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Marietta, GA

DECEMBER 2014



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

THE REAL GIFT OF CHRISTMAS



Christmas is at our doorstep one more time. The stores glimmer again in colorful lights and decorations inviting customers to peruse their merchandise and purchase gifts for others and for themselves.

At the church and at home, we will soon begin to sing the Christmas carols that everyone loves. We are going to decorate a tree and put gifts and toys under it. This is a very special time filled with the magic of this incredible season. We love it! We cannot wait every year for it. We love to get together as a family and celebrate one of our best meals of the year. We love to surround ourselves with those who are special in our lives.

This joy, love and peace that we share during this special season is really God's Will for us. This was proclaimed by the angels as they hovered over the cave of Christ's birth singing joyfully, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth peace, goodwill to humankind!". That joy has been transmitted through this feast over the centuries to all generations. That joy is the Gift of God for us as He tries to repair our fallen condition. He understood that even His Incarnation (His taking flesh and sharing our humanity) would not be able to convince us fully to come to Him, so He planted in our lives this festive season along with the need for each other's company as a means of bringing us together to celebrate His love for us. He does not want us to forget this special time, so He even uses the desire of businesses for profits to keep reminding us of the birth of His Son into the world - if businesses could do it, they would start the celebration of Christmas in July (I remember, in fact, one store in New York that did just that some years back). The fact that Christmas has become the most celebrated feast in our society is not by accident, but rather within the plan of God to bring us closer to Him.

Our rebellious nature, of course, seeks to devise new ways to break away from the embrace of our Creator. Some of us, like small children who want to assert their individuality, lash back at the love of their Father by rejecting the Christmas manger in the public square, by coming up with new greetings to replace "Merry Christmas", by devising new feasts to fill the emptiness of their souls. They try to wipe out God, as if that will wipe out their sinful nature.

Christmas and its message of peace, love and salvation are deeply rooted in our nature. God in His wisdom and caring for us has reserved a special place of gentleness in our souls for the birth of His Son into our lives. That's why we will again light trees and build mangers, again flock to the churches on Christmas Eve to celebrate, again buy presents for those around us. Through these things the joy of God's presence residing in our souls is re-energized. In these, we relive the joy of the shepherds who beheld Him as a baby and the Magi who offered Gifts and worshipped Him.

Rejoice, therefore, my fellow Christians. Rejoice for the Real Gift of Christmas, *God's Joy*, will fill our hearts again!

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

December 2014

December 1, Monday, Blessing of the water 11:00 am

December 5, Friday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Nicholas.

December 6, Saturday, Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra of Lycia.

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

Afternoon: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

December 7, Sunday, Tenth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Ambrose of Milan.

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

December 11, Thursday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Spyridon.

December 12, Friday. Feast of St. Spyridon of Trimythos.

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 13, Saturday, NO Vespers today.

December 14, Sunday. Feast of the Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Feast of St. Modestos.*

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

Blessing of the Animals, 3:00 pm.

December 20, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

December 21, Sunday before Christmas, Feast of all the Righteous people from Adam to Joseph, the betrothed to the Most Holy Theotokos.

Feast of St. Dionysios Archbishop of Aegina the Wonderworker (moved from December 17)

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

DECEMBER 24, WEDNESDAY. GREAT HOURS OF CHRISTMAS, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

CHRISTMAS LITURGY 5:30 pm, *Vespertine Divine Liturgy* of St. Basil the Great.

A Christmas Reception will follow the Divine Services at the Church Hall.

DECEMBER 25, THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

The Birth of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Ἡ κατὰ Σάρκα Γέννησις τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ καὶ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 10:00 am.

