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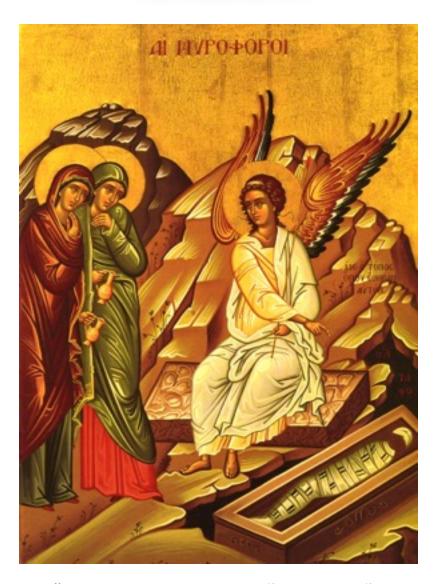
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#### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Marietta, GA

**APRIL 2015** 



"He is Risen. He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6)

#### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.

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Rev. Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter

Rev. Father Paul Lundberg, Protopresbyter

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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/

#### **April 2015**

#### Christ is Risen!



The most powerful and splendid moment in the life of an Orthodox Christian comes in the midst of a darkened church when the priest intones, "Come receive the light from the unwaning light and glorify Christ who has risen from the dead." Suddenly, the entire church is ablaze with lights and soon after with the triumphant sounds of "Christos Anesti!-- Christ is Risen!" It is as if the whole world has acquired a single voice, which again and again proclaims the greatest message that man has ever heard. "Christ is Risen!" Death is defeated!

The brilliant lights illuminating the church are not just symbolic. In a real way they dramatize for us with overwhelming reality that

in the midst of a world darkened with human sin and evil a powerful light illuminates every corner and disperses the darkness; this is the Light of the Risen Christ, both the hope and the reality of redemption from our evil ways.

Christ is Risen, transforming our fallen humanity to a new nature. He has taken upon Himself our sinful nature and has made it possible for us to attain what Adam could not - the likeness of God, the holiness of His Divine Nature.

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death and for the first time bestowing life upon those who died before Him as well as those who will die after Him. This paean of Christianity resounds throughout the World for forty days, reminding us of the salvation which has come to the whole World. It speaks in the present tense, "Christ is Risen!", for Christ is present among us in power - the Resurrection Power. We are not called to commemorate His Resurrection, but to participate in this event and be ourselves transformed by it.

This is the New Pascha (the New Passover), the Great Passover, the Blessed Passover, the Mystical Passover. This is the Pascha (the Passover) which has opened for us the gates of Paradise.

This is the Pascha of delight, the Pascha of the faithful, the Pascha which sanctifies those who approach with the fear of God, with Faith and with Love.

During this New Pascha of the Lord, let us embrace one another with the joy of the Resurrection, for Christ has Risen from the dead. Let us forgive those who have harmed us. Let us forgive those who may hate us. Christ on the Cross has shown us the way which leads to the Resurrection; this is the way of love and patience, the way of sacrifice and forgiveness.

Let us join together with the rest of the Church, both "militant" and "triumphant" and celebrate this glorious feast.

Christ is Risen, brothers and sisters! Glory be to His Holy Name!

J.Fr. Panayiotis



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#### Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2015

April 5, 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. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 6, Holy and Great Monday. ΄Αγία καί Μεγάλη Δευτέρα.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

**April 7, Holy and Great Tuesday.** Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τοίτη.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 8, Holy and Great Wednesday. Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τετάοτη.

**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. ἀλολουθία τοῦ ἀλγίου Εὐχελαίου 3:00 μμ.

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

**April 9, Holy and Great Thursday**, ʿΑγία 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 10, Holy and Great Friday. `Αγία καί Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

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

**Morning:** The Great Hours 9:00 am, Μεγάλες "Ωρες 9:00  $\pi\mu$ .

**Afternoon:** The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial 3:00 pm. ᾿Αποκαθήλωσις 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. Επιτάφιος Θοῆνος 7:00 μμ.

**April 11, 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,** Η ΔΝΑCΤΑCΙC **12:30 am,** Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha. "Ορθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία 'Αναστάσεως

April 12, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day). Τό Ἄγιον Πάσχα.

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

April 13, Renewal Monday, No Services today.

#### 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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#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS - APRIL

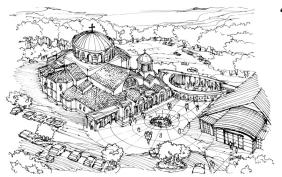
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4/1/2015
              Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 58:1-11</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16</u>
             Vespers OT2: Proverbs 21:23-22:4
4/2/2015
              Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 65:8-16</u>
                                           Vespers OT1: Genesis 46:1-7
                                                                             Vespers OT2: Proverbs 23:15-24:5
4/3/2015
              Orthros OT: Isaiah 66:10-24 Vespers OT1: Genesis 49:33-50:26 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 31:8-31
4/4/2015
              Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8
                                                                             Gospel: John 11:1-45
4/5/2015
              Matins: Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9
             Gospel: <u>John 12:1-18</u>
4/6/2015
              Gospel: Matthew 21:18-43
                                                 Gospel: Matthew 24:3-35
4/7/2015
              Gospel: Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39
                                                        Gospel: Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2
4/8/2015
             Gospel: John 12:17-50
                                                 Gospel: Matthew 26:6-16
4/9/2015
              Matins: <u>Luke 22:1-39</u>
                                          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
4/10/2015
             Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:6-8
                                                                             Gospel: Matthew 27:62-66
4/11/2015
             Matins: Matthew 27:62-66
                                                 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11
              Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20
4/12/2015
             Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8
                                                        Gospel: John 1:1-17
4/13/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26
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4/14/2015
             Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21
                                                        Gospel: Luke 24:12-35
4/15/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:22-38
                                                        Gospel: <u>John 1:35-52</u>
4/16/2015
             Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:38-43
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4/17/2015
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4/18/2015
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4/19/2015
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4/20/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 3:19-26
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4/21/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 4:1-10
                                                        Gospel: John 3:16-21
4/22/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 4:13-22
                                                        Gospel: <u>John 5:17-24</u>
4/23/2015
             Matins: Luke 21:12-19
                                          Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2
4/24/2015
             Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5:1-11
                                                        Gospel: John 5:30-47; 6:1-2
4/25/2015
             Epistle: St. Peter's First Universal Letter 5:6-14
                                                                      Gospel: <u>Luke 10:16-21</u>
4/26/2015
              Matins: Luke 24:1-12
                                          Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
4/27/2015
             Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60
                                                                      Gospel: John 4:46-54
4/28/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-17
                                                                      Gospel: <u>John 6:27-33</u>
4/29/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:18-25
                                                                      Gospel: John 6:35-39
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Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

4/30/2015

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH LOVE ONE ANOTHER



"...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 Stewardship Card today and bring your offering to the Lord.

