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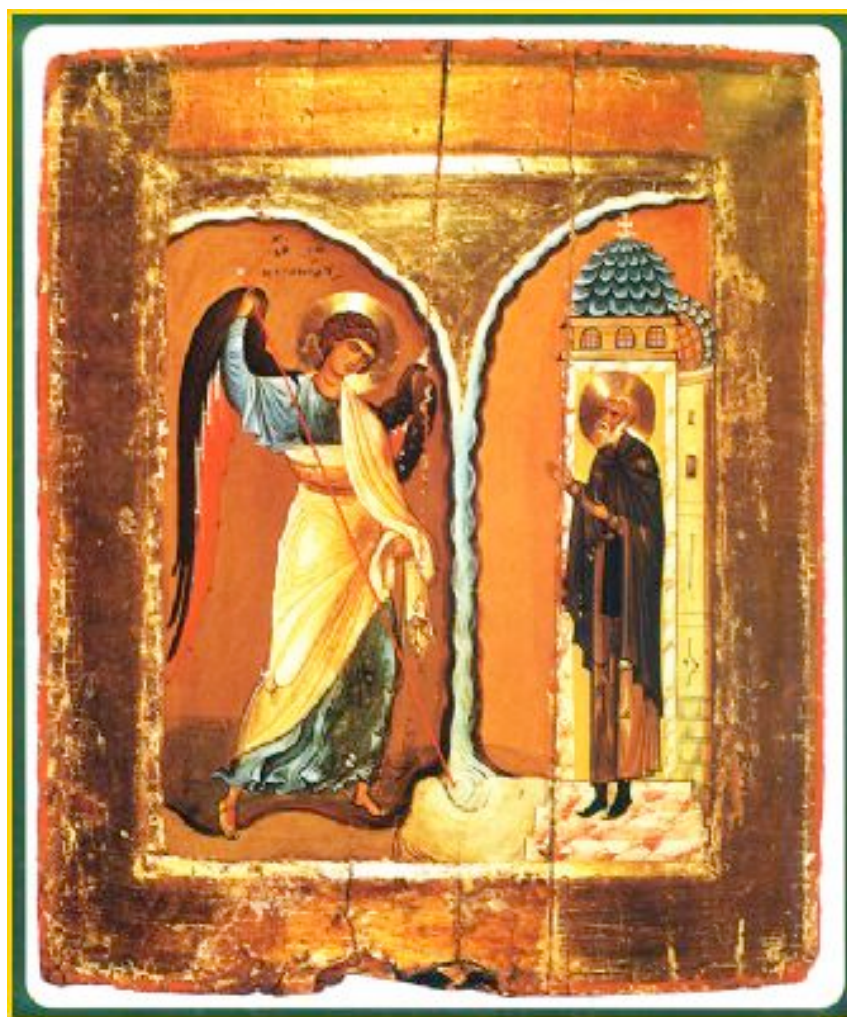
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Marietta, GA

SEPTEMBER 2013



The Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae

Kontakion in the Second Tone

O Michael, who stands altogether radiant before the Trinity together with all the heavenly Hosts, and with them you cry aloud the song inspired of God: As you pass throughout the earth by God's command and are made wondrous with exceedingly great marvels, cease not to intercede for us all.

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

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

"Holiness befits thy house, O LORD, for evermore." (Psa. 93:5)



Dear friends and parishioners,

We now live in the after-effects of the consecration of our sanctuary. We have dedicated it to God in a very special way. We have sanctified it through prayer and anointing, and most especially through the sacred relics of His martyrs which are now permanently buried in the Holy Altar Table. Every time we enter the church, we are entering dedicated, sacred, holy space. We are standing on holy ground. Let's absorb this sacredness; allow ourselves to be infused with God's Grace.

What else is there for us to do now? Simply put, it is time to also sanctify ourselves through a life acceptable to Him. We should become holy as God is holy: *"Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body*

and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God." (2Cor. 7:1) *"For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness."* (1Th. 4:7)

Our personal holiness is what proclaims God's Love and Power. It is through us that God is honored and glorified. It is through us that His light shines in this world to illuminate those who are still in darkness. His holiness is available to us as we join at every Divine Liturgy. His Grace and power comes to us every time we honor Him with our good works.

The Summer activities and vacations are over. A new Ecclesiastical Year begins on September 1st. The schools are now open, the Ministries of the parish are re-energized. This is a good time for new resolutions with respect to our spiritual life. I would ask that each one of us makes a New Year's resolution, a commitment to try to improve our spiritual standing in front of God by doing the following:

1. Spend a few more minutes in prayer every day. (If you need a prayer book or help with how to pray, please feel free to ask me for guidance).
2. Spend a few minutes reading the Biblical Readings of the Day (again, help is available).
3. Pick up a spiritual book from the list available at the Bookstore and/or Library and get inspired by the lives and wisdom of the Fathers and Mothers of the Church.
4. Make an effort to attend Divine Liturgy from the beginning at 10:00 am.
5. Make an effort to attend the Orthros Service on Sunday at least once a month.
6. Make an effort to attend the Great Vespers Service on Saturday at least once a month.

God is waiting to shower you with His Grace. The ball is now in your court. Your positive response is expected for the process to begin.

Let us strive for peace with ourselves and with God. Let us *"Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."* (Heb. 12:14)

Happy, Blessed and Holy Ecclesiastical New Year!

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

September 2013

September 1, Sunday, Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year. Sunday of prayer for the Environment.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

September 7, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos 5:00 pm

September 8, Sunday, The Nativity of the Theotokos.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

September 13, Friday, Great Vespers for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross 6:00 pm

September 14, Saturday, The Universal Elevation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Strict Fast, Oil or wine are allowed because of the weekend.
Evening: NO Great Vespers today

September 15, Sunday, Sunday after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Artoclasia for Feast of St. Euphemia (September 16), after Divine Liturgy (Philoptochos)

September 21, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 22, Sunday, First Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

September 28, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 29, Sunday, Second Sunday of Luke
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

TRUSTING IN GOD

In every Divine Liturgy the priest concludes every set of petitions with the following invocation:

"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life unto Christ our God."