December 27, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

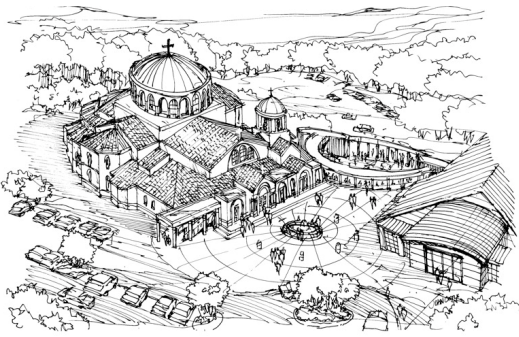
December 28, Sunday after Christmas. Feast of St. Joseph the betrothed to the Virgin Theotokos.

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

December 31, Wednesday, **Great Vespers 6:00 pm** - Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - DECEMBER

12/1/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:1-7	Gospel: Luke 19:37-44
12/2/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:8-14	Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
12/3/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15	Gospel: Luke 20:1-8
12/4/2014	Matins: Matthew 25:1-13 Gospel: Mark 5:24-34	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5
12/5/2014	Matins: Luke 6:17-23 Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2
12/6/2014	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: Luke 6:17-23	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21
12/7/2014	Matins: Luke 24:1-12 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19
12/8/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:1-10	Gospel: Luke 20:27-44
12/9/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27	Gospel: Luke 8:16-21
12/10/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:22-25; 6:1-11	Gospel: Luke 21:5-8, 10-11, 20-24
12/11/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 6:17-21	Gospel: Luke 21:28-33
12/12/2014	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: John 10:9-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19
12/13/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Gospel: Luke 13:19-29
12/14/2014	Matins: Luke 24:13-35 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11
12/15/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 1:8-18	Gospel: Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5
12/16/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:16-17; 4:1-4	Gospel: Mark 8:22-26
12/17/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2	Gospel: Mark 8:30-34
12/18/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 1:5-14	Gospel: Mark 9:10-15
12/19/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 1:15-16; 2:1-10	Gospel: Mark 9:33-41
12/20/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:8-12	Gospel: Luke 13:19-29
12/21/2014	Matins: Luke 24:36-53 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40
12/22/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19	Gospel: Mark 9:42-50; 10:1
12/23/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:1-13	Gospel: Mark 10:2-12
12/24/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-12	Gospel: Luke 2:1-20
12/25/2014	Matins: Matthew 1:18-25 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:4-7
12/26/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18	Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
12/27/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 6:11-16	Gospel: Matthew 12:15-21
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12/29/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18	Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
12/30/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:8-23	Gospel: Mark 11:11-23
12/31/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:1-18	Gospel: Mark 11:22-26



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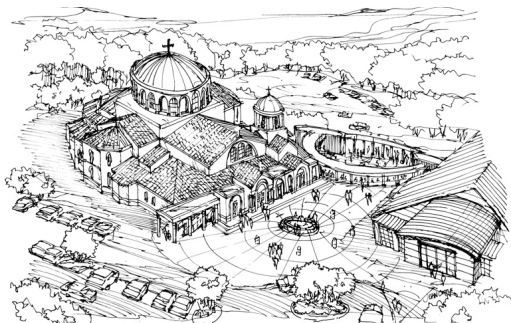
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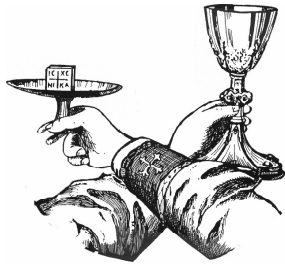
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Christ is asking for your Stewardship toward His Church

***Our Church needs our financial support.
Let us offer from the gifts God has given us.***



***"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer
unto You, in behalf of all, and for all."***

*Τὰ Σὰ ἐκ τῶν Σῶν, Σοὶ προσφέρομεν
κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα.*

*Ta sa ek ton Son, Si prosferomen kata
panta ke dia panta.*

***From the
Anaphora of the
Divine Liturgy***

We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, "*Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You.*" We acknowledge that everything we offer to God is a gift from Him. We take what God has given to us and we return it to Him as an act of our thanksgiving and praise.

As stewards of God's gifts, we return to Him a portion of our time, talents and treasures for Christ's work on earth through His Church.

