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Marietta, GA

APRIL 2014



CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Come and receive Light from the unwaning Light; and glorify Christ,
Who has risen from the dead.

The angels in Heaven praise thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior;
make us also, who are on earth, worthy to glorify you with pure hearts.

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

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LET HOLY WEEK TRANSFORM YOU



"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

As we are approaching the most holy of times in our Church life, the Holy and Great Week and Pascha, I would like to share with you a few thoughts:

There is something very special about this time and the events it reminds us of. There is something very special about Holy Week.

In the wisdom that God gives the worshipping community of the faithful (the Church) we have been handed down along the centuries a most amazing set of hymns, prayers and services in which we can immerse ourselves during this period of preparation for the great Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. Hymns filled with theological wisdom and services designed to transport us back to the events of Christ's life fill and sanctify the time of Holy Week.

The ultimate goal of these hymns and services is to help us transform ourselves from secular to spiritual beings; they are meant to help us connect with God in a mystical way, so that we may be sanctified. They are made for us and our salvation.

The only reason why these hymns, prayers and services might have had little effect on us in the past is, perhaps, because *we have not given them a good chance*.

How can anyone live through the services of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, and not experience in a real way the events of the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ. How can one not feel the pain and sorrow of the Virgin Mary as she beholds her son on the Cross and carries away His dead body to burial. And, finally, how can one not experience the joy and triumph of God over death as the light shines through the darkness on Holy Saturday night spreading joy to the heart as the Lord is Risen from the dead.

Come join us, brothers and sisters. Here is where the miracle of our Faith takes place. Here is where our hearts and minds are transformed by His power.

Let us give God a chance to reach in our hearts and heal our wounds. Let us approach Him humbly and prayerfully. Let us offer ourselves to God in Faith and Trust during this Holy Week so that the miracle of the Resurrection might happen in us, as well.

Come, let us taste Heaven together in the here and now!

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Panayiotis

What is the Greek Orthodox Church?

A quick historical and theological presentation

The Greek Orthodox Church traces its roots back to the Apostles, especially St. Paul. She still uses the original Greek language, in which all the books of the New Testament were first written.

She considers herself as the original Church, the result of the natural development from Judaism to Christianity. Her early members were the Jews of the 1st century (New Testament people) who accepted Jesus as the Christ - who all spoke Greek at the time - who converted the Gentiles (non-Jews) from paganism and established the first Christian communities around the Mediterranean basin.

She holds on to many of the basic early Christian traditions, including the worship services, spirituality and theology, which are rooted in the Early Christian Church.

She considers herself to be the Mother Church, from whom all the other Christian groups subsequently evolved.

She proclaims God as Trinity (three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

She believes that the Son (the Logos (Word)) of God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, He died on the Cross and rose from the dead to perfect humanity in Himself and restore it from the sinful condition to the immortal, perfected state, which God intended for us from the beginning. This final perfected state of humanity is the state of eternal salvation attained through Faith in Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Services: 10:00 am





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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Great Lent

April 2014

April 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am at the Chapel

April 2, Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm.

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 3, Thursday, Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:00 pm

April 4, Friday, The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

April 5, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 6, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt

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

April 7, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 9, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm.

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 10, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 11, Friday, Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 6:00 pm

April 12, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus

Orthros 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Making of the palm crosses and Confession for children follows the Divine Liturgy.

Evening: Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm

April 13, Palm Sunday. The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

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

For Services from Palm Sunday Evening to the Sunday of Pascha (April 20), please see the Holy Week Services Schedule provided in a special flyer.

April 22, Tuesday. Great Vespers, Feast of St. George 6:00 pm

April 23, Wednesday. Feast of St. George

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

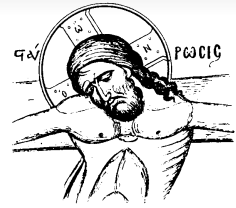
April 26, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 27, Sunday of Thomas

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



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Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2014

April 13, Sunday. Palm Sunday. Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων.

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 14, Holy and Great Monday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Δευτέρα.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 15, Holy and Great Tuesday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Τρίτη.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 16, Holy and Great Wednesday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Τετάρτη.

Morning: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:00 am. Λειτ. Προηγιασμένων Δώρων 9:00 πμ

Afternoon: Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 3:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Ἁγίου Εὐχελαίου 3:00 μμ.

Evening: Small Compline 6:45 pm, Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Ἁγίου Εὐχελαίου 7:00 μμ.

April 17, Holy and Great Thursday, Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Πέμπτη.

Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 am. Θεία Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου 9:00 πμ

Evening: The Service of the Passion of Christ 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τῶν Παθῶν 7:00 μμ

April 18, Holy and Great Friday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ. Ἡ Σταύρωσις καί Ταφή τοῦ Κυρίου

Morning: The Great Hours 9:00 am, Μεγάλες Ὡρὲς 9:00 πμ.

