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Marietta, GA

OCTOBER 2012



ST. DEMETRIOS THE GREAT MARTYR - OCTOBER 26

The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaïos, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Demetrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

PARISH CLERGY

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Directions to our Parish:

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

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

CHRIST IS THE ANTIDOTE!



Recently we have been hearing daily on the news of demonstrations and riots around the world concerning the offense brought to Muslims by a video and a cartoon mocking their prophet Muhammad. Muslim preachers have been rising on their pulpits and inflaming the crowds; the Muslim faithful, in turn, have been running to the streets to burn flags of countries and images of presidents they consider responsible for the offense. They have been attacking embassies and churches in retribution for the insult. Properties have been destroyed and lives have been lost in the process.

Two wrongs have happened here that do not cancel each other, but rather make our world more dangerous and sad: On the one hand, some inconsiderate people veiling themselves behind their right to "freedom of speech" grasped on the opportunity to strike at the feelings of those they know they will offend, while on the other hand, people steeped in a different way of thinking responded to the violent words with violent actions. The rest of us seem to be watching these events perplexed by the happenings.

The question I raise for those who mock the prophet of the Muslim people is, "how is the mocking of Muhammad serving the purpose either of the propagation of democracy and "free speech" in Muslim societies or the correction of the errors in Muslim beliefs"? In other words, if you really want to bring a correction to those societies that live under oppressive religious and political regimes, will you accomplish it by mocking the founder of their Faith or rather by presenting to them the alternative "Truths of Life" as offered by Christianity.

Christianity in its freeing, forgiving and loving approach is the only teaching that can counteract the legalistic, vengeful response to insult, which Muslims around the world seem to embrace. Only Christ on the Cross forgiving His crucifiers can actually strike a chord in the human heart and change the way human beings respond to abuse. Only by surrendering the ignorance of the abusers to God the Father can we find peace when we are abused (Luke 23:34).

Our modern philosophers and political leaders stand perplexed in the face of the Muslim phenomenon. They have no reasonable and clear answer to Muslim behavior, nor can they appease the fanatical crowds by apologizing for their inability to censor the press. They cannot explain to Muslims how such insensible behavior by the citizens of the "free world" are allowed. At the same time our leaders are offering this "free society" to the Muslim world and cannot understand why the Muslims do not want these kinds of freedoms. What is most puzzling to the Western observer is the violent reaction by the Muslim crowds. Are Muslims prone to violence or is there something else behind their reactions?

A simple examination of the history of Islam can quickly shed light on this "mystery": The Muslim people have their prophet Muhammad as their example and guide. Muhammad ruled by the sword during his life and took revenge against those who offended him. He led his

armies into new countries and subjugated his opponents both politically and religiously. He had no tolerance for those who rejected his teaching and authority. **"Islam" means submission and obedience to Muhammad for the acquisition of peace.** He is the center and primary pillar of the Islamic Faith. Any attack on Muhammad shakes the entire religious, political and social Islamic system at its foundation. Muhammad has to be defended for Islam to stand. Any attack on him is a threat to the existence of Islam and an offense on the believers.

Similarly, for Christians Jesus Christ is the center and the pillar of our Faith. However, there is a big difference between the life and teachings of Christ. Christ used no weapons to attack anyone and subjugated no one by force. He invited people to follow Him but forced no one to do it (Matt 16:24). He even refused to defend Himself with force and asked Peter to put his knife away (Matt 26:51-52). He preached obedience to God and avoidance of sin. He was willing to accept abuse even unto death because He had the power to defeat death and rise up again granting eternal life to humanity. Following the example of Christ, the early Christians accepted abuse at the hands of their persecutors for hundreds of years without lifting a hand to revenge the deaths of their fellow believers. They accepted the mocking of their God and looked only at His mercy and justice as retribution.

This authentic version of Christianity, as lived by Christ and His early followers, stands in utter opposition to the life and teaching of Muhammad. If we, in the West, have anything to offer to the people who live under the teachings of Muhammad it is the alternative example of Christ. **The Antidote to Muhammad is Jesus Christ.** This is the only effective approach which will liberate the Islamic people from the teachings which have led them to the behaviors we have been experiencing for the last 1400 years. Christ is the only liberator. Human armies can only cause more violent reaction and further hatred.

J Fr. Panayiotis

Anti-Islam film: Thousands protest around Muslim world

Fresh protests are taking place around the Muslim world over an amateur anti-Islam video produced in the US.