If you have not yet done so, please send in your 2015 Membership/Stewardship Pledge

"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 2015

From the stewardship point of view, 2015 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 2015 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 gave 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.



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#### MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2015

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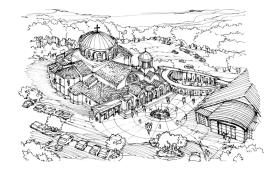
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#### OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE Update

The Capital Campaign for HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE OAOI MAZI:

All of us, working together, we continue to build our Faith, Hope and Love.

From our Founders to our Newcomers, God calls His People to

His Holy Community in Marietta, Georgia.

To Him belongs the Glory, Honor and Worship!



This parish is preparing to provide generations of its members for years to come with the ability to worship, be educated in the faith and celebrate as a family the Life and Teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, allowing God to transform their own lives through His Love.

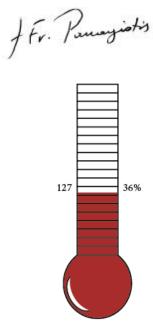
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Parish Participation

As of 3/13, We have 36 %!



Have you ever been running late on a Sunday morning only to get to church to find there is no place to legally park? Do any of you have children in our Youth or Catechism programs? Have you actually witnessed what 20+ high school Catechism students crammed into the conference room looks like? If so, then you can understand the need to move forward to our next building phase. Some of the benefits of the Our Faith, Our Future campaign will allow us to:

- Create 60+ additional parking spaces
- ➤ Have adequately sized classrooms for all Catechism, Hellenic Studies and Youth programs
- Have proper administration offices for our clergy and staff
- Add a multipurpose facility/gymnasium to support our athletic programs and banquet needs

In order to allow us to fulfill our commitments to the parish of entering the project debt free and raising our cash levels, pledges need to be turned in to Anne BEFORE the May 1st deadline. That will enable us to proceed with the plans to break ground in June. But we need your pledge to get there!!

I'm happy to report that we have received 140 gifts and pledges so far!! (Or 36% of the parish) We are striving for 100% Parish involvement, so if you haven't pledged yet and would like to, please see Mike Jacobs, Jimmy Frangis, or any Parish Council member for a pledge card. The cards are also in the Narthex and in the church office. And please remember, all gifts of all sizes make a significant impact!

#### We gratefully thank and acknowledge the following parishioners for their five year Our Faith, Our Future pledge, and we hope that their actions will inspire other parishioners to commit to the future of Holy Transfiguration as well:

Jeff & Maria Alberts Stephanie Alberts John & Donna Asimakos Dorian Bafas Tom & Lois Bafas Brian & Irene Baleno Roseann Bates Pete & Kathy Bilson Bob & Dorothy Botni Tony & Katerina Blasetti Terry & Irma Bliss Aaron & Christina Bourgeois Stephen & Dimitra Bournias Mark & Lela Bridgers Toula Brotsis Kerry & Debra Buchan Jim & Athena Burke Melina Burke Dino & Kathy Bylos Jimmy & Helen Carlos Greg & Michelle Cassimus Harry & Elene Catrakilis Thomas Cavalaris Maria Ceisel Dennis & Paula Christopher Jim & Eleni Clement Charles Coleman Cathy Costarides Harry & Christine Demakis Hailey Demakis Nicholas Demakis Julia Demakis John & Elizabeth Doulgerakis Marty Driscoll

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### Ordination to the Holy Priesthood



The hymns sung as the deacon is taken around the table (the same hymns as at a marriage) are a celebration and affirmation of the Orthodox faith, which is to guide and energize the priest just as it is to guide and energize a newly married couple. The bishop prays later that God would preserve the new priest in the purity of his life and in unswerving faith.

In kissing the four corners of the holy table, the deacon is venerating the icons of the four Evangelists, which were placed there at the consecration of the church building. This is connected to one of the priest's main roles: to proclaim or preach the Gospel.

Left: (Then Deacon) Theodore Ehmer venerates the bishop's *epigonation* after the four icons of the Evangelists on the holy altar.

The vesting of the priest is an outward sign of his being set apart for his role, standing between God and humanity. The vestments themselves are holy and sacred (cf. Ezekiel 42.14, Matthew 14.36). We hear reflected in the prayers of vesting a continual acknowledgment and remembrance of what God has done for us and given to us.

The receiving of the lamb (amnos) with the words, "Receive this Divine Trust, and guard it until the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand It from you" shows the weight of the priest's responsibility. He will answer to God for how he guarded, protected, and kept both the Orthodox Faith and God's people—the body of Christ, His Church.

Right: Fr. Theodore is vested by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, assisted by other priests.



### Youth



Above: The young children's play date is back with the warmer weather! The group meets at 10am on Mondays in the Parish Life Center. For more information, contact Brooke Levenson or Lukia McLean. Below: Participants at an Hellenic Dance workshop get a laugh over some spilled ice. The dancers are preparing an entirely new program of dances for this year's festival!



