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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples beheld Your glory, in so far as they were able, so that when they would see You crucified, they might understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

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JESUS: THE RECIPE FOR PEACE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST



As the killing rages in Gaza I cannot help but wonder what could be the solution to this very complicated and emotionally charged problem (emotional even for Americans-if you watch the daily news and commentaries!).

Of course, I cannot imagine that the desired peaceful solution will come if Hamas continues firing rockets into Israel killing Jews, nor can I see peace come if the Israeli army continues the killing of Palestinian Moslems. This has already been happening for over 66 years and it has only made things worse.

So, I raise the question: What is the solution that can lead to Peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East? And my answer is, Jesus, Yeshua (ישוע), 'Īsā - al Masih (عیسی)!!!

It is my contention that it will greatly help the cause of peace if the Israeli Jews were to look again at Jesus (one of their own) and consider His teaching as an option for their nation (since His teaching was originally meant for them, anyway).

Of course, Jesus's message was first for the Jews, but not only. It is also for the Moslems, as well as everyone else!

The Moslems, in turn, need to take a closer look in the Quran and re-consider Jesus, the Messenger of God, and His teachings concerning war and peace.

Interestingly enough, the Quran shows great respect for Jesus as a Prophet and calls Him "the Messenger of God" and "the Word of God", yet many Moslems do not pay enough attention to His teachings.

Jesus has a good message for the world; He spoke about gentleness and peace; He declared that, "blessed are the peacemakers" and "blessed are the meek". He did not teach that people should kill one another, either for revenge, or for land, neither for faith nor for God, nor for any other reason, and definitely not as a way to paradise!

Jesus raised the bar further by asking us not just to not seek revenge (as is the case in the dictum "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"), but even to "turn the other cheek". He went beyond the norm, encouraging people to not only love those who love them, but also "love their enemies"!

Not only did Jesus not preach violence and the killing of the others, but He went to great lengths to emphasize the new message of the New Covenant, "peace on earth": Before His crucifixion, when the Jewish guards came to the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Him, Peter pulled out his knife and cut the ear of the servant of the high priest. But Jesus healed the man by re-attaching his ear. He then rebuked Peter asking him to put his knife away saying, "if you live by the knife, you will also die by the knife" (which accurately describes the current state of affairs in the Middle-East).

If the Moslems of the Middle-East want to really follow the Quran and honor Jesus as a great Prophet and Messenger of God, it will be a good idea for them to heed to His message, as well. This will bring peace among themselves, as well as with those around them.

On the Israeli side, those who profess to be Jews today and claim to honor Yahweh cannot ignore Jesus, for the people of his time (their own forefathers) proclaimed Him to be the Messiah (the

Christ) promised by God to His chosen people. Both His miracles and His teachings stand out in the history of the Jewish people (and of the whole world) as extraordinary. Millions of people continue to believe in Him as the Messiah, the One promised to the Jews through the prophets in the ancient Scriptures. Judaism will be greatly enriched and Yahweh will be greatly pleased if modern Jews will consider Jesus and His teachings as a complement to the teachings of the old Scriptures (the Old Testament), which they still abide by.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have an obligation to present His authentic teachings to both Jews and Moslems (and the rest of the world) as we have inherited them from the Apostles. We are called to live the Gospel and witness the True Faith to those willing to listen. The Gospel becomes more effective when those who preach it actually live by it. There should be no compromise of the Gospel for the sake of nationalistic, political or emotional leanings toward any one side of the conflict in the Middle-East.

J Fr. Panayiotis

Good news for Sudanese woman

Some good news arrived today on the international front. The Sudanese woman, Meriam Ibrahim, married to an American citizen who was grabbed by regional Sudanese authorities, tried, and sentenced to death for converting to Christianity was set free. According to the way in which the Sudanese apply Sharia law, because her father was Muslim, Meriam is also Muslim. Any Muslim who converts away from Islam is worthy of the death penalty, and so she was sentenced to death while pregnant. Fortunately for Meriam, she had been grabbed by authorities and not by a mob, so the sentence was not carried out while she appealed it. Eventually she won her appeal and was set free, however, she was promptly arrested again at the airport under some trumped up charge of trying to use false travel documents. Meriam was released on bail and was able to go to the USA Embassy and get asylum.