At least one protester was killed in violent protests in Pakistan and thousands attended an angry rally in the Philippines city of Marawi.

Weapons were fired and police cars torched in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah has said the US faces "very dangerous" repercussions if it allows the full video to be released.

In a rare public appearance, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah told a rally in the capital Beirut that the world did not understand the "breadth of the humiliation" caused by the "worst attack ever on Islam".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-19625167>

France in embassy alert over Prophet Muhammad cartoons

Security has been increased at France's interests abroad after a French satirical magazine published obscene cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

French embassies, consulates, cultural centres and schools in some 20 countries will be closed for the next few days as a precaution.

Government ministers voiced concern at the Charlie Hebdo cartoons but defended the freedom of the press. Riot police have been deployed around the magazine's offices in Paris.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/europe-19646748>



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

October 2012

October 1, Monday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am. Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

October 6, Saturday, NO Vespers.

October 7, Sunday. Third Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of the island of Cyprus
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 13, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 14, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Luke and of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD).
Feast of St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist (transfer from October 18).
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 20, Saturday, NO Vespers.

October 21, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

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

October 26, Friday, Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America.
Ἅγίου Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος τοῦ Μυροβλήτου.
Ὁνομαστική ἐορτή Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀμερικής κ. κ. Δημητρίου.

October 27, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

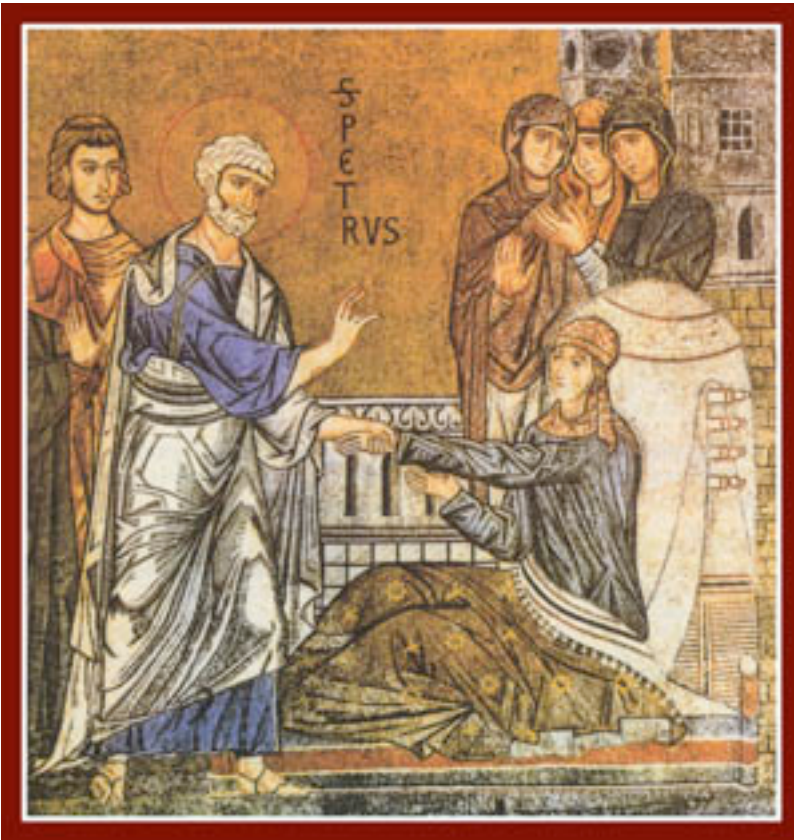
October 28, Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Luke. Second Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

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 μετά τό πέρας τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας. Ὅλοι οἱ μαθητές τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ μας σχολείου θά παρευρεθοῦν στήν τελετή αὐτή.

"You shall be holy to me; for I the LORD am holy." (Lev. 20:26)

God is calling us to become holy like He is Holy. Our Sanctuary is the place where we begin to receive God's holiness. It is in the worship services, the holy sacraments and especially in the Divine Liturgy that we receive the Grace of God, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, sanctification and holiness. When we immerse ourselves in prayer we connect with the lifeline of Eternal Life, we participate in the Kingdom of God, even in the here and now. Let's use this sacred time to make our lives holy.



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.

<http://www.comeandseeicons.com/t/pg15.htm>

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 10:30 - 12:00 am

The class began on September 22.