### Youth



We are incredibly blessed as a parish to have a professional iconographer as a member of our community. This is a truly rare opportunity for us to learn about iconography. At a recent GOYA meeting, Ari Kovaci came to teach and guide the youth in creating an icon of the resurrection. Above, Ari gives a few introductory remarks before mixing paints to get our colors. Below (left), Laramie, Irene, and Jack apply the first coat to the icon. Below (right), the icon as it looked at the end of the evening.





#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



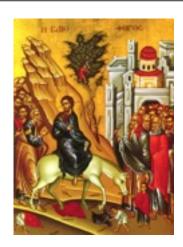
May 15, 16 @ 17
The weekend following Mother's Day!

Volunteers are needed!



Coffee hosting dates for 2015 are available. Don't forget to sign up for your preferred date to celebrate a birthday, nameday, remember a loved one, or just because. Sign ups are through the Sign Up Genius website (signupgenius.com). If you need an online invitation to join the group, please contact Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@gmail.com or call at 678-230-8412 if you have any questions.





#### PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON -- APRIL 5, 2015

Grilled Tilapia, Green Beans, Greek Salad, Potatoes, Dessert
Adults - \$12 Children - \$6 (under 10 yrs.)

Maximum per Family - \$40

No prepaid tickets; tickets will be sold at the door. *All monies benefit the Capital Building Fund Campaign*.

# Invitation to The AGAPE Picnic

On the Bright Sunday of the Resurrection at Holy Transfiguration



#### ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

You are Invited to the Agape Picnic on Pascha Sunday, April 12, 2015 following the Great Vespers of Love, 12:00 noon at

#### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sponsored by the Parish Life Ministry in the Parish Life Center and on Church grounds.

#### Delicious Buffet Menu:

Roasted Leg of Lamb or Chicken, Roasted Greek Potatoes, Oven Roasted Vegetables, Village Salad Wine, Beer, Tea, Lemonade, Sodas and Galactoboureko (Custard Pastry),

Chocolate Torte, and other Yummy Sweets.



Adults: \$15.00 Children (12 and under): \$5.00 (Children's menu same as above)



Music, Easter Egg Hunt

Tickets will be available on Sunday in the Parish Life Center, or to reserve, please call Anne at the Church office, 770.924.8080, and request Lamb or Chicken; for more information, call Maria Alberts, 404.966.6694.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON THE GREAT AND HOLY SUNDAY OF PASCHA (THE BRIGHT DAY).



If you would like to make a donation for the lilies or icon flowers that will decorate the church on Pascha, please contact Anne in the church office, 770.924.8080, <a href="https://holytrans@comcast.net">holytrans@comcast.net</a> or fill out this form and put it in the offering tray.

Name:
In Memory of:
(Please Print)
or
For the Health of:
(Please Print)
Amount of Donation:
The names of donors and dedications will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, April 12.



Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminary on Holy Friday, April 10.

Luminaries are sponsored by the Dance Ministry; suggested donation is \$5.00 per luminary.

Your name	 
In memory of	 

(1-2 names per luminary)

Please print clearly and include first and last names

Please return this completed form with check (payable to HT Dance Ministry) in the tray during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or to the church office by Wednesday, April 8.

Thank you for your support.



#### 2015 Marietta Greek Festival

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those of you who have stepped up and volunteered your time and talents in preparation for the 2015 Marietta Greek Festival, scheduled for May 15-17. 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.

We appreciate your volunteering and we have planned to make sign up as easy as possible.

- Every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy, we will have a volunteer sign up table.
- To sign up online at home, go to the Greek Festival website <u>www.mariettagreekfestival.org</u> and click on the Volunteer Link.

Please sign up as early as possible, so we can plan accordingly. The Festival, Cooking Prep and set-up sessions are a wonderful opportunity for community service hours. Friends and neighbors are welcome to volunteer as well.

#### http://www.mariettagreekfestival.org/

We expect approximately 18,000 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Danny Vlahiotis 2015 Greek Festival Chairman dnvlah@bellsouth.net



Thurs.	4/16	9am-9pm	Bougatsa
Mon	4/20	9am-9pm	Pastries
Tues.	4/21	9am-9pm	Pastries
Thurs.	4/23	9am-9pm	Pastries
Mon.	5/11	9am-4pm	Dipping
			Melomacarona
Tues.	5/12	10am-4pm	Pkg Pastries
Wed.	5/13	10am-4pm	Pkg Pastries
Wed.	5/13	2pm-10pm	Souvlakia

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#### **VOLUNTEERS - THINGS TO KNOW**

#### **General Information:**

- \* Wear a Festival T-Shirt (available for purchase at the Festival Greek Shop or can be from previous Festivals).

  Everyone working in the Food Line, Taverna and Kafenion will be provided a Festival Apron to wear during their shift(s). Please leave these aprons at the Festival at the end of your shift(s) to be washed overnight.
- \* If you are working in a warm area, please plan ahead and bring a fan or cooler from home.
- \* Arrive 30 minutes before your shift begins.
- \* Check in at the church house to receive a Festival name tag & Volunteer Food Gift Certificate.
- \* Please be flexible if we need to reassign you to another area.
- \* Smile and have fun OPA!

#### Parking & Drop-off:

Due to the complexity of our parking and bus operations and time restrictions at Simpson Middle School, we ask that you park as follows:

#### Friday:

Park at *Church of Latter Day Saints* if you arrive prior to 4:00 pm. Shuttle buses will begin running Volunteers to/from that lot at 12:00 noon. If you arrive prior to 12:00 noon, you may park at the church, but move your car to the *Church of Latter Day Saints* at 12:00 noon. If you arrive after 4:00 pm, park at *Lassiter High School*.

#### Saturday & Sunday:

Park at *Lassiter High School Lot* if you arrive after 8:00 am. The shuttle bus will begin running for Volunteers to/from this lot at 8:00 am. If you arrive prior to 8:00 am, park at *Simpson Middle School* and walk to the Festival.

