

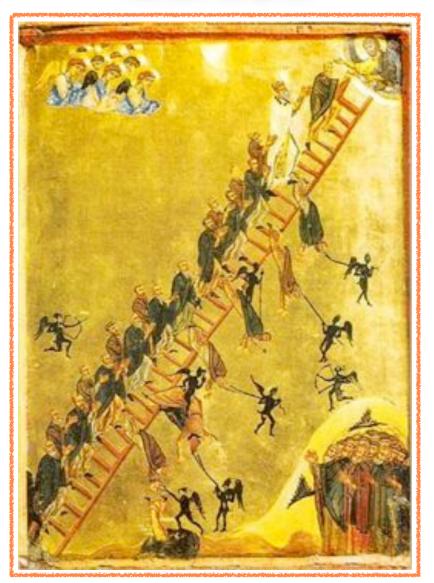
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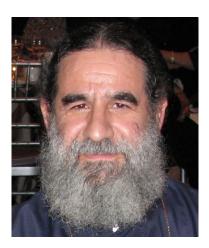
Directions to our Parish:

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!

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Fr. Panayiotis' Message

GROWING SPIRITUALLY



The question of "spiritual growth" is a serious one; we speak about it all the time, but we do not all have the same understanding of what that really means.

Unlike physical growth, there is no quantitative way to measure one's spiritual growth. And yet, we can still do it, not by using a measuring tape or a weight balance, but by measuring ourselves against the saints!

Do you think that you are really patient and humble? Compare yourself to the trials and tribulations of St. Nektarios and you will know immediately how far you still have to go. In order to make this

comparison you will certainly need to read the life of St. Nektarios as presented, for example, in the book <u>"St. Nektarios, a saint of our century"</u> by Sotos Hondropoulos (available both in our bookstore and church library). And, do you know what? As you read that book you will be growing spiritually at the same time!!! Spiritual growth is a process that begins when you want it and never ends once you start it, unless you stop it.

Hence, my question to you who reads this article is: Do you really want to grow spiritually? Do you really want to know how? The responsibility is all on you! I will be glad to help, if you want, but you need to make the decision and begin the effort. It is not difficult to do so. You just have to embark on this journey and God will be there to help you along the way.

Many people confuse spiritual growth with the increase in knowledge of facts and the ability to recite information. But that is not spiritual growth! Some of the most knowledgeable "theologians" in the world are "spiritual infants" in the best cases and total pagans in the worst. On the other hand, some of the simplest and least educated christians I met in my life were "spiritual giants" by comparison.

Do you really want to grow spiritually? Here is the recipe: Humble yourself, fall down at the feet of a spiritual father and confess your sins, including your pride and arrogance. I guarantee you, you will walk away a "new man", renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. That will be a leap in spiritual growth. You will know it in your heart.

Do you want to retain that elevated spiritual state? Here is the recipe: Go back to the confessional again and again with a contrite heart and a humbled spirit. I guarantee you, you will begin to see yourself and the world around you in a new light. You will begin to have a different appreciation of both people and nature. You will feel God present everywhere you go. You will begin to experience joy in untold ways and see the goodness and kindness in people as you never have before.

Please get on the *spiritual-growth-path*. It's up to you to do it and you will be the first and foremost beneficiary from it.

J.Fr. Panayistis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES March 2011

March 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 10:00 am.

- March 5, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all who shown in ascessi.
 Ψυχοσάββατο: Μνήμη πάντων τῶν ἐν ἀσκήση λαμψάντων.
 Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.
- March 6, Sunday, Cheese-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Τυρινῆς (Τυροφάγου). Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Evening: Vespers of Forgiveness, 5:00 pm
- March 7, Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent. Great Compline, 6:00 pm Καθαρά Δευτέρα. ἀΑρχή Μ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Μέγα ἀΑπόδειπνο, 6:00 μμ The Great Compline will be celebrated on <u>Mondays</u> and <u>Thursdays</u> at 6:00 pm.
- March 9, First Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!

March 10, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 11, Friday. First Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Πρῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ

 March 12, Saturday. Divine Liturgy: Commem. of the miracle of St. Theodore with the Kolliva. Μνήμη τοῦ διά κολλύβων θαύματος τοῦ ʿΑγ. Θεοδώϱου. Ψυχοσάββατο. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
 Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 13, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριαχή τῆς ἘΟρθοδοξίας.
 Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
 At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the procession of the Holy Icons.
 Evening: Pan-Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy at St. Elias Church 6:00 pm

March 14, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 16, Second Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!

March 17, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 18, Friday. Second Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Δεύτεgoι Χαιgετισμοί, 7:00 μμ.

March 19, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 20, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Αγίου Γρηγορίου Παλαμᾶ. Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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March 21, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 23, Third Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!

March 24, Thursday, Evening: Great Vespers for Annunciation of the Theotokos at the Cathedral in Atlanta, 7:00 pm

March 25, Friday, Annunciation of the Theotokos. Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Friday, Evening: Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7 μμ.

March 26, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 27, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross. Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will hold the procession of the Holy Cross.

March 28, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 30, Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion.

March 31, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm



From the Lenten Hymnology of our Church

"The arena of the virtues has been opened. Let all who wish to struggle for the prize now enter, girding themselves for the noble contest of the Fast; for those that strive lawfully are justly crowned. Taking up the armor of the Cross, let us make war against the enemy. Let us have as our invisible rampart the Faith, prayer as our breastplate, and as our helmet almsgiving; and as our sword let us use fasting that cuts away all evil from our heart. If we do this, we shall receive the true crown from Christ the King of all at the Day of Judgment."

