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## ***THE MONTHLY BULLETIN***

*OF THE*

**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Marietta, GA**

**JUNE/JULY 2014**



Sts. Peter and Paul - June 29

# **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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**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/>**



Dear friends and parishioners, here are some thoughts to consider as you plan your vacation this Summer:

Vacations can be good and relaxing, but they may also become tiring and even exhausting if we allow ourselves to go too far.

What is even worse, vacations can become a source of spiritual harm and anguish if we place ourselves in settings and situations of sin and temptation. God wants us to be happy and joyful. He wants us to enjoy life as much as possible. He wants us to enjoy nature and the whole creation responsibly within the boundaries of His love and

according to His Commandments. God does not want us to suffer! The greatest source of spiritual anguish and psychological pain is our sin, our separation from our Creator. God cares about us and does not want us to sin for our own good, for our own benefit.

Unfortunately, vacations, many a time, become a cause for sin, because not only do we relax our bodies, but we also relax our guard against the devil and his devices. The crafty one is tirelessly waiting for us to lower our spiritual defenses, to drop our guard, to abandon our prayer, which creates a hedge around us, so that he can enter the house of our soul and loot, ravage and ruin whatever gifts and virtues we have built up over time with great labor and God's Grace.

Vigilance and prudence are required as we watch over our soul and our salvation during this time of vacationing and relaxation. Just because we are on vacation it does not mean that we should abandon our spiritual efforts. It does not mean that we should stop praying and glorifying God. It does not mean that we should sleep in on Sunday morning or go fishing or swimming. Our vacation has to be as blessed and holy as the rest of the time of our life. Every day of our life has to be an opportunity to praise and honor God. Every moment of our life has to be connected to our source of comfort, wisdom and strength, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters, let us travel, relax and have fun without sinning. Let us enjoy what God has given us without disconnecting from Him. Let us guard our lives and souls to keep them holy as the Lord wants them to be.

HAVE A JOYOUS SUMMER AND A BLESSED VACATION!

*Fr. Panayiotis*



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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**June 2014**

**June 1, Sunday of the 318 Holy Fathers of First Ecumenical Council of Nicea.**

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

**June 7, Saturday of the Souls.** Ψυχοσάββατο.

Orthros 9:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

This service will be held at the *Green Lawn Cemetery* where we have been given space for an Orthodox Cemetery. A memorial has been built in the center, which we use as a chapel.

**Evening:** NO Vespers today

**June 8, Sunday of Holy Pentecost.** Κυριακή τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς.

Orthros 8:30 am and **Divine Liturgy 9:45 am.** The Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit will follow the Divine Liturgy.

During this week (including Wednesday and Friday) we may eat all things - NO FASTING.

**June 14, Saturday,** NO Vespers today.

**June 15, Sunday of the All Saints.** Κυριακή τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων.

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

**June 16, Monday.** Today begins the Fast of the Holy Apostles which lasts until June 28. During this fast we eat fish on all days except Wednesdays and Fridays.

**June 21, Saturday,** NO Vespers today.

**June 22, Sunday, Second Sunday of Matthew**

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

**June 28, Saturday,** Great Vespers - Feast of the Holy Apostles 5:00 pm

**June 29, Sunday. Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.**

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

## **TRUE STEWARDSHIP**

In every Divine Liturgy the priest concludes every set of petitions with the following invocation:

*"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life unto Christ our God."*

This is the ultimate Stewardship, as we surrender to God trusting that He loves us and will do for us what is best for us.





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**July 2014**

**July 1, Tuesday,** Blessing of the Water 11:00 am

**July 5, Saturday,** NO Vespers today.

**July 6, Fourth Sunday of Matthew.**

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

**July 12, Saturday,** NO Vespers today.

**July 13, Sunday of the 630 Holy Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Synod (451)**

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

**July 19, Saturday,** Great Vespers - Feast of Prophet Elias (Elijah) 5:00 pm

**July 20, Sixth Sunday of Matthew,** Feast of St. Elias (Elijah the Prophet)

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

**July 24, Thursday,** Great Vespers, Dormition of St. Anna and St. Olympias 6:00 pm

**July 25, Friday,** Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and Feast of St. Olympias the Deaconess.

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

**July 26, Saturday,** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**July 27, Seventh Sunday of Matthew.** Feast of St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer.

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

***"You shall be holy to me; for I the LORD am holy." (Lev. 20:26)***

God is calling us to become holy like He is Holy. Our Sanctuary is the place where we begin to receive God's holiness. It is in the worship services, the holy sacraments and especially in the Divine Liturgy that we receive the Grace of God, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, sanctification and holiness. When we immerse ourselves in prayer we connect with the lifeline of Eternal Life, we participate in the Kingdom of God, even in the here and now. Let's use this sacred time to make our lives holy.