Please do not park on church grounds at any time during the Festival because you will interrupt the operations and cause unnecessary problems. If you park there, unfortunately you will be towed at your own expense. A few spaces are reserved at the Lower Parking Lot for VIPs and Runners who will display a VIP pass. If you do not have a VIP pass, do not park there. Parking at the house across the street is also <u>not</u> allowed. Drop-off and pick-up in front of the church is limited to persons with disabilities ONLY. Remember, the Festival has grown, the space is limited, and we try to serve our guests in the best and most convenient way, while making it easy and safe for them and our volunteers. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### **Volunteer Food:**

As we did last year, Volunteers will be given a \$5 Volunteer Food Gift Certificate for each shift they work at the Festival to use for food purchases. This means you will have to check in with Paula Rogers, Becky Valagohar or Anne Willcocks at the church office every morning to receive your badge and Food Certificate(s). Soft drinks and bottled water will still be available to volunteers for half price. This system has made our accounting much easier. Volunteers must wait in line for their food, just as our guests do. Please do not go behind the Food service areas to pick up your food. That looks very unprofessional. Please try to eat when business is slow to avoid the long lines.

#### Kitchen:

No one under the age of 15 will be allowed in the kitchen for an extended time. If you are working in the kitchen, please ask your kids to limit their visits into the kitchen.

#### **Hired Workers:**

The Festival utilizes hired workers to supplement the efforts of our Volunteers. These workers have been hired to work in particular areas and are not for everyone's use. If you need the assistance of one of these hired workers, please call one of the following and request their help:

- 1. Danny Vlahiotis 678-643-0343
- 2. Athan Tsarouhas 404-538-5469
- 3. Ellen Linebaugh 770-846-4640

#### **Emergency Procedures during Festival:**

If a fire occurs, and you cannot immediately put it out, call 911, then do steps #1 and #2 below. If a Volunteer or Guest gets hurt or has some other type of medical emergency, and it is obvious that an ambulance is needed, call 911, then do steps #1 and #2 below. If it is not obvious that immediate medical attention is needed or you witness a non-medical emergency (suspicious individual, theft, dangerous equipment, etc.), please:

1. First, contact one of the following, in the order listed:

Danny Vlahiotis 678-643-0343 (Prefer Text)

Steve Tingas 770-845-5045 Athan Tsarouhas 404-538-5469

2. Then, locate a Policeman and advise him/her of the situation.

#### **Be on the Lookout:**

If you see anyone that looks like they have had too much alcohol, please immediately send someone to notify the Church Office and Festival Security. Stay with the person. We do not want anyone leaving our Festival if there is the slightest concern that they are not fit to drive. <u>Tell the person that we will pay for cab fare</u> to their home, and ask them to stay until the taxi arrives.

Thank you,

Danny Vlahiotis 2015 Festival Chairman

#### HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



#### PREPARATIONS FOR FESTIVAL UNDERWAY!

#### **APRIL PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

NOTE TO PARENTS OF DANCERS GRADES K-5: Cooking for the festival is going on WHILE your child is practicing.

We strongly encourage you to give that time, just one hour or half hour, to help the cooking team prepare for our church's largest and most important fundraiser!

THANKS ~Hellenic Dance Team~

<u>Tuesday April 14</u> – **COSTUME FITTING DAY** – Classes that are practicing that day will be fitted for their costumes! Make-ups available with Mrs. Paulina from 4:00-4:30 or 7:00-7:30; call, text or FB Message to reserve your slot!

Palamakia (K & 1st) – 4:30-5:00 with Mrs. Peggy and Miss Eleni in the PLC

Asteria (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) – 4:30-5:15 with Mrs. Paulina and Mrs. Dimitra (Bournias) in the PLC

Petaloudes (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) – 7:15-8:00 with Miss Despina and Miss Ina in the PLC

<u>Sunday April 19 - COSTUME FITTING DAY - All groups Practicing on this day will be fitted for their costume!</u>

Pitsirikia (pre-K) – 12:30-1:00 with Mrs. Karen and Miss Melissa in the downstairs classroom

Make-up practice time – 1:00-1:30 with Mrs. Paulina in the downstairs classroom

Phoenix – 1:30-2:30 with Mrs. Elaine and Mr. Ted in the PLC

Eleftheria – 1:30-3:30 with Mrs. Paulina and Mrs. Demetra (Lilly) PLC or Amphitheater

#### Tuesday April 21 -

Make-ups available with Mrs. Paulina from 4:00-4:30 or 7:00-7:30; call, text or FB Message to reserve your slot!

Palamakia (K & 1st) – 4:30-5:00 with Mrs. Peggy and Miss Eleni in the PLC

Asteria (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) – 4:30-5:15 with Mrs. Paulina and Mrs. Dimitra (Bournias) in the PLC

Petaloudes (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) – 7:15-8:00 with Miss Despina and Miss Ina in the PLC

Sunday April 26 - COSTUME FITTING DAY - All groups Practicing on this day will be fitted for their costume!

Pitsirikia (pre-K) – 12:30-1:00 with Mrs. Karen and Miss Melissa in the downstairs classroom

Make-up practice time – 1:00-1:30 with Mrs. Paulina in the downstairs classroom

Phoenix – 1:30-2:30 with Mrs. Elaine and Mr. Ted in the PLC

Eleftheria – 1:30-3:30 with Mrs. Paulina and Mrs. Demetra (Lilly) PLC or Amphitheater

#### Tuesday April 28 -

Make-ups available with Mrs. Paulina from 4:00-4:30 or 7:00-7:30; call, text or FB Message to reserve your slot!

Palamakia (K & 1st) – 4:30-5:00 with Mrs. Peggy and Miss Eleni in the PLC

Asteria (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) – 4:30-5:15 with Mrs. Paulina and Mrs. Dimitra (Bournias) in the PLC

Petaloudes (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) – 7:15-8:00 with Miss Despina and Miss Ina in the PLC

#### **COSTUME CLOSET PARENTS NEEDED!!!!**

We need one or two parents, PER GROUP, to volunteer to be in charge of checking-out, checking-in, fittings and putting costumes back in closet for this year's festival. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Paulina Vastakis. Thanks

# Anyone interested in attending the ANOIXI Dance Workshop in Charlotte NC, Saturday April 25, please contact Mrs. Paulina!