Details are not out yet, however, Italy admitted that it had had a part in getting Meriam and her family out. She landed at the airport in Rome, accompanied by her children and an Italian Member of Parliament. The Italian Prime Minister greeted her shortly after her arrival. Whatever happened, her own lawyer in the Sudan was not aware that she was leaving. On interview, he said that the legal travel ban against her was still in effect. I doubt that any European country or the USA will honor any extradition request. She is fortunate in being married to an American citizen. I am sure that the USA will waive the normal procedures and give Meriam a green card under a sped up case review allowed by law for those with a particular emergency refugee need. Being originally sentenced to 100 lashes and then the death penalty for being a Christian is most definitely an emergency need. Meanwhile, a very special thanks to the government of Italy. They deserve all our applause.

The world is in a period of radicalization. From the returning Caliphate, to the separatists in the Ukraine, to the radicalization of Muslims in northern and sub-Saharan Africa, to the increasing militancy of Hindus in India, we are seeing a world that may very well be headed toward some type of social/cultural explosion. We have not been immune from that climate here in the USA. However, we remain free of physical conflict and internal terrorism. For that we are to be thankful. It is when I read stories like the story of Meriam that I realize how thankful I am that we Americans may scream a lot, but we have not yet descended to physically harming of each other.

There are still many countries that have not yet felt violent social upheaval. May the Lord continue to preserve them.

Source: <http://www.pravmir.com/good-news-sudanese-woman/#ixzz38jdkN3D>



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

August 2014

August 1, Friday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

Beginning of the Fast of August. Oil and wine is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays.
Fish is allowed on August 6 for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Savior.

Friday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 2, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 3, Eighth Sunday of Matthew. Forefeast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

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

August 5, Tuesday Evening: Great Vespers - the Transfiguration of our Savior Christ

Great Vespers begins at 7:00 pm -- Feast-Day of our Parish begins.

Dinner to follow the Great Vespers in our Parish Hall.

August 6, Wednesday. The Transfiguration of our Savior. **Parish Feast-Day.**

Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am, followed by coffee and social time in our church hall - *Today we eat fish.*

Wednesday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 7, 8, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 9, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 10, Sunday. Ninth Sunday of Matthew, Sunday after the Transfiguration of the Lord

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

August 11, 12, 13 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 14, Thursday Evening: Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 15, Friday. Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

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

August 16, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 17, Sunday. Tenth Sunday of Matthew.

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

August 23, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 24, Sunday. Eleventh Sunday of Matthew. St. Phanourios (moved from Aug 27)

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

August 28, Thursday. Great Vespers, Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner 6:00 pm

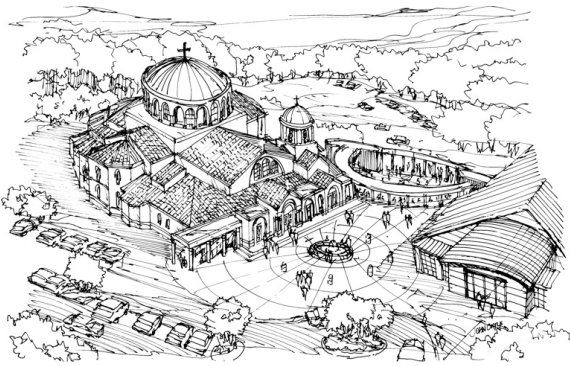
August 29, Friday. Remembrance of the Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner (Baptist)

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. *This is a day of strict fast.*