## Feasts of June

June 29

### The Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul



Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when, in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero about the year 66 or 68, leaving two Catholic (Universal) Epistles to the Church of Christ and a legacy of faith.

Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at that time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, about midday there suddenly shone upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias (see Oct. 1), he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway- O wondrous transformation! - beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21). As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his unabating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings, the stonings, the shipwrecks.

Having completed the work of his ministry, Paul likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

6/1/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 21:1-14</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 17:1-13</a>
6/2/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 21:8-14</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 14:27-15:7</a>	
6/3/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 21:26-32</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 16:2-13</a>	
6/4/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:1-9</a>	
6/5/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 25:13-19</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 16:23-33</a>	
6/6/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 27:1-44; 28:1</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 17:18-26</a>	
6/7/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-17</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 21:14-25</a>	
6/8/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:19-23</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 7:37-52; 8:12</a>
6/9/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 18:10-20</a>	
6/10/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:1-7, 13-17</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-13</a>	
6/11/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:14-19</a>	
6/12/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:28-32; 2:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:27-32</a>	
6/13/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:14-28</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:33-41</a>	
6/14/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:7-12</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:42-48</a>	
6/15/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Matthew 28:16-20</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30</a>
6/16/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:28-29; 3:1-18</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11</a>	
6/17/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:4-12</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 7:15-21</a>	
6/18/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:13-25</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 7:21-23</a>	
6/19/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:1-25</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 14:21-24</a>	
6/20/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:17-21; 6:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:14-17</a>	
6/21/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 3:19-24</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 7:1-8</a>	
6/22/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:1-8</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 4:18-23</a>
6/23/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 7:1-14</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8</a>	
6/24/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80</a>
6/25/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:2-13</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:16-22</a>	
6/26/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:22-27</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:23-31</a>	
6/27/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:6-19</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1</a>	
6/28/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 3:28-31; 4:1-3</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 7:24-29; 8:1-4</a>	
6/29/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:9-20</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 16:13-19</a>
6/30/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8</a>	

7/1/2014	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>
7/2/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 1:39-49, 56</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 1:39-49, 56</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7</a>
7/3/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 11:13-24</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 11:27-30</a>
7/4/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 11:25-36</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 12:1-8</a>
7/5/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 11:27-30</a>
7/6/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:1-12</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 8:5-13</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23</a>
7/7/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:24-34</a>
7/8/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-22</a>
7/9/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:7-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 12:38-45</a>
7/10/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:17-29</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 12:46-50; 13:1-3</a>
7/11/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 7:36-50</a>
7/12/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:14-21</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:9-13</a>
7/13/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:13-35</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 5:14-19</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15</a>
7/14/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:1-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 13:10-23,43</a>
7/15/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 13:11-14; 14:1-5</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4</a>	
7/16/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:9-16; 3:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 13:31-36</a>
7/17/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:24-34</a>
7/18/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:5-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 13:44-54</a>
7/19/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:18-26</a>
7/20/2014	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:36-53</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:1-8</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. James' Universal Letter 5:10-20</a>
7/21/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:9-13; 6:1-11</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 13:54-58</a>
7/22/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 8:1-3</a>
7/23/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 7:12-24</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 14:35-36;15:1-11</a>
7/24/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 7:24-35</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 15:12-21</a>
7/25/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 8:16-21</a>
7/26/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:24-34</a>
7/27/2014	Matins: <a href="#">John 20:1-10</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:27-35</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10</a>
7/28/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 16:1-6</a>
7/29/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:5-12</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 16:6-12</a>
7/30/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 16:20-24</a>
7/31/2014	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 16:24-28</a>





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# Love One Another

## MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2014

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

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Mr. Diamandis Tsirnikas  
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas  
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Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis  
Ms. Maria Vatzakas  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas  
Mr. & Mrs. Vaios Vlachos  
Mr. Danny Vlahiotis  
Dr. Phillip Vodas  
Mr. Tim Voulopos  
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Mr. Benjamin Whitener  
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden  
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Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young  
Mr. Basile Zafiroulis  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski  
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala  
Mrs. Angela Ziros

**Total: 308**

# HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER



*"...be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.' Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*Peter 4:7-10*

**If you have not yet done so, please send in your  
2014 Membership/Stewardship Pledge**

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

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### **Status of General Fund Stewardship as of May 24, 2014**

The very good news continues – over half of the members have been donating ahead of what is expected for mid-May – typically about sixty percent ahead. Thus the parish has not experienced a cash-flow problem this year; thereby allowing all of the parish's bills to be paid on time.

