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Marietta, GA

#### **AUGUST 2016**



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST FEAST OF OUR PARISH - AUGUST 6

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.

#### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

#### GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

3431 Trickum Road Marietta, GA 30066

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm Secretary: Anne Willcocks E-mail: holytrans@comcast.net

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D. Presiding Protopresbyter

Rev. Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter

Rev. Father Paul Lundberg, Presbyter

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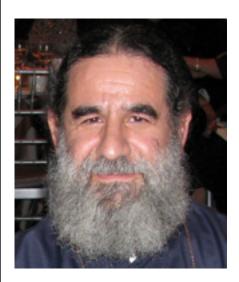
#### **Directions to our Parish:**

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/

#### Fr. Panapiotis' Message





This is a time for thanksgiving! This is a time to glorify God for His Gifts to us, both individually and as a parish. After several years of planning and designing and an entire year of renovating and constructing, we finally received the Certificate of Occupancy for our new facility!

This is a historic event for us, for we have crossed a new threshold in the life of our parish. In addition to our beautiful byzantine sanctuary, we now also have a modern spacious building in which to run our ministries. We have new offices, where we can receive people and serve their daily needs. We have new modern classrooms where we can now teach the Faith both to our children, as well as the adults using all the technological tools available to us. We can now establish a

parochial school to immerse children in the Faith and shape their souls in Christ's teaching. We even have a beautiful basketball court to engage the energy of young and old who want to spend their time in athletic activities on our sacred grounds rather than in secular settings. Our beautiful campus can now accommodate more vehicles, so that our parishioners will not need to park on the streets of the neighborhood on Sundays and major feasts.

These are the things which are on my mind right now. These are the things I am thankful about today as I walk from the office to the sanctuary to celebrate Vespers, Orthros and Divine Liturgy.

But more than anything else, I am thankful for the people of Holy Transfiguration, all those who love God and serve Him selflessly, humbly and respectfully. This parish has potential not just because we have buildings, but because of our people. This parish has potential because we have the possibility to witness our Orthodox Faith to the community around us. Many people are looking for a real Christian community to nurture them and help them come closer to God. We have inherited the ancient Faith and the experiences of the Saints past and present, whose closeness with God has opened Heaven. I invite all of you to look further than the surface and delve deeper into the Orthodox Faith and way of life. I invite you to pick up a book, like the "Mountain of Silence", "Wounded by Love", "St. Nektarios", "Elder Paisios" and discover the



application of the Gospel in the lives of real contemporary people. Come to the Bible Studies, Conferences and Spiritual Book Club meetings and draw treasures that will transform your life. Then you will be able to be a light to the world. Then we will be a city set on a hill proclaiming authentic Christianity that will transform the world around us. This is what my

dream is for Holy Transfiguration. Let's offer ourselves so that God may be Glorified!

July 27, 2016

Fr. Panagiotis



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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### August 2016

**August 1, Monday, 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.

**Monday Evening:** Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 2, 3, 4, Tuesday-Thursday, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

**August 5, Friday Evening:** Great Vespers - the Transfiguration of the Savior **Great Vespers begins at 7:00 pm** -- Feast-Day of our Parish begins. Reception to follow the Great Vespers in our Parish Hall.

**August 6, Saturday.** The Transfiguration of the 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*.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**August 7, Sunday.** Seventh Sunday of Matthew, Sunday after the Transfiguration of the Lord Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 13, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**August 14, Sunday.** Eighth Sunday of Matthew. Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Sunday Evening:** Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos 5:00 pm

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

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

**August 20, Saturday Evening:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**August 21, Sunday.** Ninth Sunday of Matthew.

