will help defray the operating costs of our program, and enable us to continue to offer high quality Greek language courses to the youth and adults of our community. Σας ευχαριστούμε!



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SAVE THE DATE!

Please *save the date* of **Sunday, October 30th**

The Hellenic Studies program will be sponsoring a program and luncheon in honor and remembrance of
“OXI Day”

There will be a brief program by the students immediately following the Divine Liturgy, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Life Center

We also welcome *guest speaker* **Jim Peters**, who will speak about the importance of the day.

(Event details to follow under a separate flyer)





PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Meetings: **October 10th** - Board Meeting, 7 pm, OCR

October 17th - General Meeting, 7 pm, PLC

Soup Kitchen:

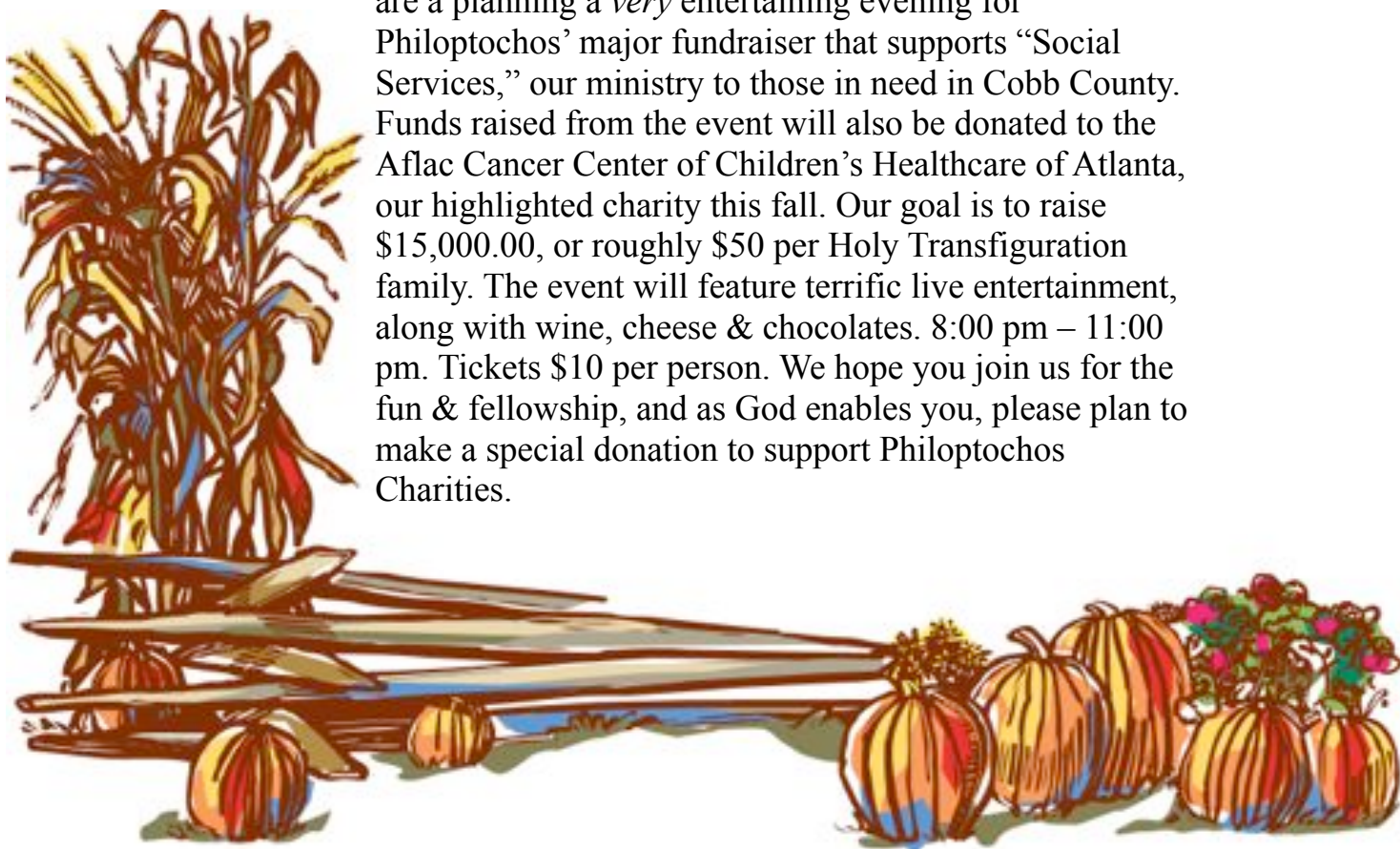
On August 25th, 113 people were served at MUST Ministries. The ladies that helped serve, cook and donated food are **Fran Tucker, Kally Niarchos, Pam Starks, Dorothy Macris, Niki Gess, Paula Rogers, Maroulla Neocleous, Michelle Broussard-Hanes, Dawn Orr, Stephanie Gianaris, Xanthippe Marsico, and Athena Burke.**

