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## **THE MONTHLY BULLETIN**

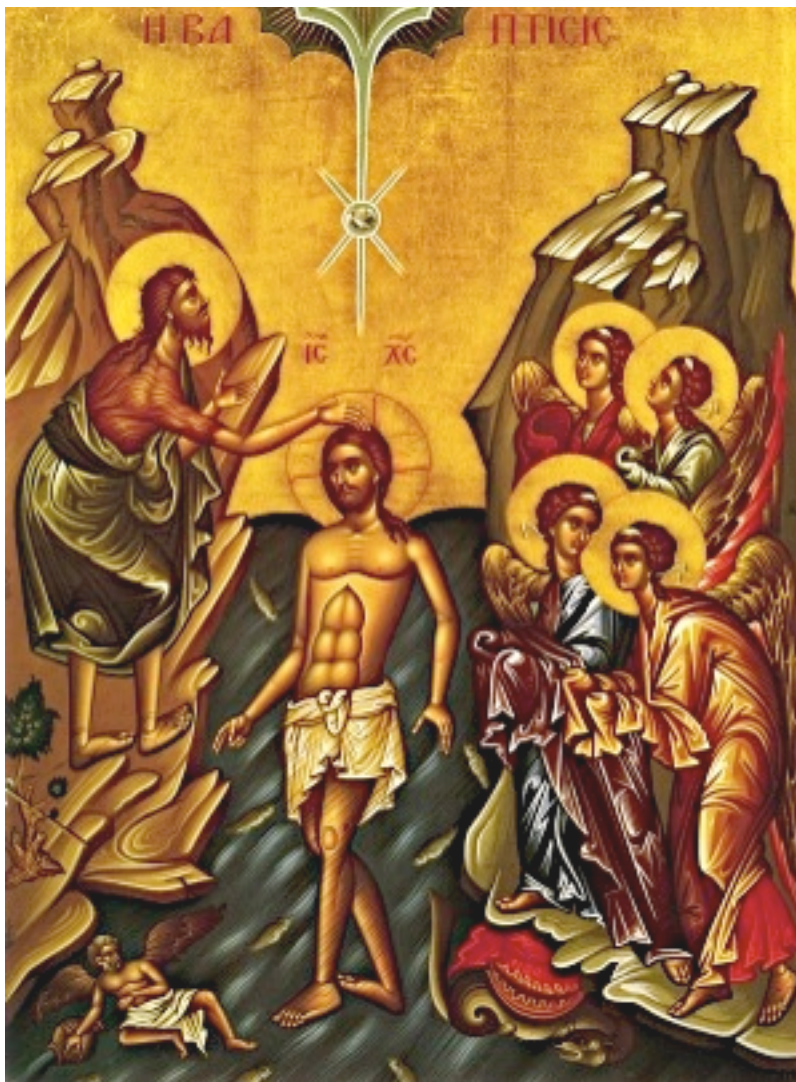
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**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Marietta, GA**

**JANUARY 2014**



**THEOPHANY-BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness unto You, calling You the Beloved Son, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed His word as sure. Glory to You, O Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

# **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION**

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## CHURCH OFFICE

Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

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## 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*

*Pastoral Assistant: Paul Lundberg*

## PARISH COUNCIL-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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/>

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH?



As we enter a new year, this is a question we need to ask ourselves: What is the value of the Church to us? Why do we go to church? Why do we profess to be Orthodox Christians? Is this just a social connection, or is there more to it for us?

The Apostles, who established the first Church communities, following the "Great Commission of Christ" (Matt. 28:19-20), empowered by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and equipped with both the "message" and personal conviction, stood bravely in front of tyrants and the learned men of the time preaching the power of Christ over death and His promise of eternal life. They moved from town to town proclaiming the "Good News" to all who would listen, baptizing those who would accept the "message" and teaching them how to observe those things which Christ had

commanded them. The Apostles established Christian communities which continued to proclaim the "Good News", adding more and more members to those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47). For them, the Church was the vehicle of salvation for those who embraced "the new faith", "the new philosophy".