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

August 27, Saturday Evening: NO Vespers

August 28, Sunday. Tenth Sunday of Matthew

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

Sunday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm. Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner

**August 29, Monday.** Remembrance of the Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner (the Baptist) Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. *This is a day of strict fasting.* 

#### **Providing adults with Christian educational opportunities**

## Exploring the Richness of the Christian Faith The Christian Spiritual Formation Conference Series Presented by The School of Christian Spiritual Formation



Two Weekend Event: Sep 30 - Oct 2 and Oct 7 - 9, 2016

The School of Christian Spiritual Formation invites the faithful and seekers alike to explore the richness of the Christian faith and become reacquainted with its core tenets, especially with Jesus Christ, as Lord and teacher, and with the apostles and saints who laid down their lives for Him. This series of conferences will examine Christianity's role in our lives, from the Early Christian Church to the present day. We also will have an opportunity to study the mystical aspects of Christianity and discover the presence of God in our lives.

This inagural conference will help you discover and/or get back in touch with your Christ-centered spirituality and to learn spiritual exercises and disciplines that will strengthen and encourage your spiritual resilience and journey. Come hear three prominent theologians and spiritual directors who bring diverse experience and much spiritual depth. Please join us!

Schedule: Fridays 7 pm - 9 pm; Saturdays 9 am - 4 pm and Sundays 1 pm - 5 pm. Continental breakfast and lunch served on Saturdays.

Registration: \$50 per weekend; \$80 for both weekends if paid by August 15, 2016
Register online at www.holytransfiguration.info/spiritual-formation-conference or call Anne Willcocks at 770-924-8080

#### Presenters:

- Dr. Ken Boa, Ken Boa Ministry in Atlanta (www.kenboa.org)
- Dr. Charles Nienkirchen of Ambrose University, Calgary, Canada
- Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

#### Topics:

- Knowing God by Knowing Jesus and the Holy Trinity
- The Spirituality of Jesus
- Receiving Jesus: The Nature of His Kingdom
- Understanding Evil, Suffering and God's Redeeming Love
- The Mystical Aspects of Christianity God's Presence in the World
- Learning to Love Jesus as He Loves Us
- Opening Our Hearts to God Through Prayer
- Learning to Pray Unceasingly
- Connecting With the Great Cloud of Witnesses

#### Place:

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## The need for Orthodox Schools in America Orthodox Education has the potential to transform lives The Orthodox way of life and thinking can transform society

The Primary Mission of the Orthodox Church is to transmit the Faith of the Apostles to the world, thus transforming lives and the world itself.

The Orthodox Church has preserved the original Apostolic Faith pure and unblemished.

The Orthodox Church did not experience a reformation or counter reformation, because the Faith was kept untouched by time and people. That does not mean all Orthodox people are always perfect, but that the Faith has remained perfect.

If the Orthodox Church in America is to succeed in its primary mission to bring the Gospel of Salvation and Sanctification to the world, we must continually return to the core Faith, to the prime theological teachings of the divinity of Christ and the salvation offered through Him.

We also need to establish our own schools where we will cultivate in our children the Orthodox Christian principles of life as the early Christians did. We cannot shape souls effectively unless we undertake a serious effort of immersion of our people from a young age in the Faith and Orthodox way of life. A serious Christian education is the way to do that. An Orthodox Christian education in particular is the only way to counter the intellectual onslaught of the secular society upon the minds of our people.

For years, as immigrants (Greeks, Russians, Serbs and others), we sought to establish ourselves as a respectable minority in America. We have succeeded and surpassed most other minorities. We now stand at a crossroads: we either continue to seek further political and societal acceptance through the use of the wealth God has given us, or we turn our focus to the greatest treasure we have, the ORTHODOX FAITH, and find ways to effectively share it with those around us.

We can either use our wealth to further impress the secular world with our successes, so that we can continue to gain their respect and recognition, or we can seek ways to present the treasure of ancient Christianity that has been handed down to us by creating opportunities for theological education for those around us, especially those who are looking for authentic Christian teaching. Do we become anchored citizens of this world through our secular successes, or do we cultivate our citizenship in heaven through a witness of authentic Christian life?