Saint Cuthbert the Wonderworker of Britain (+687) March 20th



"The Church in the British Isles will only begin to grow when she begins to venerate her own Saints" -Saint Arsenios of Paros (+1877)

SAINT CUTHBERT, the wonderworker of Britain, was born in Northumbria around 634. While still young, tending his master's sheep, he had a vision of angels taking the soul of St Aidan to heaven in a fiery sphere. Several days later he learned that Bishop Aidan of Lindisfarne had reposed at the very hour that Cuthbert had seen his vision.

As an adult, St Cuthbert decided to leave the world and embrace the monastic life. He entered the monastery at Melrose, where he devoted himself to serving God. His fasting and vigils were so extraordinary that the other monks marveled at him. He often spent entire nights in prayer, and would not eat anything for days at a time. St Cuthbert was subsequently chosen to be abbot of Melrose, guiding the brethren by his words and by his example. He made journeys throughout the surrounding area to encourage Christians and to preach the Gospel to those who had never heard it. He also worked many miracles, healing the sick and freeing those who were possessed by demons.

In 664, Cuthbert moved to Lindisfarne, being appointed as prior. While at Lindisfarne, St Cuthbert continued his habit of visiting the common people in order to inspire them to seek the Kingdom of Heaven. Though some of the monks preferred their negligent way of life to the way of asceticism, through his patience and gentle admonition St Cuthbert gradually brought them to obedience and a better state of mind. The saint did not hesitate to correct those who did wrong. However, his gentleness made him quick to forgive those who repented. When people confessed to him, he often wept in sympathy with their weakness and often fulfilled their penances himself.

St Cuthbert was a true father to his monks, but his soul longed for complete solitude, so he went to live on a small island (St Cuthbert's Isle), a short distance from Lindisfarne. After gaining victory over the demons through prayer and fasting, the saint decided to move even farther away from his fellow men. In 676, he retired to Inner Farne, an even more remote location. St Cuthbert built a small cell which could not be seen from the mainland. A few yards away, he built a guest house for visitors from Lindisfarne. Here he remained for nearly nine years. (continued on next page...)

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(... continued from previous page). A synod at Twyford, with the holy Archbishop Theodore presiding, elected Cuthbert Bishop of Hexham in 684. Bishop Cuthbert remained as humble as he had been before his consecration, avoiding finery and dressing in simple clothing. He fulfilled his office with dignity and graciousness, while continuing to live as a monk. He served as a bishop for only two years, however. Sensing that the time of his death was approaching, St Cuthbert laid aside his arch-pastoral duties, retiring to solitude to prepare himself.

Counseling his brethren immediately before his death, St Cuthbert spoke of peace and harmony, warning them to be on guard against those who fostered pride and discord. Although he encouraged them to welcome visitors and offer them hospitality, he also admonished them to have no dealings with heretics or with those who lived evil lives. He told them to learn the teachings of the Fathers and put them into practice, and to adhere to the monastic rule which he had taught them. After partaking of the Holy Mysteries of Christ, St Cuthbert surrendered his holy soul to God on March 20, 687.

Eleven years later, St Cuthbert's tomb was opened and his relics were found to be incorrupt. In the subsequent centuries, the relics were moved several times because of the threat of invasion. They were finally brought to Durham for safekeeping. The saint's relics were opened again on August 24, 1104, and the incorrupt and fragrant relics were placed in the newly-completed cathedral.

In 1537 three commissioners of King Henry VIII came to plunder the tomb and desecrate the relics. St Cuthbert's body was still incorrupt, and was later reburied. The tomb was opened again in 1827. In the inner casket was a skeleton wrapped in a linen shroud and five robes. In the vestments a gold and garnet cross was found, probably St Cuthbert's pectoral cross. Also found were an ivory comb, a portable wood and silver altar, an epitrachelion, pieces of a carved wooden coffin, and other items. These may be seen to this day in the treasury of Durham Cathedral. The feast of St Cuthbert is kept on the twentieth day of March.



Lindisfarne Priory, Lindisfarne Island (also known as Holy Island)

St. Cuthbert's Island

HOPE @ JOY - PARENTS WORKSHOP

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Marietta, GA



You are invited to a most interesting presentation/discussion

with **Dr. Stephen Muse**, Ph.D., LMFT, LPC and **Claudia Muse**, B.S. Montessori certificate

Theme: The Spiritual Life of Children

Sunday, March 6, at 12:30 pm (after Divine Liturgy) in the downstairs Classroom of the Parish Life Center

The presentation will draw on the "Attachment Theory" of John Bowlby, the pedagogy of Maria Montessori, and the experience and questions of participants in order to investigate the challenges of raising our children in freedom and love for the living Christ, which is at the heart of Orthodoxy, in contrast with conformity to a rule-based ideology that oppresses the spirit of the person.

St. John Chrysostom on the Education of Children

Saint John Chrysostom explains that the souls of children are soft and delicate like wax. If right teachings are impressed upon them from the beginning then, with time, these impressions harden as in the case of a waxen seal. None will be able to undo this good impression. Malleable things take the form of whatever they are impressed with because they have not yet taken a stable shape. They resemble boards prepared to receive paint, or material ready to be sculpted. Much attention is required on the part of the painter if he is to produce a beautiful painting. With great patience sculptors must pull away all that is superfluous and add what is needed in order to achieve the result they desire. There is no more wonderful material with which to work than the souls of children. Parents create ensouled icons of God, living statues.