# GREEK DANCE AND ORTHODOX FAITH CONNECTION DID YOU KNOW....

That the Hassaposervikos Dance, AKA "Butcher's Dance," is a celebratory dance for Easter? This dance was first danced by the Butchers of Constantinople around 800-900A.D.. They started this dance to show their overwhelming joy that the Lord has been Resurrected....any they were back in business after being closed for 40 days of Lent!



#### PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We thank all who participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Metropolis Spiritual Retreat at the Diakonia Center, March 20-22. All who attended enjoyed the fellowship and felt spiritually renewed by Fr. Panayiotis' presentation. We look forward to next year's retreat and hope that more ladies from our parish will consider attending.

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

- dying two dozen eggs (kits will be distributed on Sunday, April 5).
- 400 koulourakia are needed for the Resurrection Meal
- Thursday, April 9: prepare flowers for Friday's decorating of the Kouvouklion (4 or 5 people)
- Friday, April 10: many hands are needed to decorate the Kouvouklion (meet at 9:00 A.M. in the chapel)
- Friday afternoon, April 10: help prepare vegetables for the Resurrection Meal
- Friday afternoon/Saturday morning or afternoon: prepare bowls of sand to hold candles during the Resurrection meal
- Saturday/Sunday, April 11/12: help to serve at the Resurrection meal

Please email Linda Lopos at <a href="mailto:llopos@bellsouth.net">llopos@bellsouth.net</a> if you are able to help with any of the above.

Thanks to all who have joined or renewed your membership in Philoptochos. If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership, please stop at the Philoptochos table in the PLC any Sunday to complete the membership form. You may also download the form from the church website: <a href="www.holytransfiguration.info">www.holytransfiguration.info</a> (click on "ministries", then "Philoptochos"). To date, we have 89 members who have fulfilled their 2015 financial commitment. They are:

Maria Alberts	Peggy Dunkerly	Anna Lerios	Toula Nielsen
Liz Azimzadeh	Harriette Gavrielides	Stacey Levantis	Georgia O'Brien
Dorian Bafas	Niki Gess	Ellen Linebaugh	Julie Orologas
Eleni Bafas	Stephanie Gianaris	Linda Lopos	Fr. George Pallas
Lois Bafas	Martha Gingles	Stephanie Lukens	Pres. Toula Pallas
Nancy Barke	Lea Gormanos	Christy Macris	Mary Papadimitriou
Alexis Bass	Irene Hammond	Dorothy Macris	<b>Cathy Papadopoulos</b>
Sophia Bethune	Leslie Hansard	Eftichia Macris	Rosemary Peppas
Evelyn Bilson	Christopher Hansard	Xanthippe Marsico	Paula Rogers
Dorothy Botni	Sis Hondras	Despina Mavromatidis	Donna Smith
Elizabeth Brewer	Georgia Hutt	Dawn Mavromatidis	Ron Sprouse
Toula Argentis Brotsis	Victoria Jansma	Artemis Michael	Christine Sprouse
Michelle Broussard-Hanes	Jo Kastner	Ioanna Michaels	Irene Steffas
Athena Burke	Steve Kipreos	Mary Miltiades	Mary Stiakakis
Helen Carlos	Irene Kipreos	Niko Miltiades	Connie Stratigos
Elene Catrakilis	Gerry Klementzos	Anthe Modenos	Theresa Taoushiani
Paula Christopher	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Patricia Morris	Zach Taoushiani
Dennis Christopher	Connie Kollias	Kim Moustoukas	Vicki Thorne
Agapi Chryssopoulos	Lori Kollias	Maro Neocleous	Renee Tiller
Eleni Clement	Pat Koutouzis	Kally Niarchos	Steve Tingas
Marty Driscoll	Eleni Krause	Lee Nichols	Mary Beth Tsoukalas

Chelsie Vlahiotis Anne Willcocks Ann Zakreski Angela (Kiko) Ziros

On **April 19**, we will hold a special meeting in the Chapel immediately after the Divine Liturgy to elect our new board members. Only those who have fulfilled their 2015 financial commitment will be eligible to vote.

Please visit the Philoptochos Table in the PLC to pick up information about the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. We are accepting donations in any amount every Sunday throughout the year. Our chapter will send checks to the St. Nicholas National Shrine Initiative for the total amounts collected on a quarterly basis. For more information about this initiative, check out the following link: <a href="https://www.stnicholaswtc.org">www.stnicholaswtc.org</a>.

Our Panagia Chapter's National and Metropolis April commitments: National: \$430

Metropolis: \$2,449

#### **Important Dates:**

April 5: Distribution of kits for dying eggs

April 9: Prepare flowers for decorating Kouvouklion April 22: Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M. in OCR

April 10: Decorate Kouvouklion April 23: Feast Day of St. George

April 11/12: Resurrection Meal in PLC April 23: Soup Kitchen April 19: Election of new board members April 23: Book Club



# NEWS YOU CAN USE!

AT LAST APRIL HAS ARRIVED!! Spring is in the air and our only fundraiser of the year will take place on April 25. "It's Disco Night" promises to be a most exciting event. Our board is working hard to make this a memorable occasion for you, your family and friends. Dress comfortable – jeans acceptable! Only \$20 – an unbeatable price plus we are offering special exciting prizes. Tickets will be on sale beginning March 22 after church in the PLC.

Hope all of you who came to our general meeting on March 24 enjoyed the "parea" and Father's presentation, "The Great Lent-The Journey to the Kingdom of God." No matter how much one knows about fasting there is always more to learn. Prime Timers has four general meetings per year. The last two will probably not be in the Parish Life Center if the building project proceeds as planned. The last 2 general meetings will be held elsewhere, so please be aware of these announcements.