This is a critical moment in the life of our Parish, as well. We have established ourselves by the grace of God as a respectable "faith group" in this corner of the earth. People are now ready to listen to us if we do have a serious message to offer. But we need to first understand what this message really is and make it an integral part of our own lives. As a group of people who claim to be followers of Christ, we need to begin living according to His teaching. People around us have to recognize us from our love for each other and our good works. We need to make a mark in the local community as both philanthropists as well as lovers of God. Then we will be able to make a difference in American Society, not through monetary wealth, but rather through the Wealth of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions that we have inherited.

Let's imitate the Early Christians in their willingness to sacrifice wealth and self for the Lord!

J.Fr. Panagiotis

### ESTABLISHING THE "HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY" AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL SCHOOL



"Let the children come to me" (Matt. 19:14; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16)

Orthodox Education has the potential to transform lives.

The Orthodox way of life and world view can transform the society in the image of the Kingdom of God.

#### "AIEN APIΣTEYEIN" – "ALWAYS EXCELLING"

This Orthodox Christian School will aim at providing the best possible education in a most loving Christian environment.

"Helping children to seek excellence in both academic achievement as well as personal virtue will be at the core of what we are trying to do. This is both an ideal found in the wisdom of

the ancient Greek philosophers as well as in the Christian teaching of the Early Church. We need to strive to raise ourselves above our base instincts and grow in virtue, so that we may become more like God. We were created in His image in order to grow into His likeness (to reach perfection – the state of 'theosis'-deification)."

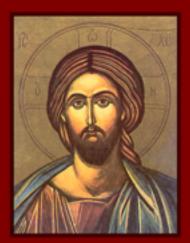
"Our intention is to provide an outstanding, loving and nurturing educational environment, grounded in the principles of the Ancient Christian Faith, with the goal of leading the students to academic excellence and a virtuous life." – Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D, Presiding Priest of Holy Transfiguration.

We would strive to provide our parishioners and the families that live around our church with a Classical Christian School that is founded on the Orthodox Christian principles, which draw from the Biblical tradition and two thousand years of Christian experience. The aim of this school is to provide a holistic education where excellence, virtue and beauty, both moral and intellectual, are extolled, and where the Kingdom of God is taught as the ultimate goal of humanity.

As Orthodox Christians, we want to educate the minds and hearts of our children, drawing from the intellectual traditions of ancient Christianity, which has been the foundation of civilization as we know it, so that they may thrive in the modern world. We are creating a school that will aid our children to excel as free men and women and become industrious shining lights in their generation, adorned with the social graces and cultural expressions of our Orthodox Christian heritage.

This is about making a difference in the society around us. This is about shaping the souls and hearts of young people to love Christ and His Church. This is about creating future leaders that will have an Orthodox Christian foundation; creating future teachers, priests, presvyteres, monastics, parish council members and ministry leaders for the decades ahead.

### FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
~ All are Welcome ~

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 $Let's\ become\ Ambassadors\ of\ Orthodox\ Christianity, the\ Ancient\ Faith, the\ Faith\ of\ the\ Apostles!$ 