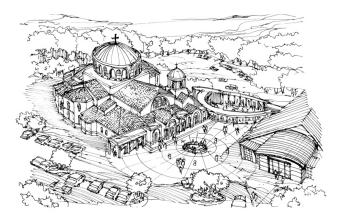
Saint John likens the soul of the child to a newly-founded city and parents are likened to the ruler of this city. It is their task to put in place laws and to organize its polity so that it is not destroyed by malevolent or anarchical factions. Many factions, both good and bad, struggle to gain foothold, securing their dominion over the child's soul. The parental task is that of putting laws in place for the new city—an easy task in the childhood years because children are both inexperienced and submissive and therefore are made to conform much more easily. With age, however, the task of ordering, of forming his spiritual world, become much more difficult.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MARCH

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| 3/1/2011 | Epistle: <u>St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:1-10</u> Gospel: <u>L</u> | .uke 22:39-42, 45-71; 23:1 |
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| 3/2/2011 | Vespers OT1: <u>Joel 3:12-21</u> Vespers O | DT2: Joel 2:12-26 |
| 3/3/2011 | Epistle: <u>St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:11-25</u> Gospel: L | <u>uke 23:1-31, 33, 44-56</u> |
| 3/4/2011 | Vespers OT1: Zechariah 8:7-17 Vespers O | DT2: Zechariah 8:19-23 |
| 3/5/2011 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 | Gospel: Matthew 6:1-13 |
| 3/6/2011 | Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the</u> | Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 |
| 3/7/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 1:1-20 Vespers OT1: Genesis 1:1-13 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 1:1-20 |
| 3/8/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 1:19-2:3 Vespers OT1: Genesis 1:14-23 | Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 1:20-33</u> |
| 3/9/2011 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10 | Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 |
| 3/10/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 2:11-21 Vespers OT1: Genesis 2:4-19 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:1-18 |
| 3/11/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 3:1-14 Vespers OT1: Genesis 2:20-3: | 20 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:19-34 |
| 3/12/2011 | Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10 | Gospel: Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5 |
| 3/13/2011 | Matins: John 20:19-31 Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the</u> Gospel: John 1:43-51 | Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40 |
| 3/14/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 4:2-5:7 Vespers OT1: Genesis 3:21-4: | 7 Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 3:34-4:22</u> |
| 3/15/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 5:7-16 Vespers OT1: Genesis 4:8-15 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 5:1-15 |
| 3/16/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 5:16-25 Vespers OT1: Genesis 4:16-26 | Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 5:15-6:3</u> |
| 3/17/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 6:1-12 Vespers OT1: Genesis 5:1-24 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 6:3-20 |
| 3/18/2011 | Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 7:1-14</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 5:32-6</u> : | 8 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 6:20-7:1 |
| 3/19/2011 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:12-16 | Gospel: Mark 1:35-44 |
| 3/20/2011 | Matins: John 21:1-14Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to theGospel: Mark 2:1-12 | Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 |
| 3/21/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 8:13-9:7 Vespers OT1: Genesis 6:9-22 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:1-21 |
| 3/22/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 9:9-10:4 Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:1-5 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:32-9:11 |
| 3/23/2011 | Orthros OT: Isaiah 10:12-20 Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:6-9 | Vespers OT2: Proverbs 9:12-18 |
| 3/24/2011 | Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 11:10-12:2</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 10:1-22</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 10:1-22</u> | <u>':11-8:3</u> |
| 3/25/2011 | Matins:Luke 1:39-49, 56Epistle:St. Paul's LetterGospel:Luke 1:24-38 | r to the Hebrews 2:11-18 |
| 3/26/2011 | Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10 | Gospel: Luke 10:16-21 |
| 3/27/2011 | Matins: John 21:14-25Epistle: St. Paul's LetterGospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 | r to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 |
| 3/28/2011 | Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 14:24-32</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 8</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 11:19-12:6</u> | ::21-9:7 |
| 3/29/2011 | Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 25:1-9</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 9</u> | :8-17 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 12:8-22 |
| 3/30/2011 | Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 26:21-27:9</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 9</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 12:23-13:9</u> | 1:18-10:1 |
| 3/31/2011 | Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 28:14-22</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 10:32-</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 13:19-14:6</u> | <u>11:9</u> |

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Come and See



Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

Please fill out your Pledge Card today and bring your offering to the Lord.

If you have not done so yet, please send in your 2011 Stewardship Pledge

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



"YOUR OWN GIFTS,

OF YOUR OWN,

WE OFFER UNTO YOU."

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

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

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

Please join the Stewardship program so that you may receive the joy which He gives to those who love Him!

> "We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord and we pray to you O our God."

The Necessity of Stewardship

Our Parish depends on the Stewardship of its members. Our Parish is funded by us.

Let us offer to our Parish from the Gifts of God to us. Let us offer in proportion of His Gifts to us. Let us bring our offering with a joyful heart.

You will be Blessed greatly if you support the work of our Parish and the work of His Church.

Have you submitted your Stewardship Card and Building Fund Pledge? If not, please do so today.

STEWARDSHIP GUIDANCE INFORMATION

By Dr. Larry Gess, Chair, Stewardship Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

As you complete your Stewardship Form for this year, please have the following in mind: The average donation of treasures (money) to the parish by its members is around \$1,100. We need this level of Stewardship in order to operate as a parish and provide the services and ministries currently in place. Unfortunately, donations by a significant number of parishioners tend to be much less than this average making it more difficult to support and grow the ministries. So we ask both new parishioners as well as those who have contributed in the past to consider the needs of our parish and respond accordingly. The cost of operations and ministries needs to be supported generously by parishioners in order to further the mission of the parish. We ask everyone to step up their efforts, especially if you have been blessed with more. Please give in proportion to God's gifts to you. "*Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is given.* (Luke 12:48)." (This is what we call *proportional giving*.)