This is what we are all called to do on a daily basis; surrender to God, trusting that He loves us and will do for us whatever is best for us.

No matter how much money and "things" we accumulate we cannot attain the Joy or the Blessedness of the Kingdom of God. That is only attained spiritually.

Again and again, let us surrender ourselves and all we have to God's Love and Mercy!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

October 2013

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

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

October 6, Sunday. Third Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Feast of all the Saints of Cyprus.

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

October 12, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 13, 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 19, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 20, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke. Translation of his relics of St. Gerasimos of Kefalonia.

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

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

October 25-26, Friday-Saturday, Overnight Vigil for the Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr.

Friday Evening: Great Vespers 9:00 pm followed by Orthros and Divine Liturgy (to finish after midnight). *A light reception will follow in the hall of the Church.*

Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America.

Ἅγίου Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος τοῦ Μυροβλήτου.

Ὁνομαστική ἑορτή Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀμερικῆς κ. κ. Δημητρίου.

October 26, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 27, Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Prokle, wife of Pontious Pilate.

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

ON HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE

Humility should not be confused with weakness of mind. It is, rather, the desire to not be arrogant. Humility is exhibited when one lowers himself in order to help the other climb higher. It is the act of helping others improve themselves by accepting them where they are and lifting them up.

The Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae

Commemorated on September 6

In Phrygia, not far from the city of Hieropolis, in a place called Colossae, there was a church dedicated to the Archangel Michael, near which flowed a holy spring. This church was built by a resident of the city of Laodicia in gratitude to God and the Archangel Michael for healing his mute daughter. The holy Archangel Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl did receive healing at the spring and began to speak. After this miracle, the father and his daughter with all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built a church in honor of the holy Archangel Michael. Both Christians and pagans begin to come to the spring for healing and many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to faith in Christ.

At this church of the holy Archangel Michael, a pious man, Archippus, served for sixty years as the church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his God-pleasing life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. Other pagans who hated Christians in general and especially hated Archippus plotted to destroy the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time to kill Archippus.

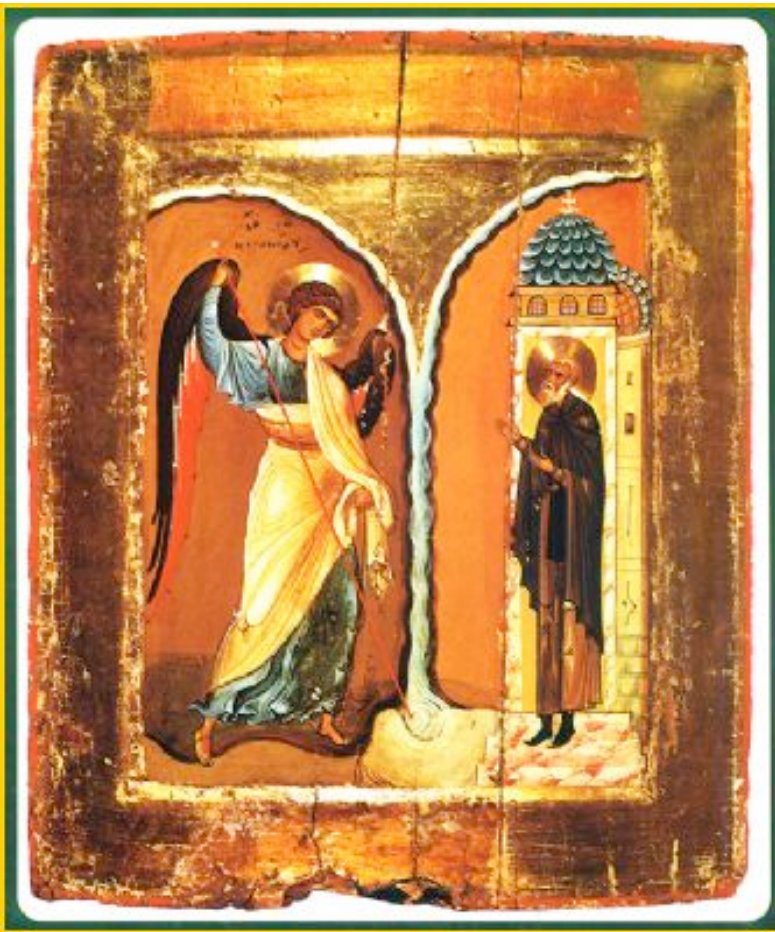
To this end they diverted two rivers and directed their combined flow against the church. Archippus prayed fervently to the Archangel Michael asking him to ward off the danger threatening the church and holy spring. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared near the church, and by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course, thus the church remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in the church, glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael for his help. The place where the rivers plunged into a fissure received the name "Chonae", which means "funnels" in Greek.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

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

Kontakion in the Second Tone

O Michael, who stands altogether radiant before the Trinity together with all the heavenly Hosts, and with them you cry aloud the song inspired of God: As you pass throughout the earth by God's command and are made wondrous with exceedingly great marvels, cease not to intercede for us all.



The Mission Statement of our Parish

Our Parish is the local eucharistic community of the Church in this locality;

The aims and purposes of our Parish are to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled.

The diakonia (ministry) of the Parish includes proclaiming and teaching the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the other sacraments; enhancing its parishioners' spiritual life; and adding to the numbers of the faithful by receiving persons into the Church through instruction, Baptism and/or Chrismation. In addition, the Parish has established educational and philanthropic activities to foster the aims and mission of the Parish and to edify its parishioners in the Faith and ethos of the Church.

The ultimate goal of our Parish is to lead its members into the Kingdom of God.