However there are two concerns at this time: (1) many of the people who were members last year and/or were members in recent years have not yet submitted a Membership/Stewardship Form for 2014. Therefore, we are entering the summer months with only 309 individual and couples as members for this year.

(2) One-third of the members have not yet begun donating to the General Fund in 2014 or are significantly behind what they indicated they would be donating this year. Hopefully, these members will either begin donating one-seventh each month of the balance of what they said they would donate to the General Fund during 2014 (only seven months left in the year), or they will contact the parish office to reduce the amount that they think they will eventually donate to the General fund by the end of the year. If these members don't do either of these things, the parish could experience a General Fund deficit again this year.

The parish's fiscal success this year depends more on these latter 107 individuals and couples than any other factor. We pray that they will come to recognize God's continued blessing upon them and respond in a favorable fashion.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

by Larry Gess, Stewardship Ministry Chair

Whenever we help others, we are practicing STEWARDSHIP. Christ said that if we truly love Him, we would show that love by our service to others. While showing this to our loved ones is included in this selflessness, a closer examination of what Christ's urgings appeared to focus on included serving others than our loved ones (as most of us will do this anyway) -- serving those in need, including our enemies.

When it comes to the Church, most of our serving others is to our fellow parishioners, the parish's visitors, and those ministries that our parish and the Greater Church support. I am thanking you our fellow parishioners in behalf of the Parish Council and the entire parish membership.

First, I would like to thank many of you for your selfless service to our annual festival – its preparation, its being taken down, and the great many who served others during the three day event. I would like to issue a special thanks to those who parked at Lassiter High School even though it took a special effort by you as doing so allowed our visitors to park closer to the event. Another special thank you to everyone who stepped forward to assist one of our visitors when you perceived that he/she needed assistance. This kind of action represents the kind of stewardship of time and talent that Christ desires of us.

Second, as the 'school year' draws to the close, I am issuing a special thank you to those leaders, teachers and youth workers who served the children and youth throughout the year. In a similar fashion, a thank you is well deserved by the choir members, chanters and readers, greeters, ushers, acolytes, coffee hour volunteers, and other similar individuals who serve week after week to make our church service experience more orderly and meaningful.

Finally, a thank you to every Holy Transfiguration parishioner who has stepped forward in some fashion – time, talent, and/or donation of treasure – to enable this parish or the Greater Church to serve others – both the faithful and those being served by the faithful.

While the summer months are somewhat less active, let's all make special effort to step up when we see that time, talent, or treasure is needed for stewardship of others.



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## Coffee Hour Hosting

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

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

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

Thank you,  
Stephanie Lukens





# Missions News



**Serving the Disenfranchised in Romania by: Floyd Frantz**



Poverty and lost hope for a decent life are the most difficult issues we deal with in Romania today. It is like a kid falling off a merry-go-round, but it is going around too fast for him to get back on. When someone in the States falls off the merry-go-round into poverty and disenfranchisement from the society, there are programs that help the person to get back up, to resolve their problems, to find work, and to re-enter the mainstream of society. Here in Romania, such programs are nearly nonexistent. Through OCMC and the Romanian Orthodox Church, Floyd and Ancuta Frantz are providing such opportunities for families and individuals facing very difficult life circumstances to lift themselves up and to reorganize and begin life in a new and meaningful way.

The Protection of the Theotokos Family Center (PTFC), managed by Ancuta Frantz, helps single mothers who are not able to care for their newborn children to find a way to live without abandoning the child to the Romanian state for care. The PTFC provides day-care service, job services, helps the families to find shelter when needed, gives the family food to help sustain them until the mother can be more independent, and provides personal counseling to the mother in both practical and spiritual venues.

The St. Dimitrie Program, managed by Floyd Frantz, offers addictions counseling and social services to the homeless and poor people living on the streets of Cluj, Romania. Hosting 12 Step meetings, the center also provides personal and spiritual counseling so that the person can find a way out of their difficult situations.

**Serving the Youth in Moldova by: Leslie Hansard**

I will be traveling to Moldova on July 14 and staying for two weeks to assist in hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Orthodox summer youth camp that focuses on religious education including Bible studies, sports, arts and crafts, and fellowship as well as the training of the camp counselors for a completely self-sustaining youth program for the future. I am incredibly excited to return once again to help and serve my Moldovan family!!

I am so incredibly thankful for the generosity that this parish has shown in raising the funds for this trip. It is through your unending love and support that I have raised more than enough to return to Moldova this summer. Please keep me and my team in your prayers as we serve the people of Moldova. Thank you so much and God bless!!



## HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

The Dance Ministry would like to send out special thank yous to our entire team of volunteers that made this festival the best.