## The Mission Statement of our Parish

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

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

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

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

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

#### The Practice of "Confession" In the Bible

#### Old Testament

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

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

#### **New Testament**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS - AUGUST

8/1/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22				
8/2/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 Gospel: Mark 12:1-12				
8/3/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 7:12-24 Gospel: Matthew 14:35-36;15:1-11				
8/4/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 7:24-35 Gospel: Matthew 15:12-21				
8/5/2016	Epistle: St. Peter's First Universal Letter 1:1-25; 2:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 15:29-31				
8/6/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 9:28-36</u> Epistle: <u>St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19</u> Gospel: <u>Matthew 17:1-9</u>				
8/7/2016	Matins: <u>John 20:1-10</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7</u> Gospel: <u>Matthew 9:27-35</u>				
8/8/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:13-18 Gospel: Matthew 16:1-6				
8/9/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26 Gospel: Matthew 16:6-12				
8/10/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:12-22 Gospel: Matthew 16:20-24				
8/11/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28				
8/12/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:8-23 Gospel: Matthew 17:10-18				
8/13/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 12:30-37				
8/14/2016	Matins: John 20:11-18 Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22				
8/15/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 1:39-49, 56</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</u>				
8/16/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Gospel: Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22				
8/17/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 13:4-13; 14:1-5  Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16				
8/18/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:6-19 Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28				
8/19/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:26-40 Gospel: Matthew 21:12-14; 17-20				
8/20/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:6-9 Gospel: Matthew 15:32-39				
8/21/2016	Matins: John 20:19-31 Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34				
8/22/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 21:18-22				
8/23/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28				
8/24/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:4-12 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32				
8/25/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19				
8/26/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12 Gospel: Matthew 22:23-33				
8/27/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:30-33 Gospel: Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4				
8/28/2016	Matins: John 21:1-14 Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23				
8/29/2016	Matins: Matthew 14:1-13 Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 13:25-33 Gospel: Mark 6:14-30				
8/30/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 23:23-28				
8/31/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28				

#### Why a Christian Goes to Church

adapted from "The Journey to Salvation is not a Cruise" by Father Steve Dalber

If asked the question *Why do you go to church?* most Orthodox Christians would probably be seriously baffled. This isn't a question that has been asked or pondered upon by most people. The reason for this reaction, or inability to respond to this question, lies in the fact that most Orthodox Christians take their faith for granted. They have relied on generations before them who told them "believe and don't question." But we need to question; the Lord Himself said "Search the Scriptures" because there is life in them and that life is Christ Himself (John 5:39). You cannot experience Christ unless you challenge yourself, your faith and even Him to reveal Himself to you.

The Church was created by our Lord as a vessel of salvation - the Ark of Salvation. By accepting Christ we are brought into this ship through baptism. We belong to the Church as we choose to be saved. We willingly accept the wonderful gift of eternal life. What should not be forgotten, however, is that this gift comes with responsibilities.

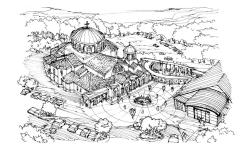
If we use the analogy of the Church as a sailing ship, we must understand that is is not a cruise ship where we come aboard and receive all the luxuries and benefits, while relaxing and patiently awaiting our destination. The Church is a working ship. By embarking on it we accept to be co-workers with the rest of the crew. Our Lord has asked us to make disciples of all nations. Disciples are not tourists; they are workers. Jesus Christ, as the Captain, has given His crew directions found in the Scriptures. The ship has a specific mission, Salvation and as destination the Kingdom of God. Its purpose is not to simply wander aimlessly in the ocean, but to offer safety and healing to those in it as they negotiate the difficulties of life. The responsibility of the Christians is to work together toward this destination with all their talents and abilities.

A critical aspect of membership in the Church, is to express our love to God and each other. This is done through frequent participation in the Eucharistic feast, the Divine Liturgy. But, just showing up on Sunday morning is not enough. We must also properly prepare and receive Holy Communion. Our Lord calls us together as a Eucharistic community first and foremost. We become the living body of Christ as we unite with Him in Holy Communion. He is the Head and we are its members. We are united in our mission to salvation as we are united in one body, His Body.

Salvation is the greatest gift offered by God to His creatures. Attaining salvation should be the first priority of every human being. This is our primary goal as Orthodox Christians. We strive to save ourselves because we love ourselves. But, if we love others as we love ourselves (as Christ calls us to do), shouldn't we strive for their salvation, as well? Shouldn't we make sure that they enter the Kingdom of God, as well?

When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He didn't leave a "boss" in charge of the Church. He left a team. He left many disciples, not just one. He decentralized His own worldly authority and gave it to the Church, the Body of believers, beginning with the Apostles, until today.