Tuition for the Academic Year: \$275

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ΚΑΙ Ο ΛΟΓΟΣ ΗΝ ΠΡΟΣ
ΤΟΝ ΘΕΟΝ ΚΑΙ ΘΕΟΣ
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Seeking Holiness in diverse ways

Compassion, mercy and kindness are among the main human virtues emphasized by the Church Fathers in their teaching on the spiritual life. It would not be possible for us to grow spiritually in the likeness of God unless we soften our heart and receive with mercy our brother and sister. "In my brother, I see God," was the expression used by the elders of the desert fathers. When we honor our brother and sister, we are honoring God through them. When we insult our brother or sister, we are insulting and dishonoring God in them.

"How can you dishonor your brother who shares with you from the same holy Chalice the very Body and Blood of Christ?" St. Chrysostom asks. "You become one with Christ and yet you are divided by hatred?"

In our journey to attain the holiness of God, we have one more way available to us; Compassion, mercy and kindness. Let us stay the course.

SIMPLE RULES FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN WITH CELL PHONES

1) Circumvent access to pornography at the cell phone store: You must be 18 years or older to purchase a cell phone. Make sure that if you purchase a cell phone for a child or minor in your household that you do not enable Internet access or access to content that is adult-oriented.

Check your cell phone bill: Review charges to your cell phone bill. Make sure that you are not being charged for packages or services you either do not need or did not sign up for. If you have a question about what services you have active on your phone(s), call your wireless carrier.

Get educated: Call the Department of Internet Ministries with questions or research more information online at sites such as CNet's Keeping Kids Safe Online, GetNetWise, ProtectKids, or SafeKids.com. Additionally, parishes should take an proactive role in conducting seminars for parents and GOYA members and even publishing Internet safety guides in their bulletins.

Talk about the issues: Talk about these issues with your children and even their friends' parent. Even though you may be educated, parents of your child's friends may not be; and they may have unknowingly given their children cell phones with access to pornography.

As the adoption of emerging technologies quickens, the challenges we confront as parents, clergy, and Christians will not only become greater, but they will also become more complex. For this reason, we must heed the Apostle Paul's exhortation to comfort one another and edify one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11). If we stay grounded in the message and teachings of Scripture, then we will be able to confront and overcome whatever challenges may come before us.

RAISING CHILDREN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

Fr. Panayiotis's "Recipe" of Orthodox Christian parenthood

Child bearing/rearing is one of the most noble of privileges we received from God: We have become co-creators with Him and we have the opportunity to shape the souls of our children and offer them back to God.

Through marriage we learn how to love and be loved, how to sacrifice, how to be patience, how to be humble, how to control our own urges and place the other person's needs ahead of our own.

But by having children we also complete ourselves in the image of God as Trinity. We learn how to come out of ourselves (the conditional love of the two) and learn to love the third (our children) in an unconditional way. This sharing of love is in the image of the love shared by the three persons of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Shaping our children spiritually:

We need to teach our children how to exercise self-control, how to moderate their own urges and take control over their passions.

We need to teach them the value of truthfulness, honesty, keeping of the commandments of God, chastity and purity, honor and respect. We need to help them be humble and not egotistical; help them overcome their self-centeredness and become social human beings.

We need to establish boundaries for our children so that they may learn to recognize and avoid excesses.

We need to teach them to see themselves as Temples of the Holy Spirit, so that they may treat their bodies with respect and reverence and avoid actions that will defile and desecrate this Holy Temple of their soul and body.

Prayer, fasting, Confession, almsgiving, regular attendance of church worship and participation in the Holy Sacraments (with Holy Communion at the center) are necessary ascetic practices for the building up of their souls and the establishment of their spiritual and mystical experiences with God.

The children copy us, their parents. We are the primary role models for them. We must not behave in ways we want them not to.

Finally:

Let's surrender our children to the hands of God every day in our prayers. They are His gift to us. Let's offer them back in prayer every day, asking that He may guide and protect them always.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ guide us and strengthen us to always do our best.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - OCTOBER