The Christian Stewardship Program is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love by perpetuating His ministry through the Church. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us. Let us offer then from the goods He has given us back to Him: "*Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You.*"

How much should I offer to the Church in order to support the work of God?

Proportionate giving: This involves two things; Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that our giving is an offer of thanksgiving for His blessings.

We should ask ourselves "what is a worthy level for my Stewardship?" The Bible gives much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and His work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability.

The Old Testament laid down the standard by asking for a percentage of one's income. This provides for us the principle that giving should be in proportion to our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church for the current year.

We should consider what we spend on cable television, holidays, pets, dining out, sports events, vacations and so on. How do these expenses compare with our giving for God's work?

We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: "*Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You.*"?

Offer your Stewardship each Sunday. Family members over 18 years of age, who are employed, should make their own Stewardship Commitment.

Participation in the Christian Stewardship Program allows each Greek Orthodox Steward to vote and to seek elective office in the administration of the parish as provided in the Archdiocesan and Parish By-laws. If you are not a Steward, you are not eligible to vote or be voted into office.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ!

25 YEARS OF GLORIFYING GOD

The addition of each physical building to our campus adds to the breadth and depth of the experience of spiritual life at our Church.



Όλοι μαζί - All 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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Constandina Palame - November 29, 2014



*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR*

Nicholas M. Cordes and Breanne C. Harden - December 13, 2014



We're planning a new PHOTO
directory for the Parish in 2015!

The dates for the photography are:

Thursday, January 8 - 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Friday, January 9 - 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 10 - 10:00 am until 6:00 pm

You will be able to schedule your appointment one of three ways:

1. During coffee hour on Sunday - please see Pat Koutouzis in the PLC.
2. Online - <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2200109532?schedule=holytransfigurationgreekorthodoxchurch>
3. Calling the church office - 770-924-8080

Sign up for your family portrait today. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 family portrait and one printed directory.



HOPE and JOY will be going to *The Bethlehem Walk* on **Friday, Dec. 12.**
We will meet at 5 pm at Holy Transfiguration and have a spaghetti dinner
together before we caravan over to Mountain View United Methodist
Church to experience the awe, wonder and true meaning of Christmas!
Please join us!

Christmas Remembrance



If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia to decorate the church this holiday season, please contact Anne in the Church office, holytrans@comcast.net or 770.924.8080 or fill out this form and put it in the mail or offering tray. (NOTE: Please Print!)

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

For the Health of: _____

Amount of Donation: \$_____

The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21st.



On behalf of the Outreach/Welcoming Committee,
I would like to thank Nick Papeacos for donating
the food to our very successful Homecoming Picnic!

~Mimi Pohlman

Have you recently joined our parish?

Are you thinking of joining?

Please come to a *Welcome Luncheon* on Sunday, January 11th, to honor
all of our new parishioners and to get to know one another.

Food and beverages will be provided.

Reserve a table today! Contact Mimi Pohlman - 404-990-2122

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



Thank You to everyone who helped with the Philoptochos Greek Night!

Lea Gormanos
Maria Alberts
Despina and Maria Chryssopoulos
Sophia and Demetra Papaevangelou
Michael Brotsis
Mike and Theodora Tsongas
Ashley Bilson
Catherine Adamson
Joanna Tiller
Kiki and Yianni Gormanos
Allen Vatzakas
Strati Papageorgiou

***METAMORPHOSI DANCERS WILL BE COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S METROPOLIS
OF ATLANTA ANNUAL HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL in CHARLOTTE NC –
JANUARY 17-19
COME OUT TO CHEER THEM ON!***

SAVE THE DATE

**HELLENIC DANCE, ELEFThERIA (9th-12th) LOCK-IN
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 6 pm until SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 3:30 pm
PIZZA, DANCING, CULTURE and lots of FUN**

Bring Church Clothes if you stay over-night

***If you can't stay the whole night, please come Saturday 6-9pm and Sunday for the Liturgy
followed by our regular practice 1:30-3:30pm!***

***IF YOU HAVENT REGISTERED TO DANCE – YOU STILL CAN!!! Any and ALL Ages!!!
Just fill out the Ministry Registration sheet in the church office. THANKS!***



Hellenic Studies December Announcements...