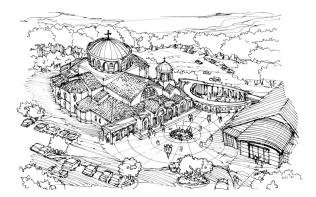
Your pledge is strictly between you and God. For this reason you are not asked to sign your Stewardship Form. You are only accountable to God for your Stewardship. However, the Parish Council cannot plan a budget, nor manage expenses throughout the year without a relatively accurate estimate of what each parishioner will give. You should also know that if you commit to a certain amount and your financial situation changes during the year, you can always speak with Fr. Panayiotis or Anne (our office secretary) and make that adjustment. If God blesses you with more, you can always offer more.

TIME AND TALENT: Time and Talent is perhaps the most important aspect of parishioner stewardship. No parish can flourish without its members providing the human resources needed to operate its ministries. You can also benefit on a personal level by your participation in the various ministries as you offer your time and talent; you can build friendships and your faith as you witness the love of others for God and His Church. You can also help others grow spiritually as they witness your faith and love for God and His Church.

GENERAL FUND (Operating Fund): The General Fund is used to pay for the operation of the parish – all salaries, the operation of the parish office and facilities, and all of its ministries. A portion from this fund is sent to the Archdiocese to help fund the Greek Orthodox Church in America – the National Ministries, such as Holy Cross Seminary and Hellenic College, and the Metropolis as well as the Patriarchate of Constantinople. The 2011 budget requires that on average parishioners will have to contribute about \$1,100 per household to the General or Operating Fund. Since some may be unable to give at this level because of the economic circumstances of our times, it will be necessary for other parishioners who are doing better to contribute more in order to cover for those who have been affected by the economy.

BUILDING FUND: The Building Fund is used to make the mortgage payments, pay for major repairs on buildings, renovations and maintenance of the existing facilities and eventually finance the facilities that need to be built. In the past, those parishioners who donated to the Building Fund typically indicated that they would donate over \$25 per week. However during 2010, the typical estimate of Building Fund donations was about \$11 per week. To meet the budget goal of \$160,000 during 2011, the typical parishioner would need to donate at least \$12 per week.

ICONOGRAPHY FUND: So far, most of our church's major icons have been donated by specific families. However, at this point we have several major icons contracted with the Iconographer that have not yet been donated. The Iconography Fund was created to collect funds from all parishioners to finance the remaining unfunded icons as needed. Please offer your support to finish the contracted icons for our church.



Let us gather in the House of the Lord

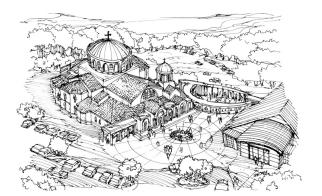
STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2011

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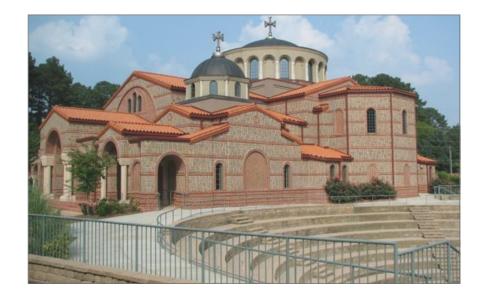
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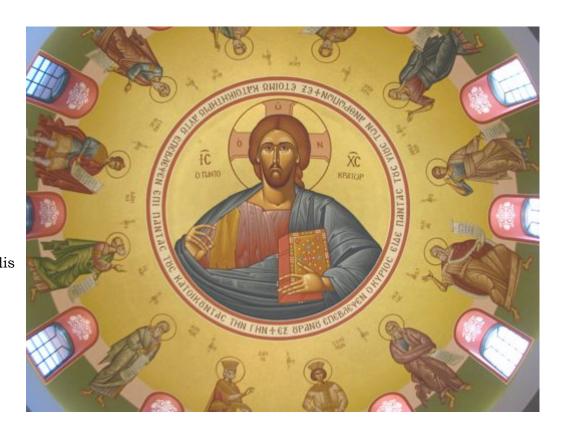
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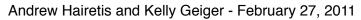
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& HONOR







Mark Your Calendars.... For the 22nd Annual....Marietta Greek Festival..... May 13, 14 and 15, 2011

Meet the 2011 Marietta Greek Festival Board -

Becky Valagohar - Chairperson Cathy Papadopoulos - Asst. Chairperson Athan Tsarouhas - Advisor Theodore Georgacopoulos - Logistics Terry Bliss - On Site Mary Miltiades - Food Jim Niarchos - Fundraising Pam Starks - Culture and Entertainment

Festival Planning Meeting Dates

The Board members are meeting weekly on Monday evenings. All committee chairs should plan to attend our first important meeting on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Start spreading the word...

Please tell your friends, neighbors and coworkers about our upcoming Greek Festival through emails, Facebook, etc. It's always held on the weekend after Mother's Day. We are happy to donate Festival Gift Cards for school or other charity events - great for Door Prizes and Silent Auctions! Please contact Jim Niarchos or Becky Valagohar for more details.