10/1/2012	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19	Gospel: Luke 6:24-30
10/2/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17	Gospel: Luke 6:37-45
10/3/2012	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34	Gospel: Luke 6:46-49, 7:1
10/4/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:33; 6:1-9	Gospel: Luke 7:17-30
10/5/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:18-24	Gospel: Luke 7:31-35
10/6/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 20:19-31
10/7/2012	Matins: John 20:1-10 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11
10/8/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:1-7	Gospel: Luke 7:36-50
10/9/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8
10/10/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:12-20	Gospel: Luke 8:22-25
10/11/2012	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39	Gospel: Luke 9:7-11
10/12/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:27-30; 2:1-4	Gospel: Luke 9:12-18
10/13/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3	Gospel: Luke 6:1-10
10/14/2012	Matins: John 20:11-18	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15
10/15/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12-15	Gospel: Luke 9:18-22
10/16/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:16-23	Gospel: Matthew 27:33-54
10/17/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:18-33	Gospel: Luke 9:44-50
10/18/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18	Gospel: Luke 10:16-21
10/19/2012	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21	Gospel: Luke 10:1-15
10/20/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:8-11	Gospel: Luke 7:1-10
10/21/2012	Matins: John 20:19-31 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19
10/22/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:10-23	Gospel: Luke 10:22-24
10/23/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19	Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58
10/24/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:18-23	Gospel: Luke 11:9-13
10/25/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1	Gospel: Luke 11:14-23
10/26/2012	Matins: Luke 21:12-19 Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
10/27/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:12-18	Gospel: Luke 8:16-21
10/28/2012	Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7
10/29/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:13-20	Gospel: Luke 11:29-33
10/30/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3	Gospel: Luke 11:34-41
10/31/2012	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1	Gospel: Luke 11:42-46

You Are a Member of the Church?

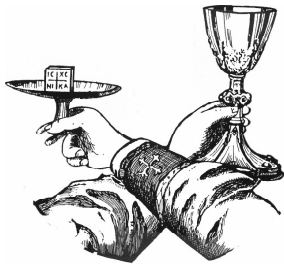
Are you a Steward also?

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

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

How can one be a member of the Parish?

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



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

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

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

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

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

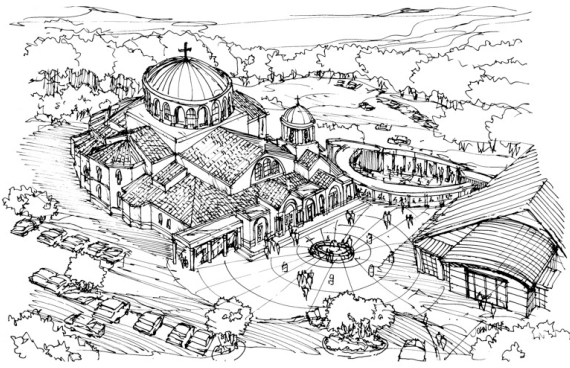
The Necessity of Stewardship

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

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

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

Have you submitted your Stewardship Form? If not, please do so today.



Come and See

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2012

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

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Total Members: 321

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Greetings from the Parish Council!

It was great seeing such a great turnout for our Homecoming Picnic on September 9th. We hope that you all enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for this event. Special thanks go to Jim Tidwell for organizing the event on behalf of the Outreach/ Welcoming Committee. If you did not get a chance to pick up the new Parish Ministry Handbook, please remember to pick one up in the Narthex or the church office. The handbook is also posted on the church website.

We had a great time at the East Cobber Parade and Festival on September 15th, where Holy Transfiguration was well represented and appreciated in the Parade, Dance performance and the Information Booth. It was amazing how many people came to talk with us at our booth about Orthodoxy, Hellenic Studies and, of course, our Festival! Our Parade participants and Dancers looked great in their traditional Greek Costumes. Miss Greece and Miss Cyprus represented us well in the cool red convertible! I would like to thank everyone who organized and participated in the event.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming **General Assembly meeting – October 21st** after Divine Liturgy in the Parish Life Center. It is especially important for you to come to this meeting as there are several items that we need to bring up to the Parish that needs your decision, particularly as it relates to the future growth of our Parish and addressing these needs. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided to make it easier for everyone to attend. Please look in your mail for the agenda and preliminary budget.