Ministry, service, diakonia is the key word! Every Christian seeking salvation must also accept the responsibility of working in the ministry of the Church. The clergy have been set apart and given the grace and blessing to perform the specific sacramental functions of the church, but **all Christians, clergy and laity alike have been called to serve in the Lord's ministry.** If this is not what the Parish is doing then we are in serious error. Everything that we do as a Church should be in direct support of Christ's ministry of salvation. If we build buildings, they should be to support the Mission of the Church. If we sponsor an event, it should be in support of the Mission of the Church. All things should lead the members to become One with Christ. All activities of the Parish should lead our people to the Kingdom of God! Amen!



#### MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2016

#### THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2016!

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The Capital Campaign for HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

#### Become a part of the "Our Faith, Our Future" building fund campaign in 2016! The walls are rising up, built on the strong foundation of our Faith!

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#### The New Parish Life Center







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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Parking - We now have many more parking spaces on the parish grounds around the Parish Life Center. Please begin using them and refrain from parking on Trickum Road or in the fire lanes.









CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS...You may be wondering how the coffee and treats appear as if by magic after Sunday Liturgy. This can only happen if YOU sign up to host. If there are no sign ups for any given Sunday, then Coffee Hour is cancelled, so it is important that we all share in this responsibility. After all, we enjoy coffee hour. Why not take a turn?

Hosting coffee hour is rewarding and is best handled with multiple family members and friends.

Sign ups are available through Sign Up Genius at:

<u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cabad23a2fe3-coffee</u> or by contacting Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@gmail.com or 678-230-8412.

#### SAMPLE BASIC RECIPE FOR COFFEE HOUR

Take approximately 100 adults and 50 kids and put them in the Parish Hall. To this add:

#### ♦ One adults serving table

- 36 bagels sliced and cut in quarters
- 36 jumbo assorted muffins cut into quarters
- 1 jar each of raspberry and strawberry jam
- 16 oz cream cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Butter or margarine
- Plates, napkins and plastic cutlery (provided by Church)

#### One coffee table

- 80 cup pot of regular coffee
- 40 cup pot of decaf coffee
- Cream, Sugar, Sweet Low, Stirrers and Cups (provided by Church)

#### ♦ Kid Table

- 2 gallons juice
- 2 Ib box of Chips Ahoy Choc Chip Cookies
- Large Canister of Animal Crackers
- Bowl of Ice
- Pitchers of Water
- Plates, napkins and plastic cutlery (provided by Church)

Combine the above ingredients with a generous amount of laughing and talking and you've got a Sunday Coffee Hour. Add additional food/dessert items, if you'd like. The goal is to provide an opportunity for fellowship after the Liturgy, not a full meal for everyone.

Please feel free to ask another family or two to host coffee hour with you.



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

#### AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes - August 2016

Upcoming Events-BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!
August 20 Adopt-A-Mile

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPIENTS ANNOUNCED. Please join me in congratulating the following deserving students who earned scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year.

#### **Chapter Level Awards:**

Harrison Luke Tassopoulos Nicholas Tassopoulos

Eliana Tiller Joanna Tiller

#### **District Level Awards:**

Eliana Tiller Tommy Kollias Harrison Luke Tassopoulos Matina Bliss

Alexandra Lilly Nicholas Tassopoulos

**FACEBOOK & HOLY TRANSFIGURATION WEBSITE.** Be sure to check out AHEPA #519 on Facebook and the AHEPA section of our church website for new photos, updates, and fresh content. Utilize these areas for additional information/details for our Marietta Chapter #519.

Questions about AHEPA? Interested in being a member of this great organization? Please contact any Board Member.

Your Board: Zack Kollias, Ted Sampanes, Keath Paxten, Ron Sprouse



### SOUP KITCHEN - MUST MINISTRIES & PHILOPTOCHOS

In May, we served 75 meals at MUST Ministries; a special thank you to the following who helped: Tina Vamvakias, Christine Sprouse, Evelyn Bilson, Mary Miltiades, Peggy Dunkerly, Penny Miltiades, Pat Koutouzis, Sandra McAteer, Maria Alberts, Athena Burke, Michael Gavalas, and Dorothy Macris.