Afternoon: The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial 3:00 pm. Ἀποκαθήλωσις τοῦ Κυρίου 3:00 μμ.

Evening: The Burial of Christ--Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios) 7:00 pm, followed by Procession of the Tomb of Christ. Ἐπιτάφιος Θρῆνος 7:00 μμ.

April 19, Holy and Great Saturday. Μέγα Σάββατο. Θ. Λειτουργία Μεγ. Βασιλείου 9:30πμ

Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am. The Descent of Christ into Hades.

Midnight Resurrection Services: The Canon of Easter 11:00 pm,

12:00 Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Ἡ ἈΝΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ

12:30 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha. Ὁρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία Ἀναστάσεως

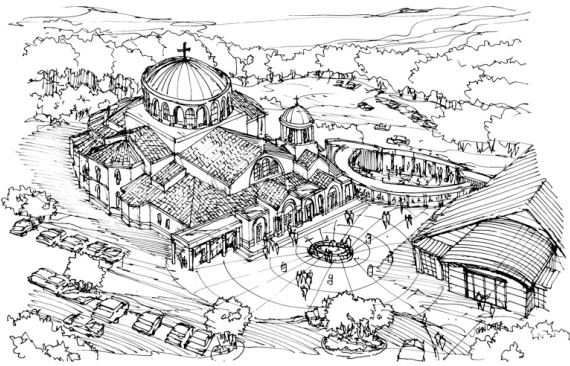
April 20, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day). Τό Ἅγιον Πάσχα.

Noon: Great Vespers of Love 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Paschal Picnic follows!

April 21, Renewal Monday, No Services today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - APRIL

4/1/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 40:18-31	Vespers OT1: Genesis 15:1-15	Vespers OT2: Proverbs 15:7-19
4/2/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 41:4-14	Vespers OT1: Genesis 17:1-9	Vespers OT2: Proverbs 15:20-16:9
4/3/2014 16:17-17:17	Orthros OT: Isaiah 42:5-16	Vespers OT1: Genesis 18:20-33	Vespers OT2: Proverbs
4/4/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 45:11-17	Vespers OT1: Genesis 22:1-18	Vespers OT2: Proverbs 17:17-18:5
4/5/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7		Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56
4/6/2014	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14	
4/7/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Vespers OT1: Genesis 27:1-41	Vespers OT2: Proverbs 19:16-25
4/8/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 49:6-10	Vespers OT1: Genesis 31:3-16	Vespers OT2: Proverbs 21:3-21
4/9/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 58:1-11 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 21:23-22:4	Vespers OT1: Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16	
4/10/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 65:8-16	Vespers OT1: Genesis 46:1-7	Vespers OT2: Proverbs 23:15-24:5
4/11/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 66:10-24 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 31:8-31	Vespers OT1: Genesis 49:33-50:26	
4/12/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8		Gospel: John 11:1-45
4/13/2014	Matins: Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9	
4/14/2014	Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43	Gospel: Matthew 24:3-35	
4/15/2014	Gospel: Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39	Gospel: Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2	
4/16/2014	Gospel: John 12:17-50	Gospel: Matthew 26:6-16	
4/17/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:23-32 Gospel: Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75; 27:1-2 12 Gospels: The Twelve Gospels of the Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ		
4/18/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:6-8		Gospel: Matthew 27:62-66
4/19/2014	Matins: Matthew 27:62-66 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11	
4/20/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8		Gospel: John 1:1-17
4/21/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26		Gospel: John 1:18-28
4/22/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21		Gospel: Luke 24:12-35
4/23/2014	Matins: Luke 21:12-19	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11	Gospel: John 1:35-52
4/24/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:38-43		Gospel: John 3:1-15
4/25/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 3:1-8		Gospel: Luke 10:16-21
4/26/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 3:11-16		Gospel: John 3:22-33
4/27/2014	Matins: Matthew 28:16-20	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20	Gospel: John 20:19-31
4/28/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 3:19-26		Gospel: John 2:1-11
4/29/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 4:1-10		Gospel: John 3:16-21
4/30/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11		Gospel: Luke 9:1-6