To our instructors who spend the entire year working to research the dances, find the music, coordinate with their parents and teach our children the Hellenic culture and how it relates to our faith... a very special thank you goes out to *Kathy Bylos, Christina Pallas, Elaine Bilson, Virginia Yiannovits, Despina Chryssopoulos, Ina Petkova, Dimitra Bournias, Demetra Lilly, Ted Gormanos, Paulina Vastakis, Allen Vatzakas and Stratis Papageorgiou.*

Thanks to Stratis Papageorgiou and Despina Chryssopoulos who were our music Team.

Warm thanks to Nikki Kakissis who sewed the boy's pants to complete the 2nd and 3rd grade costumes! Euxaristo!!!

Thanks to the parents and dancers who participated this year. We hope your young ones learn something about their faith and culture and HAD FUN!!

To our costume dressers and costume closet workers a huge round of applause and deep gratitude is owed! Agapi Chryssopoulos, Cathy Costarides, Dorian Bafas, and Jennifer O'Mallie – we appreciate you and your hard work so much!

And we want to thank all the dancers of the Metamorphosi Group who are the crowning jewel to our program and represent our parish with such class and style! Thank you to Allen Vatzakas for coordinating this group!

If you are the parent of a rising 6th grader – rising 12th grader this year and are interested in participating in our traveling festival dance group, please contact Paulina Vastakis, [paulinasox3@att.net](mailto:paulinasox3@att.net). This group will be organizing in mid August. We have LOTS of FUN traveling to area festivals and dancing during the weekends all through September and October. Anyone can join us, and we always could use more parent volunteers!!

We hope to see you all again at our Welcome Back luncheon in Mid August!!!

HAVE A SAFE, BLESSED and HEALTHY SUMMER

KAI TOU XPONOU!!!! AND TO NEXT YEAR!!!



To: All Festival Volunteers,

Thank you so much to all of you who volunteered during our Marietta Greek Festival last month. Hopefully, I have seen most of you and thanked you personally. I would also like to thank those of you who recruited friends and neighbors from outside of our parish to help us during the Festival. Thank you to my Co-Chairman, Danny Vlahiotis, and Assistant Chairman, Mary Miltiades, for sharing the responsibility of preparing for and running the Festival with me. Also, thank you to the Festival Board and Festival Chairmen, whose hard work for months prior to the Festival was instrumental in our success. And, finally, thank you to Anne Willcocks, our Church secretary, for her time and dedication to our Festival and for always accommodating us in addition to her normal responsibilities.

Final attendance results for the weekend were approximately 10,000, a bit lower than expected due to the rain. Weekend revenues were \$220,318, which is a little higher than in 2013. These will be added to pre-Festival sales, Visitor's Guide revenues, post-Festival sales, ATM fees, etc. to get the total revenue for the Festival. We expect to close out our books by June 15th and will have final profit figures on or before July 15th.

I'm very proud of how our community, once again, came together for a common cause. We tried several new things this year, such as combining Greek Fries and Gyros, combining Greek Yogurt with the Kafenion, new location for Athena's Pita Grill, reconfiguring the Taverna and moving it back to its previous location under the pavilion, the purchase of new steam tables, professional sound system set-up, hiring assistance with Table Service, expanded Greek Heritage Exhibit, a new caricature artist, the use of iPads instead of cash registers, recycling of waste, an exit survey of our guests, etc. We received great feedback on these and other changes at our Post-Festival Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The general feeling was that some of these changes worked and some didn't or need tweaking. Nevertheless, we will continue to evaluate our Festival every year and adjust accordingly.

This is the time of year when our Festival leadership has a chance to rest. However, we need to also be thinking about the 2015 Festival. Specifically, we need more leaders to work under our 2015 Festival Chairman, Danny Vlahiotis. If you are willing to serve in a leadership capacity for next year's Festival, please call Anne at the church office, 770-924-8080, and let her know. She will relay the information to the appropriate person.

Thank you again for your efforts during our 2014 Marietta Greek Festival. The community can now look forward to another successful event in 2015.

Sincerely,

Steve Tingas  
Danny Vlahiotis  
2014 Festival Co-Chairmen



# Marietta Greek Festival

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Above, the largest young adult dance group in recent memory posing in Pontic monochrome. Below, Jacob tries his hand at iconography in Fr. Anthony Salzman's corner. At bottom, the kitchen brotherhood.





# Marietta Greek Festival



Above, Alex dancing with Phoenix (the middle school dance group) in the amphitheater. At top right, a visual aid for initiates into the bluegrass Gospel hour on Sunday morning in the kitchen; contact Brother Cedric for information about how to become a Greek Orthodox snake handler. At the right, Dorian dries out dollar bills that were rained on in the amphitheater. Below, Catherine, Eliana, Stephanie, Joanna, and Ashley taking a "selfie". Well, they only thought it was a selfie...