My term is ending on December 31st as will the terms of 3 other members of the Parish Council – Pete Bilson, Ellen Linebaugh and John Moustoukas. I know we have some big shoes to fill, but if you are nominated and asked to serve on the Parish Council during the General Assembly meeting, please prayerfully consider serving your church. Remember that we are ***Chosen and Appointed by God to Go and Bear Fruit***. Consider your nomination to be a testament to your commitment that you have already shown towards our Church. Although it is often hard work in our already very busy lives, it's also rewarding and inspiring to others in the Parish.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Alberts

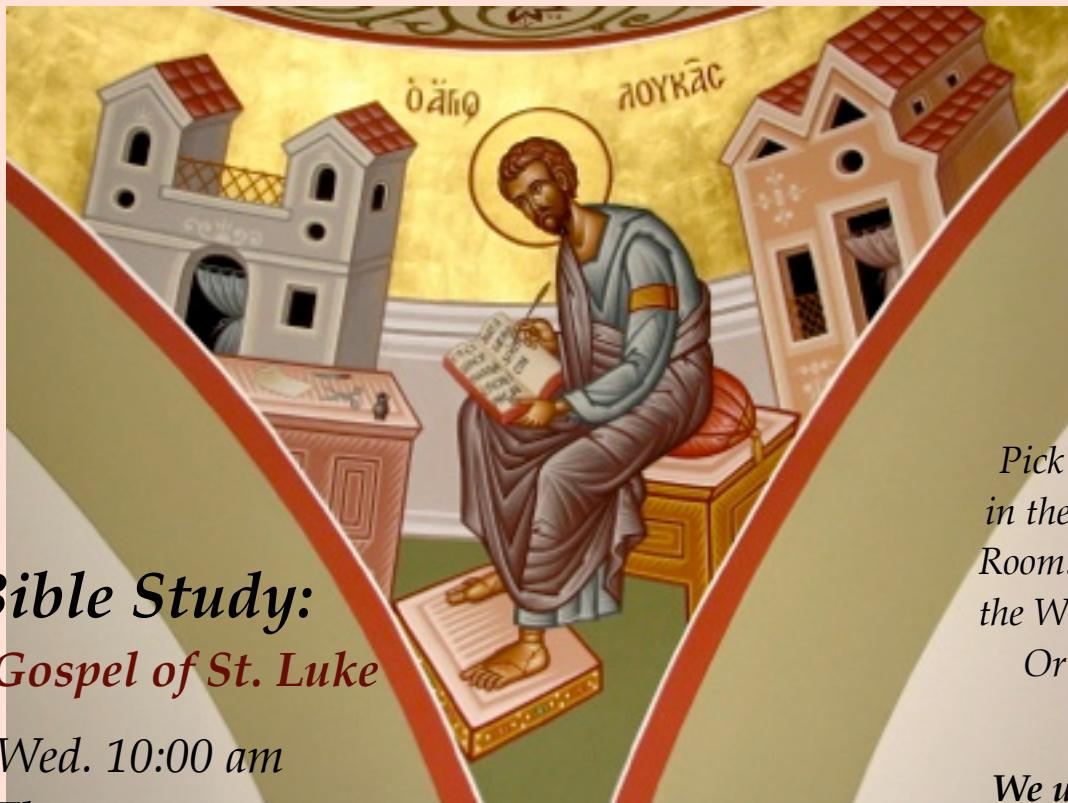


Holy Icons Enhancing our Worship

We would like to give an opportunity to all parishioners to participate in completing the first stage of the iconography of our sanctuary. Several icons are being planned including large icons of **St. Demetrios, St. Vasilios, St. Athanasios, St. Spyridon, Sts. Gregory the Theologian and Gregory of Nyssa, St. John Chrysostom, St. Cyril and St. Nicholas.**

Holy Icons are the offering of the people of God to the Glory of God; they constitute an eternal prayer from us. Through the offering of an icon we also establish a legacy for our children, grandchildren and for generations to come; we establish a connection and a continuity between them and us through the perpetuation of Orthodox Worship.

Please consider dedicating an Icon for our church. It is both a privilege and a blessing. Please speak to Fr. Panayiotis or Maria Alberts, Parish Council President.



Bible Study: ***The Gospel of St. Luke***

Wed. 10:00 am

Thurs. 7:00 pm

Starting September 19

*Pick a day and join us
in the Office Conference
Room. Read and discuss
the Word of God from an
Orthodox Patristic
Perspective!*

***We use the Orthodox
Study Bible, available
at our Bookstore.***

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB



Do you

- Enjoy reading spiritual books about the Orthodox Faith
- Like talking about what you have read
- Want to expand your knowledge about our faith

If so,

You are invited to join our Church's very own
SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

- We meet **once a month**, on a Sunday afternoon (see announcement).
- Time** : 6.30pm till 8.30pm
- Where**: At the Hall of the Church (PLC).
- Light refreshments and soft drinks will be served, as well as coffee and dessert. Members can contribute to refreshments if they so wish.