March 6th - Festival Kick Off - After Church during coffee hour

- Buy Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards Make great gifts!
 \$8 for \$10 card and \$20 for \$25 card these can be used at any church sponsored booth, including admission, and can be partially used throughout the Festival until the value is used up.
- Buy a Program Book Ad or turn in your sold ad Program Book ads are due by April 1st!
- **Sponsor a Booth -** Help offset our expenses by donating money towards items needed at our booths.
- **Buy T-Shirts** Buy at a discount before the Festival.
- **Pick up Flyers** to distribute.
- **Volunteer** Sign Up Sheets will be available. We need lots of help. We also welcome students who require community service hours this event qualifies.

<u>The Festival is only a few months away!</u> It is the largest fundraiser for our church building fund. Please come by and visit our Festival table during coffee hour and find out more.

Tell Everyone

Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Tell or email everyone you know that the Festival is **May 13th, 14th and 15th...The Weekend After Mother's Day!!!** Please take flyers with you to hand out to friends, neighbors and businesses or forward an electronic version of the flyer to everyone on your email address book. Please contact the church office if you do not receive the flyer via email. A limited number of car magnets are also available.

Sponsor Your Favorite Booth

This is YOUR opportunity to donate money, whether the amount is small or large, to help "sponsor" the booth of your choice and defray the start up cost of the festival. Please contact Karen Melissas at 404.399.3141 or akm165@charter.net

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Becky Valagohar, 404.384.6464.

We look forward to your participation in our greatest Festival ever!



Working for Our 2011 Greek Festival Visitor's Guide

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Here is your chance to make the 2011 Marietta Greek Festival a great success by helping to increase Visitor's Guide revenue. This year we are offering **full color ads** for **ALL** advertisers. Your mission is to contact potential advertisers /"Festival Friends" – where you shop, your dentist, hairdresser, garage, car dealership, lawyer, accountant, lawn service, etc. and offer them the opportunity to increase their business.

What To Say

- Give them the Advertising Information brochure and show them a previous year's Visitor's Guide. (Remember, all ads in this year's Visitor's Guide will be in full color.)
- Tell them about the Festival, its culture, food, fun and entertainment.
- Stress the exposure their ad will give their business over 15,000 potential Festival visitors in only 3 days.
- It's advertising that's tax deductible.

What To Do

- Try to end your visit with a completed Advertisement Order Form and check.
- If you don't get a completed form, follow-up in <u>three days</u> with a reminder phone call or visit.

If you have someone who shows an interest in purchasing an ad at the "Gold" level (full page), please contact Linda Lopos at 678-445-3556 or <u>llopos@bellsouth.net</u>.

If each of us can make these contacts, we can extend our Festival to new audiences, help them understand and enjoy our culture and contribute significantly to our Building Fund. You are a key to our success.

Remember it is EVERYONE'S responsibility to make this year's Visitor's Guide a success. Spread the word and start selling. All leads will be followed up on personally.

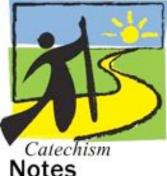
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Parents: On March 6th, Cheesefare Sunday, the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) will distribute mission coin boxes through Catechetical schools across the country. This is designated annually as Missions Sunday. The program shows students that from within their own community they can become actively involved in missions. The Bible verse on each coin box reads: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. (Matthew 28: 19)



We are called to do this at all ages, and one way for children to help is by placing spare change in their mission boxes during Great Lent. These boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday. Please discuss with your children the importance of mission work. Please also pray with them for those who are serving Christ's Church around the world.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Connie Kollias at conniekollias@yahoo.com.



The next meeting of the Spiritual Book Club will be **Sunday**, **March 20th** from **6:30** till **8:30 pm** in the Parish Life Center.

The book for discussion is **The Way of a Pilgrim**, translator Helen Bacovcin. It is available in the bookstore. Please contact **Elene Catrakilis**, elenecat@yahoo.com, if you have any questions.

His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta has invited: HIS EXCELLENCY METROPOLITAN KALLISTOS (WARE) OF DIOKLEIA

Author of "The Orthodox Church"



To the Metropolis of Atlanta to give special homilies to all the faithful. Flease join us on as His Excellency Celebrates the Divine Liturgy on:

Sunday, April 3, 2011

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

And then that evening for the Catholic Orthodox Ecumenical Gathering Sunday, April 3, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Please also join His Excellency as he celebrates the Pre-sanctified

Liturgy on:

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 6:00 p.m.

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation 2500 Clairmont Road N.E. Atlanta, GA 30329 Reception to follow both evening services in Carlos Hall 404-633-5870 • office@atlgoc.org

Goya Wednesdays in March

Saints commemorated during the week- Can you identify all the Saints?



<u>Visit the Online Chapel at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Website for help in identifying the saints commemorated in</u> <u>March.</u>

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2011

****Saturday, March 19th, 2011 at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**

<u>**Central Conference</u> Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Cathedral in Birmingham, AL <u>**Metropolis of Atlanta- May 6-8,2011 at the Diakonia Center, SC</u> <u>**Archdiocese Finals- June at Holy Trinity Cathedral, New York</u>



Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2011- Topics

*grades 4-6 (30-90 seconds; no judging; strictly a local program)

Suggested Topics- Jesus Christ; Love; Being Kind; Lighting a Candle; Helping Others; The Cross; Prayer; A Smile; My Church; Church School; The Bible; My Family; My Favorite Icon

<u>*grades 7-9 (3-4 minutes)</u>

Topic #1- In the Orthodox Church, saints and their icons are presented as examples to be imitated. Discuss one saint who has become an example in your life.

Topic #2- In St. John's Gospel, Philip invites Nathanael to "Come and see" (John 1:46). What would you want someone to experience in his or her first visit to an Orthodox Christian parish.