August 30, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - AUGUST

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| 8/1/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 | Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22 |
| 8/2/2014 | Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 | Gospel: Mark 12:1-12 |
| 8/3/2014 | Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17 |
| 8/4/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6 | Gospel: Matthew 18:1-11 |
| 8/5/2014 | Epistle: St. Peter's First Universal Letter 1:1-25; 2:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15 | |
| 8/6/2014 | Matins: Luke 9:28-36 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 | Epistle: St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19 |
| 8/7/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:6-19 | Gospel: Mark 9:2-9 |
| 8/8/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:26-40 | Gospel: Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20 |
| 8/9/2014 | Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26 | Gospel: Matthew 15:32-39 |
| 8/10/2014 | Matins: John 20:19-31 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17 |
| 8/11/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:12-19 | Gospel: Matthew 21:18-22 |
| 8/12/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:29-38 | Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 |
| 8/13/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:4-12 | Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 |
| 8/14/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-7 | Gospel: Matthew 21:43-46 |
| 8/15/2014 | Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11 |
| 8/16/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 | Gospel: Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22 |
| 8/17/2014 | Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 |
| 8/18/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:3-15 | Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22 |
| 8/19/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3 | Gospel: Matthew 23:23-28 |
| 8/20/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:4-11 | Gospel: Matthew 23:29-39 |
| 8/21/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:1-12 | Gospel: Mark 3:13-21 |
| 8/22/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:13-18 | Gospel: Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51 |
| 8/23/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11 | Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 |
| 8/24/2014 | Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12 |
| 8/25/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 | Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19 |
| 8/26/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12 | Gospel: Mark 1:16-22 |
| 8/27/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:11-16 | Gospel: Mark 1:23-28 |
| 8/28/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 7:1-10 | Gospel: Mark 1:29-35 |
| 8/29/2014 | Matins: Matthew 14:1-13 | Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 13:25-33 Gospel: Mark 6:14-30 |
| 8/30/2014 | Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5 | Gospel: Matthew 20:29-34 |
| 8/31/2014 | Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7 |



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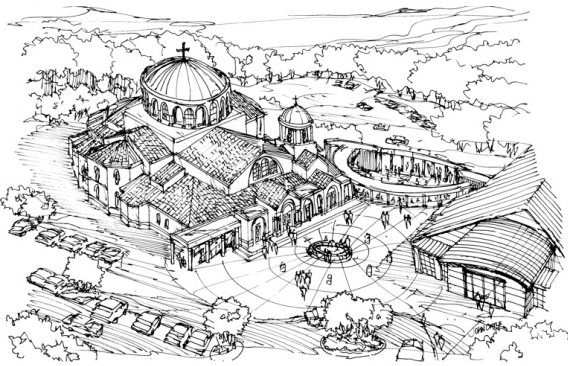
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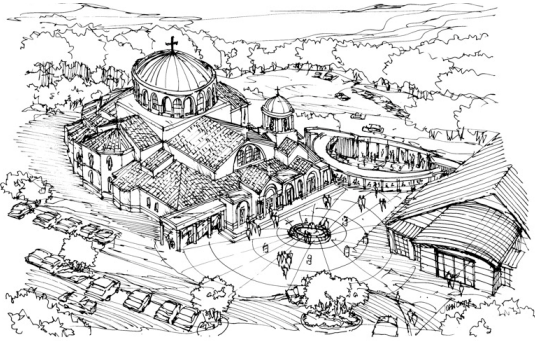
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"...be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.' Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, 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
2014 Membership/Stewardship Pledge**

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Status of General Fund Stewardship as of July 17, 2014

Much of the news concerning our collective stewardship to the General Fund (for the parish's operation) is good. We have about as many members (people returning a Membership/ Stewardship Form indicating what they plan to donate) as we did last year, and these members indicated they will collectively donate significantly more this year. Furthermore the average amount to be donated is \$91 more and the median (typical individual/couple) is \$80 more per individual/couple than last year.

On the flip side, although our collective donations to the General Fund for the first four months of the year had been more than what was needed to meet the budget, during the summer this changed. As of June 15, 2014 we have collectively donated only 88% of the amount budgeted. There are two major factors contributing to this deficit: (1) 12% of the members have not yet donated anything to the General Fund in spite of their promise they would be doing so. And (2) 17% of the members are behind what they indicated that they would be donating monthly. If these patterns continue, the parish will experience a General Fund deficit for the second consecutive year.

WE URGE THE FOLLOWING!

- (1) That everyone participating in our parish, please begin to donate this month.**
- (2) That everyone who has not yet donated at least half of what they indicated they would this year, please make a special effort to become current by mid-August.**
- (3) That everyone who has been well blessed by God this year, please seriously consider donating in thanksgiving to Him an extra portion of His blessings for the expansion of His earthly work.**

Thanks for taking the time to read this stewardship update.