The main concern of the Apostles and the leaders of the Early Church was not the establishment of communities and activities for their members, but the salvation of human beings by bringing them to the Faith in the Risen Lord and attaching them to the Church (the Body of Christ). Their life as a community was simple, centered around the teaching and preaching of the words of Christ and the joining together in the "Agape Meals", the Eucharistic dinners where the more affluent brought food for everyone and they all shared in a meal before they received from the blessed bread and cup - the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Early Christians were characterized by the love they had for God and the affection and kindness they showed to each other. This dedication to God and others became a major factor in the growth of the Early Church; as people of the surrounding community witnessed the authentic love of these Christians, they joined the ranks of the Church as followers of Christ.

In the 21st century, at a time when Christianity is being marginalized, we have much to learn by looking at the Early Church. The Roman society, in which Christianity emerged was very similar to ours. People were self-centered and hedonistic. Their moral values were based on their desires. Yet, the Christians did not conform to that, but broke the norms, living as Christ taught.

Christians proposed a message contrary to many of the norms of their society. Yet, their message became attractive to the people who felt the pain and suffering of life, to those who were looking for the life beyond this temporary world, those asking for redemption from their sinful existence, those looking for forgiveness and peace.

The message of Christ remains the same. He still offers peace and forgiveness, redemption and eternal life. This is the purpose of the Church, to offer this opportunity to people seeking, to offer Christ Risen from the dead and His Kingdom, forgiveness, peace and love that are authentic.

*Fr. Panayiotis*



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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **January 2014**

**January 1, Wednesday**, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ, and St. Basil the Great  
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

*Tuesday evening* (December 31st) Great Vespers at 6:00 pm.

**January 3, Friday**, Forefeast of Theophany.

**The Great Hours of Theophany 9:30 -11:00 am, No fasting today.**

**January 4, Saturday**, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**January 5, Sunday before Theophany**

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

*Vasilopita Sunday:* Today we will celebrate the Vasilopita for the benefit of St. Basil's Academy.

**Today we hold the fast in preparation to receive the Holy Water of Theophany (oil and wine).**

**Sunday Evening: Great Vespers of Theophany** (the Feast of Lights) 5:00 pm

**January 6, Monday, Holy Theophany. Feast of the Baptism of Christ** (the Feast of Lights).

Orthros, 8:30, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by the Great Ayiasmos (Blessing of the Waters)

**January 7, Tuesday**, Synaxis of St. John the Fore-Runner and Baptist.

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

**January 11, Saturday**, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**January 12, Sunday** after the Feast of Theophany.

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

**January 18, Saturday**, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

**January 19, Sunday**, 12th Sunday of Luke.

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

**January 25, Saturday**, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**January 26, Sunday**, 15th Sunday of Luke. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Special presentation following the Divine Liturgy in honor of the Three Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom - ***Greek Letters Day.***

**January 29, Wednesday**, Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Three Hierarchs 6:00 pm

**January 30, Thursday**, Feast of the Holy Three Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.



# FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME IN THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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

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 become Ambassadors of Orthodox Christianity, the Ancient Faith, the Faith of the Apostles!**

# GUIDELINES FOR RESPECTFUL WORSHIP

Probably the most important duty that we each have as worshippers attending church services is to do all that is in our power to see that a proper decorum and atmosphere is maintained so that all of the congregation is able to pray sincerely, peacefully and meaningfully.

It is with this fact in mind that we have set forth the following guidelines:

Upon entering the Church, at all times, but especially during services an individual should remember that he or she is in the House of God. Reverence and good manners are required so as not to disturb those who are already engaged in prayer, but, even more importantly, as an expression of sincere faith and awareness of the presence of the Lord. No irrelevant conversations should take place, either in the Narthex or in any part of the Church.

According to actual church service procedures, each and every member of the congregation is required to be seated in the pews at the beginning of the service. It is only by leniency that anyone is allowed to enter the Church once the services have begun. Thus it behooves us not to take undue advantage of this leniency.