Topic #3- In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord says, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). What does it mean to be a peacemaker in an age of violence, terrorism, and war?

Topic #4- Discuss the spiritual discipline of fasting in light of our age of increasing obesity. How does fasting compare with diets that have the purpose of achieving "model" appearance?

Topic #5- Clean water is a precious commodity that is becoming even scarcer in many parts of the world. It also features prominently in many Bible stories. Discuss the importance of water as a symbol and in Orthodox liturgical life.

<u>*grades 10-12 (4-5 minutes)</u>

Topic #1- In the past few years, the issue of bullying- including cyberbullying- has been in the news. How should a Christian respond to the problem, especially in light of Jesus's teaching to turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39)?

Topic #2- St. Paul encouraged the Christians in Ephesus to "grow up" (Ephesians 4:13-15). What is Christian maturity, and how does one become a mature Christian?

Topic #3- Discuss what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26) in our age of extreme individualism and independence.

Topic #4- What are the most attractive points that Orthodox Christianity offers to teenagers today, and how can we use them to bring young people to the Church?

Topic #5- St. Basil the Great wrote, "Wealth left idle is of no use to anyone, but put to use and exchanged it becomes fruitful and beneficial for the public" (I Will Tear Down My Barns, ch. 5). Explore this statement in light of the financial insecurity of the last few years and of modern financial practices in general.

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Dear GOYA parents,

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides our Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. At the Metropolis level, this is one of the big events of the year, along with the Winter Youth Rally and Summer Camp. Our church will have the local Oratorical festival on Saturday, March 19th with winners proceeding on to the Central Conference level in Birmingham, AL on Saturday, April 2nd.

PLEASE-- look at this years topics with your child and encourage him/her to write and talk about their faith in this annual Oratorical Festival. As this is mostly a "homework assignment", your support of the worthiness of this effort and your child's involvement in it will make this an annual event to look forward to.

PLEASE-- ASAP confirm intent to participate & topic to: < tyemery.htgocmarietta@gmail.com > Thank you, -Tyrone-Stavros Emery <u>GOYA & OCF LENTEN ACTIVITIES</u>

Lenten Retreat 2011 at: Diakonia Retreat Center Session I: March 11-13, 2011 at: Diakonia Retreat Center www.diakoniacenter.org

Session II: March 18-20, 2011 Cost: \$95 per person : Diakonia Retreat Center www.diakoniacenter.org 455 Quail Ridge Rd. Salem, SC 29676

What Does God Want From Me?

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Please send required forms (on the registration websites) to Presbytera Mari at the Metropolis by February 21st! All Registration Ends February 21!

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Choosing a Spouse- Facing the Future- Having a Plan! a dialogue with Fr. Anthony and Presbytera Christine Salzman

at the Diakonia Center A work retreat to renew your mind.... and get back to nature MARCH 25-27, 2011 Spring Break Work Daze Week March 14-18

free room and board for a few hours of work on Saturday

for more info & to register: <u>www.diakoniaretreatcente.org</u> and go to Calendar/Upcoming Events or email: <u>frantonios@ilicons.us</u> 706-310-1304 travel scholarships available

<u>GOYA- REWIND- BOWLING NIGHT & VALENTINE'S DANCE</u>













Please join and *support* the... HELLENIC STUDIES PROGRAM

of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, March 27, 2010

GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION and Commemoration of the ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Time: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Place: Parish Life Center

<u>Main Event</u>: Luncheon and Hellenic Studies Program, *featuring* the children of our community

> \$10 for adults \$5 for children (18 and under) Maximum per family - \$35*

*[Family rate includes parents and *their children*, ages 18 and under] Tickets available every Sunday in March – in the PLC after the Divine Liturgy



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Ladies' Philoptochos Society of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Panagia Chapter

<u>GODPARENTS' LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION</u> – THANK YOU TO Nikki Palamiotis and those that helped her coordinate the Godparent's Luncheon and to Mary Miltiades for coordinating the Silent Auction. Also, thanks to everyone that joined us and supported this important event.

<u>5TH ANNUAL METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS RETREAT</u> - Fr. Barnabas Powell of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, & Irene Greek Orthodox Church of Cumming, GA will present a program of spiritual renewal for all Philoptochos members. **"Further Up, Further In: Defeating the Enemies of Your Soul with the Wisdom of Faith"** will be the topic for the retreat at the beautiful Diakonia Center in Salem, SC. Starting at 4:30 pm on Friday, April 8, through 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 10, participants will enjoy the opportunity for spiritual renewal and meaningful fellowship. The retreat fee of \$140 per person includes all costs of lodging, meals, materials, and instruction. Make plans now to share driving from Marietta to Diakonia Center. For registration and questions, please contact Irene Politis: 704-552-9068 (home) or 704-451-4243 (cell) or email *ipolitis3@yahoo.com*.

NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- <u>Our Commitments for March</u>: Orthodox Christian Mission Center and Support a Mission Priest (OCMC and SAMP) Provides financial support to the OCMC missionary teams strengthening their ability to empower the Orthodox Church worldwide to carry its message to those who have yet to hear it and bring them within its fold. The Philoptochos, through the Support of a Mission Priest program, provides financial support enabling Orthodox Bishops and priests in mission areas, to build and restore churches, community centers, schools and medical facilities as well as to participate in training, teaching and field management, therefore increasing productivity.
- Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology. The then Archbishop Athenagoras established the Holy Cross Theological School in June 1937, in Pomfret, CT. The Archbishop directed a special appeal to Philoptochos to "devote" themselves to the School, "where your sons will be educated as priests and teachers and urged the ladies to "prove once again your strong faith." In the ensuing years, Philoptochos was, and seventy-three years later continues to be, actively involved in offering financial support to Holy Cross. There are two programs for Hellenic College Holy Cross: Scholarships For more than 20 years, scholarships have been awarded to worthy and dedicated students at both schools to assist them with their tuition expenses; and, Lenten Event This is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Lent, observing the Veneration of the Holy Cross. The chapters are requested to arrange a Lenten Event following the Divine Liturgy. Donations raised are used for the operational expenses of the School.

MEETINGS:

- Board Meeting Monday, March 21, PLC, 6:30 potluck dinner, and 7:00 pm meeting.
- General Meeting Monday, March 28, Location TBD.

BOOK CLUB: Next Book Club meeting is **Thursday, March 24.** at 7:00 pm. Book and location information will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

SOUP KITCHEN: On January 27th we served 129 homeless for lunch and we had enough food to serve a second serving. A big thank you goes to the following ladies and gentlemen who helped donate a money, serve and prepared the food: Kally Niarchos, Lisa Morataikis, Dena McCollum, Tina Vamvakias, Marty Driscoll, Fran Tucker, Julie Orologas, Paula Rogers, Niki Gess, Frances Mavrides, Rosemary Peppas, Michelle Broussard, Linda Lopos, Cathy Papadopoulos, Tasia Kipreos, Tyrone-Stavros Emory and Basile Zafiroulis, Athena Burke. Our next commitment to the MUST Ministries Soup Kitchen is on <u>Thursday, March 24, 2011</u> and then the fourth Thursday of every month. Please contact **Athena Burke** at <u>ibgreek@bellsouth.net</u> **or 678-462-9775** to cook, serve or make a monetary donation.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Contact Evelyn Bilson at <u>evelynbilson@hotmail.com</u>, Nancy Barke at <u>knitchef@gmail.com</u> or Dorothy Macris at <u>dorothymacris@comcast.net</u>.

For more information or questions, please contact Annette Jacobs, President, at <u>am1988@bellsouth.net</u> or 770-992-1684.

Prime Timers News



Chef Phil at the griddle



Dr. Ilbeikh and P7 Pres Linda



Members intently listening to Dr. Ifteikly's message

On Saturday, February 19, Prime Timers observed "Heart Month" with a program on ways we can prevent heart disease. Dr. Abdul Sheikh, from the WellStar Cardilac Network, spoke to us about atherosclerosis (coronary artery disease), the leading cause of death in men and women in the United States. We learned about its risk factors, prevention, and tests currently available for its detection. Dr. Sheikh held the attention of an audience of more than 30 members with a very informative presentation, with many opportunities to address our questions.

Reminder: There will be no general meetings during Great Lent and prior to our Greek Festival. We encourage everyone to attend services and "potlucks" on Wednesdays during Lent and to help with our festival cooking and baking. Our next meeting will be a brunch/lunch meeting at noon on Saturday, May 21st at the Diner at North Point. Please see below for details.

Join Prime Timers for Brunch/Lunch at

The Diner at North Point

2355 Mansell Rd. Alpharetta, GA

12:00 Noon, Saturday, May 21, 2011

RSVP: Mary Stiakakis (770-740-0127) or Dorothy Botni (770-971-9956) by May 18

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



Vipcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 8 April 12 April 29-30 April 30 Second Tuesday Meeting Second Tuesday "fun" Meeting AHEPA Garage Sale AHEPA Classic Car Show

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE. The applications are (electronic and hard copy) for all three levels of scholarship opportunity.

AHEPA CHAPTER APPLICATION AHEPA DISTRICT APPLICATION AHEPA NATIONAL APPLICATION

DUE MARCH 15, 2011 DUE MARCH 31, 2011 DUE MARCH 31, 2011

Applicants can actually receive more than one scholarship per year. We encourage applications for each scholarship opportunity. Please see any member of AHEPA for the applications. The high school class received hard copy applications on Sunday, February 13. In addition, Anne Willcocks in the church office has the applications available to email. Do well Marietta applicants! Make us proud!

JOURNEY TO GREECE is a travel/study opportunity sponsored by AHEPA for college students to attend a threeweek study session in Athens to include a visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a Greek Islands cruise, accommodations, meals, plus more. This is a study program. College credit is earned through the University of Indianapolis and can be transferred to the home university in the USA. The sessions are offered June 28 to August 5. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS **APRIL 30, 2011**. Please see or email Ron Sprouse (ron@ronsprouse.com) for the application or more information.

AHEPA ACADEMY is an interactive leadership and professional development program sponsored by AHEPA for current High School Juniors held in Washington, D.C. June 26 to July 2 and August 7-13. Instruction and inspiration is provided by prominent Greek-American and Philhellene instructors from the academic, professional, and public service fields across the US. Please see or email Ron Sprouse (<u>ron@ronsprouse.com</u>) for the application or more information.

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

Your Board: Ron Sprouse, Plutarch Vamvakias, Zack Kollias, Harry Kipreos Vice Presidents: Keath Paxten, Jim Tidwell, Greg Muse, Andy Johansen

SAYINGS OF MOTHER GABRIELIA

In the early steps of our life we need the presence of someone we love. As we advance, the One, God, fills us with His Love and Joy so much that we no longer need anyone. The soul does this at the beginning because she does not know yet Whom she loves, and thinks it is this or that person.