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

The Practice of "Confession" In the Bible

Old Testament

"He shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong." Num. 5:7

"Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners, and they stood and confessed their sins and the guilt of their fathers. While they stood in their places, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day and spent another fourth of the day in confession and worship of the LORD their God." Nehemiah 9:2-3

New Testament

"Confessing their sins, they were baptized by John in the Jordan River." Matthew 3:6

"And there went out unto John all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized by him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins." Mark 1:5

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

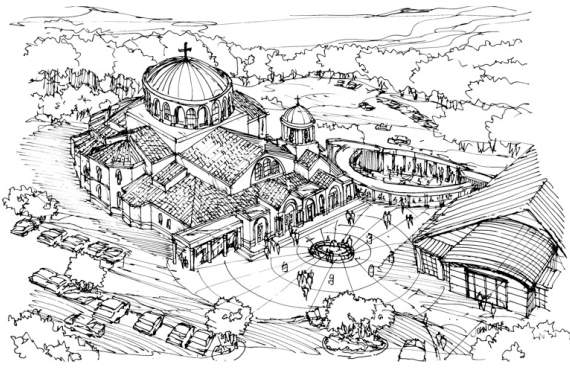
"Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices." Acts 19:18

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - SEPTEMBER

9/1/2013	Matins: John 21:1-14	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7	Gospel: Luke 4:16-22
9/2/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:3-15	Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22	
9/3/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3	Gospel: Matthew 23:23-28	
9/4/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:4-11	Gospel: Matthew 23:29-39	
9/5/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:1-12	Gospel: Matthew 23:29-39	
9/6/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10	Gospel: Luke 10:16-21	
9/7/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:6-9	Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1	
9/8/2013	Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: John 3:13-17	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18	
9/9/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27	Gospel: Luke 8:16-21	
9/10/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:15-21	Gospel: John 3:16-21	
9/11/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:11-16	Gospel: John 12:19-36	
9/12/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 7:1-10	Gospel: John 11:47-54	
9/13/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:1-4	Gospel: John 12:25-36	
9/14/2013	Matins: John 12:28-36 Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24	
9/15/2013	Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20	
9/16/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10	Gospel: Luke 7:36-50	
9/17/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:16-24; 9:1-5	Gospel: Luke 3:23-38, 4:1	
9/18/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7	Gospel: Luke 4:1-15	
9/19/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:7-18	Gospel: Luke 4:16-22	
9/20/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17	Gospel: Luke 21:12-19	
9/21/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5	Gospel: John 8:21-30	
9/22/2013	Matins: Mark 16:1-8 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24	
9/23/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27	Gospel: Luke 1:5-25	
9/24/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15	Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	
9/25/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 13:3-13	Gospel: Luke 5:33-39	
9/26/2013	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: John 19:25-27; 21:24-25	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 4:12-19	
9/27/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:6-10	Gospel: Luke 6:17-23	
9/28/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Gospel: Luke 6:17-23	
9/29/2013	Matins: Mark 16:9-20 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4	
9/30/2013	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24	Gospel: Matthew 24:42-47	



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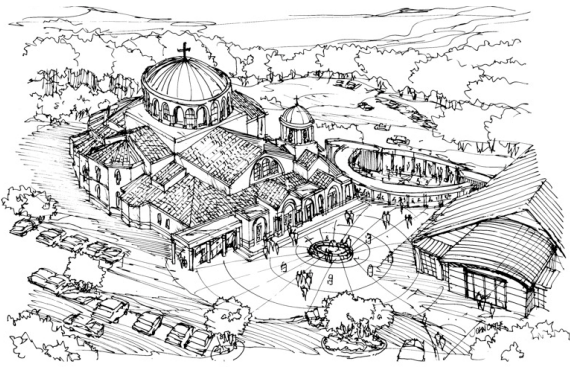
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Mr. & Mrs. Manning Smith

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Mrs. Vasiliki Smith
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Mr. Dimitri Soulios
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sprouse
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Starks
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas
Mrs. Mary Stiakakis
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Mr. & Mrs. Stoyan Sugarliev
Mr. & Mrs. Zacharias Taouschiani
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Tassopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Teague
Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Teodorescu
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Thorne
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tidwell
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tiller
Mr. Steve Tingas
Ms. Maria Tingas
Mr. & Mrs. Lenny Trovato
Mr. Athan Tsarouhas
Mr. & Mrs. Diamandis Tsiernikas
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tucker
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Turner
Ms. Christina Tzortzinakis
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos
Mr. & Mrs. George Vachtsevanos
Ms. Becky Valagohar
Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis
Ms. Maria Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Theodoros Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Vaio Vlachos
Dr. Phillip Vodas
Mr. Tim Vouloupos
Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Wagner
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Westmoreland
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Woodall
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wysmierski
Ms. Peggy Yeotis
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Mr. Basile Zafiroulis
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala

Total Members: 316

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Thomas Carra - July 6, 2013
Maria Cosentino - July 14, 2013
Levi Pethel - July 27, 2013
Evangeline Rogers - August 3, 2013
Nikolas Kelivanov - August 15, 2013



CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR

Robert Shelnutt, Jr. and Joanna Grigoriadis - August 25, 2013

Constantine Seraphim - July 3, 2013
John Vacratsas - July 24, 2013



Save the Date!

Sunday, September 8th!!
(following the Liturgy)



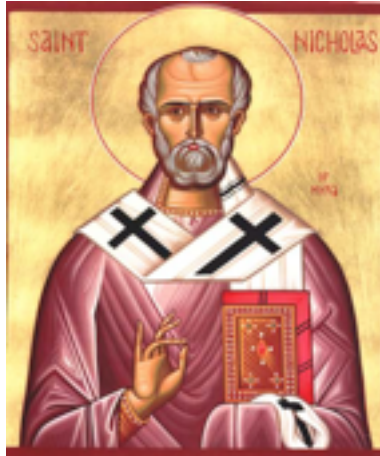
Homecoming
Picnic



Have you registered? Be sure to sign up your family for Catechism, HOPE/JOY, GOYA, Hellenic Dance or Hellenic Studies. And because each ministry needs volunteers to assist throughout the year...please volunteer to help out!