The next Soup Kitchen is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27th**. If anyone would like help cook, serve, or make a monetary donation, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or 770.973.3111.

Book Club:

Join us **Thursday, October 27th**, at 6:30 pm at the home of Jeannie Paxten. The book is *Olive Kitteridge* Elizabeth Strout. Please bring a dish to share!

Philoptochos Charities Night – *Sharing the Harvest*:
Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 22nd**. We are planning a *very* entertaining evening for Philoptochos' major fundraiser that supports "Social Services," our ministry to those in need in Cobb County. Funds raised from the event will also be donated to the Aflac Cancer Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, our highlighted charity this fall. Our goal is to raise \$15,000.00, or roughly \$50 per Holy Transfiguration family. The event will feature terrific live entertainment, along with wine, cheese & chocolates. 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm. Tickets \$10 per person. We hope you join us for the fun & fellowship, and as God enables you, please plan to make a special donation to support Philoptochos Charities.





Support Philoptochos Social
Services Ministry and Aflac
Cancer Center at Children's
Healthcare of Atlanta.
Join us for fellowship, live
music, wine & cheese,
chocolates and a special
Connoisseur's Corner.



Philoptochos Charities Night ~ *Sharing the Harvest*

Saturday, October 22
8 - 11 P.M.
Holy Transfiguration
Parish Life Center

Tickets \$10.00 each available at Sunday Coffee Hour
Sodas and beer will also be served.

As you are able please plan to make a separate donation
to support our charities.

Questions? Call Nancy Barke, 770.509.8738 or Christine
Sprouse, 770.565.5212



Prime Timers News



Many of us gathered for fellowship and a delicious meal for our August general meeting at the Diner at North Point in Alpharetta. We completed a survey to help us plan our future meetings and events. Our meetings and events are open to **ALL** parishioners age 50 and older, and we invite you to join us for any of the following meetings/events.

- October 1:** **Atlanta Greek Festival (September 29 - October 2). We will car pool on Oct. 1 from the church upper parking lot at 11:00 A.M. Please call Mary Stiakakis at 770-740-0127 if you would like to car pool.**
- October 15 :** **Day trip to the Diakonia Retreat Center. We will meet at the church upper parking lot at 9:00 A.M. Cost is \$35 per person (includes transportation and lunch at the center). Please call Mary Stiakakis at 770-740-0127 if you would like to ride in the van or car pool.**
- October 16:** **Cumming Greek Festival (We will meet at the festival.)**
- October 22:** **Join us at the Philoptochos Fall Fundraiser**
- November 10:** **10:00 A.M. meeting at Cathedral with their Golden Group (Carlos Hall)**
- November 12:** **10:00 A.M. breakfast meeting in PLC**
- December 10:** **Christmas Dinner/Dance at Veranda Drinks and Eats (details coming)**
- January 5-7:** **Trip to Tarpon Springs for Epiphany (Call Linda Lopos at 678-445-3556 for details.)**



Epiphany in Tarpon Springs

Celebrate Epiphany 2012 in Tarpon Springs with the Golden Group of Annunciation Cathedral and Prime Timers of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church.