The **Hellenic Studies Program** would like to thank all of those volunteers who helped to make the **Greek Heritage Exhibit** a great success at this year's Marietta Greek Festival. We would like to extend a *special* thank you to **Maria Sharp** and **Lykion Ton Ellinidon, Atlanta Chapter** for loaning us most of the exhibit materials. We would also like to thank the following volunteers for their help with staging the exhibit and welcoming our visitors:



***Golfo Vastakis***

***Helen Pantelis***

***Tom Bafas***

***Lois Bafas***

***Dorian Bafas***

***Marianna Constantinou***

***Theofilos Moyssiadis***

***Nick Moyssiadis***

***Panayiotis Michael***

***Fotini Soultanaki-Agiomavriti***

***Maria Kardomatea***

***Tasia Kipreos***

***Steve Tingas***

***Dennis Koutouzis***

***Elizabeth Harrah***

***Pam Starks***



***Athan Tsarouhas***

***Theodore Georgakopoulos***

We hope everyone had a chance to visit this year's exhibit – and welcome any feedback you may have to share with us.

Please email Eleni Clement  
([eleni@mindspring.com](mailto:eleni@mindspring.com)) to share

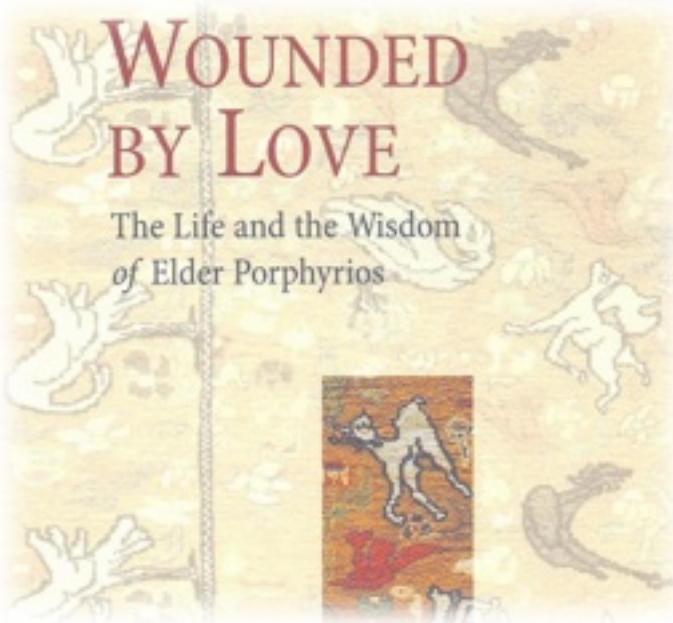




# Young Families



On the first Tuesday of each month, the youngest children of the parish (those too young to attend school) and some of their parents gather for an outing. In April, they went to the zoo. In May, above, Lukia, Brooke, Tina, and Heather went to the Georgia Aquarium with their little ones. For more information about these gatherings, please contact Paul Lundberg or Brooke Levenson.



A child needs to be surrounded by people who pray and pray ardently. A mother should not be satisfied by giving her child a physical caress, but should also coddle it with the caress of prayer. In the depths of its soul the child senses the spiritual caress that its mother conveys to it and is drawn to her. It feels security and certainty when its mother mystically embraces it with constant, intense, and fervent prayer and releases it from whatever is oppressing it.

Saint Porphyrios

# Youth



Above, from left to right: Graduating high school seniors Yeoryia, Luke, Nicholas, Ensley, and Eliana. May God bless them and enlighten their paths! Below, the “word cloud” represents the answers of some of the parish’s high school youth to the question: “What does church mean to you?”







## PHILOPTOCHOS News

Please join us for our annual Philoptochos **End of the Year** luncheon on **Sunday, June 1, 1:00 p.m.** at Tuscany Italian Grill, 250 Cinema View, Woodstock. All parishioners are welcome. Please see our flyer for details.

What is happening on November 1? It is the date of our annual fundraiser! Back by popular demand we are having "Yorgo's Taverna". What do we need? Two willing individuals to coordinate this fun event for a worthwhile cause. Please contact Linda Lopos, 678-492-5818 or [ll opos@bellsouth.net](mailto:ll opos@bellsouth.net) for more details.