May God's love and blessings continue for our parish and all of our members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Richard Anthony Douglas - June 29, 2014

Anamaria Gavalas - July 13, 2014

Hope Elizabeth Strauch - July 19, 2014

John Kasarhis-Paraschis - July 20, 2014



*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR*

Nikolai Panov and Karen Melissas - June 21, 2014

Vasilios Liakakos and Jo-Anne Major - July 12, 2014

Danny Vlahiotis and Chelsie Durie - July 12, 2014

Andrew Bakis - July 9, 2014
Chrisoula Franks - July 17, 2014
Lisa Moraitakis - July 18, 2014



Coffee Hour Hosting

Thank you to all of our wonderful coffee hour hosts so far this year. If you have not yet signed up to host a coffee hour, there are plenty of summer Sundays available. Take advantage of this less busy time of year to help serve our parish. Celebrate a name day, birthday, or remember a loved one.

Sign ups are now done through the signupgenius.com website. If you have received an invitation to join our group, just go to the website, create a login and password, and you will be able to access the site. If you would like to receive an invitation to join our group, just send an email to Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@bellsouth.net.

If you would like to sign up in person or by phone, contact Maria Alberts.

Thank you,
Stephanie Lukens



Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Marietta, Georgia



Festal Worship Services

for the Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ
and the commencement of the 25th anniversary of the parish

Great Vespers on Tuesday, August 5th at 7pm

His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta will preside.

A dinner will follow the service.

Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, August 6th at 9am

www.holytrans.org



To All Parishioners:

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

Final Festival results have been compiled. As you might expect, the rain on Saturday morning and most of the day on Sunday of the Festival hurt attendance. In addition, we had an issue with much of our direct mail not arriving in homes until after the Festival. Nevertheless, we hosted a total of 9100 guests over the weekend, down from 10,392 last year and a record 16,670 in 2012. But, although the weather did not cooperate as we would have liked, this year's Festival showed a profit to the church of \$78,293 on gross sales of approximately \$273,131. As in past years, \$15,000 of this net profit will be paid to the church operating fund to cover incurred costs such as utilities, repairs, cleaning, etc.

Although our profit this year was a little disappointing, we should be very proud of what we accomplished. The Festival was a success in many respects. We estimate that over 3000 of our attendees took advantage of our sanctuary tour. We purchased a substantial amount of new equipment for our food service lines and picnic tables for our pavilion area. We supported the local community by donating part of our revenue to worthy causes such as Jacobs Ladder, Loving Arms Cancer Outreach and the Shepherd Center. The cafeteria-style food service we instituted in 2012 continued to show dividends in speed of service and expenditures per guest, improving in both areas. Our recycling effort in the kitchen was a huge success, filling an entire 20-cubic-yard container with recyclable waste by mid-day Friday of the Festival. An expanded Greek Heritage Exhibit was very popular with our guests. Our Visitor's Guide again set a record for sales, grossing \$31,705. An exit survey gave us information we have never previously collected. Interestingly, 57% of our attendees heard about the Festival via word-of-mouth, with 18% from billboards and 17% from TV and the Internet. And, finally, don't forget the fellowship and camaraderie developed amongst our parishioners as a result of working for a common cause, both during, and in preparation for, the Festival.

I am so proud of, and thankful to, our community and its leadership for again coming together to host a successful Festival. Although this is the time of year for us to rest, please consider volunteering for a leadership position in next year's Festival. If you are willing to do so, please contact next year's Festival Chairman, Danny Vlahiotis, at 678-643-0343 to discuss opportunities. Or, if you'd like to talk to me, please call me at 770-845-5045. I look forward to again serving you and the church, in a different role, during the 2015 Festival.

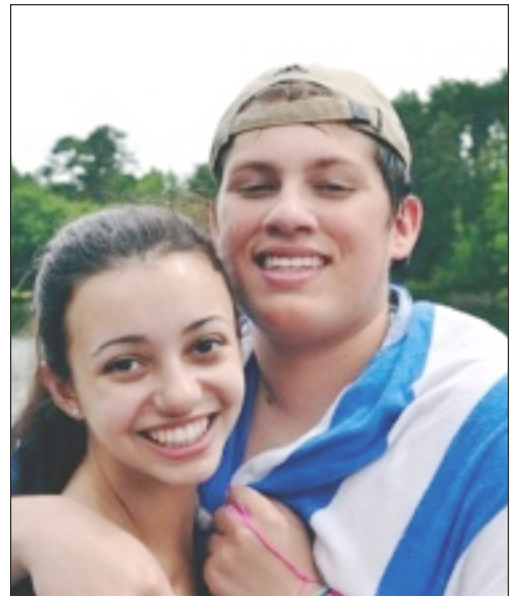
Sincerely,

Steve Tingas
2014 Festival Co-Chairman

Saint Stephen's Summer Camp



Above: Eli, Leo, Christopher, and Michael on the ropes course. Left: American spirit on the lodge porch. Right: Greek spirit at the waterfront.