Thank you to everyone who helped support our **Fall Bake Sale** on November 9th...your support of our program is *greatly* appreciated!

Coming this month...

On **Sunday, December 14th** – the children of our program will serenade parishioners with traditional Greek *kalanta*...beautiful carols...at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

On **Tuesday, December 16th** – parents of our program are invited to take part in our holiday Christmas celebration, from 5:30-7:00pm (during normal class time). The children will sing traditional *kalanta*, and light refreshments will be served.

Classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 6th**

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Our Ministry's end of year statement:

There is no end to education. It is not the case that you read a book, pass an exam, and finish with learning. The whole of our lives (from the moment we are born to the moment we die) is a process of learning. The Hellenic Studies Ministry will continue to do the very best we know how, the very best we can. With Christian Faith and continuous devotion we will strive to further our mission --- a focused commitment and dedication to the lifelong pursuit of learning!

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Χρόνια πολλά και Καλή Χρόνια!!!

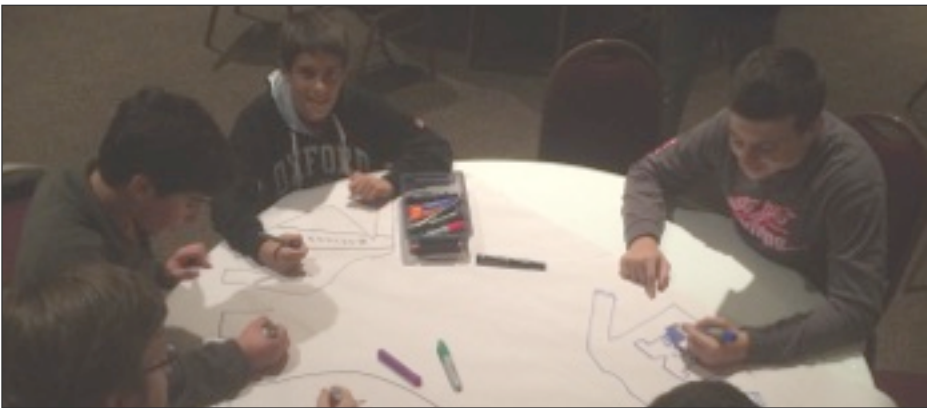
Youth



Clockwise from above: Stephanie and Cecilia serve at the Philoptochos fundraiser; Jeremy, Yianni, and Gabriel help prepare food for the Philoptochos Greek Taverna night; Angelos, Matthew, and Andrew assembling the Christmas tree (while Spiro looks on in amusement); Helen, Aristotle, Mike, and Theodora help Steve peel potatoes during food prep night for the Philoptochos fundraiser.



Youth



From top to bottom: Lilia, Makeda, Brenda, Jeremy, Laila, Maria, Joanna, and Smith try their hand at *artoklasia* bread; Angelo, Matthew, and Andrew sketch Winter Youth Rally t-shirt design ideas; Fr. Panayiotis, a.k.a. “the iPriest”, answers youth’s questions about the faith.





PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We would like to thank all who helped make our fall fundraiser such a success this year! Everyone who attended had such a great time! We would like to first thank Linda Lopus and Pat Koutouzis for co-chairing another great year at Yorgo's Taverna. Also, we would like to thank Theodore Georgacopoulos and his team for preparing such a delicious meal and Xanthippe Marsico and Mary Miltiades who did such a great job with our prizes and door prize ticket sales. We especially thank Jimmy Carlos and National Distributing Co. for supplying our wine and ouzo; we appreciate their ongoing generous support of our functions and regret omitting their name in our Fall Fundraiser Program.

Please join us on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Party at the Modenos' home. Please see enclosed flyer for details.