Meeting Format

- Food and fellowship for the first half hour, followed by reading and discussion.
- The discussion leader is Fr. Panayiotis, but other people present and propose themes and topics.
- Each participant should try to read as much of the assigned book as possible and bring their questions/topics or a favorite passage to talk about.

Currently

- The Book: ***Unseen Warfare***, edited by St. Nicodemus of The Holy Mountain and revised by St. Theophan the Recluse.
- **The Date of the next meeting** : Sunday, October 14, 2012

Under the guidance of a spiritual father, spiritual book clubs are a great way to enhance one's spiritual growth, challenge oneself to examine new ideas, and get to know others better on a journey where deeply personal ideas are shared and explored together.

Any questions can be directed to Fr. Panayiotis at fr.panayiotis@comcast.net or Elene Catrakilis at elenecat@yahoo.com.

Excerpt from the Book, Unseen Warfare, Chapter On Prayer:

Therefore, when you beg God to grant you something, and He is slow in hearing you, continue to pray keeping firm trust in His help alive in your heart. . . . If you do not receive what you ask, believe that you are receiving or will receive another good in its place. . . . For when He gives, and when He does not give, He does it for your good. (page 204)

BOOK REVIEW

The Book: *Unseen Warfare*, edited by St. Nicodemus of The Holy Mountain and revised by St. Theophan the Recluse.

If anyone has found themselves lately wondering “what is going on in the world?” or “has the whole world gone mad?” then I urge you to do yourself a favor and get hold of a copy of this book.

This book is like a handbook that teaches us not about “the art of visible and sensory warfare and not about visible, bodily enemies but about the unseen and inner struggle, which every Christian undertakes from the moment of his baptism when he makes a vow to God to fight for Him.”

It’s a very difficult thing to fight an invisible enemy. If you don’t understand who or what your enemy is, and you don’t know from which side the next blow is going to come from, how are you going to protect yourself or fight back? It’s worse than trying to fight al-Qaeda.

In the world in which we live today, we are doing ourselves a disservice if we do not try to arm ourselves in the fight to save our souls. It would be something like sitting on the sidelines in a war zone, getting shot at from every angle, and doing nothing.

Is this an easy book to read? No. Are the weapons with which we are urged to arm ourselves easy to acquire? No. For example, we are told that our helmet is total disbelief in ourselves and complete absence of self-reliance. This is contrary to what modern society teaches and therefore hard for us to swallow. But the book reminds us that in the battle, our Commander-in-Chief is our Lord Jesus Christ. What more encouragement do we need?

We have just recently watched the Olympic games. Think about how hard those athletes consistently train and abstain from all things which might harm their performance. They do this to win a gold medal which can easily be lost or stolen. When it comes to our spiritual lives, we have been given an opportunity through Christ to receive an incorruptible gold crown in the kingdom of heaven which cannot be lost or stolen. Yet we spend our lives in negligence and carelessness because it’s hard for us to maintain the effort that is required in order to be a true Christian.

This book “combines the insights of West and East on that spiritual combat which is the road to perfection and the stripping away of all that militates against it.” I cannot recommend it highly enough. Try to get a copy from our Book Store, and even if you cannot make it to our next Spiritual Book Club on October 14, it doesn’t matter. Once you have read the book, you are going to want to talk about it. You can speak to Fr. Panayiotis about it at any time. You can even start a conversation about it with members of your church family whom you know have already read it. It is the type of book that will make you want to share your thoughts and reactions with others.



Elene Catrakilis

Note: This book is available in the Church Bookstore.

PICTURES FROM THE EAST COBBER PARADE AND FESTIVAL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& *HONOR*

Irene Ceisel and Brian Baleno - Sept. 15, 2012
Renee Johnson and George Lisgaris - Sept. 29, 2012



Sunday, October 21st
Parish Life Center, following the Liturgy.

All members in good standing please plan to attend. We have much to discuss: Budget for 2013, facility development, parish consecration, PC elections.

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

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!



Sunday, Oct. 7
Tuesday, Oct. 8
Thursday, Oct. 25

AHEPA Coffee Hour-PLC
Fun meeting-Paradise Grill, 6:30 pm
Chapter 1 Scholarship Dinner

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

UPDATE ON THE PEW FUND

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We have completed the installation of pews in our sanctuary, and we are still planning to install appropriate seating in the choir area and purchase some chairs. Both will compliment the pew design and complete the seating needs of the sanctuary. We hope to have all of this completed by late fall. To date, we have spent **\$87,373.32**, and we have raised **\$74,375.00**. Pledges towards the total campaign are now at **\$85,700.00**. When all is complete, we expect to have spent **\$100,000** which was our initial projection.