Saint Stephen's Summer Camp



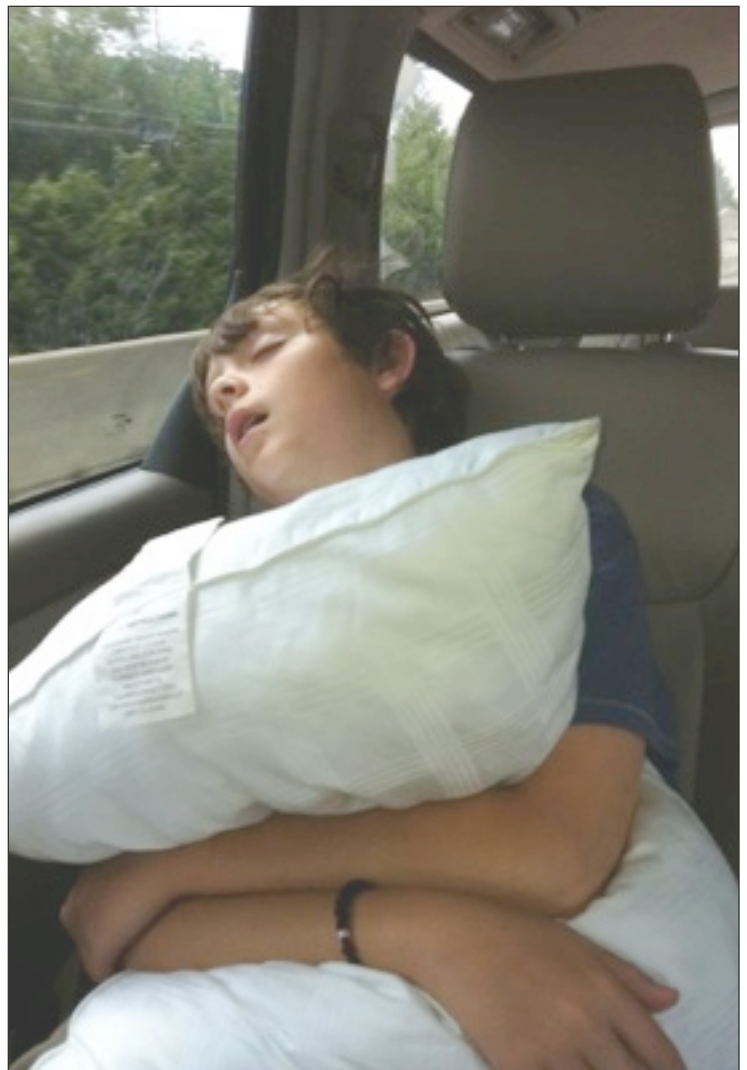
Above: Yianni, Christos, Niko, Stephanie, Ashley, and Catherine in a selfie courtesy of Tommy. Bottom left: making *prosfora*. Bottom right: Stephanie and Leo in the dining hall.



Saint Stephen's Summer Camp

Top: Paul, Ashley, Nicholas, Catherine, and Stephanie at the waterfront at camp.

Bottom left: Ashley and Catherine in the annual camp Olympics. Bottom right: Matthew on his way home from camp.



HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



Eleftheria & Phoenix 1st practice and short parent meeting, **August 17th at 1:30 pm** in PLC - REQUIRED FOR ALL DANCERS and PARENTS for the Middle and High school groups.

Traveling Greek Dancers Needed! 6th and up are welcome! Short meeting in **August 17th at 1 pm** at PLC. If interested call or email Paulina and/or Dorian.