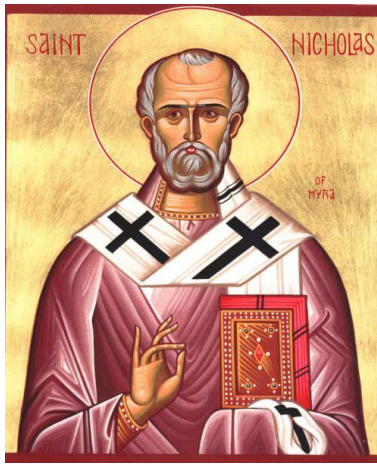
We are looking for sponsors to help cover the breakfast cost of \$25.00 per week for Cobb County Schools that do not have the funds. Please contact Linda Lopus at llopos@bellsouth.net if you are interested in sponsoring.

In October, we served 67 lunches at MUST Ministries. A special thank you to the following who helped prepare the meals and/or served: **Tina Vamvakias, Julie Orologas, Lois Bafas, Dorothy Macris, Dorothy Botni, Evelyn Bilson, Elaine Paulson, Pat Koutouzis, Athena Burke, and Michael Gavalas.**

Our next book club will meet on December 2nd at 6:30 pm at Dorothy Macris' home. The book title is *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty.

Thank you to all 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! Please see below our current membership list of **122** members!!

Carol Adamson	Martha Gingles	Xenia Mantgiaris	Rosemary Peppas
Maria Alberts	Lea Gormanos	Xanthippe Marsico	Nancy Porter
Liz Azimzadeh	Irene Hammond	Despina Mavromatidis	Paula Rogers
Dorian Bafas	Leslie Hansard	Christine Mayk	Randy Rogers
Lois Bafas	Christopher Hansard	Sandy McAteer	Linda Sampanes
Nancy Barke	Sis Hondras	Dena McCollum	Kathy Shoji
Roseann Bates	Sheila Howington	Artemis Michael	Nicole Sigalos
Sophia Bethune	Georgia Hutt	Ionna Michaels	Donna Smith
Evelyn Bilson	Tina Isaac	Mary Miltiades	Mary Smith
Evanthia Bilson	Annette Jacobs	Niko Miltiades	Christine Sprouse
Kathie L. Bilson	Mike Jacobs	Penny Miltiades	Ron Sprouse
Irma Bliss	Irene Kipreos	Anthe Modenos	Irene Steffas
Dorothy Botni	Steve Kipreos	Patricia Morris	Mary Stiakakis
Dimitra Bournias	Themis Kipreos	Kim Moustoukas	Connie Stratigos
Athena Burke	Shirley Kiritsy	Costa Neocleous	Theresa Taouschiani
Melina Burke	Gerre Klementzos	Maroulla Neocleous	Zach Taouschiani
Kathy Bylos	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Kally Niarchos	Vicki Thorne
Helen Carlos	Connie Kollias	Anthea Nichols	Maria Tingas
Eleni Catrakilis	Lori Kollias	Dee Nichols	Steve Tingas
Maria Ceisel	Margaret Kollias	Lee Nichols	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
Eleni Clement	Pat Koutouzis	Toula Nielsen	Fran Tucker
Nancy Copeland	Eleni Krause	Georgia O'Brian	Rebecca Valagohar
Cathy Costarides	Anna Leros	Julie Orologas	Tina Vamvakias
Christine Demakis	Ellen Linebaugh	Nikki Palamiotis	Chelsie Vlahiotis
Marty Driscoll	Mary Longshore	Fr. George Pallas	Anne Willcocks
Peggy Dunkerly	Linda Lopus	Pres. Toula Pallas	Mary Wysmierski
Karen Fox	Stephanie Lukens	Mary Papadimitriou	Basile Zafiroulis
Michelle Frangis	Demetrius Lymberopoulos	Cathy Papadopoulos	Ann Zakreski
Donnis Gavalas	Christy Macris	Pres. Catherine Papageorgiou	Angela Ziros
Harriette Gavrielides	Dorothy Macris	Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou	
Niki Gess	Eftichia Macris	Jeannie Paxten	