Also, plan to join Bible Study, Introduction to Orthodoxy, and Spiritual Book Club to learn more about our Orthodox faith!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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

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

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

VENDORS: If you are interested in having a table in the PLC, please
contact Mary Miltiades at [404/626-5111](tel:4046265111) or marymiltiades@gmail.com
Marty Driscoll at [770/977-0467](tel:7709770467) or martydriscoll@bellsouth.net



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

Upcoming Event--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL THE MEN OF OUR PARISH TO OUR
FALL KICK OFF!!!**

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM in the Parish Life Center

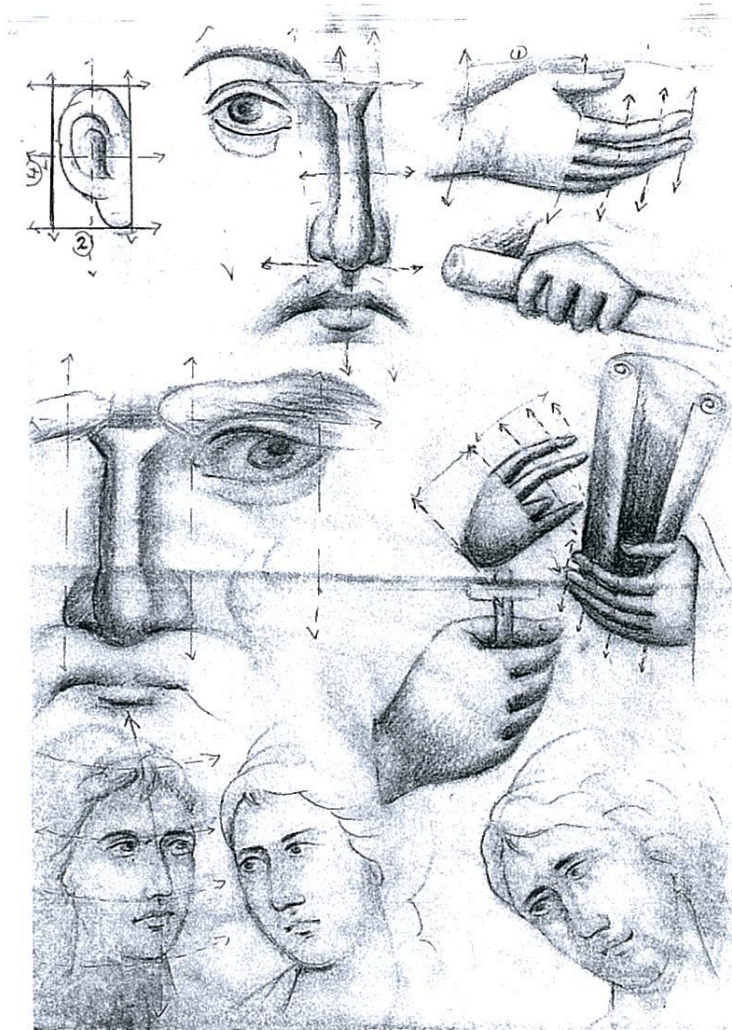
Our chapter will resume our regular monthly meeting schedule in September. This will be our traditional grilled steak dinner. We will lay out our plans for the coming year to continue to strengthen our brotherhood and fellowship. Is something missing in your life? We are a Christian organization that meets monthly for fellowship and fun based on the ideals of AHEPA: Civic Responsibility, Education, Individual & Family Excellence, Philanthropy, and Hellenism. We are known for our scholarships, but are also becoming known as a men's group that enjoys each other's friendship and support. Join us!

Congratulations to our 6 college students who were awarded district scholarships: **Melina Blasetti, Alexa Jacobs, Alexandra Lilly, Kathryn Jacobs, Sophia Linebaugh, and Victoria Tidwell.**

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

BYZANTINE ICONOGRAPHY LESSONS

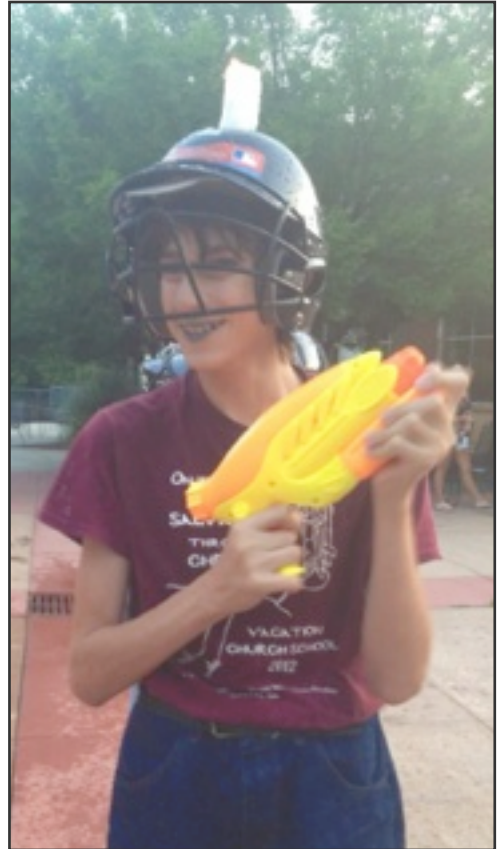


COME AND LEARN ALL ABOUT BYZANTINE ICONOGRAPHY. MEANING OF ICONS, SYMBOLISM, TECHNIQUES IN ICONOGRAPHY. LEARN TO DRAW AND PAINT AN ICON. LESSONS FOR EVERYONE BIG AND SMALL. COME AND HAVE FUN. LESSONS COST \$250. 2 HOURS ONCE A WEEK, FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL MAY.