Thank you to the following parishioners that have joined Philoptochos:

Carol Adamson	Niki Gess	Xanthippe Marsico	Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
Maria Alberts	Irene Hammond	Despina Mavromatidis	Rosemary Peppas
Liz Azimzadeh	Christopher Hansard	Sandy McAteer	Nancy Porter
Dorian Bafas	Leslie Hansard	Dena McCollum	Paula Rogers
Lois Bafas	Sis Hondras	Ioanna Michaels	Randy Rogers
Nancy Barke	Sheila Howington	Mary Miltiades	Linda Sampanes
Roseann Bates	Tina Isaac	Niko Miltiades	Kathy Shoji
Sophia Bethune	Annette Jacobs	Penny Miltiades	Donna Smith
Evelyn Bilson	Irene Kipreos	Anthe Modenos	Mary Smith
Kathie Bilson	Steve Kipreos	Kim Moustoukas	Christine Sprouse
Irma Bliss	Themis Kipreos	Costa Neocleous	Ron Sprouse
Dorothy Botni	Gerre Klementzos	Maro Neocleous	Irene Steffas
Athena Burke	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Kally Niarchos	Mary Stiakakis
Melina Burke	Connie Kollias	Anthea Nichols	Connie Stratigos
Kathy Bylos	Lori Kollias	Dee Nichols	Theresa Taoushiani
Helen Carlos	Pat Koutouzis	Lee Nichols	Zach Taoushiani
Eleni Clement	Eleni Krause	Toula Nielsen	Vicki Thorne
Cathy Costarides	Anna Lerios	Georgia O'Brien	Steve Tingas
Christine Demakis	Mary Longshore	Julie Orologas	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
Marty Driscoll	Linda Lopos	Fr. George Pallas	Tina Vamvakias
Peggy Dunkerly	Stephanie Lukens	Pres. Toula Pallas	Anne Willcocks
Michelle Frangis	Demetrius Lymberopoulos	Mary Papadimitriou	Mary Wysmierski
Donnis Gavalas	Dorothy Macris	Cathy Papadopoulos	Basile Zafiroulis
Harriette Gavrielides	Xenia Mantgiaris	Pres. Catherine Papageorgiou	Angela (Kiki) Ziros

**Soup Kitchen:** In May we served lamb, green beans, rice, and salad to 77 homeless at Must Ministries. Thank you to the festival committed for donating the food. Also, a thank you to those who prepared the rice, and helped serve: **Ellen Linebaugh, Rosemary Peppas, Dorothy and Bobby Macris, Basile Zafiroulis, and Athena Burke.**

Please contact Athena Burke at [ibgreek@bellsouth.net](mailto:ibgreek@bellsouth.net) or 770-973-3111 if you would like to help prepare or serve food or would like to make a monetary donation. **Soup kitchen** will be **June 26.**

### **Important Dates:**

June 1: End of the Year Luncheon at Tuscany  
 June 16: Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
 June 26: Soup Kitchen, MUST Ministries  
 June 26: Book Club, Home TBD, 7:00



## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

**Thank you to the many parishioners and friends who donated items for our May Garage Sale. We couldn't have done it without the help other ministries provided. We thank everyone for your kindness and consideration.**

**Your board has been planning many fun-filled events and hope you will support them. Mark your calendars for our first event which will take place Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Pavilion in the lower level parking lot. Our annual BBQ picnic will start at 4:00 pm til ?. We hope to have music and games with prizes.**

**On Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, our group will sponsor coffee hour. We could certainly use help with items to serve. This will be the first time Prime Timers has sponsored coffee hour this year.**

**In August, we would like to take a day excursion to Frogtown Winery for lunch or in September/October to Pigeon Forge or both.**

**We have not scheduled any general meetings for the summer but will inform you when we do.**

**Our big fundraiser is planned for Saturday, February 7, 2015. It is a secret for now but our plans are really exciting. Whatever you do, don't miss this one!**

**We are still planning our trip to Charleston in the spring of 2015.**

**Those of you who have not joined this year, please do. Dues are just \$12. WE MISS YOU!!!**

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

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

# 'Christians in Turkey are second-class citizens', Deutsche Welle reports

by Walter Flick

[Read this article on the web site of DW »](#)

**Turkey's small Christian population doesn't enjoy all the same rights as the Muslim majority. The Greek Orthodox Church has a particularly difficult relationship with the state, says religion expert Walter Flick.**

The spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, arrives to Germany May 10. During his nine-day visit, the 74-year-old will meet with state representatives including Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Joachim Gauck. He'll also be a guest of honor at major Christian churches, and receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Munich.

Bartholomew I has been the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, based in Istanbul, since November 1991. Orthodox Christians are a tiny minority in Turkey, and the population routinely faces discrimination. Walter Flick, a religious expert with the International Society for Human Rights in Germany, shares his insights on the situation in an interview with DW.