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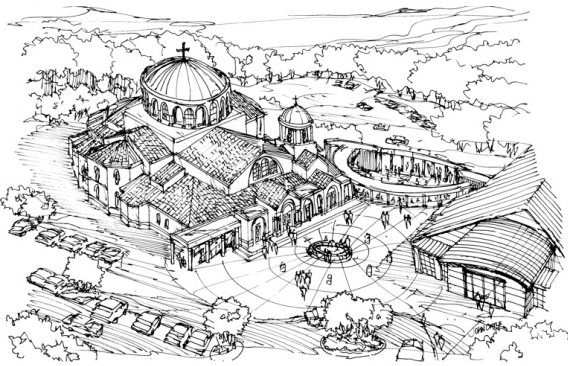
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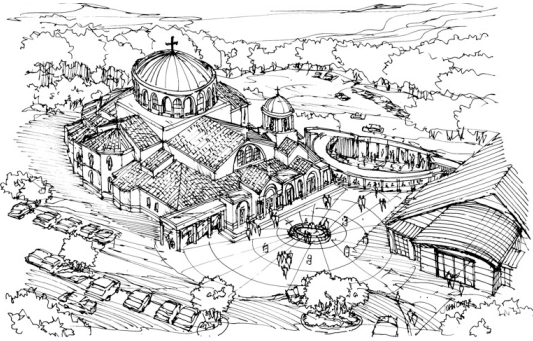
Our Parish depends on your
love and generosity for its
everyday operation.

These are tough times for many
people. Those of us who are able
should give more to help get us
through the difficult times.

Let us offer back to God from
His own Gifts to us! Let us
support the ministries of the
Parish which are serving our
needs and the needs of our
children.

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

Peter 4:7-10

Please fill out your Pledge Card today and bring your offering to the Lord.

**If you have not yet done so, please send in your
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"Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The State of Holy Transfiguration during 2014

From the stewardship point of view, 2014 is very promising. Our parish should experience one of its most successful years if we all follow the following:

† If each of us gives some of our time for at least one parish ministry and for at least one parish activity as well as for the festival preparation and execution.

† If most of the parishioners who have not yet completed and returned a 2014 Membership/Stewardship Form would do so before Palm Sunday. (If you know of such a person or couple, please urge them to do so as we all want them to be an active member of Holy Transfiguration.)

† If we all would donate at least one-twelfth of what we indicated we would each month (or one-fiftieth of what we indicated we would donate each week) (As most of the parish's expenses are monthly (just as our own family expenses are)).

† If each of us would make a special effort to give donations during the summer months so the parish does not have to borrow funds to operate during that time.

Our parish depends on what each one of us does. Let's all do our fair share out of love for God and each other.

We pray that your Holy Week is the most inspirational one ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON -- APRIL 13, 2014 **Sponsored by the Holy Transfiguration Choir**



Grilled Tilapia, Green Beans, Greek Salad, Potatoes, Dessert

Adults - \$12

Children - \$6 (under 10 yrs.)

Maximum per Family - \$40



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

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

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

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

Stephanie Lukens,
Coffee hour co-chair





If you would like to make a donation toward the decoration of icons during Holy Week or for the lilies to decorate the church on Pascha, please contact Anne in the church office, 770.924.8080, holytrans@comcast.net or fill out this form and put it in the offering tray.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

For the Health of: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

The names of donors and dedications will be published in the bulletin for Pascha, April 20th.



Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminary.

Sponsored by the Hellenic Dance Ministry; luminaries will light the procession of the Epitaphio on Holy Friday. There is a \$5.00 donation per luminary. Checks should be made out to Hellenic Dance.

Your name _____

In memory of _____

(1-2 names per luminary)

Please **print clearly** and include **first and last names**

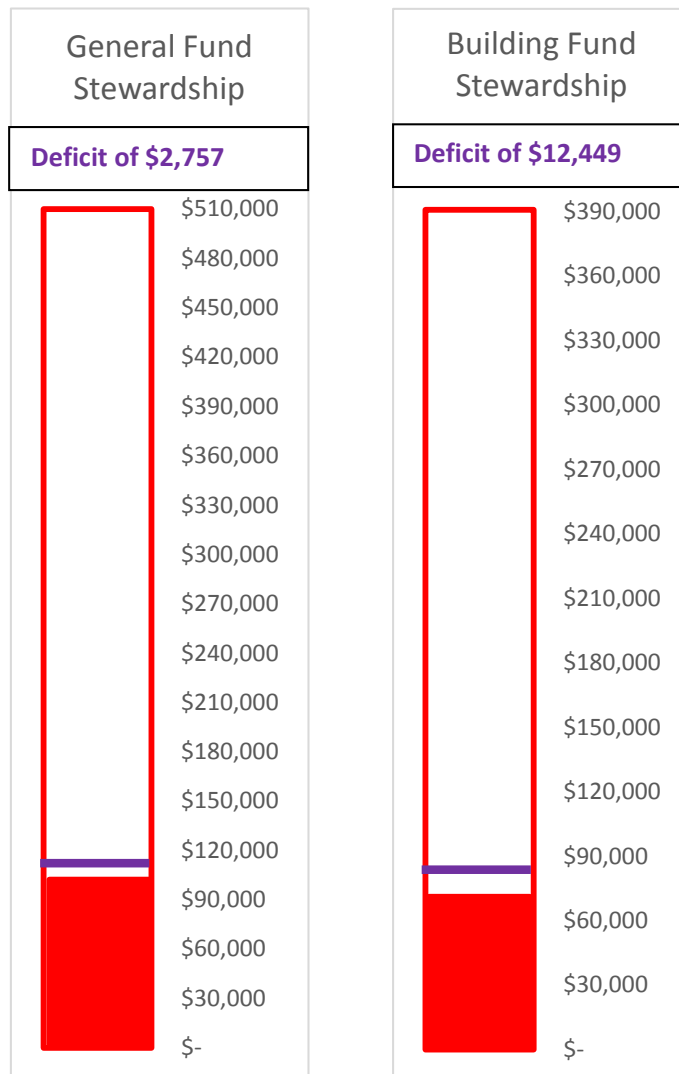
Please return the form to the designated table in the PLC during coffee hour or to the parish office by Wed., April 16th. You may also place the form and donation in the Sunday collection plate during the Liturgy.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TREASURER'S CORNER