For more information please contact Aristidis Kovaci or Joann Polos. At 404-552-1295 or 770-656-3442

jo.320@hotmail.com kovaciart@hotmail.com Or see table in plc for registration

GOYA Summer Fun



Special thanks to Catherine Adamson, our GOYA historian, for providing these photographs!

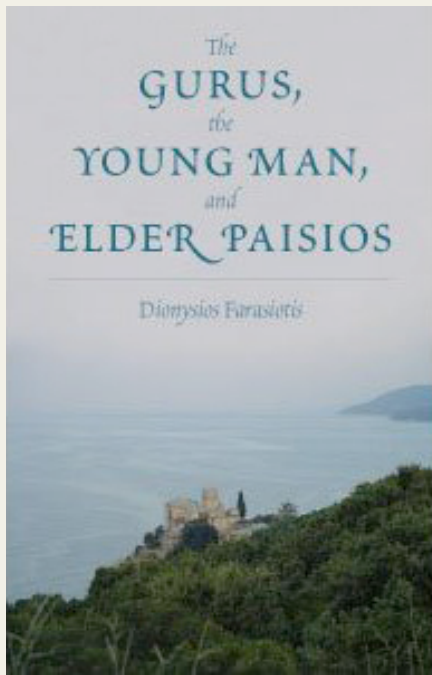


St. Stephen's Summer Camp



LIBRARY NEWS

GREAT READS FROM THE SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB



THE GURU, THE YOUNG MAN,
AND ELDER PAISIOS

The Guru, the Young Man, and Elder Paisios

- powerful memoir about a Greek youth who, out of a desire to know the truth empirically, experimented in yoga and the occult. Drawn back to Orthodox Christianity, he visited the saintly Elder Paisios and was brought to a knowledge of the Truth of Jesus Christ.

The Life of St. Anthony

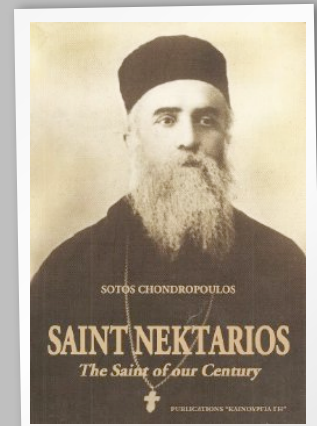
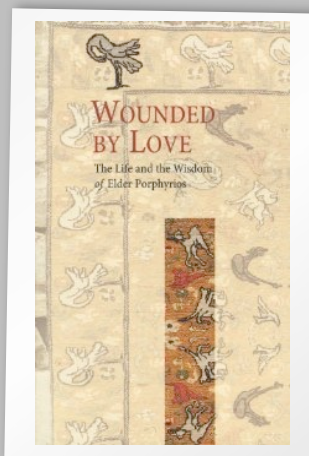
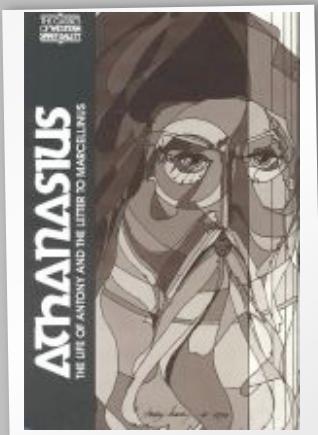
- the life of Saint Anthony the Great, with a vivid description of his spiritual struggle in the Egyptian desert.

Wounded by Love

- amazing biography about Elder Porphyrios, filled with his love and wisdom.

Saint Nektarios: The Saint of Our Century

- wonderful biography about St. Nektarios, from his childhood to his life on the island of Aegina. Through the saint's many struggles we're offered lessons on love, humility, and patience.



MISSIONS

I wanted to take an opportunity to thank my Holy Transfiguration family for your incredible support throughout this past year in raising funds for my recent trip to Moldova. My return to the country I love so much has been such a blessing to me, and it could not have happened without you. I am truly humbled by the amount of supporters I received this year, both monetarily and prayerfully. Please keep Christina Semon, the long-term OCMC missionary, in your prayers as she will be leaving Moldova and giving the task of continuing to develop and grow the summer youth camp and other social service programs to the Moldovan people. I also ask that you keep Father Sergiu, his wife Mariana, and daughter Mirela in your prayers as they have been a very active and dynamic part of this process. I pray for another opportunity to return to Moldova next year, and I thank you again for your tremendous generosity and support. I consider myself very blessed to call this parish my home.

Leslie Hansard, M.Ed.
Spanish 2, 3H, & 4H Teacher
Cass High School

As I reflect on my second period of time spent in Moldova, I am reminded how wonderful it feels to belong. Throughout those two weeks, I was greeted with hugs and smiles from the counselors who I had previously worked with as well as many of the same campers. Their response to me was always warm and welcoming, pleasantly surprised that I had fulfilled my promise to them to return and work alongside them to continue building a stronger youth program in Moldova. This place has become like home to me, a place where I will always be welcome and where I will always belong.

I was blessed by many encounters with the people of Moldova, and I was struck most by a comment made by a fellow counselor, Raj. He expressed how wonderful he thought it was that as Americans, we use our money to help others instead of buying expensive things for ourselves, like cars. I remember sitting there incredulous at the words he had spoken. My first thought was to laugh and tell him how incredibly wrong he was, that we are often much more concerned with buying ourselves trendy clothes, fast cars, and the latest version of the iPhone. Instead, I thought what a beautiful opportunity this was for us to do Christ's work in a part of the world that was willing to listen and a reminder of what our lives are supposed to be about: living as a selfless servant prepared to go wherever led to help those in need.

In His Great Commission, Christ commanded His followers to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Over 4.8 billion people in this world still have not heard of the hope and love that comes from knowing Jesus Christ. Even among those who are already our brothers and sisters in Christ, many face extreme poverty, famine, and war. Christ does not ask us to go and serve; he commands us.