There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about. Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed. These parts of the service are:



1. The Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
2. The reading of the Gospel;
3. The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
4. The recitation of the Nicene Creed (in which the entire congregation should participate);
5. The prayers of offering "Take, eat..." and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
6. The Sermon;
7. Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers).

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is facing the people or outside of the altar, either with the censer or giving the blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

Please remember that the Parish Council members and the ushering staff are required to keep order during services, and all should follow their instructions at all times.

*Thank you.*



## DEPARTMENT <sup>OF</sup> OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

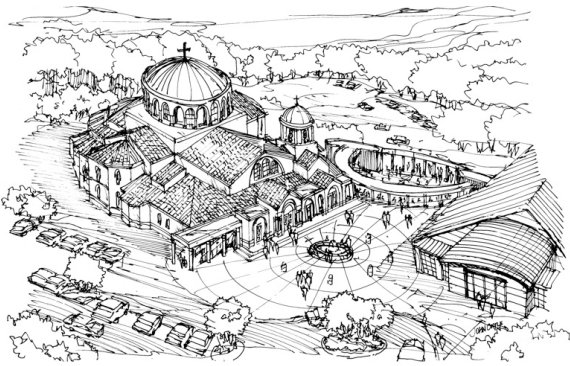
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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - JANUARY

1/1/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:8-12</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 2:20-21, 40-52</a>	
1/2/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 5:4-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:1-15</a>
1/3/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 3:1-18</a>
1/4/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 3:1-6</a>
1/5/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:36-53</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 1:1-8</a>	
1/6/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 1:9-11</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 3:13-17</a>	
1/7/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:29-34</a>
1/8/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:22-33</a>
1/9/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 1:9-15</a>
1/10/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 3:19-22</a>
1/11/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 4:1-11</a>
1/12/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:1-10</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 4:12-17</a>	
1/13/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 20:1-8</a>
1/14/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:32-40</a>
1/15/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:32-40</a>
1/16/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 21:14-25</a>
1/17/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 11:27-30</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 6:17-23</a>	
1/18/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:14-19</a>	
1/19/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:11-18</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:12-19</a>	
1/20/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 6:17-23</a>	
1/21/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:12-20</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:8-12</a>
1/22/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 1:3-8</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30</a>	
1/23/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5</a>
1/24/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 6:22-33</a>
1/25/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:9-16</a>
1/26/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:19-31</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:1-10</a>	
1/27/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:9-16</a>
1/28/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 6:17-23</a>
1/29/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 9:33-41</a>
1/30/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 10:9-16</a> Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:14-19</a>	
1/31/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:1, 5-8</a>





# Love One Another

## MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2014

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO  
HAVE SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2014!

Mr. Panayiotis Antoniadis  
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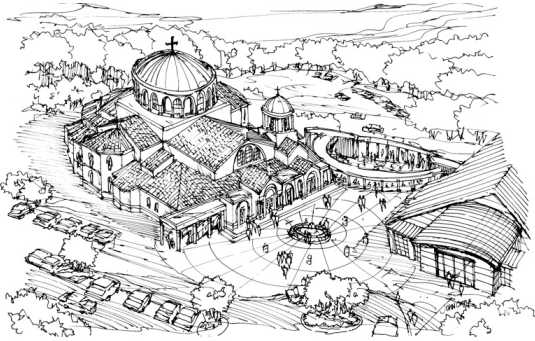
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Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits

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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)*

### **for reflection...**

*The God who came to us at Bethlehem continues to come to us today. He comes through the Sacrament of Baptism to bestow upon us His love, to call us His very own. He comes through the Sacrament of Chrismation to fill us with His presence, to make our bodies temples of His Holy Spirit. He comes through repentance and the Sacrament of Confession to cleanse us of sin, to restore in our souls "the peace of God that passes all understanding."*