In June, as in previous years, our GOYAns prepared and served the meals at MUST.

If you are interested in volunteering for soup kitchen, please contact Athena Burke at <a href="mailto:ibgreek@bellsouth.net">ibgreek@bellsouth.net</a>





## All are Invited to Join us for Our Annual

Homecoming Picnic & Ministry Kickoff

Sunday, August 28th, 2016 immediately following Divine Liturgy

- BBQ with all the fixin's!
- Entertainment for children!
- Ministry info and signups!
- INSIDE OUR NEWLY-RENOVATED PARISH HALL!
- NEW GYM & CLASSROOMS OPEN FOR TOUR



COME SEE THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR!



Holy Transfiguration - 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA 30066

#### GOYA Summer Fun









#### GOYA Fun, Philanthropy, & Service







#### Hellenic Dance

Mark your calendar for a **Dance Workshop-Saturday September 10**<sup>th</sup>! We will have more details soon! We will have a special instructor coming to teach new and fresh dances! We hope to see everyone there. High School dancers are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. Please contact Paulina with any questions or if you are able to help with the workshop.

#### Hellenic Studies



#### Hellenic Studies Program

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies

#### It's back to school time!

Youth, Adult, and Biblical Greek language classes begin on **Tuesday, September 6**<sup>th</sup> at **5:30pm** 



Tuition for the 2016-2017 school year:

Youth - \$275 (First child, less \$25 each additional child) Adult - \$300 Biblical Greek - \$300

Please visit our website for the latest news and announcements: <a href="https://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies">www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies</a>

#### Рнігортосноѕ

Thank you to the following parishioners who have joined Philoptochos:

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We currently have 108 members (we ended last year with 122 members!). Don't see your name? Perhaps you forgot to renew your membership. Perhaps you have never been a member. Why join Philoptochos? Membership in Philoptochos is:

- **Philanthropy**: Experience something larger than yourself
- **Fellowship**: Philoptochos offers the opportunity to meet wonderful people, meet new friends
- Faith in Action: Philoptochos offers the opportunity to serve the Church while working alongside your sisters and brothers in Christ

It's not too late to join! Stop by the Philoptochos table in the Parish Hall on Sunday after Liturgy and pick up/complete a membership form. Or, you can download the form at the address below and mail/return it to the church office at your convenience. Go to: <a href="http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2007/08/2015-Philoptochos-Membership-Form.pdf">http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2007/08/2015-Philoptochos-Membership-Form.pdf</a>

Don't forget to reserve your seat or table for our annual **Fall Fundraiser!** Back by popular demand we are having "Yorgo's Taverna" with this year's special guest, **Basile**, the hilarious Greek comedian that will have you all in "stitches" (see flyer for details). This month, we will begin advertising our event throughout the Atlanta Metropolis, so make your reservations while seats are still available!

#### **Important Dates:**

August 21: Welcome Back Luncheon/General Meeting (details coming soon)

August 25: Soup Kitchen

August 25: Book Club

August 28: Celebration of St. Phanourios with Phanouropita and passing of a second tray to support youth activities in our Metropolis

## GREEK NIGHT "YORGOS' TAVERNA"



- LIVE COMEDY (PG-13)
- LIVE GREEK BAND
- DELICIOUS "MEZZE" (GREEK APPETIZERS)
- SILENT AUCTION
- CASH BAR

#### Saturday, November 5, 2016

Doors open 7:00 P.M. Show begins 8:00 P.M.