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

**Line Represents Need
as of March 19**



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

Georgia O'Brien
Assistant Treasurer

Larry Gess
Stewardship Liaison

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

Exciting news for Hellenic Dance at the festival this year! This year will be the first year that ALL seven groups will be in some type of a folk costume! We have finally dressed our entire group of dancers!!! If you are a parent of a younger dancer, please note the costume fitting dates planned for your child's group listed below, and make EVERY effort for your child to be in attendance that day. If you are a parent of an older dancer, we could use your help getting all the kids fitted in a timely fashion. Also remember that we might run a little late for practices on fitting days.

Preparations for the festival continue. If your child would like to dance but has not made practices, it's not too late. Please contact Paulina Vastakis for make-up lessons. If you do not start practicing by April 6, you cannot perform at the festival, so please make every effort to either arrange for private make-up lessons or start coming regularly to practices this spring!

APRIL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

NO PRACTICES TUESDAY APRIL 1 ---SPRING BREAK---

Sunday April 6,

Pitsirikia (pre-K), 12:15-12:45 ***COSTUME FITTING DAY***

Phoenix (middle school), 1:30-2:30

Eleftheria (high school), 1:30-3:30

Tuesday April 8,

Palamakia (K & 1), 4:30-5:15 ***COSTUME FITTING DAY***

Asteria (2 & 3), 4:30-5:15 ***COSTUME FITTING DAY***

Petaloudes (4 & 5), 7:15-8:00 ***COSTUME FITTING DAY***

NO PRACTICES SUNDAY APRIL 13, PALM SUNDAY

NO PRACTICES TUESDAY APRIL 15, HOLY TUESDAY

NO PRACTICES SUNDAY APRIL 20, EASTER

Sunday April 27,

Pitsirikia (pre-K), 12:15-12:45

Phoenix (middle school), 1:30-2:30 *** COSTUME FITTING DAY***

Eleftheria (high school), 1:30-3:30 ***COSTUME FITTING DAY***

Tuesday April 29,

Palamakia (K & 1), 4:30-5:15

Asteria (2 & 3), 4:30-5:15

Petaloudes (4 & 5), 7:15-8:00

HELLENIC DANCE LUMINARIES

Hellenic Dance Ministry will be doing the Good Friday Luminaries again this year. We need dancers and parents to help put together the luminary bags and set them up on Good Friday. If you and/or your child can help, please contact Despina Chrysosopoulos or Olympia Papageorgiou.

ELEFThERIA DANCERS LOCK-IN

WHO: ELEFThERIA HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS

WHAT: SLEEP-OVER and LOCK-IN

WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 25, 6pm through SATURDAY APRIL 26, 11am

WHAT: Christian team building and cultural learning

Join us with for a evening of bonding, team building, getting to know each other and lots of fun!!!

Contact Paulina Vastakis if you have any questions



May 16, 17, 18

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those of you who have stepped up and volunteered your time and talents in preparation for the 2014 Marietta Greek Festival, scheduled for May 16-18. We have had an outpouring of support from parishioners who have volunteered to chair a committee, have helped cook food and pastries, have sold Visitor's Guide ads, have helped clean and spruce up our church grounds, and on and on and on. But it's still not too late to get involved. The Festival is our church's largest and most profitable fundraiser and requires everyone's service and sacrifice. And, although it can get tiring at times, working in preparation for, and at, the Festival is a great way to make new friends and enhance old relationships. Working for a common goal tends to do that.

Please include the church, and more specifically the Festival, in your schedule over the next few weeks. Please come and help cook at one or more of the cooking sessions, as shown below, or take some time off from work and help set up during the week preceding the Festival. And, of course, sign up to work as many shifts as you possibly can during the Festival. You may sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EACA829A7FD0-volunteers> or at the Festival website www.MariettaGreekFestival.org.

We expect approximately 17,000 attendees at this year's Festival and need everyone's participation in order to make a good impression. Thank you again to those of you who have already helped and thank you, in advance, to those of you who are planning to help between now and May 18th.