Due to popular demand we are planning a day trip to Gibbs Garden, and we will be going by bus. We are taking 2 small buses which means we can seat 30 people. So far we have 18 people who have signed up. The entrance fee is usually \$18, but thanks to Father Panayiotis, we are only paying \$15.90 per person. The cost of the bus is \$20/person. Total /person is \$35.90 which Gibbs Garden is requesting be paid in a lump sum ahead of time. Also, if you wish to ride the tram, the cost is an additional \$5.30/person, again to be paid in a lump sum in advance. Lunch is available there. We will leave from the church 10:00 am and will return at 5:00 pm on May 2. A big thank you to Larry Gess and George Lopos, who will be our drivers.

Don't be a "couch potato". Just because we are seniors, we should not give up and become lazy. Enjoy your life every day, every hour, every minute. Enjoy the fellowship of your friends. That's what "senior life" should be about. Yes, we all have aches and pains, but nothing is worse than no friends or staying at home all the time. Get up, exercise, walk and those pains will diminish! Laughter is good for you "REMEMBER A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!"

So far, we have 22 members going to Branson, MO. We have room for 8 more. If you are interested, it is not too late to join the group. WE NEED YOU!! WE WANT YOU!!

My apology for omitting Nick Klementzos' name from our board member list. We now have 12 members. My thanks to all the members for their support and dedication to Prime Timers.

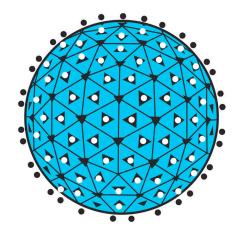
May God Bless,

**Connie Stratigos** 

Remember: A day without laughter is a day wasted!



at the Prime Timers'



It's Disco Night
Saturday, April 25, 6:30 pm
Parish Life Center

Ages 13 to 100 are invited - Appetizers, Pizza, Salad, Desserts!

DJ Playing Your Favorites! Drawing Prizes to please everyone!

Cost: \$20 per person

Pick your decade, come in casual dress and dance the night away!

Remember: A day without laughter is a day wasted!

Please join us for this fun event!!



# PRIME TIMERS!

## WE ARE GOING TO BRANSON, MISSOURI! SUNDAY, MAY 31 - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!

CHECK OUT THIS LINK: www.GroupTrips.com/HolyTransfigurationGreekOrthodoxChurch

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Admission to 7 Fabulous Branson Shows: 3 Morning, 3 Evening

Showboat Branson Belle

Cost: \$569.00 per person (payment may be made in installments)

Contact: Connie Stratigos, 770-992-9707

REMEMBER DAYS WITHOUT LAUGHTER ARE DAYS WASTED!! Do not waste this fun trip. Come join us for joy and fellowship!



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#### 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 - No interest, financing available.

Note: Pricing will go up to \$3200 per plot on May 1, 2015.







# «Орвобобіаς фёззе карбіаς єддафвіцях»

εν θα μπορέσει ο άνθρωπος να συναντήσει τον αναστημένο Χριστό, αν δεν ακολουθήσει τη σωστή κατεύθυνση στην πορεία του. Η σωστή διανοητική αντίληψη αυτής της πορείας είναι μια απαραίτητη ηρώτη αρχή. Εκείνος που θέλει να επισκεφθεί ένα νησί, πρέπει πρώτα να γνωρίζει



διανοητικά ότι, με το πλοίο και όχι με τον σιδηρόδρομο θα μπορέσει να φθάσει εκεί που θέλει. Όμως, αν και η σωστή διανοητική αντίληψη είναι μια απαραίτητη πρώτη αρχή, είναι εντελώς ανεπαρκής αν δεν ακολουθείται από μια ολοκληρωμένη συνειδητοποίηση.

Δεν είναι αρκετό να ξέρει κανείς με το νου του και να λέει με τα χείλη του ότι μόνο με το πλοίο θα φθάσει στο νησί που θέλει να επισκεφθεί, αλλά χρειάζεται να ενεργήσει ανάλογα. Εκείνον που θα επαναλάμβανε με λόγια ακατάπαυστα ότι το πλοίο θα τον φέρει στο νησί, και θα αγόραζε ένα σιδηροδρομικό εισιτήριο, δε θα τον ωφελούσε καθόλου η διανοητική γνώση της κατάλληλης πορείας και δεν θα τον έφερνε στον προορισμό του.

Ο Χριστός είναι ένας, όσο κι αν είναι διαφορετικοί οι τρόποι με τους οποίους οι άνθρωποι Τον αντιλαμβάνονται. Η συνάντησή μας με τον Χριστό θα εξαρτηθεί από το ποσοστό που ο Χριστός που αναΖητούμε είναι ο πραγματικός Χριστός. Η ορθή δόξα για το ποιος και τι είναι ο Χριστός είναι απολύτως απαραίτητη στο ξεκίνημά μας για την πορεία μας προς τη συνάντηση με Αυτόν, αλλά δεν είναι αρκετή, πρέπει να ακολουθηθεί και να ολοκληρωθεί με το ανάλογο βίωμα, στο οποίο συμμετέχει ο όλος άνθρωπος.

Συχνά, με τα νοήματα και τα λόγια, αναφερόμαστε στον πραγματικό Χριστό, αλλά τα βιώματά μας αναφέρονται σε έναν άλλο Χριστό.