*In every liturgy He comes to us as the Word of God, bringing words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes constantly through prayer. He blesses our marriages as He did that in Cana of Galilee. He stands by our sick bed, laying His healing hand upon us through the prayers of the priest. He comes again and again in so many, many ways through the many ministries of His Church. He comes with healing and forgiveness; He comes with strength and guidance. He comes and when He comes, as the Bible says, "the blind see, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free."*

*It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He be, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.*

*Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris*

**The rich man  
is not one who has much,  
but one who gives much.**



**For what he gives away  
remains his forever.**

*St. John Chrysostom*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Sophia Kalogridis - December 7, 2013  
Haydn (Euphrosynos) Arp - December 22, 2013 (Chrismation)  
Athena and Helen Hantzios - December 27, 2013  
Juliana Levenson - December 28, 2013

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*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY  
& HONOR*

Demetrios Kalogridis and Kari Lynn Houchins - December 8, 2013

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

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

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

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

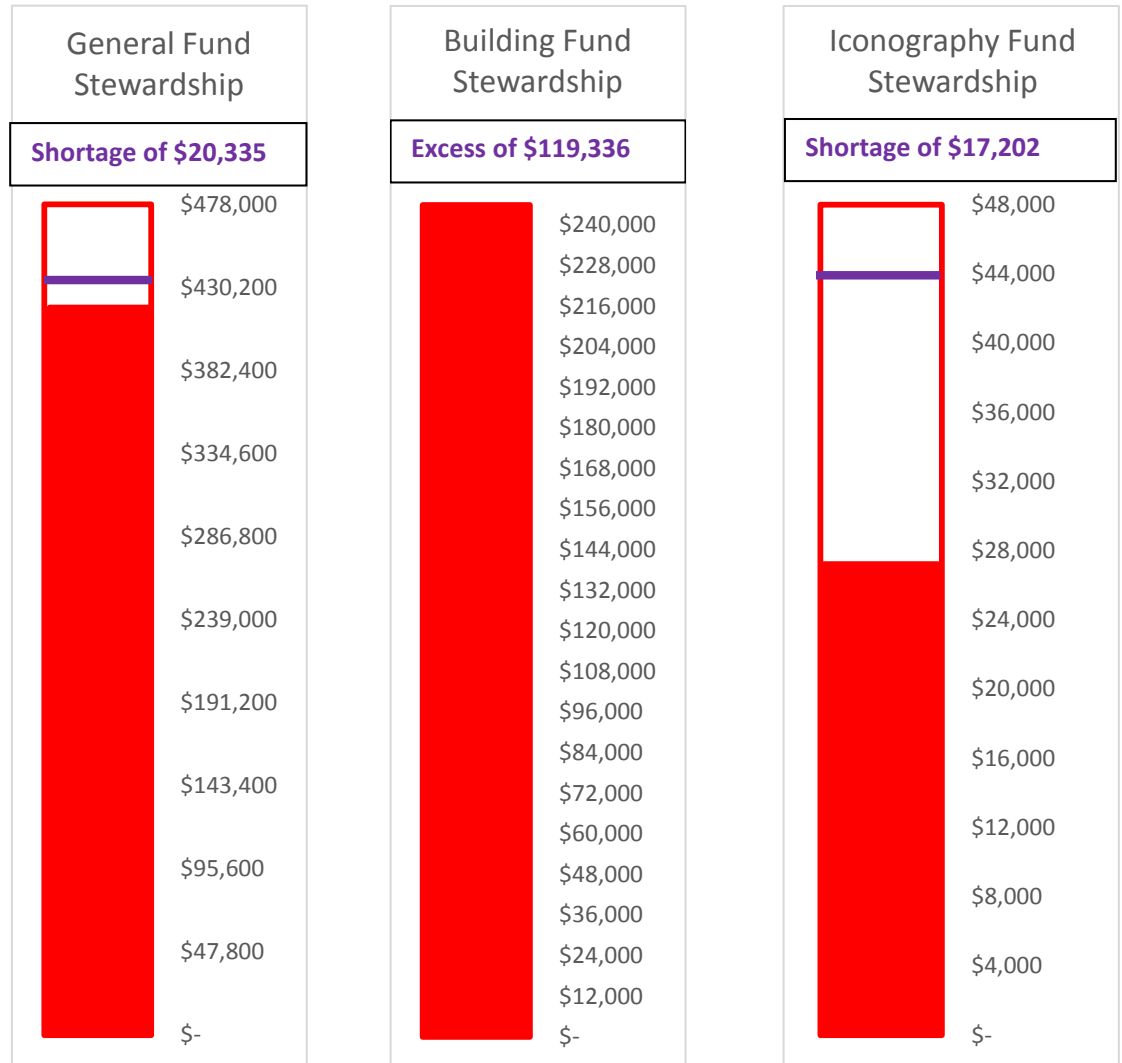
Stephanie Lukens,  
Coffee hour co-chair