## **DW: Are Christians oppressed in Turkey?**

Walter Flick: Turkey has almost 80 million inhabitants. There are only around 120,000 Christians, which is less than 1 percent of the population. Christians are certainly seen as second-class citizens. A real citizen is Muslim, and those who aren't Muslim are seen as suspicious. Christians aren't equal. You can't say they're being persecuted in Turkey, but they don't have the same rights, especially when it comes to religious freedom.

## **Is the position of Greek Orthodox Christians in Turkey even more difficult?**

Yes, there are difficulties. When the Treaty of Lausanne was signed in 1923 - after the World War I and the Greco-Turkish War - Greek Orthodox Christians were given a special status allowing them to set up their own schools and institutions. But they don't have full rights. There are Greek Orthodox schools and newspapers in Istanbul, and there's a patriarchate. But the Halki seminary for Greek Orthodox theological education was closed in 1971 - and despite certain promises, it hasn't been reopened.

## **How can the patriarch fulfill his duties if the Turkish government doesn't like even his title?**

He is the ecumenical patriarch of Constantinople, representing 300 million Orthodox Christians. But he's not been able to wield this title as he should - and this is a historic title that's been around since the 6th century! He isn't referred to as "Ecumenical Patriarch" within Turkey. The name is accepted overseas, but in Turkey he can't use that title, which was afforded by the European Convention on Human Rights.

The state has started confiscating real estate belonging to Greek Orthodox Christians. Many properties have been lost over the past few decades, for example office buildings, orphanages and other institutions. Of course that's touched a nerve with the church - the dwindling Greek Orthodox population in Turkey, about 5,000 people, depend on income from properties. If church members bequeath property, the church isn't able to easily receive it. In 2011, Prime Minister Erdogan promised return of expropriated real estate. Although that's been partly carried out, not all of it has been returned.

## **Bartholomew is regarded as a man of binding words and an outstretched hand. Does he have hope for fixing the problems his religious community is experiencing in Turkey?**

I hope so. The opening of the Halki seminary is something that was promised decades ago. Then there have been law reforms announced, that for example private school law would be changed. But no dates have been given. Perhaps they will return everything next year, on the anniversary of the pogrom against Greeks in Turkey, in September 1955.

# Turkey ordered to pay 90m euros over Cyprus invasion



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The Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 led to the island's partition

**Turkey must pay 90m euros (£73m; \$123m) in damages over its 1974 invasion of Cyprus, according to a decision by the European Court of Human Rights.**

The judgement is one of the largest ever ordered by the court. It said the damages were compensation for losses endured during the invasion and in the subsequent partition.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when Turkey invaded the north in response to a military coup on the island which was backed by the government of Greece.

Since then, the northern third has been mainly inhabited by Turkish Cypriots and the southern two-thirds by Greek Cypriots.

## Reunification push

In Monday's ruling, the European Court of Human Rights found that Turkey was still liable for damages, despite the passage of time. The court ruled that Turkey should pay 30m euros for the suffering endured by relatives of people who had gone missing during the invasion. It ordered Turkey to pay a further 60m euros for the suffering of Greek Cypriots who live in the Karpas peninsula - an enclave within northern Cyprus.

Turkey has not always complied with previous rulings by the body, Europe's top court of human rights.

Turkey still has around 30,000 troops stationed on the island, and it is the only country that recognises northern Cyprus as a separate entity.

UN peacekeeping forces estimate that 165,000 Greek Cypriots fled or were expelled from the north, and 45,000 Turkish Cypriots from the south, although the parties to the conflict say the figures are higher.

Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders are engaged in a new round of talks aimed at reconciling differences and reuniting the island.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-27380388>



# Christian Woman in Sudan sentenced to death for faith; 'I'm just praying,' husband says

By **Salma Abdelaziz, Catherine E. Shoichet and Ed Payne**, CNN  
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**(CNN)** -- Hours after a Sudanese court sentenced his pregnant wife to death when she refused to recant her Christian faith, her husband told CNN he feels helpless.

"I'm so frustrated. I don't know what to do," Daniel Wani told CNN on Thursday. "I'm just praying."

His wife, Meriam Yehya Ibrahim, 27, was convicted by a Khartoum court this week of apostasy, or the renunciation of faith.

Ibrahim is Christian, her husband said. But the court considers her to be Muslim.

According to the rights group [Amnesty International](#), she was also convicted of adultery and sentenced to 100 lashes because her marriage to a Christian man is considered void under Sharia law.

Her legal team says it plans to appeal the verdict, which drew swift condemnation from human rights organizations around the world. In the meantime, Ibrahim, who is eight months' pregnant, remains in prison with her 20-month-old son.