Μπορεί να περιγράφουμε με λόγια το Θεό ως τον φιλόστοργο πατέρα, που "εκένωσε εαυτόν" και έγινε άνθρωπος για μας τα παιδιά Του, αλλά ταυτόχρονα να βασανιzόμαστε από συναισθήματα ενοχής για τις αμαρτίες μας και από το φόδο της τιμωρίας που θα μας επιβάλει σκληρά και ανελέπτα. Μπορεί να λέμε με λόγια ότι μόνο η χάρη του Θεού μας σώζει και ταυτόχρονα, συναισθηματικά, να βασιzόμαστε αυτοδικαιωτικά στα καλά μας έργα. Η σωστή αντίληψη της πορείας που μας οδηγεί στη συνάντηση με τον αναστημένο Χριστό ούτε πολυτέλεια είναι ούτε διαπραγματεύσιμη και ούτε είναι ένδειξη ευρύτητας πνεύματος ή συμβιβαστική διάθεση γύρω απ' αυτή την αντίληψη. Όχι μόνο δεν είναι φιλάνθρωπο να δεχόμαστε

Η σωστή αντίληψη της πορείας που μας οδηγεί στη συνάντηση με τον αναστημένο Χριστό ούτε πολυτέλεια είναι ούτε διαπραγματεύσημη και ούτε είναι ένδειξη ευρύτητας πνεύματος ή συμβιβαστική διάθεση γύρω απ' αυτή την αντίληψη. Όχι μόνο δεν είναι φιλάνθρωπο να δεχόμαστε την πλάνη του πλανημένου, αλλά εντελώς απάνθρωπο και τερατώδες. Είναι πραγματικά απάνθρωπο να μην καταπολεμά κανείς με όση δύναμη έχει την πλάνη του ανθρώπου, που πιστεύει πως μπορεί να πηδήξει από ένα ύψος εκατό μέτρων χωρίς να πάθει τίποτε. Αλλά είναι επίσης απάνθρωπο και αντιχριστιανικό να πολεμάει κανείς τον πλανημένο αντί να πολεμάει την πλάνη του. Τίποτε απ' ό,τι μας αποκαλύφθηκε για τον Τριαδικό Θεό δεν είναι θεολογική φιλολογία, αλλά κάθε θεολογική αποκάλυψη έχει μια αποφασιστικής σημασίας για τον άνθρωπο ανθρωπολογική διάσταση.

Ο άνθρωπος που ακολούθησε την πορεία που περιγράφτηκε, για μια συνάντηση με τον αναστημένο Χριστό, πρέπει τώρα να βεβαιωθεί ότι η πορεία αυτή βασίzεται σε μια σωστή αντίληψη για το ποιος είναι ο Χριστός που θέλει να συναντήσει και με την πρώτη Κυριακή των Νηστειών, την Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας, η Εκκλησία τονίζει αυτή την ανάγκη.

«Λύμης φθοροποιός, φυγόντες κακοδόξων, Ορθοδοξίας φέγγει καρδίας ελλαφθώμεν» (απόστικα Μικρού Εσπερινού Κυριακής Ορθοδοξίας).

π. Φιλόθεος Φάρος, «Πριν και μετά το Πάσχα»

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αναγούδα, το κελί του Γέροντα Παϊσίου. Πιο εδώ είναι δυο επισκέπτες, κι αυτοί από τη Θεσσαλονίκη. Στέκονται όρθιοι, ακουμπώντας στην καστανιά. Πενηντάρηδες κι οι δυο, χλωμοί, στρυφνοί. Φαίνονται να είναι από κάποια παρεκκλησιαστική οργάνωση, γιατί κοιτάzουνε αυστηρά, κάπως επιτιμητικά τον γέροντα και σχολιάzουνε μεταξύ τους χαμηλόφωνα.

Τα παιδιά παίzουνε, κάνουνε φασαρία –οπότε γυρίzει ο Παΐσιος και τα λέει ήρεμα: «Μην κάνετε θόρυβο, γιατί εδώ δίπλα, κάτω απ' το χώμα, είναι κρυμμένοι Αμερικανοί και θα ξυπνήσουν και θα' ρθουν να μας χαλάσουν την ησυχία μας».

Τα παιδιά σταματούνε, σωπαίνουνε παραξενεμένα. Ο Γιάννης, απέναντι, γέρνει πλάγια στον βράκο, πάνω στο σάκο του. Ανάβει τσιγάρο.

Οι δυο επισκέπτες, που φαίνονται σκληροί ευσεβιστές, συνεχίζουν να βλέπουν με αποδοκιμασία τον γέροντα που προσέχει να μη φουσκώσει και χυθεί το γάλα. Ώσπου ο ένας δεν αντέχει και λέει στον καλόγερο: «Γέροντα Παΐσιε, είμαστε στις πρώτες μέρες της Σαρακοστής, έχουμε αυστηρή νηστεία, κι εσύ βράζεις να πιεις γάλα;»

Ο γέροντας σωπαίνει. Δεν απαντάει. Πιάνει και κατεβάzει το κατσαρόλι, γιατί το γάλα έβρασε. Μετά πάει στο κελί, φέρνει έξι μικρά, παλιά, πορσελάνινα φλιτzανάκια, τα βάzει μερακλίδικα στη σειρά κι αδειάzει με προσοχή το γάλα μέσα σ' αυτά. Περιμένει λίγο να κρυώσει, ενώ όλοι τον κοιτάzουνε με απορία, σιωπηλοί.

Οι δυο ευσεβιστές τα βλέπουνε όλα αυτά με αποστροφή, γιατί σκέφτονται ότι, αφού είμαστε όλοι εδώ οι επισκέπτες, έξι και τα φλιτzανάκια, άρα και σ' αυτούς θα τολμήσει ο καλόγερος να προσφέρει γάλα, τέτοιες μέρες σκληρής υποτείας.

Ο γέροντας Παΐσιος παίρνει τα γεμάτα φλιτzανάκια ένα-ένα, τα βάzει σ' ένα ξύλινο δίσκο, τα κουβαλάει και τ' αφήνει σε απόσταση εφτά μέτρων, στο χώμα, στην άκρη ενός θάμνου.

Τ' ακουμπάει όλα εκεί, στη σειρά, έπειτα έρχεται, κάθεται δίπλα μας και αρχίζει να κάνει με το στόμα του κάτι σιγανά, παράξενα σφυρίγματα, κοιτάζοντας προς τους θάμνους.

Δεν περνούνε λίγα λεπτά, και πιο εκεί, μέσα από τα τσαλιά, βγαίνει πολύ προσεκτικά μια οχιά και ύστερα πέντε μικρά φιδάκια -τα παιδιά της.