Our team was given a lot of trust and consideration from the beginning simply because of the country we were from. We always felt welcome and were often looked to as leaders. When we spoke, people listened with interest and respect. We come from a nation that has been given a favored position among many, and we should use that immense privilege and strong voice to help and serve others throughout the world.

The youth camp in which I worked this year was successful in its purpose: to bring youth from around Moldova together in order to build meaningful relationships with them and to surround them with the love and feeling of peace that comes from their faith. The day we left camp, I looked around to see many of the youth crying, tears streaming down their face, at the thought of leaving the family they had formed in the past five days. It was both heartbreaking and satisfying to realize that these youth had formed such close bonds with each other that it had become extremely painful to be torn apart. We said our heartfelt goodbyes, and I was reminded again of what Raj had said. Our calling is to love unconditionally and to give generously. We were instructed to follow Him with unfailing faith and to spread His steadfast love throughout the world. It is only through this sacrifice that we will find a sense of belonging and true home among those whom He calls His children.

MISSIONS



Clockwise - Raj, OCMC Group,
Camp Group



Online Church Calendar

It is now possible to view the times and dates for upcoming divine services, ministry meetings, and sacraments on the parish website. To access the calendar, simply open your internet browser, go to the parish website (holytrans.org), and click on the “Calendar” link in the middle of the first row of links in the banner.



Calendar Click on these buttons to view past and future events. Choose the calendar view you prefer by clicking on the different tabs.

Divine Services

Today June 2013

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30am Orthros 11:30am A six month Men +2 more			7pm GOYA Meeting	6:30pm Philoptochos Boo 6:15pm Chechopoulos/St		3:30pm Chechopoulos/St
Sunday of the Samarit 8:30am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy +2 more		10:30am Prime Timers' B	7:30pm GOYA Senior Gal		7pm Tsarouhas Wedding	4:30pm Nikki Tsarouhas '
Sunday of the Blind Ma 8:30am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	Church Day Camp		6:30pm Festival Re-Cap 7pm GOYA End-of-Year I	6pm Great Vespers for t	The Ascension of the L 8am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy	
Sunday of the 318 Holy 8:30am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 11:45am Oath of Office-P	7pm Philoptochos Board		7pm GOYA Meeting 7pm Facilities Meeting			Saturday of the Souls 10am Divine Liturgy

How can you use the online calendar?

- To plan for sacraments you anticipate (baptisms, weddings, etc.)
- To integrate the church calendar with other online calendars you have
- To plan to attend divine services
- For ministry leaders: to plan upcoming ministry events or activities



To All Parishioners:

Thank you again to those who volunteered during our recent Marietta Greek Festival. Hopefully, I have seen most of you and thanked you personally. I also hope you have all had a chance to recover and catch up on your other responsibilities over the past three months.

Final Festival results have been compiled. As you might expect, the threat of rain on Saturday and downpour on Sunday of the Festival hurt attendance. We hosted a total of 10,352 guests over the weekend, down from a record 16,670 last year. But, although the weather did not cooperate as we would have liked, this year's Festival showed a profit to the church of \$103,631 on gross sales of approximately \$281,000. As in past years, \$15,000 of this net profit will be paid to the church operating fund to cover incurred costs such as utilities, repairs, cleaning, etc.

We should all be proud of the financial success of the Festival despite less than ideal weather conditions. But, the Festival was also a success in many other respects. A record 3100 of our attendees took advantage of our sanctuary tour. Our new Greek Yogurt and Greek Fries booths had mixed results, but showed enough promise, in my opinion, to warrant their return next year. The cafeteria-style food service we instituted in 2012 continued to show dividends in speed of service and expenditures per guest. Our Visitor's Guide set a new record for sales, grossing \$31,430. And, finally, don't forget the fellowship and camaraderie developed amongst our parishioners as a result of working for a common cause, both during and in preparation for the Festival.

I am so proud of, and thankful to, our community and its leadership for again coming together to host a successful Festival. Although this is the time of year for us to rest, please consider volunteering for a leadership position in next year's Festival. If you are willing to do so, please call me at 770-845-5045 or Danny Vlahiotis at 678-643-0343 to discuss opportunities. Danny and I look forward to again serving you and the church, as co-chairmen of the 2014 Marietta Greek Festival. Once again, Mary Miltiades will also be in a leadership position, serving as assistant chairman in 2014.

