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

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATION



“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

We are entering once again the period of Great Lent. This is a special time of spiritual exercise for the cleansing of our souls and bodies. This is a really wonderful opportunity afforded us by the Church to consider seriously our spiritual condition. The hymns of the Church sung in the services, the readings from the Bible, the prayers offered on a daily basis, are all designed to help us bring about a renewal in our soul and heart and a regeneration of our whole being in the Holy Spirit.

We are invited by the Church to attend the extra services and immerse ourselves in the spirit of this sacred time. We are invited to cultivate our virtues and take control over our passions. We are invited to forgive those around us and receive forgiveness and peace in our hearts. We are encouraged to extend ourselves outwards in philanthropy and show love and compassion to those who need it.

We are invited and encouraged to do all of these things during this time, not because we shouldn't be doing it throughout the year, but because it is possible that the many concerns about other things during the year might curtail our efforts to care for our souls. And then again, this time is very special - we are preparing to experience the Passion, Crucifixion and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

This experiential approach offered to us by the Orthodox Church differs greatly from the one offered by movies. Movies are made with the purpose to appeal to our emotions. The directors seek to shock the viewer by the realistic violence. They seek to evoke strong emotions by presenting vividly events and conversations in a way which engages the viewer totally in the present taking him/her on an emotional high ride, but, in the end, dropping him/her back to where they started in a matter of minutes, as the movie concludes.

I do not want to claim that there is no value in such movie experiences, but in God's wisdom given to the Church over the centuries, Great Lent and Holy Week can actually bring a complete transformation of the person who immerses himself/herself spiritually in this sacred time. Emotions come and go, but spiritual experiences remain. The purpose of Great Lent and Holy Week is not just to touch our hearts and minds but to cleanse us from sin, purify our hearts and minds, so that the Holy Spirit may be able to dwell in us. Great Lent is forty days long and then one more week is added until Pascha. The span of this time is designed to help us build good and spiritually profitable habits of virtue. One and a half hour of movie watching cannot be enough to change a person's way of being. But a daily watchful and prayerful existence of fifty days can build for us a meaningful new life, acquired by a conscious decision and personal effort that transforms our being and makes us more sensitive to the Grace of God and aware of the presence of Holy Spirit in our lives.

Let us use this time, my brothers and sisters, for our personal spiritual benefit. Let us tap into this inexhaustible well of the Church called Great Lent and Holy Week and taste of God's Grace and Wisdom. Let us approach humbly and prayerfully. Let us offer ourselves to God in Faith and Trust.

Come, let us taste Heaven together in the here and now during this Great Lent!

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 2014

March 1, Saturday, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all who have shone forth in ascesis.

Explanation of the Preparation of the Gifts 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

Philoptochos Lenten Retreat follows the Divine Liturgy.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers, 5:00 pm.

March 2, Sunday, Cheese-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή της Τυρινῆς (Τυροφάγου).

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

Evening: Vespers of Forgiveness, 5:00 pm

March 3, Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent. Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Καθαρά Δευτέρα. Ἀρχή Μ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνο, 6:00 μμ

The Great Compline will be celebrated on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

March 5, 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 **Presentation and Discussion.**

March 7, Friday. First Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Πρῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ**

March 8, Saturday. Divine Liturgy: Commem. of the miracle of St. Theodore with the Kollyva.

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

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 9, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριακή της Ὁρθοδοξίας.

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 at the Cathedral in Atlanta, 6:00 pm

March 10, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 12, 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 **Presentation and Discussion.**

March 13, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 14, Friday, Second Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Δεύτεροι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ**

March 15, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 16, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas.

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

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March 17, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 19, 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 the **Parish Oratorical Festival.**

March 20, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 21, Friday. Third Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 22, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 23, 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 24, Monday. Great Vespers of the Annunciation of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

March 25, Tuesday, Annunciation of the Theotokos. Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου.

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

March 26, 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 **Presentation and Discussion.**

March 27, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 28, Fourth Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τέταρτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ.

March 29, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 30, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, St. John of Climacus.