- Travel Group Needed:
 - September 20th - Peachtree City
 - October 9-12th- Augusta Festival
 - October 17, 18, 19th- Macon Festival
 - November 1st - Greek Night for Philoptochos

Come by our table at the Church's Homecoming Picnic in September for registering for the 2014-2015 year and other important updates and exciting events! We have made some changes to the dance practice schedule for the 2014-2015 school year.

- **All Feet on Stage in Fall (for High School & Middle School):**
 - August 17- 1:30-3:30
 - September 21- 1:30-3:30
 - October 5- 1:30-3:30
 - November 9- 1:30-3:30
- **Pitsirikia (pre-K group):**
 - September 14- 12:30- 1:15
 - October 12- 12:30- 1:15
 - November 9- 12:30- 1:15
- **2015- Begin ALL dance practices Tuesday Jan 20 & Sunday Jan 25**

SAVE THE DATE!

February 20-22, Apokreatiko Dance Workshop and Glendi weekend, Co-sponsored with Hellenic Studies.



Hellenic Studies Program

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

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It's back to school time!

Youth, Adult, and Biblical Greek language classes begin on
Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:30pm



Tuition for the 2014-2015 school year:

Youth - \$250

(First child, less \$25 each additional child)

Adult - \$275

Biblical Greek - \$275

Please visit our website for the latest news and announcements:
www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies



PHILOPTOCHOS News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was truly an honor and a privilege to represent our Panagia Chapter as a delegate to the 2014 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, July 6 – 9. To witness the outpouring of love, dedication, sacrifice and compassion of so many strong and decisive women was indeed humbling. This experience reaffirmed my understanding of Philoptochos and the importance of our Mission, which is centered on love for all humankind and teaches us to serve others.

As members of the largest Christian women's philanthropic organization in the world, we play a critical role in the life of our Church. It is my hope and prayer that our Panagia chapter will continue to grow and that each of us will make a commitment to become actively involved in our chapter's projects, services and events.

We would like to welcome everyone back from their summer vacations and invite you all to join us at our "Welcome Back Luncheon" on Sunday, August 24. We will meet after Divine Liturgy (around 1:00 P.M.) at the Cherokee Cattle Co., 2710 Canton Rd., Marietta, for a delicious meal, and learn about our upcoming projects and fundraisers.

What is happening on November 1? It is the date of our annual fundraiser! Back by popular demand we are having "Greek Night at Yorgo's Taverna". What do we need? Two willing individuals to coordinate this fun event for worthwhile causes. Food, entertainment, decorations, and volunteers are already in place. All we need are two individuals working together to lead the team. Please contact Linda Lopos, 678-492-5818 or llopos@bellsouth.net for more details.

Thank you to the following GOYANS and their advisors who helped with Soup Kitchen in June: Christos Costarides, Paul Jacobs, Cathy Costarides, Paul Lundberg and Michael Gavalas. Thanks also to the GOYANS who helped cook the chicken the night before with Lea Gormanos and Agapi Chryssopoulos. 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. Upcoming **Soup Kitchen** is **August 28**.

Look for information for our **August 28 Book Club** gathering in an upcoming Sunday Bulletin.

We are now 101 members strong and still growing! Thanks to all of you who have committed to serve others in the spirit of Christian love and philanthropy by becoming a part of our beloved organization. We welcome new and renewing members always!

In His Service,

Linda Lopos, President
Panagia Chapter
Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc.



Philoptochos

Welcome Back Luncheon

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship and learn more about our projects, services and events.

Sunday, August 24, 2014

1:00 pm

Cherokee Cattle Co.

2710 Canton Rd.

Marietta, Ga.

www.cherokeecattlecompany.com

Order from menu

For more information, please contact:

Nancy Barke: phil5070@gmail.com or 77.509.8738

Evelyn Bilson: evelynbilson@hotmail.com or 770.363.8216

Dorothy Macris: dorothymacris@comcast.net or 770.475.3459

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GREEK NIGHT

Saturday, November 1, 2014

**Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos
Charity Fall Fundraiser**

7:00 P.M.

\$35.00 per person

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

Cash Bar

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center (PLC)

3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta, GA 30066



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

It is hard to believe that this 2014 is half over, yet we are moving right along with our plans to travel to Charleston, SC the latter part of April 2015 after Orthodox Easter. We have slowly been raising money. Our garage sale brought us approximately \$1000, however, our popcorn project was not as successful. We are planning our big fundraiser for 2015 to be held February 7, 2015. Plans have just begun and it will be a fun and entertaining surprise for everyone...so mark those calendars!