St. Nicholas HOLIDAY MARKET

**Come to the PLC for your Christmas shopping
St. Nicholas Feast Day Weekend**

**Saturday, December 6
noon - 5 pm**

**Sunday, December 7
noon - 3 pm**

Unique Gifts and Speciality Foods

**Past favorite "RETURNING VENDORS" plus
MANY NEW VENDORS for your personal shopping!**

**A portion of sales will benefit Philoptochos Social Services
to help those in need**



Philoptochos Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 10
6:00 P.M.**

Modenos Home:

**3104 Royal Troon
Woodstock, GA 30189**

**Come join us for an evening of fellowship and
Christmas cheer!**

Bring a Lenten dish to share:

A-F: Appetizer

G-L: Main Dish

M-R: Side Dish/Salad

S-Z: Dessert

**Please bring a Gift Card from Walmart or Target to
support our Veterans in need.**

***RSVP* by Dec. 7: Linda Lopos: 678-492-5818 or
llopos@bellsouth.net**



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Our final month in 2014 is here, and our board is pleased to announce that we have 2 new board members! Irene Kipreos and Stephanie Gianaris were nominated to our board at our last general meeting on November 6. Unfortunately, we will be losing Mary Ellen Knuchel but not completely. She will be available for decorating needs and will be with us during the summer months.

On December 14, we will be celebrating our Christmas party at the North Point Diner. Every Sunday during coffee hour we will be selling tickets in the PLC. Please support this event as we have planned an enjoyable fun evening for you. We ask that you bring a gift card from Target or Walmart for the needy.

So far, we have 15 people signed up for our Branson, MO trip. This is a great start. You were mailed instructions explaining payment plans for this trip. You may choose either plan. If you cannot register during coffee hour, please send your registration to Dorothy Botni. Her address is on the flyer you received in the mailing. This trip promises to be fun, so don't miss out. Remember "a day without laughter is a day wasted." If 40 people go, there will be a drawing for 2 free tickets!

Our fund raiser for 2015 will be on Saturday, February 21. "A Disco Night" promises to be a night of fun & frolic. Mark your calendars. Everyone between 13 and 100 is invited! More to come in the next issue.

May all of you have a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

May God Bless You All.

Connie Stratigos, President

Prime Timers' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 5:00 pm

The Diner at North Point

1st course - Appetizers

Cheese Quesadillas
Dolmades

2nd Course - Salads

Greek Salad
Greek Vinaigrette

3rd Course - Entrees

Woodfire Grilled Chicken Breast
Oven Roasted Lemon Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
Mushroom Bordelaise

Broiled Flounder
Basmati Rice and Vegetable Medley
Lemon Buere Blanc

Black Angus Chopped Sirloin
Oven Roasted Lemon Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
Mushroom Bordelaise

4th Course - Individual Dessert

Platter of Mini Baklava, Kourabiedes

Soft Drinks or Iced Tea, Coffee or Hot Tea, Bread and Oil
Wine is free.

\$30 per person - includes gratuity/tax**



Holiday Fun

*Please bring a gift card from
Walmart or Target for the needy.*

****Payment for the party is due by the end of
November; please visit the Prime Timers'
table in the Parish Life Center during
coffee hour on Sunday.**

Questions? - Call:
Connie Stratigos - 770-992-9707
or
Dorothy Botni - 770-971-9956



PRIME TIMERS!