As you can see, the pledged amount of \$85,700.00 will not cover the total campaign amount of \$100,000. We have a short fall of **\$14,300**. If you have not made a pledge to this campaign, please do so if you are able. We are all enjoying the pews, and it would be great if we all contributed.

In His service,

Jimmy Carlos and Alex Miltiades

GOYA in October



On Saturday, October 6th, GOYA will attend the Greek festival of Annunciation Cathedral. For more information on the time of our visit, or to arrange a ride, please contact Katie Jacobs, or Evans or Ensley Nichols. We hope you'll come out for a great time and to support our sister parish!

On Saturday, October 27th, GOYA will serve at the annual Philoptochos fundraising event. Please let Katie, Evans, or Ensley know if you are planning to come and serve.



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

October 3 rd	Blind  Games
October 10 th	
October 17 th	Fire  Pit
October 24 th	Pumpkin  Carving
October 31 st	<i>Apologia</i> , part 2

Homecoming



Above: Fr. Panayiotis and Fr. George preside at an *agiasmos* (blessing of the waters) for the beginning of the catechetical program. Below: Yianni, Alex, and Gabriel participate in the homecoming picnic festivities.





A special announcement from Hellenic Studies...

The 2012-2013 school year is off to a fantastic start! We are excited to announce that enrollment in our program continues to grow. We look forward to another exiting year of learning!

It is not too late to enroll... If you are interested in enrolling in Youth, Adult (Beginner/Beginner+/Conversational) and Adult (Biblical) Greek classes – please contact Eleni Clement at:

eleni@mindspring.com



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SAVE THE DATE!

Please *save the date* of **Sunday, October 28th**

The Hellenic Studies program will be hosting
Coffee Hour in the Parish Life Center in honor of
“OXI Day”

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy,
Fr. Panayiotis will offer a special Doxology

We hope you will join us in commemorating a
significant day in the history of our homeland.



MISSIONS NEWS

A Meal with the Macdonalds

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Mark your calendars for the **Radio Mystery Dinner Theater** on **October 27th**! Tickets are \$35 per person – come join us in the PLC at 6:30pm for an exciting evening. Please visit the Philoptochos table in the PLC to purchase tickets and make reservations. Tickets for valuable prize drawings are now available for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Prizes are as follows: first prize, the new Apple iPad with wi-fi; second prize, Bose portable docking system including carrying case; third prize, 8 GB iPod Nano with waterproof arm band. Also...we need volunteers to help in the following areas: building sets, props, sound effects, light boxes and platforms, costume design, photography and videography, singers and show board. Contact Philoptochos' Fall Fundraiser Chairs, Linda Lopos and Pat Koutouzis for more details.

The next **Board Meeting** will be held **October 15** in the OCR at 7 pm.

There will be a **General Meeting, October 22** in the PLC. Leslie Hansard will be our speaker – she will share her experiences from her recent mission trip to Moldova.

Soup Kitchen for October is on the **25th**. Anyone who would care to help prepare food, serve or make a monetary donation, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or 770.973.3111.

Join us for **Book Club** on **October 25, 6:30 pm** at the home of Jeannie Paxten. The book is *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.

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

PanOrthodox Women's Retreat, Saturday October 20, 2012

St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church

925 Beaver Ruin Rd. Norcross GA

A Christian Ending to Our Lives

Retreat Leaders: Mat. Elizabeth and Dn Mark Barna

Authors of *A Christian Ending*

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by retreat presentations

How can a Christian community redeem the process of death and burial to more fully realize the grace and love of God within our church family and witness to it in the wider community? The vast majority of people die at home or in the hospital. As difficult as it is, this is an opportunity, our last opportunity, to show true Christian charity and love to our deceased brother or sister in Christ. In these sessions Mat. Elizabeth and Deacon Mark will discuss practical steps believing Christians can take to ease the passing of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. What is death? How should Christians think about it? What can we do to prepare legally, practically and spiritually for the one event all people have in common, our death.

A death in the Church is a death in the family. When a loved one dies we have many options available to us. One of those options is to handle the funeral and burial in the same way that Christians have done since the very beginning. In the State of Georgia it is perfectly legal for churches and families to bury their own dead without the assistance of a professional funeral director. In this final session, Deacon Mark and Mat. Elizabeth will share their experiences and the procedures they have used many times to care for the bodies of deceased family, friends and complete strangers from the moment of death until sealing the grave.