# TREASURER'S CORNER

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

Line Represents Need  
as of November 30



## Reminders

When making your donations, please write a separate check for each church fund to which you donate (i.e. General, Building, Iconography, etc.). In the memo section of each check, please indicate the fund you are donating to along with your church PIN (e.g., General Fund PIN 234).

You can monitor your donations online through the IconCMO system. To get your PIN and setup your account, ask Anne (770-924-8080, [holytrans@comcast.com](mailto:holytrans@comcast.com)), and she will send you an email from the IconCMO website which will provide your PIN and a temporary password which you can use to setup your IconCMO account.

If you ever have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Christopher Hansard  
Treasurer

Athan Tsarouhas  
Assistant Treasurer

Larry Gess  
Stewardship Liaison



## Winter Youth Rally Victories



Above, the junior boys' basketball team shortly after winning the championship game. Back row, from left to right: Coach Alan, Chris B, Drew C, Andrew L, and Coach Kevin; front row: Matthew A, Angelo N, Morgan L, and Yanni G; not pictured is Coach Spiro and Christos C. Below, Dean P, Paul J, and Nicholas T are pictured after winning first place in the Bible Bowl; not pictured is Coach Paul. The Bible Bowl team studied the Gospel according to Mark and the Epistle to the Romans. They prevailed in a field of 24 teams from across the metropolis. Congratulations to both teams of champions!



## College Students & Young Adults



Many thanks to Mike and Annette Jacobs, who hosted our annual “Home for the Holidays” reunion for college students. Eighteen college-aged young adults gathered to catch-up with each other and celebrate God’s blessings in their lives. There was much laughter and good spirit. May God grant them all good strength—καλή δύναμη—for their studies in the coming semester!



## Ministry to Young Families

Saint Theophan the Recluse famously said that of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy. This does not just refer to reading, writing, and arithmetic but also to children’s holistic formation. We are in the process of planning to offer more to the young families of the parish by setting aside a regular time and place for parents of young children to engage in productive conversation about their experiences, challenges, and resources for raising children. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Paul Lundberg at the parish office.





## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Philoptochos has had various fundraising activities in order to help those in need. Our fundraising efforts, big and small go a long way. Our Panagia Chapter assists families in our local community. Through funds raised in our parish, we were able to help local families with \$6,014.00. Our Panagia Chapter also contributes to various programs for the **Metropolis** and **National** Philoptochos. One of our national commitments is the **Children's Medical Fund**. This specific program assists individual families, as well as, providing grants. Every two years a national luncheon is hosted by one of the metropolises where the recipients of the grants are announced. This year the luncheon was held in Pittsburgh, PA: grants totaling \$136,900.00 were announced for thirteen area hospitals and research programs. We thank everyone in our Holy Transfiguration community for your continued support in helping us to fulfill our mission.

Please join us on **January 19** for our annual kick-off **membership brunch**. It will be after the Divine Liturgy in the PLC. We are pleased to have **Bethany Miller**, School Social Worker at Simpson Middle School as our **guest speaker**. In addition to Ms. Miller, **Randy Rogers** will introduce the Holy Transfiguration "Church Cupboard". We will learn how we can fill our "cupboard" and continue our mission to help those in need.