When God created us, He gave us Life and breathed His Spirit into us. This Spirit is Love. When love deserts us, we become as dead as corpses. We are not alive any more.

Many times what God expects from us is the intention rather than the act itself. Our readiness to follow His Commandment is enough for Him.

Annual Metropolis Agape Picnic Diakonia Retreat Center Saturday April 30,2011



Special Family Weekend April 29-May 1,2011

Consider staying for the entire weekend for a special family gateway. Includes lodging, food and program for only \$18.5

Schedule

Friday, April 29 4pm - 6pm: Check In 6pm - 7:30pm: Dinner 7:30pm: Flashlight Family Hike, Astronomy Program and Campfire

Saturday, April 30 7am - 9am: Breakfast 10am: Nature Hike with Naturalist Dan Whitten Ham: Agape Vespens 12pm: Lanch 1pm - 4pm: Music, canoes, Nature Hikes, fishing etc 3pm: Kids Compas Reading Class 6pm: Vespers followed by dinner, Astronomy Program and complete

Sunday, May I Fain: Orthros Bain: Dwine Liturgy followed by Breakfist Join His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios

For Our Annual Metropolis Family's day of worship, appreciation and fellowship

> Pascha Agape Service 11:00am Followed by Picnic & Panegyri

Diakonia Retreat Center 455 Quail Ridge road Salem, SC 29676 Contact: diakoniacenter@yahoo.com 864.944.6788

> Fr. Vasile Bitere 706.888.8382

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!





Christ is Risen! Truly is Risen!

and bestowing life on those in the grave."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death.







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Social Events/Rentals
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| Thursday | 7:00 PM Bible Study | 6:00 PM Great Compline | 17 St. Patrick's Day 4:00 PM Festival Cooking (Dolmades) 6:00 PM Great Compline | 24 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Great Vespers for Annunciation of the Theotokos at the Cathedral in Atlanta 7:00 PM Philoptochos Book Club | 31 6:00 PM Great Compline |
| Wednesday | 2 — 10:00 AM Bible Study — 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting | 9 First Wednesday in Lent = 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts = 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Lec- ture and Discussion | 16 Second Wednesday in Lent = 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts = 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Lec- ture and Discussion | 23 Third Wednesday in Lent 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Lec- ture and Discussion | 30 Fourth Wednesday in Lent = 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts = 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Lec- ture and Discussion |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM Blessing of the Water 10:00 AM Festival Baking 4:15 PM Asteria Dance 4:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:30 PM Introduction to Or- 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance | 4:15 PM Asteria Dance 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Pitsirikia & Pala- makia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Education, Culture 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance | 15 4:00 PM Festival Cooking (Dolmades) 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Pitsirikia & Pala- makia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance | 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Pitsirikia & Pala- makia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Petaloudes Dance 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice | 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Pitsirikia & Pala- makia Den Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice |
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| Sunday | 27 Meatfare Sunday = 8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:15 AM Catechism = 12:00 PM Parish Assembly = 4:00 PM Hairetis Wedding | 6 Cheesefare Sunday OCMC Mission Sunday = 8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM = 11:15 AM Catechism = 12:00 PM HOPE/JOY Meet- = 1:30 PM Eleftheria Dance = 1:30 PM Eleftheria Dance = 5:00 PM Vespers of Forgive- | 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday of Orthodoxy B 30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 1:00 PM Phoenix Dance 1:30 PM Eleftheria & Meta- morphosi Dance Practice 6:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Ves- | 20 St. Gregory Palamas = 8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:15 AM Catechism = 1:00 PM Phoenix Dance = 1:30 PM Eleftheria & Meta- morphosi Dance Practice = 6:30 PM Spiritual Book Club | 27 Veneration of the Holy Cross = 8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 12:15 PM Hellenic Studies Celebration of 25th of = 1:00 PM Phoenix Dance = 1:30 PM Eleftheria & Meta- morphosi Dance Practice |

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| DATE | PARISH COUNCIL DUTY | ACOLYTES | GREETERS | PROSFORO |
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| Mar. 6, 2011 | P. Bilson/J. Tidwell | Team I | TBA | M. Papadimitriou/R. Peppas |
| Mar. 13, 2011 | M. Alberts, G. Lopos | Team II | TBA | N. Porter/I. Steffas |
| Mar. 20, 2011 | T. Isaac/R. Rogers | Team I | TBA | S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/ Y. Turner |
| Mar. 27, 2011 | D. Dudley/C. Dunkerly | Team II | TBA | F. Tucker/T. Vamvakias |

Altar Server Teams

Team 1: Chris Alberts, Nicholas Azimzadeh, Christopher Bilson, Anthony Bundros, George Caras, Yianni Costarides, Chris Danos, Leo Frangis, Nicholas & Alex Gekas, Alexander Georgacopoulos, Yanni Gormanos, Paul Jacobs, Morgan Lilly, Michael Marianos, Zach Melissas, Michael Papadimitriou, Evan Papadopoulos, Will Papleacos, Stratton Paulson, Dylan Rogers, Matthew Shanahan, Alex Skarpelis, Yianni Turner

Team 2: Alex & Nick Brewer, Chris, Daniel, & Michael Bridgers, Christos Costarides, Nick Danos, Zach Derr, Alex Elias, Jacob & Stephen Harrah, Graeme Hunt, Eli & Evans Nichols, Dean Papastrat, Lucas Porter, Michael Sarris, Mike & Nick Steffas, Luke & Nicholas Tassopoulos, Nicholas Zakreski