To reserve your place, please contact Anya Gill at anyagill@yahoo.com or call 404-218-3588. Please bring a potluck dish to share; cost: free will offering.



Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos Society
Presents



Holy Trans Radio Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 27, 2012

6:30—11:00 P.M.
("On Air" time begins 7 P.M.)

Parish Life Center

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
3431 Trickum Rd.
Marietta, GA

\$35.00 per person (Includes appetizers, dinner, dessert,
non-alcoholic beverage)

Cash Bar

Valuable Prize Drawings

Limited Seating

Purchase tickets by October 21, 2012

Proceeds to benefit:

- **Philoptochos Social Services**
- **HTGOC (our parish) Seminarians**
- **Andrew C. Carlos Multiple Sclerosis Institute at Shepherd**

For more information, contact:

Pat Koutouzis: 404-542-1924

Linda Lopos: 678-445-3556



HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

VETERANS WALL OF GRATITUDE

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

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

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

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

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

Please list:

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

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

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

CONSECRATION OF OUR SANCTUARY

April 26-27, 2013

As we all are starting to prepare for a new Ecclesiastical Year, there is a small but hard working core group of people who are already planning and looking ahead to April of 2013. That's when we will celebrate the once in a lifetime event of the life of our church...its Consecration.

The Consecration is when the relics of a saint(s) are placed into the altar table during the service and the altar, the church building, and the ground it sits on are blessed and forever made hallowed. This happens once in the life of a church, and many people never have the opportunity to witness it.

It will be an honor and a blessing for us to see and experience it. How fitting for us to all work together for our church, as we ARE the church!

In the next few months, we will be looking for more support. You may be approached to help with the event, or you may wish to volunteer to help with it. Please prayerfully consider working alongside one another to make this a truly memorable time in the life of Holy Transfiguration.

Thank you and I look forward to working with all of you!

Ellen Linebaugh
Consecration Chair



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October 2012

- Sacraments
- US Holidays
- Social Events /Rentals
- Ministry Meetings
- Divine Services

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September 2012	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Second Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Philoptochos 1:00 PM Adult Men's Bas- and 2 more...	1 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water; Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos. 7:00 PM Facilities Planning Meeting	2 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy	3 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	4 Atlanta Greek Festival 7:00 PM Bible Study	5 5:00 PM Harrah/Paris Wedding Rehearsal	6 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 2:00 PM Harrah/Paris Wedding 4:00 PM Harrah/Paris Wedding Reception
Atlanta Greek Festival Third Sunday...nd of Cyprus. 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A 5 year Memorial 12:00 PM Church Library and 6 more...	8 Columbus Day	9 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy	10 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	11 5:00 PM Williams/Lambert Wedding Reception 7:00 PM Bible Study	12 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers	13 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Fourth Sund...rom Oct. 18). 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Costarides Cof- 1:00 PM Phoenix/Elftheria 1:00 PM Adult Men's Bas- and 2 more...	15 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	16 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy	17 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	18 7:00 PM Bible Study	19 Cumming Greek Festival	20 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 12:00 PM Pentzakis Baptism (Evangelia) 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 7:00 PM Philoptochos Show
Cumming Greek Festival Sixth Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Parish Assembly	22 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting	23 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy 7:00 PM Philoptochos Show Rehearsal	24 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos Show Rehearsal	25 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Demetrios 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 7:00 PM Bible Study	26 Feast of St...rios the Martyr 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	27 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:30 PM Philoptochos Fundraiser
Seventh Sun...okos; OXI Day 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:30 PM OXI Day--Hellenic 1:00 PM Elftheria Dance 1:00 PM Adult Men's Bas- 2:30 PM Senior Boys' Bas- 3:45 PM Junior Boys' Bas-	29 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy	30 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro. to Orthodoxy	31 Halloween 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	1 7:00 PM Bible Study	2 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 12:30 PM MacDonald OCMC Mission Visit 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers	3 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 12:30 PM MacDonald OCMC Mission Visit 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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Oct. 21, 2012	J. Moustoukas/A. Tsarouhas	Team II	N. Gess/L. Sampanes	TBA
Oct. 28, 2012	E. Linebaugh/J. Tidwell	Team I	R. Peppas	TBA

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