"She is very strong and very firm. She is very clear that she is a Christian and that she will get out one day," attorney Mohamed Jar Elnabi told CNN.

Ibrahim was born to a Sudanese Muslim father and an Ethiopian Orthodox mother. Her father left when she was 6 years old, and Ibrahim was raised by her mother as a Christian. However, because her father was Muslim, the courts considered her to be the same, which would mean her marriage to a non-Muslim man is void.

The case, her lawyer said, started after Ibrahim's brother filed a complaint against her, alleging that she had gone missing for several years and that her family was shocked to find she had married a Christian man.

The court, which found her guilty earlier this week, [gave her until Thursday to recant her Christian faith](#) -- something she refused to do, according to her lawyer.

During Thursday's sentencing hearing, a sheikh told the court "how dangerous a crime like this is to Islam and the Islamic community," Elnabi said from Sudan.

Ibrahim responded, "I am a Christian and I will remain a Christian."

[http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/15/world/africa/sudan-christian-woman-apostasy/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t1](http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/15/world/africa/sudan-christian-woman-apostasy/index.html?hpt=hp_t1)

# June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Sunday of the...nical Council</b> <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 Sue</li> <li>11:45 AM A two year Memorial Service is given</li> <li>12:30 PM Philoptochos</li> <li>1:30 PM GOYA Youth Lead-</li> <li>2:30 PM AHEPA Scholarship</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</li> <li>7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning Crew</li> <li>8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis (GOYA)</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> <b>Saturday of the Souls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>
<b>8</b> <b>Sunday of Pentecost</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>9:45 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:30 AM A Memorial Service is given by Kim and John Moustoukas for Michael Louizon Moustoukas (17 years) and Jim Paul Norman (1 year). May their memory be eternal!</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date 6:30 PM Post-Festival Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Young Parents' Meeting
<b>15</b> <b>Sunday of the All Saints</b> <b>Fathers' Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> Church Summer Day Camp 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Biblical Greek Class	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 3:30 PM K. Melissas Wedding
<b>22</b> <b>Second Sunday of Matthew</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	<b>26</b> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (GOYA) 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> <b>Prime Timers' Picnic</b> <b>Great Vesper...oly Apostles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<b>29</b> <b>Feast of the...Peter and Paul</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>3:30 PM Douglas Baptism (Richard Anthony)</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM PC Meeting	<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning Crew 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis (GOYA)	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> 4:00 PM Mihalovic/Kostic Wedding 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class

# July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Feast of the... Peter and Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>3:30 PM Douglas Baptism (Richard Anthony)</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM PC Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date</li> <li>11:00 AM Blessing of the Water</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning Crew</li> <li>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</li> <li>8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis (GOYA)</li> </ul>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Mihalovic/Kostic Wedding</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> </ul>
<p>6</p> <p>Clergy-Lait Meeting</p> <p>Fourth of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>1:30 PM GOYA Youth Leadership Team Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</li> </ul>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 PM Vlahiotis/Durie Wedding Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Liakakos Wedding</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>4:00 PM Vlahiotis/Durie Wedding</li> <li>6:30 PM Young Parents' Meeting (tentative, pending wedding plans)</li> </ul>
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday of the...I Synod (451)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>3:00 PM Gavalas Baptism (Annamaria)</li> </ul>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date</li> <li>6:30 PM PC Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</li> </ul>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Strauch Baptism (Hope Elizabeth)</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of Prophet Elias (Elijah)</li> </ul>
<p>20</p> <p>Sixth Sunday...the Prophet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>3:00 PM Kasarhis Baptism (John Sebastian)</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date</li> <li>6:30 PM Finance Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)</li> <li>6:00 PM Great Vesper, Dormition of St. Anna and St. Olympias</li> <li>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <p>Dormition of...e Deaconess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p>27</p> <p>Seventh Sunday...tyr &amp; Healer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</li> </ul>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</li> </ul>



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June 8, 2014	C. Hansard/A. Miltiades	Team I	B. Valagohar/S. Lukens	TBA
June 15, 2014	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	Team II	D. Levine/M. Pohlman	TBA
June 22, 2014	C. Costarides/G. O'Brien	Team I	M. Alberts/K. Johnson	TBA
June 29, 2014	S. Steffas/T. Voulopos	Team II	D. Bafas/D. Smith	TBA
July 6, 2014	D. Koutouzis/M. Nichols	Team I	P. Koutouzis/H. Arp	TBA
July 13, 2014	L. Gess/S. Tingas	Team II	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	TBA
July 20, 2014	C. Hansard/M. Nichols	Team I	D. Levine/E. Markley	TBA
July 27, 2014	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	Team II	M. Alberts/B. Valagohar	TBA

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