Adults: \$50

Students (13-18) \$35

Table of 10: \$450

Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos
Charity Fall Fundraiser

Includes : Live Entertainment Delicious Greek Appetizers

Non-Alcoholic Beverages (Cash Bar Available)

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center (PLC) 3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta, GA 30066
Reservations Required (limited seating): 678-492-5818 or llopos624@gmail.com



#### NEWS YOU CAN USE

First we wish to thank everyone who have supported our AMAZING BASKETS fundraiser. So far, we have sold 120 tickets! And yes, we have 180 more to sell which we hope to do by Sept 4, the date of our drawing. Grandparents and parents alike, please note how many items are available in the FAMILY FUN basket. Great gifts if you wish to break it up. You can give items to nieces and nephews or save them until Christmas. Remember "Families that play together stay together." And let's not forget the TAILGATE basket. With football coming up, what a perfect way to enjoy each other before the game. Also, a fall picnic is another way to enjoy this basket. Majority of the proceeds from both baskets will be given to our building fund.

Recently I asked a friend to join Prime Timers and her remark shocked me. "You are not a charitable organization, so I will not join." I do not have room to write out our mission statement here but we are not like Philoptochos. We are not a National Organization, but yes, we do help others. We stay in contact with the seniors in our church and encourage participation with our monthly get togethers. We play games, mainly brain games, to encourage seniors to do this on their own. Old folks, as we are often called, are the forgotten ones. We were organized many years ago to help and enjoy each other's company through various activities and travel (parea as it is called in Greek). But we have not forgotten our church. We love our church and do whatever we can to support its many programs. Some of us bring older ones to church because they have given up driving. Our church is where it is through the work and dedication of these older seniors (metanasti in Greek). I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding anyone might have about Prime Timers.

Please do not forget the 90th birthday celebration for Xanthippe at coffee hour on Sept 4th.

Mark your calendars for September 10. If weather permits, we will have our patriotic picnic at the Pavilion or at the Parish Hall if it rains. More information to follow.

Next year we hope to concentrate on health issues. In the planning stages: a trainer to give us a few instructions on how to keep our body moving. Also, we are working on offering free hearing tests. Did you know that untreated hearing loss has been linked to: increased risk of falls, depression & anxiety, social withdrawal & embarrassment, increased fatigue, personal safety risks, increased risk of dementia. We promise an exciting 2017!

We are announcing our trip for 2017. We plan to go to New Orleans on September 11-15, 2017, Monday - Friday - Cost: \$485. More will follow, but we will be collecting your fee monthly rather than all at once for your convenience.

Wishing you an enjoyable rest of the summer.

In God's Name,

**Connie Stratigos for your Prime Timers Board** 

If you wish to join Prime Timers, please send a check (\$15) payable to HTGOC - Prime Timers to: Dorothy Botni, 3019 Walker Drive, Marietta, GA 30062

### Transfiguration Gardens Orthodox Cemetery at Green Lawn Cemetery, Roswell, GA



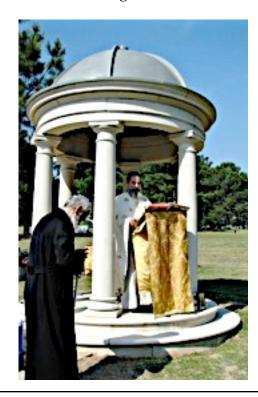
Our Parish has purchased an additional 105 plots, which we are making available at a price of \$3,200.00, which includes one plot and a vault.

Our parish is blessed to be able to provide a resting place for our people - a place where you can have an upright 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.

The family of Betty & Tikie Paulson (Paulson & Jacobs families) has contributed a monument in the center of this Orthodox Cemetery, providing an Altar for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

You may purchase plots through the church office - No interest financing is available.