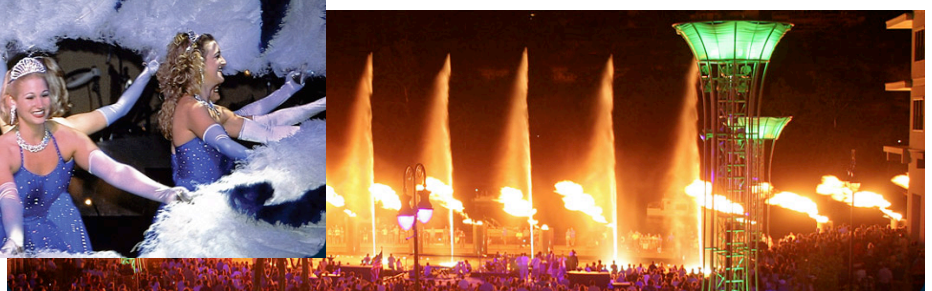
**WE WILL NOT BE GOING TO CHARLESTON.
WE WILL BE GOING TO BRANSON, MISSOURI!
SUNDAY, MAY 31 - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015**

Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation
6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in Branson
10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners
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!



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.



December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>Feast of St. A...f our Chapel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM A 40 day Memorial Service is given by 11:45 AM A Memorial Service is given by the Caras and Thomas families for 11:55 AM Artoklasia is given by George and Linda Lo- 	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Blessing of the Water</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 6:30 PM Parish Council Workshop 7:00 PM Introduction to Orthodoxy 	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis (GOYA) 	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. Nicholas Market Set-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Miltiades Rental 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Nicholas 	<p>6</p> <p>Feast of St. Nicholas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Nicholas Market 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>7</p> <p>Tenth Sunda...rose of Milan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A Memorial Service 12:00 PM St. Nicholas Mar- 12:30 PM Festival Board 12:30 PM GOYA Youth 1:00 PM Adult Recreational <p>and 4 more...</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 AM PNC Bank / Holy Transfiguration Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 AM PNC Bank / Holy Transfiguration Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Philoptochos Christmas Party 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Spyridon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Architecture Construction Meeting 	<p>12</p> <p>Feast of St. S...of Trimythus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Cordes/Harden Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 PM HOPE/JOY "Live Nativity" visit and Spaghetti Dinner 	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Youth Protection Workshop (tentative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Cordes/Harden Wedding
<p>14</p> <p>Feast of the...f St. Modestos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Hellenic Studies 12:00 PM Parish Council 1:00 PM Adult Recreational 2:00 PM Boys' Basketball 2:15 PM Girls' Bible Bowl 3:00 PM Girls' Sports Practice <p>and 3 more...</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Parish Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 PM GOYA Christmas Lock-in</p>	<p>20</p> <p>GOYA Christmas Lock-in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>21</p> <p>Sunday before...onderworker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 1:00 PM Adult Recreational Basketball 2:00 PM Girls' Sports Practice 2:15 PM Boys' Bible Bowl 3:00 PM Boys' Basketball 3:15 PM Girls' Bible Bowl 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Great Hours of Christmas 5:00 PM Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 7:00 PM Christmas Reception 	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nativity of Christ 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Winter Youth Rally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>28</p> <p>Winter Youth Rally</p> <p>Sunday after...in Theotokos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great 	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00 PM Missen/Jewell Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:30 PM Missen/Jewell Wedding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Dec. 7, 2014	C. Costarides/S. Tingas	St. John	C. Kollias/D. Smith	E. Kay/Themis Kipreos/A. Leries
Dec. 14, 2014	S. Steffas/T. Voulopos	St. Peter	D. Bafas/S. Lukens	P. Koutouzis/L. Lopus/K. Melissas
Dec. 21, 2014	D. Koutouzis/A. Miltiades	St. James	K. Johnson/P. Koutouzis	J. Miltiades/P. Miltiades/K. Niarchos
Dec. 28, 2014	L. Gess/S. Tingas	St. John	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	M. Lynch/M. Miltiades/A. Nichols

St. James Altar Servers: 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

St. John Altar Servers: 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, Michael Marianos, Alexander Morgan, Evan Nakos, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Matthew Paulson, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Niko Tiller, Csaba Wagner

St. Peter Altar Servers: 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

Note: If your son is not listed and should be, please contact Paul Lundberg.