Our July general meeting was held on July 29th at the PLC. A light breakfast was served at 10:30 am and at 11:30 am Father Panayiotis gave us an overview of his trip to Jerusalem and Cyprus. After his talk, we had dessert and discussed some fun day trips.

I wish to thank everyone for supporting our garage sale and everyone who made all the delicious food for our coffee hour. We couldn't have done it without you!!

For those of who have not joined Prime Timers, please do so. Our dues are only \$12. The following individuals have joined, and we thank all of you for your support:

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| Roseann Bates | Xenia Mantgiaris |
| Evelyn Bilson | Xanthippe Marsico |
| Dorothy & Bob Botni | Filippos & Despina Mavromatides |
| Athena & Jim Burke | Glenn & Dena McCollum |
| Dennis & Paula Christopher | Joanne Michael |
| Eleni Clement | Costa & Maroulla Neocleous |
| Nancy Copeland | Toula Nielsen |
| Larry & Niki Gess | Kosta & Mary Papadimitriou |
| Martha Gingles | Rosemary Peppas |
| Jim & Renee Hammond | Taka & Kathy Shoji |
| Chris & Sis Hondras | Mary Stiakakis |
| Jo Kastner | Connie Stratigos |
| Irene & Stephen Kipreos | Joanne Tarabicos |
| Nick & Gerre Klementzos | Anne Willcocks |
| Alan & Mary Ellen Knuchel | Asimina (no last name) |
| George & Linda Lopos | |

You may mail your 2014 dues to our treasurer, Dorothy Botni, 3019 Walker Drive, Marietta, GA 30062.

ALWAYS KEEP IN YOUR HEARTS - A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!

Any questions? Call Connie Stratigos, 770-992-9707

Ministries

Social Faith Gathering

For people in their twenties and thirties

Saturday, August 9th from 7-9pm

In Carlos Hall at Annunciation Cathedral



Join us for a very social and informal conversation about faith and life, focusing on the topic of freedom. Food and beverages will be provided. For more information, call or text Paul at 404-884-4446.

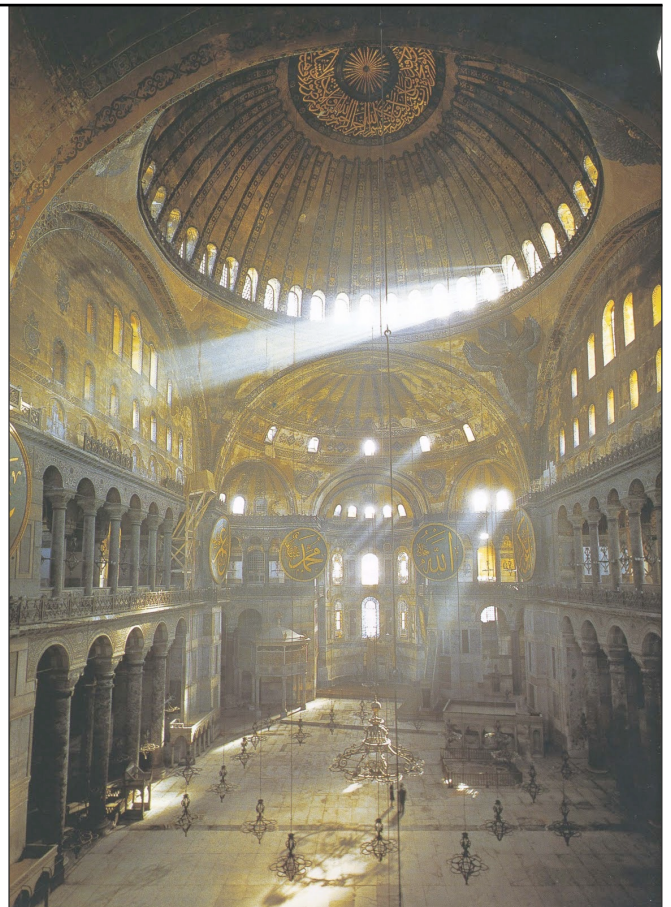
Praise the Lord from the Heavens!