Dates: January 5-7

Cost: \$240 per person (\$120 deposit due by Nov. 22)

Includes:

- Round Trip Motor Coach
 - Two (2) nights (Jan. 5 & 6) at Hampton Inn
 - Breakfast at Hampton Inn Jan. 6 & 7
- (All other meals are your responsibility.)**



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Epiphany 2012 in Tarpon Springs
January 5-7

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Phone # _____ Email _____

Deposit Amt. (\$120 per person) _____ (due by Nov. 22)

Balance (\$120 per person) due by December 15. No refunds after December 15.

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Make check payable to Golden Group and send with above reservation form to:

Mary Anne Chanos
3208 Saddleback Mtn. Rd.
Marietta, GA 30062

Questions? Call Linda Lopes at 678-445-3556 or Mary Anne Chanos at 770-565-3981.



Metropolis Family Retreat III OCTOBER 7th - 9th

Diakonia Retreat Center
Salem, South Carolina.

\$100 per Adult

\$50 per 7 - 18

Ages 6 & Under FREE

{\$300.00 maximum per family}

✧ Join us and allow the unique experience to bring joy and meaning to you and your family. ✧

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Columbus Day weekend and plan to attend the Metropolis Family Retreat III. This Fall's retreat theme is **"Strength"** allowing us the time and opportunity to strengthen our Orthodox faith and to experience our families in a unique and positive setting. All activities are designed to identify and build upon each family's strengths and to provide insight and encouragement for creative ways to meet each family's goals.

Our Metropolis Family retreats are dedicated to strengthening our faith and families through learning, discussion, relationship building, and fun that includes:

- ✧ Outdoor Adventure, canoeing and campfires
- ✧ Reflection, prayer, and amazing time together
- ✧ Nature walks and creative crafts
- ✧ Family worship, chapel services and Holy Confession

Adult and Youth workshops & discussion groups will include topics such as:

- ✧ Orthodox journey of parenting
- ✧ Identifying and strengthening family values & vision
- ✧ Strengthening relationships between parents and children with both split and combined sessions
- ✧ Being an Orthodox Youth in America
- ✧ Nightly "Hangtime" discussion groups

All retreat activities will be held on the majestic grounds of our Metropolis' Diakonia Retreat Center in Salem, South Carolina. Registration fees include all lodging, meals and retreat materials. ***Space is limited;*** to ensure a spot for you and your family, we recommend registering online at:

<https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=3107661&RF=6809041&mode=0>

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There is a maximum cap of \$300.00 registration fee per family. To receive additional information or to register for the family maximum, please contact:

Paula Marchman
Co-Chairman, Family Life Ministry
404-272-5775
paulamarchman@yahoo.com

or

+Father Gregory Georgiou
Co-Chairman, Family Life Ministry
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gregorygeorgiou@yahoo.com

By devoting a weekend solely for your family's relationships with an Orthodox focus, a greater positive impact can be accomplished. Your family can experience a renewed commitment to one another and allow your Orthodox faith to guide your family's lives. ✙



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The Family Life Ministry
seeks to serve the families of
our Metropolis through host-
ing dynamic Family Retreats,
Parish workshops for Mar-
riage and Parenting Seminars
as well as offering tools and
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Orthodox families. ✙

October 2011

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DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Oct. 2, 2011	P. Bilson/J. Tidwell	Team I	D. Botni/N. Gess	N. Barke/A. Burke
Oct. 9, 2011	M. Alberts/G. Lopos	Team II	L. Lopos/D. Macris	C. Costarides/M. Driscoll
Oct. 16, 2011	T. Isaac/R. Rogers	Team I	A. & T. Johansen	M. Eleftheriou/T. Georgacopoulos
Oct. 23, 2011	D. Dudley/C. Dunkerly	Team II	D. Bafas/K. Niarchos	N. Kakissis/E. Kay
Oct. 30, 2011	A. Tsarouhas/C. Westmoreland	Team I	L. Gormanos/A. Lerios	Tasia Kipreos/Themis Kipreos

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

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