**Book Club:** Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 23**, at 6:30 pm at Athena Burke's home, 3290 Robinson Oaks Way NE, Marietta, 30062, 770.973.3111. The book is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani.

**Soup Kitchen:** January 23

### **Important Dates:**

January 5: Vasilopita

January 19: Membership Tea

January 20: Board Meeting, 7:00, OCR

January 23: Soup Kitchen and Book Club

**BRING** your "**SMALL**" **USED ELECTRONICS**, accepting **ONLY** the following items: cell phones, laser and inkjet cartridges, iPods, video games & consoles, scientific and graphing calculators, DVDs and GPS devices, PDAs, digital cameras and laptops to a drop off box near the Bookstore. **Philoptochos** is supporting Simpson Middle School in collecting these items to help raise funds for needy families in East Cobb. Funds from the recycling will benefit students whose utilities have been shut off or are experiencing other emergencies that would impact their ability to attend and succeed in school. It is a small way for all of us at Holy Transfiguration to possibly make a big difference in a needy student's success at school...and life.

*We would like to give thanks to all of our 108 members for their generous support in 2013. 2014 is here, and we would like to have all of you return and bring friends as well. We have a great year planned!*

Carol Adamson	Maria Ceisel	Mike Jacobs	Dorothy Macris	Maro Neocleous	Christine Sprouse
Maria Alberts	Eleni Clement	Elena Kay	Eftichia Macris	Georgia O'Brien	Ron Sprouse
Connie Argonis	Cathy Costarides	Irene Kipreos	Jennifer Mallie	Dawn Orr	Irene Steffas
Liz Azimzadeh	Christine Demakis	Shirley Kirtsy	Xenia Mantgiaris	Fr. George Pallas	Mary Stiakakis
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Lois Bafas	Peggy Dunkerly	Connie Kollias	Kim Mason	Nikki Palamiotis	Sophia Tidwell
Nancy Barke	Heidi Elias	Loretta Kollias	Judie McCall	Mary Papadimitriou	Renee Tiller
Roseann Bates	Lisa Farina	Margaret Kollias	Artemis Michael	Cathy Papadopoulos	Maria Tingas
Celeste Bilson	Michelle Frangis	Pat Koutouzis	Jennie Miltiades	Pres. Cathy Papageorgiou	Steve Tingas
Evelyn Bilson	Donnis Gavalas	Eleni Krause	Mary Miltiades	Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou	Amalia Trupos
Irma Bliss	Michael Gavalas	Anna Leros	Niko Miltiades	Jeannie Paxten	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
Dorothy Botni	Niki Gess	Demetra Lilly	Penny Miltiades	Rosemary Peppas	Fran Tucker
Dimitra Bournias	Martha Gingles	Ellen Linebaugh	Anthe Modenos	Paula Rogers	Rebecca Valagohar
Athena Burke	Lea Gormanos	Jean Linos	Kally Niarchos	Randy Rogers	Tina Vamvakias
Melina Burke	Irene Hammond	Mary Longshore	Anthea Nichols	Carol Sarmir	Anne Willcocks
Kathy Bylos	Leslie Hansard	Linda Lopos	Dee Nichols	Kathy Shoji	Mary Wymierski
Helen Carlos	Mildred Hondras	Stephanie Lukens	Lee Nichols	Nicole Sigalos	Basile Zafiroulis
Eleni Catrakilis	Annette Jacobs	Paul Lundberg	Toulia Nielsen	Mary Smith	Anne Zakreski





**Ladies Philoptochos Society – Panagia Chapter #5070**  
**2014 Membership**  
**Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**  
**3431 Trickum Road**  
**Marietta, GA 30066**

Come join us after Divine Liturgy on January 19th in the PLC for a light luncheon.