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

March 31, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

To be used throughout the Great and Holy Lent

Lord and Master of my life grant me not a spirit of slothfulness, meddling, ambition, and vain talk. (*Prostration*)

Bestow upon me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. (*Prostration*)

Yea, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own sins, and not judge my brother, for you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. (*Prostration*)



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Great Lent

April 2014

April 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am at the Chapel

April 2, Fifth 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 **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 3, Thursday, Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:00 pm

April 4, Friday, The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

April 5, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 6, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

April 7, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 9, Sixth 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 **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 10, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 11, Friday, Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 6:00 pm

April 12, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus
Orthros 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Making of the palm crosses and Confession for children follows the Divine Liturgy.
Evening: Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm

April 13, Palm Sunday. The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

For Services from Palm Sunday Evening to the Sunday of Pascha (April 20), please see the Holy Week Services Schedule provided in a special flyer.

*"Behold the Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night
and blessed is the servant whom he shall find watchful."*

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

The Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It is the celebration of the restoration of the Holy Icons in the Church which occurred in the year 843 AD after a long struggle and theological debate known as the Iconoclastic controversy. The decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787 AD, which declared that Holy Icons can be used in the Church was finally implemented on this day under the Empress Theodora and Patriarch Methodius of Constantinople.

The Iconoclastic controversy broke out in 726 AD, when Emperor Leo III the Isaurian ordered the removal of Icons of Christ from prominent places in the Imperial City of Constantinople. From then on the Byzantine Empire was polarized around this issue for over a century. Those who advocated the removal and destruction of Holy Images were called "Iconoclasts" (destroyers of icons) and those who supported the images were called "Iconophiles" (friends of icons) or in a derogatory way "Iconodules" (slaves to icons).

The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day:

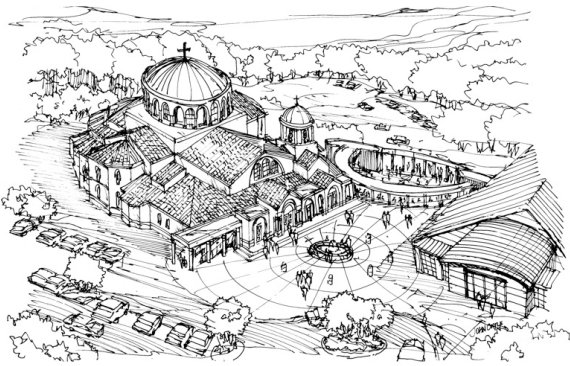
"We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon venerates in it the reality for which it stands".

The Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrates this victory of the Christian Faith and proclaims that God has become man in the person of Jesus Christ, whom we can now depict on Holy Icons and honor through them.

During the services of the Sunday of Orthodoxy Holy Icons of Christ and the saints are held by clergy and laity in a procession around the church proclaiming the restoration of these holy images in their rightful place in our worship.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MARCH