Sincerely,

Steve Tingas
Danny Vlahiotis
Festival Chairmen

2014 MARIETTA GREEK COOKING/BAKING DATES

Tues.	April 1	9 am - 9 pm	Spanakopita
Wed.	April 2	9 am - 9 pm	Spanakopita
Tues.	April 8	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Wed.	April 9	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Tues.	April 29	9 am - 9 pm	Pastitsio
Wed.	April 30	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Mon.	May 12	10 am - 4 pm	Dipping Melomacarona
Tue.	May 13	10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
Wed.	May 14	10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
Wed.	May 14	2 pm - 10 pm	Souvlakia
Thurs.	May 15	10 am - ????	Set-up Pastry Booths



May 16, 17, 18

The Festival is one month away! It is the largest fundraiser for our church building fund.

Tell Everyone!

Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Tell or email everyone you know that the Festival is **May 16, 17 and 18th - the Weekend after Mother's Day!!!** Please take flyers with you to hand out to friends, neighbors and businesses or forward an electronic version of the flyer to everyone on your email address book. Please contact the church office if you do not receive the flyer via email. A limited number of removable bumper stickers are also available.

There are several ways for you to make the 2014 Festival a Success!

- **Volunteer** – Sign-up sheets will be available. You may also sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EACA829A7FD0-volunteers> or on the Festival Website at www.MariettaGreekFestival.org. We also welcome students who require community service hours – this event qualifies.
- **Buy Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards** – They make great gifts! \$8.00 for a \$10.00 card and \$20.00 for a \$25.00 card. These can be used at most church sponsored booths, including admission, and can be partially used through-out the Festival until the value is gone.
- **Buy a Visitor's Guide Ad** or turn in your sold ad – Visitor's Guide ads are due by April 1st.
- **Become a Friend** of the Festival by donating \$25.00 to the Visitor's Guide.
- **Pick up Flyers** to distribute.
- **Buy T-Shirts** – Buy last year's at a discount before the Festival.
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For questions or to volunteer please contact Danny Vlahiotis at 678-643-0343 or dnavlah@bellsouth.net. We look forward to your participation in this year's Festival.



2014 Friends of the Festival

Please become a Friend of the Festival! To have your name included in our Visitor's Guide, complete the form below and return it along with your donation of \$25 to Linda Lopos or to the Church office.

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

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please make your check payable to: Marietta Greek Festival

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



**Marietta Greek Festival
NEWS**

Spread the News!!

**Marietta Greek Festival
May 16, 17, 18!!**



Festival Volunteer Parking Instructions:

Please park at the following locations during the Festival and reserve the Simpson parking lot for our guests. Many of our guests walk from Simpson, therefore allowing us to run less buses. The buses will pick you up from the following lots and take you to the Festival.

**Friday: 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM - Park at Church of Latter Day Saints
4:00 PM to Closing - Park at Lassiter High School**

Saturday: 8:00 AM to Closing - Park at Lassiter High School

Sunday: 8:00 AM to Closing - Park at Lassiter High School

Thank you,

The Festival Board



AHEPA CHAPTER 519

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our monthly meeting will held Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm in the PLC. A Lenten meal will be served.

Sunday, May 11 - AHEPA will be hosting coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy.

Scholarship Awards Presentation The Chapter 1 and 519 scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 1, 2:30 -4:40 in the PLC. This is the first time the presentation will be held in Marietta. This event is where the students, accompanied by their parents, actually receive their scholarship. It is a very exciting day!

District Convention- The convention will be held June 12-15 in Biloxi, MS. Don't miss it. Convention details will become available in the next few weeks.

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



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We would first like to thank all of our wonderful members as well as our parish family for all of the help and support that you have given us throughout the year.

As Pascha draws near, we have a few areas in which we need help and hope that you will consider volunteering:

- Dying two dozen eggs (kits will be provided before Holy Thursday)
- Thursday, April 17: prepare flowers for Friday's decorating of the Kouvouklion (4 or 5 people needed)
- Friday, April 18: many hands are needed to decorate the Kouvouklion (9:00 A.M. until Noon)
- Friday, April 18 (afternoon): help prepare food for Resurrection Meal
- Saturday/Sunday, April 19/20: help to serve at Resurrection Meal

Thank you to the following parishioners who have joined Philoptochos:

Maria Alberts	Irene Hammond	Xanthippe Marsico	Rosemary Peppas
Liz Azimzadeh	Christopher Hansard	Despina Mavromatidis	Nancy Porter
Dorian Bafas	Leslie Hansard	Sandy McAteer	Paula Rogers
Lois Bafas	Sis Hondras	Ioanna Michaels	Kathy Shoji
Nancy Barke	Tina Isaac	Mary Miltiades	Christine Sprouse
Roseann Bates	Annette Jacobs	Niko	Ron Sprouse
Sophia Bethune	Irene Kipreos	Penny Miltiades	Irene Steffas
Evelyn Bilson	Themis Kipreos	Anthe Modenos	Mary Stiakakis
Kathie Bilson	Gerre Klementzos	Kim Moustoukas	Connie Stratigos
Irma Bliss	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Costa Neocleous	Theresa Taoushiani
Dorothy Botni	Connie Kollias	Maro Neocleous	Zach Taoushiani
Athena Burke	Lori Kollias	Kally Niarchos	Vicki Thorne
Melina Burke	Pat Koutouzis	Toula Nielsen	Steve Tingas
Kathy Bylos	Eleni Krause	Georgia O'Brien	Tina Vamvakias
Helen Carlos	Anna Lerios	Julie Orologas	Anne Willcocks
Eleni Clement	Mary Longshore	Rev. George Pallas	Mary Wysmierski
Christine Demakis	Linda Lopos	Pres. Demetra Pallas	Basile Zafiroulis
Marty Driscoll	Stephanie Lukens	Cathy Papadopoulos	Angela (Kiki) Ziros
Donnis Gavalas	Demetrius Lymberopoulos	Pres. Catherine Papageorgiou	
Harriette Gavrielides	Dorothy Macris	Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou	
Niki Gess	Xenia Mantgiaris	Mary Papadimitriou	

Soup Kitchen: On February 27, we served 98 lunches at Must Ministries. We would like to thank the following parishioners who helped prepare and/or serve the meal: **Christine Sprouse, Pat Koutouzis, Donnis Gavalas, Kathy Bylos, Rosemary Peppas, Tasia Kipreos, Sandy McAteer, Dorothy Macris, Athena and Melina Burke, Kathy Shoji, and Michael Gavalas.** Please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or 770-973-3111 if you would like to help prepare or serve food or would like to make a monetary donation. **Soup kitchen will be Thursday, April 24.**

Important Dates:

April 24: Soup Kitchen
April 24: Book Club
April 28: Board Meeting

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 1 is our Fall Fundraiser.



ENHANCE MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Join us on April 10th,
1:00 pm in the
Parish Life Center
and learn about the
Exercise Cure!

Improve your immune system
Learn ways to build energy
Don't be a "couch potato"

A Lenten lunch will be served; Cost is \$5.00 per person.
Door Prizes!

Tickets will be sold on Sunday, March 30th, and Sunday, April 6th during coffee hour. Questions: Call Connie at 770-992-9707.



Senior Fitness



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Your board is working very hard to bring you a fun and educational filled year. As many of you have requested, we are still planning to have our next trip to Charleston S. C. It will be a longer and more expensive trip, so in order to defray the personal cost to you, we are planning several fundraisers.

We are planning to sell popcorn from the Popcorn Factory every Sunday after church.

Another plan is to hold a garage sale which will be **Saturday, May 31st** in the Parish Life Center. We ask that you gather anything and everything that you wish to get rid of (of course in good condition) and bring it on Friday, May 30th to the PLC so that it can be priced and properly displayed. We will advertise in the Journal Constitution and also have signs at the corner of Trickum and Sandy Plains and at the street in front of the PLC. We will also sell hot dogs and popcorn. Everyone in our entire congregation is invited to participate and donate items. Items we will accept are as follows: household items, toys, books, CDs, small appliances, tricycles, bikes, baby and toddler clothing and play items, adult and children's shoes. We cannot accept adult clothing but will accept almost anything else as long as it is clean and in fairly good condition.

Our Valentine party was a total success. About 35 prime timers came, ate delicious appetizers, played games, and won prizes.

On April 10th our next general meeting will be about health and fitness. We have invited fitness trainers to teach seniors to do simple techniques to enhance their mind, body and spirit. It should be interesting and above all FUN! We will serve a Lenten lunch.

Please mark your calendar for our picnic which will be held at the pavilion on the church grounds. We will have BBQ plus all the extras from Williamson Bros. Everyone had so much fun last year, we felt it was a "MUST" again for this year. We will again have entertainment Please plan to be there Saturday, June 28th. Remember to wear our patriotic colors.