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>			
<b>Home Phone:</b>		<b>Cell:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>			
<b>In gratitude for God's blessings, I pledge the following for Christ's work as a Philoptochos member:</b>			
<b>My donation will be allocated to Local, Metropolis, and National Philoptochos as follows:</b>			
<b>1. Panagia Chapter (local Social Services Programs)</b>		\$	
<b>2. National donation per member:</b>		\$15.00	
<b>3. Metropolis donation per member:</b>		\$7.00	
<b>My Total Philoptochos Donation (total all three lines)</b>		\$	
<b>*Tax Deductible (501C3)</b>			
<b>I would like to offer my talents to the following Philoptochos efforts (please check)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Soup kitchen Must Ministry - 4th Thursday lunch each month</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resurrection Supper</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fall Fundraiser for Social Services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Easter Egg Dying</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>June Mid-year Celebration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Decorate the Epitaphio</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visitation for Home bound</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Godparents Luncheon</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Preparing Meals for Sick</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Baking Vasilopita, Koulouria, Artoclasia, etc.</b>

I would like to offer my service by joining the Philoptochos in its philanthropic efforts:

# HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



***Happy New Year! Kali Hronia!***

## **FESTIVAL DANCING BEGINS!!!**

We are excited to begin another dance year for the Marietta Greek Festival! Practices for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under will begin Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Practice times are as follows:*

Pre-K "Pitsirikia" Tuesdays at 4:30-5:00

K & 1<sup>st</sup> "Palamakia" Tuesdays at 4:30-5:15

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> "Asteria" Tuesdays at 4:30-5:15

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> "Petaloudes" Tuesdays at 7:15-8:00

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> "Phoenix" Sundays at 1:30-2:30

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> "Eleftheria" Sundays at 1:30-3:30

Please contact Dorian Bafas at [MarriettaHellenicDance@gmail.com](mailto:MarriettaHellenicDance@gmail.com) with any question.

## **HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL**

Hellenic Dance Festival (HDF) is upon us! Our parish will be represented by 2 groups this year; our young adult "Metamorphosi" group, and our high school group, "Eleftheria". We will have 15 dancers and 3 singers.

HDF – ORLANDO, FL – JANUARY 17-20, 2014

Metamorphosi will perform dances from Krete and Pontos.

Eleftheria will perform dances from Paros and the Southern Pindos Mountains of Central Greece.

What is HDF? This is a program dear to His Eminence's heart. In 2000, the first Greek folk dance festival took place with the goal of educating our youth about how our Orthodox faith and Hellenic culture intertwine, in hopes of preserving the traditions and customs of all Greeks throughout the world. Today, HDF hosts 19 communities all across the metropolis in a weekend of Faith, Folklore, and Fellowship. Dancers ranging in ages between 13-33 come together to perform traditional folk dances, sing hymns and visit with other youth from other communities.

How does HDF benefit our dancers? Greater understanding of the folk dances we have learned to perform. Another benefit is to improve the quality of the traditional shows for our Greek festivals. The biggest benefit is the eligibility for the Odyssey Scholarship.

What is the Odyssey Trip? The odyssey program is a 20 day pilgrimage back to Greece to focus on the faith by visiting and staying at area monasteries, learning the authentic presentation of Greek folk traditions at local dance schools and a quest to understand our ancestors. The metropolis offers 20 FULL scholarships and 5 land scholarships to the 25 most deserving youth. To be eligible for the Odyssey trip, you must participate in 2 out the prior 4 Hellenic Dance Festivals, be an active member in your local dance program and GOYA, receive a letter of recommendation from the parish and parish dance director, and create a research project to present to the selection committee.



# SAVE THE DATE!

# GREEK NIGHT

JOIN THE ELEFThERIA AND METAMORPHOSIS  
DANCE TROUPES FOR A FUN EVENING WITH  
MUSIC, FOOD, AND LOTS OF DANCING! COME  
AND SUPPORT THE YOUTH AND ENJOY A FUN-  
FILLED EVENING AND FELLOWSHIP!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH  
6 PM - 11 PM  
\$10 PER PERSON

ALSO ENTER OUR RAFFLE TO WIN A TRIP!  
(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN)

\*SEE ANY ELEFThERIA OR METAMORPHOSIS  
DANCER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO  
PURCHASE A TICKET

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## Hellenic Studies

*Below are some updates regarding our Hellenic Studies program...Check in with us frequently at: [www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/](http://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/)*

A friendly reminder to all of our students:  
Regular classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
for our *adult* and *youth* program.  
We will have a brief cutting of the Vasilopita at the  
beginning of the evening, before classes begin.