3/1/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Gospel: Matthew 6:1-13
3/2/2014	Matins: Mark 16:9-20 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4
3/3/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 1:1-20	Vespers OT1: Genesis 1:1-13 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 1:1-20
3/4/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 1:19-2:3	Vespers OT1: Genesis 1:14-23 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 1:20-33
3/5/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 2:3-11	Vespers OT1: Genesis 1:24-2:3 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 2:1-22
3/6/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 2:11-21	Vespers OT1: Genesis 2:4-19 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:1-18
3/7/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 3:1-14	Vespers OT1: Genesis 2:20-3:20 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:19-34
3/8/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10	Gospel: Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5
3/9/2014	Matins: Luke 24:1-12 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10
3/10/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 4:2-5:7	Vespers OT1: Genesis 3:21-4:7 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:34-4:22
3/11/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 5:7-16	Vespers OT1: Genesis 4:8-15 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 5:1-15
3/12/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 5:16-25	Vespers OT1: Genesis 4:16-26 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 5:15-6:3
3/13/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 6:1-12	Vespers OT1: Genesis 5:1-24 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 6:3-20
3/14/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 7:1-14	Vespers OT1: Genesis 5:32-6:8 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 6:20-7:1
3/15/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:12-16	Gospel: Mark 1:35-44
3/16/2014	Matins: Luke 24:13-35 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3
3/17/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 8:13-9:7	Vespers OT1: Genesis 6:9-22 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:1-21
3/18/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 9:9-10:4	Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:1-5 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:32-9:11
3/19/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 10:12-20	Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:6-9 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 9:12-18
3/20/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 11:10-12:2	Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:11-8:3 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 10:1-22
3/21/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 13:2-13	Vespers OT1: Genesis 8:4-21 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 10:31-11:12
3/22/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38	Gospel: Mark 2:14-17
3/23/2014	Matins: Luke 24:36-53 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6
3/24/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 14:24-32	Vespers OT1: Genesis 8:21-9:7 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 11:19-12:6
3/25/2014	Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: Luke 1:24-38	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18
3/26/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 26:21-27:9 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 12:23-13:9	Vespers OT1: Genesis 9:18-10:1
3/27/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 28:14-22 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 13:19-14:6	Vespers OT1: Genesis 10:32-11:9
3/28/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 29:13-23	Vespers OT1: Genesis 12:1-7 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 14:15-26
3/29/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12	Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
3/30/2014	Matins: John 20:1-10 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20
3/31/2014	Orthros OT: Isaiah 37:33-38:6 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 14:27-15:4	Vespers OT1: Genesis 13:12-18



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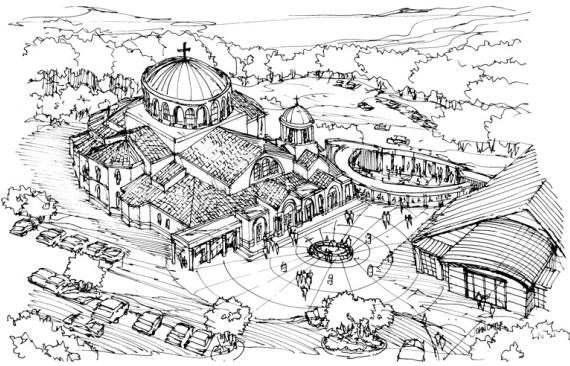
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Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Vacratsas
Ms. Becky Valagohar
Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
Ms. Maria Vatzakas

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Vaios Vlachos
Mr. Danny Vlahiotis
Dr. Phillip Votas
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Westmoreland
Mr. Benjamin Whitener
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wysmierski
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Xanthakis
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Mr. Basile Zafirolis
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mrs. Angela Ziros

Total: 267

**PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET:
OUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR
SUPPORT**

If you have not yet handed in
your [Stewardship Card for 2014](#),
please do so today.

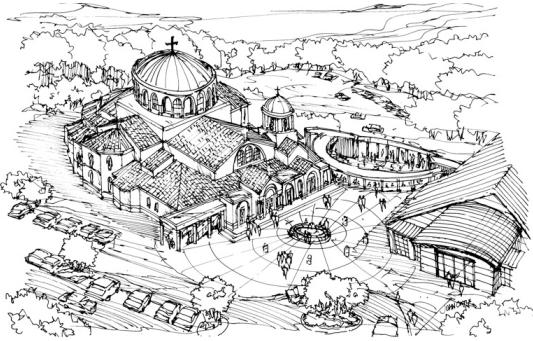
Our Parish depends on your
love and generosity for its
everyday operation.

These are tough times for many
people. Those of us who are able
should give more to help get us
through the difficult times.

Let us offer back to God from
His own Gifts to us! Let us
support the ministries of the
Parish which are serving our
needs and the needs of our
children.

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

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

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH

Our parish experienced a small deficit in the General Fund (the fund from which we pay the parish's operational expenses) at the end of 2013. In other words, our income was a bit less than our expenses. One of the factors was that the total stewardship donations were less than the amount that had been budgeted to be received from the Parish members.