# August 2016

Saturday	Happy birthday! TransfigurationGaviogesusChrist = 8.45 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 1:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 5:00 PM Great Vespers	13  -4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal -5:00 PM Great Vespers -5:45 PM A two year Memorial Service is given by Stephanie Gianaris and family for her husband, George. May his memory be eternal!	20  -7:30 AM AHEPA Adopt A Highway -8:30 AM Catechism Teach- ers' Workshop -4:00 PM Baleno Baptism (Christos) -5:00 PM Great Vespers	27  9:00 AM Altar Server Work-shop 11:30 AM Altar Server Lunch 4:00 PM Djonis Wedding 5:00 PM Djonis Wedding Reception	= 3:30 PM Mellis Wedding = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal
Friday	5  7:00 PM Great Vespers for the Transfiguration of our Savior Christ  8:30 PM Name Day Dinner	12 = 6:00 PM Service of Suppli- cation to the Theotokos	19	26  12:00 PM Djonis Wedding Reception Set-up 3:00 PM Rehearsal for Djonis Wedding	= 5:30 PM Mellis Wedding Rehearsal
Thursday	4  6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	= 6:00 PM Service of Suppli- cation to the Theotokos	18	25  11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	
Wednesday	3  Side Mork in Jacob's Garden  Side Miscryce of Supplication to the Theotokos  7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	= 5:00 PM Work in Jacob's Garden = 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos = 6:45 PM A 1 year Memorial Service is given by Mary Miltiades and Mark and = 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	17 = 5:00 PM Work in Jacob's Garden = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	= 5:00 PM Work in Jacob's Garden = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	31 = 5:00 PM Work in Jacob's Garden = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)
Tuesday	2 Board Meeting 6:00 AM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM Holy Transfiguration Academy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos  7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	16	= 6:30 PM Council of Min- istries	30
Monday	1:00 AM Blessing of the Water = 6:00 PM Service of Suppli- cation to the Theotokos	6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos	15 FeastotheDornitionotheIheotokos  = 9:00 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	22	RemembrancoofRunne(Baptist) = 9:00 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Sixth of Matthew = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	Severitisundayofurationoffid.ord  = 8:30 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 11:55 AM A 2 year Memorial Service is given by Rosemand, Floyd (Grigorios).  May his memory be eternal!	EghtSundayoMrofhefhectokos  8.30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  A two year Memorial Service is given by Stephanie Gianaris and family for her husband, George. May his memory  5:00 PM Great Vespers- Dormition of the Theotokos	Ninth Sunday of Matthew  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  12:15 PM Catechism Registration  1:00 PM Philoptochos Welcome Back Luncheon	Tenth Sunday of Matthew  8.30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:00 AM Philoptochos 2nd tray for St. Phanourios (Youth Activities)  12:00 PM Homecoming Picnic hearing of St. John the Fore-

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
August 7	D. Christopher/G. O'Brien	All Teams	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	F. Tucker/S. Bethune/ K. Bylos
August 14	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	All Teams	D. Bafas/P. Dunkerly	M. Caras/P. Christopher/ C. Costarides
August 21	M. Nichols/R. Rogers	All Teams	P. Koutouzis/M. Pohlman	M. Driscoll/I. Dymond/ M. Eleftheriou
August 28	P. Markley/S. Tingas	All Teams	S. Linebaugh/B. Valagohar	S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis/ E. Kay

#### St. James Altar Servers:

Chris Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Kris Kollias, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Matthew Paulson, Alexander Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Niko Tiller, Nick Zakreski

#### St. John Altar Servers:

Christopher Alberts, Matthew Azimzadeh, Andrew Bass, Christopher Bilson, Theo Bliss, Anthony Bundros, Christian Coleman, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Nicholas Gekas, William Jansma, Angelo Makris, Michael Marianos, Alexander Morgan, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Csaba Wagner, Romeo Wagner

#### St. Peter Altar Servers:

Zach Bethune, Hal Bradford, III, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Michael Farina, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Stephen Harrah, Andrew Levine, Morgan Lilly, Luke Melissas, Alek Nikolich, Matthew Shanahan, Evan Strakes, Michael Tsogas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Jianni Vacratsas, Stefano Vacratsas, Michael Vastakis, Panayiotis Vlachos.

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