### ~~~ Save the Date ~~~

Our annual *Apokriatiko Glendi* will be  
held on

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Last year's event was a great success, and  
we hope to have a repeat this year!

*More details to follow under a separate flyer.*

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Join us for our "Welcome Back New Year  
Brunch":

Date: Saturday, January 11th

Time: 11:00 am

Place: North Point Diner

Come to a "treat yourself" gathering and learn about our  
plans for 2014! All suggestions are welcome!!

Dues are \$12.00 per person.



**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 15th!!**  
Party details to follow....

# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Winter Youth Rally</p> <p>Sunday after Nativity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:30 AM A 40 day Memorial Service is given by Toula Nielsen for her husband Caryl. May his memory be eternal!</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM HDF Dance Practice</li> <li>5:00 PM Biblical Greek Class</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Great Vespers – Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great</li> <li>9:30 PM New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance Party</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <p>Feast of the...asil the Great</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>... New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance Party</li> <li>7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning Crew</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Forefeast of Theophany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 AM The Great Hours of Theophany</li> <li>6:00 PM HDF Dance Practice</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Vatzakas Baptism (Sophia)–Father: Nick Vatzakas</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p>5</p> <p>Sunday before Theophany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>11:25 AM PC Oath of Office</li> <li>11:30 AM Offering of</li> <li>1:30 PM HDF Dance Practice</li> <li>1:30 PM GOYA Youth Leadership</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers for Theophany (the Feast of</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <p>Holy Theoph...st of Lights).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>6:30 PM PC Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <p>Synaxis of St...r and Baptist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Parents Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM Introduction to Orthodoxy</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 PM HDF Dance Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Prime Timers' Welcome Luncheon</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> <li>6:00 PM Hellenic Dance Greek Night</li> </ul>
<p>12</p> <p>Sunday after...f Theophany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>1:30 PM HOPE/JOY Roller Skating</li> <li>1:30 PM HDF Dance Practice</li> <li>1:30 PM Youth Leadership Team Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM HDF Dance Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</li> <li>7:00 PM HDF Dance Practice</li> <li>7:00 PM EYC Committee Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM Introduction to Orthodoxy</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Festival Board Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p> <p>7:00 PM HDF Dance Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM HDF Dance Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hellenic Dance Festival</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p>19</p> <p>Hellenic Dance Festival</p> <p>Twelfth Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM Philoptochos Membership Tea</li> <li>3:00 PM McLean Baptism (Anastion)</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice</li> <li>4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice</li> <li>4:30 PM Pitsirikia Dance Practice</li> <li>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Introduction to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)</p> <p>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p>26</p> <p>Fifteenth Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>10:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:30 PM AHEPA "Three Hierarchs" luncheon</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 PM PC Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconography Class</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice</li> <li>4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice</li> <li>4:30 PM Pitsirikia Dance Practice</li> <li>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Introduction to Orthodoxy</li> <li>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Three Hierarchs</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Feast of the...Chrysostom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Catechism Teacher Workshop</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> </ul>

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Jan. 5, 2014	C. Hansard/G. O'Brien	Team I	P. Dunkerly/P. Koutouzis	S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F. Tucker
Jan. 12, 2014	S. Steffas/S. Tingas	Team II	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	L. Lopos/K. Niarchos/F. Tucker
Jan. 19, 2014	D. Koutouzis/M. Nichols	Team I	E. Markley/B. Valagohar	C. Costarides/M. Driscoll/M. Eleftheriou
Jan. 26, 2014	L. Gess/T. Voulopos	Team II	C. Kollias/P. Koutouzis	T. Georgacopoulos/ N. Kakissis/E. Kay

**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