Κρατάω την αναπνοή μου.

Τα φίδια έρχονται, πλησιάzουν όλα, ένα-ένα, σέρνοντας, περνούνε δίπλα μας, πάνε σιγά-σιγά στα φλιτzανάκια, κι αρχίzουν ήρεμα να πίνουν, να ρουφούνε το πρωινό γάλα

Γιώργου Σκαμπαρδώνη, «Επί ψύλλου κρεμάμενος»



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# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fifth SundayMary of Egypt  8:30 AM Orthros  9:30 AM Ordination of Deacon Paul Lundberg to the Priesthood  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:15 AM Catechism	3C = 10:00 AM Children's Play Date = 5:30 PM Byzantine Iconography Class = 6:00 PM Great Compline	31  = 4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice = 4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice = 5:30 PM Biblical Greek = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies = 7:00 PM Choir Practice = 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice	Sixth Wedneof Great Lent  -4:00 PM Leadership Development Team Meeting -5:30 PM Biblical Greek -5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts -7:00 PM Lenten Dinner, Presentation, Discussion	2 <b>=</b> 6:00 PM Great Compline	3  6:00 PM Great Vespers – Resurrection of St. Lazarus	The Resurrecf St. Lazarus  = 8:45 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 11:00 AM Making of palm crosses and Confession for children  = 3:45 PM Comsudes Baptism (Maria)  = 5:00 PM Great Vespers for Palm Sunday
5 Palm Sunday	6 Holy and Great Monday	7 Holy and Great Tuesday	8 Holy and Great Wednesday	9 Holy and GreJesus Christ)	10 Holy and Grerial of Christ	11 Holy and Great Saturday
Easter Sunday  = 8:30 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 12:00 PM Palm Sunday Luncheon  = 7:00 PM Bridegroom Service	= 7:00 PM Bridegroom Ser- vice	= 7:00 PM Bridegroom Ser- vice	<ul> <li>9:00 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</li> <li>3:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing)</li> <li>6:45 PM Small Compline</li> <li>7:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</li><li>7:00 PM The Service of the Passion of Christ</li></ul>	<ul> <li>9:00 AM The Great Hours</li> <li>3:00 PM The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial</li> <li>7:00 PM The Burial of Christ-Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epi- taphios), followed by Pro-</li> </ul>	-9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil     -9:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal     -11:00 PM Midnight Resurrection Services—The Canon of Easter
12 Pascha	13 Thomas lefferson's Birthday		15 So PM Steering Commit-	16 9:00 AM Festival Cooking	17	18 9:00 AM Festival Clean-Up
12:30 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha (the 2:00 AM Resurrection Meal Midnight Resurrection Services—The Canon of 12:00 PM Great Vespers of Love (During this Service the Gospel is read in variance) PM AGAPE Picnic	10:00 AM Children's Play Date     5:30 PM Byzantine Iconography Class     6:30 PM Architecture Construction Committee Meeting	■ 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting	tee Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	(Bougatsa)  6:30 PM Festival Board  Meeting		Day  —4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal —4:45 PM 40 day Blessing of Kelley Kostulakos and her daughter, Lillian Katherine. —5:00 PM Great Vespers
Thomas Sunday  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:15 AM Catechism  11:15 AM Catechism  11:55 AM Arrioklasis is given by Maria Caras in honor of the Feast of St. George (April 23)  12:00 PM Philoptochos  Board Election  26  Sunday of tring Women  8:30 AM Orthros  11:00 AM Divine Liturgy	200 AM Festival Cooking (Pastries)  10:00 AM Children's Play Date  5:30 PM Byzantine Iconography Class  6:30 PM Festival Committee Meeting  10:00 AM Children's Play Date  5:30 PM Byzantine Iconography Class	21  9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Pastries)  5:30 PM Hellenic Studies  6:30 PM Festival Board Meeting  7:00 PM Education, Youth, & Culture Committee Meeting ing	= 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of St. George = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) = 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting = 7:00 PM Steering Commit- tee Meeting = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	Feast of St. G's Name Day)  9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Pastries) 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	1	1 11
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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Apr. 5, 2015 Palm Sunday	M. Nichols/R. Rogers	St. John	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	S. Bethune/E. Bilson/A. Burke
Apr. 12, 2015 Pascha	M. Alberts/S. Tingas	St. Peter	Pascha	A. Davis/M. Driscoll/M. Eleftheriou
Apr. 19, 2015	S. Steffas/T. Voulopos	St. James	K. Johnson/D. Smith	T. Georgacopoulos/S. Gianaris/N. Kikissis
Apr. 26, 2015	A. Miltiades/D. Koutouzis	St. John	P. Koutouzis/E. Markley	E. Kay/Themis Kipreos/P. Koutouzis

<u>St. James Altar Servers:</u> Eli Nichols-Captain, Chris Bridgers, Michael Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Aaron Brown, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, George Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Paul Jacobs, Spiros Kefalas, Kris Kollias, Tommy Kollias, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Angelos Makris, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Alexander Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Nick Zakreski

<u>St. John Altar Servers:</u> Dean Papastrat-Captain, Chris Alberts, Stephen Ardagna, Matthew Azimzadeh, Andrew Bass, Theo Bliss, Michael Brotsis, Anthony Bundros, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Nicholas Gekas, William Jansma, Michael Marianos, Alexander Morgan, Evan Nakos, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Matthew Paulson, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Niko Tiller, Csaba Wagner

<u>St. Peter Altar Servers</u>: Yianni Turner-Captain, Peyton Agne, Zack Bethune, Christopher Bilson, Hal Bradford, III, Brody Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Nicholas Demakis, Michael Farina, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Jacob Harrah, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, Panayiotis Jordanopoulos, Michael Jordanopoulos, Andrew Levine, Morgan Lilly, Luke Melissas, Zacharias Melissas, Alek Nikolich, Lucas Porter, Matthew Shanahan, Evan Strakes, Michael Tsogas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Panayiotis Vlachos

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