Remember to support our Festival this year by helping out and bringing friends. Also, if you have not paid your \$12 dues for 2014 yet, please do. Thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Stratigos, President

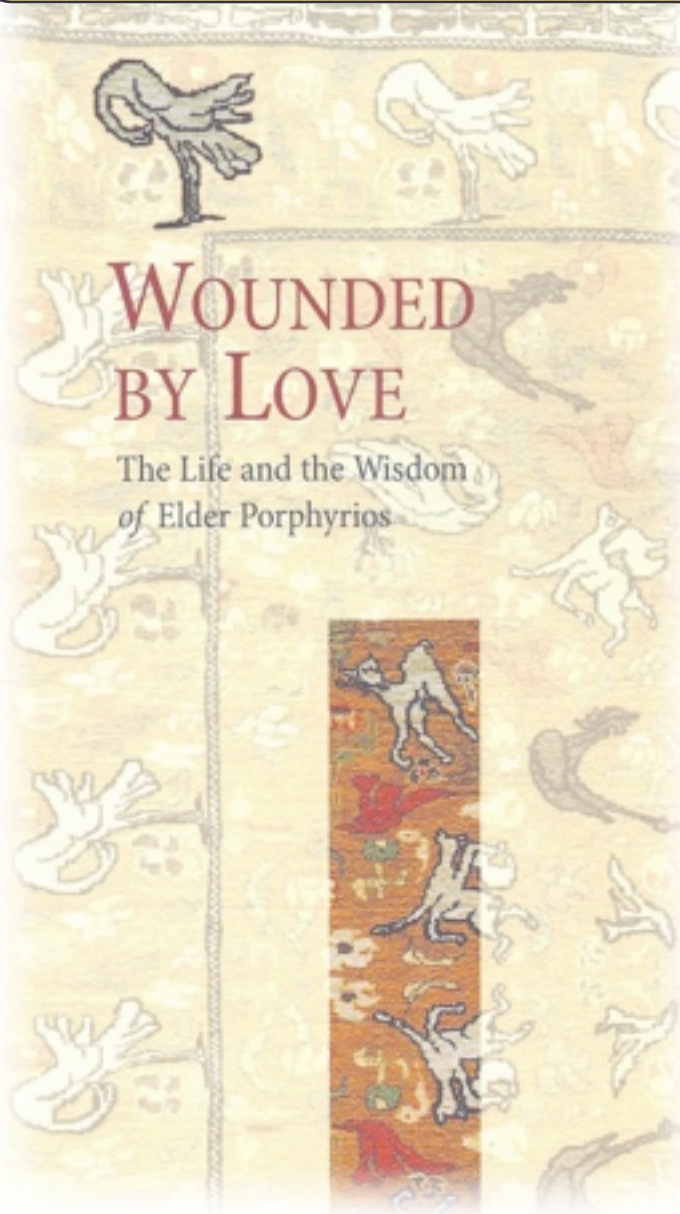
Young Parents Ministry

Meetings are generally on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
Our next gathering will be on Lazarus Saturday (April 12th), 12-2pm
Parish Life Center

At our April meeting, we will gather to share and discuss our experiences and thoughts about celebration *celebration* in Orthodox Christian family life. It is really important to celebrate, for our faith is a faith of victory and joy! We might also make palm crosses.

...the children of the Hebrews, foretelling the victory of the Resurrection, came to meet You with palms and branches, saying: "Blessed are You, O Savior, have mercy on us."

From Great Vespers for the Sunday of Palms



A large part of the responsibility for a person's spiritual state lies with the family. For children to be released from their various inner problems, it is not enough for them to receive good advice, or to be compelled by force; nor do logical arguments or threats do any good. These things rather make matters worse. The solution is to be found through the sanctification of the parents. Become holy people and you will have no problems with your children. The sanctity of their parents releases the children from their problems. Children want to have saintly people at their side, people with lots of love who will neither intimidate them nor lecture them, but who will provide a saintly example and pray for them. You parents should pray silently to Christ with upraised arms and embrace your children mystically. When they misbehave, you will take some disciplinary measures, but you will not coerce them. Above all, you need to pray.

Saint Porphyrios

Youth Group Meetings

GOYA exists to cultivate Orthodox Christian faith, life, and fellowship in and among parish youth by engaging them in fun and meaningful experiences.



Above: to prepare for a reflection on what it means to enter the “arena of virtues”, youth divided into two teams and dressed one of their team members as a warrior (as best they could with the materials they could find). Below: youth “get their Hellenic dance on” after the Lord’s Day liturgy while their instructors look on. The festival is coming soon!



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Above: remembering Adam and Eve's expulsion from Paradise, members of the the youth group attempt to steal "fruit" guarded by a blindfolded "angel." Below: the youth who participated in the parish oratorical festival, along with Father Panayiotis and Father George.



Worship



Above, left: Father George shares a few words with the altar servers at their Lenten workshop. Above, right: Captains Luke and Nicholas teach the younger boys how to accompany a censing deacon or priest.



Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Psalm 95

The parish choirs are in the process of standardizing the English translations and melodies of the hymns of the Divine Liturgy and Holy Week. Recordings and written music are uploaded regularly to the parish website so that you can learn them at home and at your convenience. Just click on "Our Faith" in the menu bar on the home page and use the left side menu to find the subpages with the hymns. As we approach Holy Week, we will focus on learning the standardized translations and melodies for the "Lamentations" of Holy Friday evening. To get more involved, please consider joining one of the choirs:

The Parish Choir, directed by Demetri Miltiades, practices on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

The Right-side Chanters, led by Leo Modenos, sing the vespers, orthros, and weekday liturgies.