Sincerely,

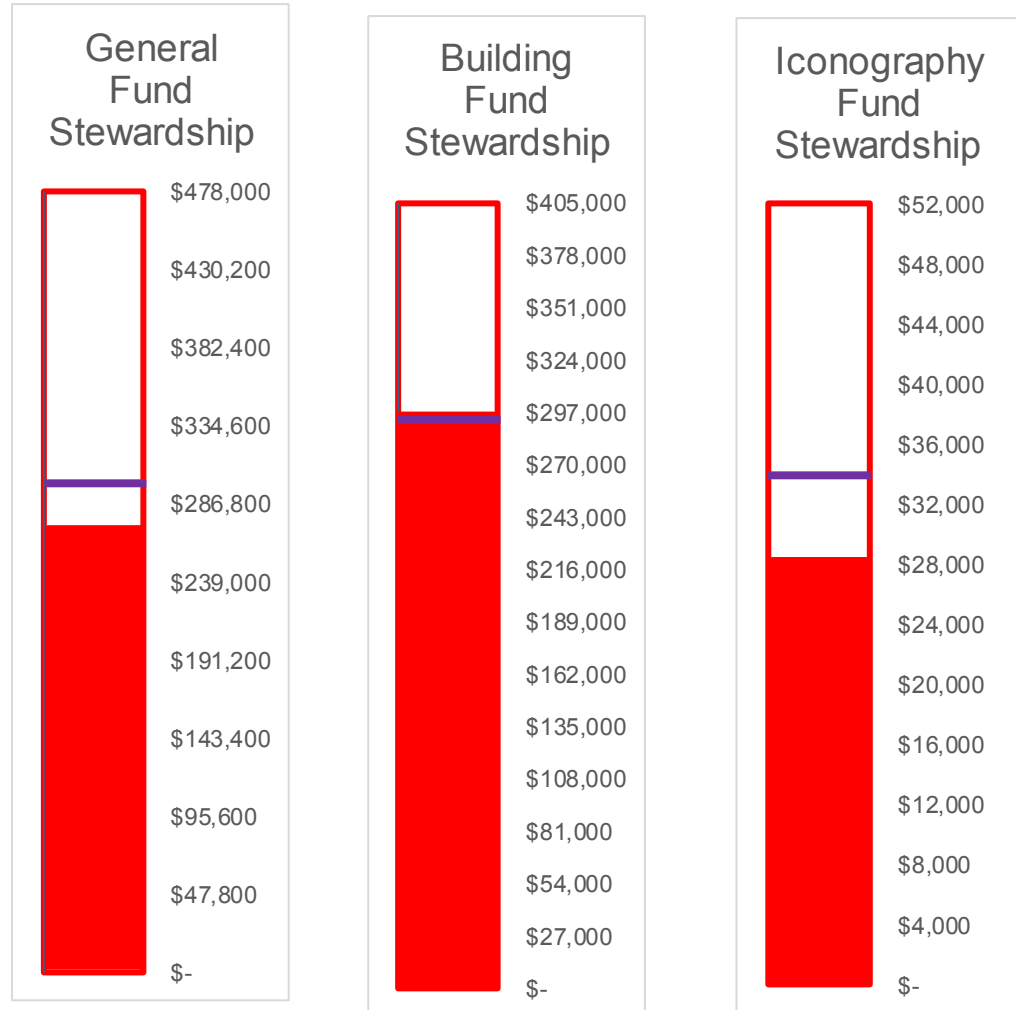
Steve Tingas
2013 Festival Chairman

Festival Dates 2014 - May 16, 17 & 18!

TREASURER'S CORNER

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

Line Represents Need
as of August 10



Reminders

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

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

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

Yours in Christ,

Christopher Hansard
Treasurer

Athan Tsarouhas
Assistant Treasurer

Larry Gess
Stewardship Liaison

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

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

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

You may purchase plots through the church office.

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



••• HELLENIC DANCE NEWS •••

If you are in Middle School or High School - and are interested in dancing in the 2014 Marietta Greek Festival, please join us for practices!

GREEK FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

We are bringing in a professional Greek Dance Instructor for a special Workshop weekend!

→ **Friday, September 13** - (6pm-10pm) Beginner dancers, from 4th-10th grades

→ **Saturday, September 14** - ALL dancers, 6th grade and up

Liturgy of the Feast Day of the Holy Cross: 10am

Session I: 11:30am-1:00pm

Lunch Break and Presentation: 1:00-2:00pm

Session II: 2:00-5:30

Session III: 5:30-8:00

Marietta Dancers are FREE, other dancers \$25 at the door

→ **Sunday, September 15** - Special Review Session during regular practice time



... Practices in September ...

Sunday, September 15: Middle School "Phoenix" 1:30-3:00 / High School "Eleftheria" 1:30-3:30

Sunday, September 22: Middle School "Phoenix" 1:30-3:00 / High School "Eleftheria" 1:30-3:30

Sunday, September 29: Middle School "Phoenix" 1:30-3:00 / High School "Eleftheria" 1:30-3:30

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:

September 21 - St. Christopher, Peachtree City "Greek Night"

October 11-13 - Holy Trinity, Augusta Greek Festival

October 19-20 - Holy Cross, Macon Greek Festival

January 17-20 - Hellenic Dance Festival, Orlando, FL

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

Cleaning out your home or garage?

The Dance Ministry needs some items to add to our props for our live shows!

We can provide you with receipt for your tax-deductable donation.

We need the following items: *Folding card tables, table linens, plates, glasses, old Greek household items (copper hammered pots or pans, baskets, pottery, etc)*



Hellenic Studies

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Marietta, GA

It's back to school time!

Youth and Adult language classes begin on **Tuesday, August 27th at 5:30pm**. We will begin with a blessing in the church, followed by registration in the Parish Life Center.

→Some important information to note:

- We will *continue* to offer a course in **New Testament Greek** ...however, it will now be offered on *Tuesdays* – beginning August 27th

Tuition for the 2013-2014 academic year:

Adults - \$275

Youth (first child in family) - \$250

Youth (second child in family) - \$225

Youth (third, fourth child, etc) - \$200

New Testament Greek - \$275

→Please note, the amount listed above is a *one-time* fee for the **entire school year**. Tuition is due by Monday, September 30th. A limited number of scholarships are available to anyone experiencing financial hardship. To inquire about a scholarship, please contact Eleni Clement (eleni@mindspring.com). Payment plans are also available.

→Minimum enrolment for any class (Youth or Adult) will be 5 students. If we cannot fill a class for your language level, we will make arrangements to place you in another class accordingly.

→We will be focusing this year on keeping our **website** up-to-date with the latest news and announcements. Please check back frequently:

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/>

SAVE THE DATE!

**We will host our annual OXI Day luncheon on Sunday, October 27th -
Please plan to attend and support our children.**

Looking forward to an amazing year!
Eleni Clement, Program Director



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with humility and a desire to serve that I greet all of you. I look forward to the coming months as we work together to fulfill the mission of Philoptochos:

- to help the poor, hungry, destitute, aged, sick, unemployed, orphaned, imprisoned, widowed, handicapped, disaster victims and to anyone who may need the help of the Church,
- to promote the philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America,
- to help perpetuate and preserve the Orthodox Christian concepts through the Orthodox Christian family and the teachings and Holy Traditions and customs of the Orthodox Faith and
- to promote participation in the activities of the local Greek Orthodox parish.