The primary reason that the stewardship donations came up short of the 2013 goal was two-fold: (a) several members indicated that they would be donating something in 2013, but they donated nothing, and (2) too many members donated significantly less than they indicated they would.

THE NEED: We all need to make a concerted and collective effort to prevent the parish from having a deficit again in 2014. **We can prevent this from happening if we do the following:**

- Whoever has not yet turned in the 2014 Membership/Stewardship Form, please do so as soon as possible.
- If any have not yet begun to donate to the General Fund in 2014, please do so as soon as this coming Sunday.
- Each month, please donate at least one-twelfth of the amount you indicated on your Membership/Stewardship Form that you would donate in 2014. If you are unable to donate that amount, please contact the parish office by phone 770-924-8080 or by e-mail, holytrans@comcast.net to reduce the amount you indicated that you will be donating to the General Fund in 2014. This action will enable the Parish Council to re-adjust its planned parish expenditures for the year.

Developing the Parish Budget is a sincere effort by the Parish Council and the General Assembly to keep the parish on a sound financial footing. **However, keeping the parish fiscally sound depends on the efforts of all of us collectively. Let's all work together to keep the parish fiscally on track for 2014.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Jocelyn Hennenfent (Thekla) - February 15, 2014

Nickolaos Olympiadis - January 23, 2014
Michael Protonotarios - February 13, 2014



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

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

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

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

Stephanie Lukens,
Coffee hour co-chair



Worship

NEW!

Beginning this Lent, Father Panayiotis will periodically replace his Sunday sermon with a Q&A session. This is a great opportunity to learn about faith-related topics in which you're most interested at a most convenient time!

If you have a question you would like answered, please submit it to Paul Lundberg at paul.htgoc@gmail.com or 770-924-8080.



Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Psalm 95

We are called to give voice to prayerful and beautiful hymns.

The parish choirs are in the process of standardizing the English translations and melodies of the hymns of the Divine Liturgy and Holy Week. Recordings and written music are uploaded regularly to the parish website so that you can learn them at home and at your convenience. Just click on "Our Faith" in the menu bar on the home page and use the left side menu to find the subpages with the hymns. As Lent begins, we will be focusing on learning the beloved hymn "O Champion General" (Τη Υπερμάχῳ) in English. Midway through Lent, we will begin to introduce the standardized translations and melodies for the "Lamentations" of Holy Friday evening. To get more involved, please consider joining one of the choirs:

The Parish Choir, directed by Demetri Miltiades, practices on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

The Chanters, led by Leo Modenos, sing the vespers, orthros, and liturgies for feasts & saints.

The English Choir, directed by Paul Lundberg, meets on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