The Left-side Choir, directed by Paul Lundberg, rehearses on Saturday afternoons before vespers.

WITH THE GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA NATHAN DEAL

Proclamation for Greek Independence

March 24, 2014

At the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia



Dignitaries present: The Consul of Greece in Atlanta Mr. Vasilios Goulousis and the Honorary Consul of Cyprus Mrs. Poly Potter along with several members of Holy Transfiguration and the Cathedral of Atlanta.

March 25, 1821 marks the beginning of the Revolution of the Greek people against the oppression of the Muslim Turks, which lasted about 400 years.

The Ottoman overlords retaliated immediately by hanging the Patriarch of Constantinople Gregorios V and the Archbishop of Cyprus Kyprianos. They also put to death the bishops of Cyprus along more than 470 lay leaders of the Christian people of Cyprus. Many Cypriots left the island to fight along with their brothers of the mainland.

They assumed that the Revolution could be drowned in blood, but they miscalculated the resolve for freedom of these abused people.

The plight of the Greeks reached the Europeans, who watched the bloodshed take place. Eventually, the political leadership payed attention, as well, and help was sent to the cause of the Greeks.

The modern Greek state was established in 1830. The people of Cyprus had to wait for another half century until the British decided to rent Cyprus from the Ottoman Turks in 1887.

The Turks returned to Cyprus in 1974 with tanks and warplanes, bringing death and destruction again to a much painned people.

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Fourth Sunday of Climacus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A one year Memorial Service is given by Stacey Skarbek and family for her mother, Ura-nia (Ronnie) Kopsias. May 12:00 PM Festival Kick-Off 	31 Spring Break (Cobb) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita) 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	1 Fifth Wednes...of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita) 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and Presentation 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM The Akathist Hymn 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Prosforo Baking Class 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
6 Fifth Sunday...Mary of Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A 6 year Memorial Service is given by Nick and Faye Bakatsas for their 12:00 PM "Town Hall" 12:30 PM GOYA Youth Leadership Team Meeting 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class 7:00 PM PC Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Baking (Pastries) 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Festival Board 6:30 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance 	9 Sixth Wedne...of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Baking (Pastries) 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (GOYA) 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and Presentation 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Compline 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 	12 The Resurre...of St. Lazarus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Young Parents' Meeting 3:45 PM Krause Baptism (Edwin) 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers for
13 Palm Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Gina Kim and Anna (Grace) Rivenbark 12:30 PM Palm Sunday Luncheon (Choir) 7:00 PM Bridgroom Service 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy and Great Monday 7:00 PM Bridgroom Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy and Great Tuesday Tax Day Passover 7:00 PM Bridgroom Service 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy and Great Wednesday 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 3:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 6:45 PM Small Unction 7:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy and Great Thursday Flower Prepa...hiloptochos) 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 PM The Service of the Passion of Christ 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday Holy and Great Friday 8:00 AM Decorate Kou-vouklion (Philoptochos) 9:00 AM The Great Hours 3:00 PM The lowering of the Body of the Lord from Christ--Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord-- 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy and Great 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 11:00 PM The Canon of Easter
20 Easter Great & Holy Pascha <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 AM The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 12:30 AM Orthros and the Resurrection Meal 2:00 AM Resurrection Meal ... The Canon of Easter 12:00 PM Great Vespers of Love during this service 1:00 PM AGAPE Picnic 	21 	22 Earth Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Vespers--Biblical Greek 6:30 PM Festival Meeting 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance 	23 Feast of St. George <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Reception for Name Day of Fr. George 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Rehearsal for Tzortzinakis/Koozer Wedding 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Church Tour for KSJ Class 2:00 PM Tzortzinakis / Koozer Wedding 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 4:00 PM Reception for Christina & Matthew at the Brickyard in Marietta
27 Thomas Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM A Catechism 11:30 AM A Memorial Service is given by Dorothy 12:30 PM HOPE/JOY Meeting 3:00 PM Lampadarios Baptism (Evangelina) 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Pastitsio) 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Biblical Greek 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Baking (Pastries) 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	1 	2 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Kessler Wedding (Fr. Sasa) 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class

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Apr. 13, 2014 Palm Sunday	D. Koutouzis/M. Nichols	Team I	M. Alberts/P. Koutouzis	A. Burke/M. Driscoll/T. Vamvakias
Apr. 20, 2014 Pascha	L. Gess/S. Tingas	Team II	PASCHA	M. Eleftheriou/T. Georgacopoulos/N. Kakissas
Apr. 27, 2014	C. Hansard/A. Miltiades	Team I	C. Kollias/D. Levine	E. Kay/Themis Kipreos/A. Leros

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