All of the above will be done with discretion, courtesy and kindness.

Your board of directors has planned an exciting year of events and fund raising activities that will give you all many opportunities to get involved. The burden of fulfilling our mission should not fall on the shoulders of only fifteen members (your board). I invite all of you to share your time and your talents and to become actively involved in our chapter activities.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the following:

- Meals: We need someone to coordinate/organize the delivery of meals to those in need.
- Fundraising: Many hands will be needed to help with activities/events planned to build our treasury and keep it strong. We are committed to support projects/charities at the National, Metropolis and local levels. In addition to these commitments, we continue to receive an increasing number of requests from people in our community for financial assistance.
- Fall Fundraiser: We need someone to chair/ co-chair this event!

With over 100 members in our group, I am confident that we will accomplish great things this year!

Yours in Christ,

Linda Lopos, President, Panagia Chapter of Philoptochos

We would like to give a special thank you to the following parishioners for helping with Soup Kitchen (MUST Ministries) over the last several months:

For March, April, May: Dorothy Macris, Basile Zafiroulis, Donnis Gavalas, Michael Gavalas, Athena Burke, Kally Niarchos, Margaret Kollias, Cathy Costarides, Michelle Broussard-Hanes, Gerri Klementzos, Marty Driscoll, Kathy Bylos, Tina Vamvakias, Rosemary Peppas, Kathy Shoji, and Antonia Scelzi.

In June, the GOYA under the guidance of Paul Lundberg and Michael Gavalas. Annette Jacobs helped supervise the GOYAns to prepare the meals and serve. They were **Katie and Paul Jacobs, Angelo Nichols, Matthew Azimzede, Maria Linebaugh**. The chicken and rice were donated and cooked by **Dimitri Lymberopoulos, Irma Bliss, Renee Tiller**.

In July, we served 105 homeless with chicken, rice and salad. The food was prepared by **Peggy Dunkerly, Dimitra Bournias, Marty Driscoll, Dorothy Macris, Athena Burke, Donnis Gavalas, Lea Gormanos, Sandra McAteer, Niki Gess, Rosemary Peppas, Michelle Broussard-Hanes**.

Please contact Dorothy Macris at dorothymacris@comcast.net or 678-428-2407 if you would like to help prepare or serve food or would like to make a monetary donation.

Important Dates:

- September 15: College Student Sunday**
- September 16: Board Meeting at 7:00 pm in the OCR**
- September 23: General Meeting at 7:00 pm in the PLC**
- September 26: Soup Kitchen**
- September 26: Book Club**
- October 12: Fall Fundraiser**

OPA!



Delicious Greek Food

Live Greek Band

Dance Show

Singing Waiters and
Waitresses

Silent Auction

GREEK NIGHT

Saturday, October 12, 2013

**Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos
Charity Fall Fundraiser**

Proceeds to benefit: Philoptochos Social Services
Jacob's Garden/Cupboard

7:00 P.M.

\$35.00 per person

(includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage and entertainment)

Cash Bar

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center (PLC)

3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta , GA 30066

Reservations Required (limited seating): 678-492-5818 or llopos@bellsouth.net

September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Beginning of...Environment. 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Tsimlikas/Couscos Wedding	2 Labor Day	3 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies	4 6:00 PM Clearing Jacob's Garden 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	5	6	7 1:30 PM Altar Server Workshop 5:00 PM Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos
8 The Nativity...he Theotokos 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism - Agiasmos 11:30 AM A 40 day Memorial Service is given by Stavros Vacratsas and family 12:00 PM Homecoming Picnic	9	10 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Parents Meeting	11 6:00 PM Clearing Jacob's Garden 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	12	13 Dance Workshop 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross	14 The Universa...giving Cross 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
15 Dance Workshop Sunday after...e Holy Cross 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM Pass Tray for Holy Cross 12:00 PM Artoklasia for Feast of St. Euphemia (Philoptochos)	16 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	17 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies	18 6:00 PM Clearing Jacob's Garden 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	19 6:30 PM PC Meeting	20	21 11:30 AM Prime Timers General Meeting 5:00 PM Great Vespers
22 First Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Pass Tray for OCF 12:30 PM HOPE/JOY Ice-breaker	23 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting	24 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy	25 6:00 PM Clearing Jacob's Garden 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	26 11:00 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	27	28 5:00 PM Great Vespers 7:00 PM GOYA Braves Game
29 Second Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism	30	1 Feast of the...he Theotokos 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting 11:00 AM Blessing of the Waters 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy (Paul)	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	3 Cobb County School Break Atlanta Greek Festival 7:00 PM Bible Study	4	5 3:30 PM Baptism of Katherine Wells and her son, Michael 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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Rev. Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D., Protopresbyter

Rev. Fr. George Pallas, Protopresbyter

Paul Lundberg, Pastoral Assistant

Anne Willcocks, Parish Secretary



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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Sept. 1, 2013	C. Costarides/G. Lopus	Team I	M. Alberts/E. Markley	F. Tucker/M. Papadimitriou/R. Peppas
Sept. 8, 2013	L. Gess/A. Tsarouhas	Team II	K. Bilson/B. Valagohar	I. Steffas/S. Tidwell/M. Tingas
Sept. 15, 2013	G. O'Brien/R. Rogers	Team I	P. Dunkerly/D. Levine	N. Barke/K. Niarchos/ T. Vamvakias
Sept. 22, 2013	D. Koutouzis/S. Steffas	Team II	P. Koutouzis/L. Sampanes	A. Burke/C. Costarides/ M. Driscoll
Sept. 29, 2013	A. Miltiades/S. Tingas	Team I	D. Bafas/S. Lukens	M. Eleftheriou/T. Georgacopoulos/N. Kakissia

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