New Byzantine Choir

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join a new choir we are forming to enrich our liturgical life by rediscovering more ancient forms of music. Those interested are invited to attend a weekly rehearsal either on Thursday evening or Saturday afternoon. Rehearsals will resume the first full week of August. To listen to recordings and practice what we will be rehearsing, please visit our website:

www.holytrans.org/our-faith/hymns/the-divine-liturgy/

For more information, contact Paul at the parish office.



August 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>27</p> <p>Seventh Sun...rtyr & Healer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Prime Timers' General Meeting | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 PM Jacob's Garden Work 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>31</p> | <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water | <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers |
| <p>3</p> <p>Eighth Sunday of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 1:30 PM GOYA Youth Leadership Team Meeting | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date 7:00 PM Great Vespers for the Transfiguration of the Savior 8:30 PM Name Day Dinner | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfiguration...r Jesus Christ 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:15 PM Jacob's Garden Work 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning 8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis | <p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos | <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos | <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:30 PM Young Parents' Meeting |
| <p>10</p> <p>Ninth Sunday of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM PC Meeting | <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:15 PM Jacob's Garden Work 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forefeast of...r Virgin Mary 6:00 PM Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos | <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dormitio...r Virgin Mary 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Koss/Nicholas Wedding Rehearsal | <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Catechism Teachers' Workshop 11:00 AM Baptism (Serbian Priest) 3:00 PM Koss/Nicholas Wedding 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers |
| <p>17</p> <p>Tenth Sunday of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 1:00 PM Hellenic Dance Meeting | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Protection Planning Meeting | <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 PM Jacob's Garden Work 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Altar Server Lunch 1:30 PM Altar Server Workshop 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers |
| <p>24</p> <p>Eleventh Sun...m August 27)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Philoptochos 11:30 AM A. 17 year Memorial Service is given by Irene 1:00 PM Philoptochos Wel- 3:00 PM Hutt Baptism | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM COM Meeting | <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 5:00 PM Great Vespers, Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembranc...ner (Baptist) 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 PM Kipreos Baptism (tentative) 5:00 PM Great Vespers |
| <p>31</p> <p>Twelfth Sunday of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy | <p>1</p> <p>Labor Day</p> | <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning Crew 8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis (GOYA) | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitators T...ry Georgiou) Philoptochos...Area Meeting | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Pre-marital Seminar (Fr. Gregory Georgiou) 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class |

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| DATE | PC DUTY | ACOLYTES | GREETERS | PROSFORO |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| August 3, 2014 | C. Costarides/G. O'Brien | Team I | M. Pohlman/P. Dunkerly | P. Miltiades/M. Tingas/F. Tucker |
| August 10, 2014 | S. Steffas/T. Voulopos | Team II | D. Bafas/S. Lukens | A. Burke/M. Driscoll/ M. Eleftheriou |
| August 17, 2014 | D. Koutouzis/M. Nichols | Team I | P. Koutouzis/K. Johnson | T. Georgacopoulos/N. Kakissis/E. Kay |
| August 24, 2014 | L. Gess/S. Tingas | Team II | C. Kollias/D. Smith | T. Kipreos/K. Melissas/ F. Tucker |
| August 31, 2014 | C. Pater/M. Nichols | Team I | D. Levine/E. Markley | M. Miltiades/K. Niarchos/T. Vamvakias |

Team 1: Nicholas Azimzadeh (captain), Chris Alberts, Matthew Azimzadeh, Gabriel Beneda, Chris Bilson, Evan Bilson, Alex Brewer, Chris Bridgers, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Zayne Isaac, Paul Jacobs, Spiros Kefalas, Andrew Levine, George Moraitakis, Evan Papadopoulos, Dean Papastrat, Lucas Porter, Alex Skarpelis, Evan Strakes, Nick Zakreski

Team 2: Luke Tassopoulos (captain), Theo Bliss, Matthew Buchan, Anthony Bundros, Brody Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Niko Gekas, Alex Gekas, Morgan Lilly, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Angelo Nichols, Eli Nichols, Matthew Paulson, Matthew Shanahan, Mitchell Starks, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Braden Thorne, Alex Thorne, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Yianni Turner