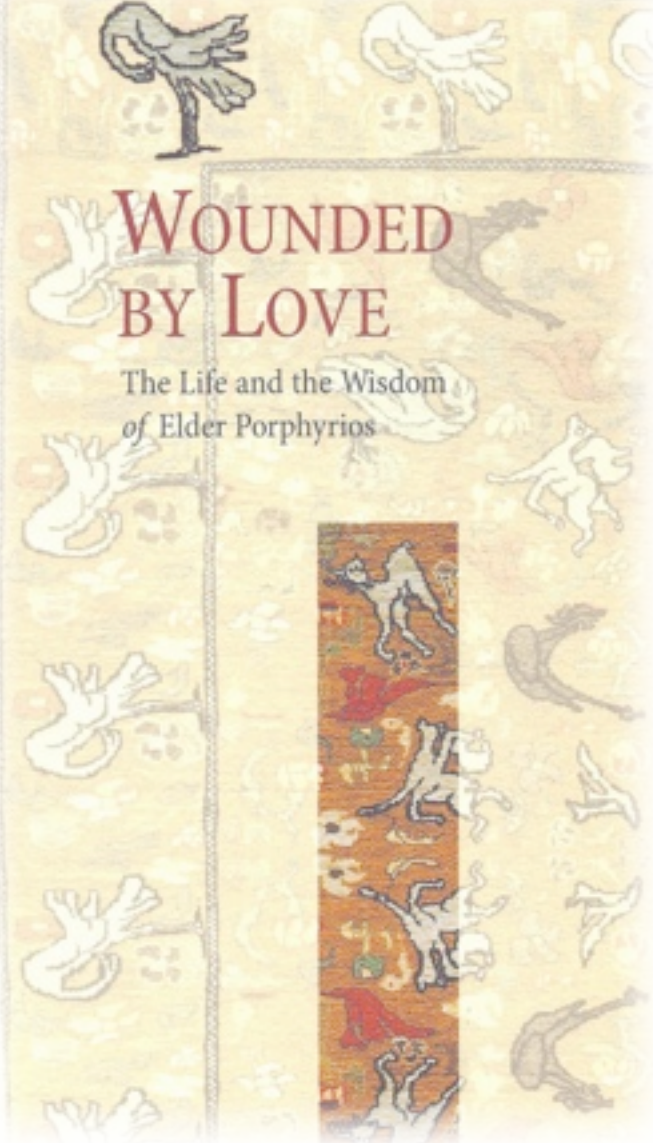
Young Parents Ministry

Currently, meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Next gathering: March 8th, 6:30-8:30pm

Parish Life Center

At our first meeting on February 8th, parents shared their experiences raising children, what they were most thankful their own parents did for them, and their ideas about what the Church can do to help and support them in this responsibility. Among the suggestions shared were to provide a “refresher course” about the faith, to provide suggestions for teaching kids about other religions, and to explore what it means to surrender our children to God. Thanks to Jeremy & Anna, Marco & Rebecca, and Stelios for attending!



What saves and makes for good children is the life of the parents in the home. The parents need to devote themselves to the love of God. They need to become saints in their relation to their children through their mildness, patience, and love. They need to make a new start every day, with a fresh outlook, renewed enthusiasm, and love for their children. And the joy that will come to them, the holiness that will visit them, will shower grace on their children. Generally the parents are to blame for the bad behavior of the children. And their behavior is not improved by reprimands, disciplining, or strictness. If the parents do not pursue a life of holiness and if they don't engage in spiritual struggle, they make great mistakes and transmit the faults they have within them. If the parents do not live a holy life and do not display love towards each other, the devil torments the parents with the reactions of the children. Love, harmony, and understanding between the parents are what are required for the children. This provides a great sense of security and certainty.

Saint Porphyrios



If you would like to make a donation toward the decoration of icons during Holy Week or for the lilies to decorate the church on Pascha, please contact Anne in the church office, 770.924.8080, holytrans@comcast.net or fill out this form and put it in the offering tray.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

For the Health of: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

The names of donors and dedications will be published in the bulletin for Pascha, April 20th.



Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminary.

Sponsored by the Hellenic Dance Ministry; luminaries will light the procession of the Epitaphio on Holy Friday. There is a \$5.00 donation per luminary. Checks should be made out to Hellenic Dance.

Your name _____

In memory of _____

(1-2 names per luminary)

Please **print clearly** and include **first and last names**

Please return the form to the designated table in the PLC during coffee hour or to the parish office by Wed., April 16th. You may also place the form and donation in the Sunday collection plate during the Liturgy.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Facilities Planning and Development Corner



Over the past three months, the committee has made tremendous progress, meeting each month. The architect has revised the prior conceptual plan to a more affordable project, and is incorporating our new property into the overall design.

The facility will include classrooms, gymnasium, offices, conference room, elevator, restrooms, special storage, nursery, library, bookstore and parking. To make this project a success, we need everyone's input and support!

LOOK FOR FUTURE UPDATES.

Committee

- George Matthews, Chairman
- Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
- President of the Parish Council, Steve Steffas
- Head of Facility Ministry, Dennis Koutouzis
- Jimmy Carlos
- Cathy Costarides
- Tasia Kipreos
- Alex Miltiades
- Georgia O'Brien
- Alex Paulson
- Tim Tassopoulos



HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

We have two Events that we will need dancers for! Please let Dorian know if you are able to commit to either of these events:

March 23 (Sunday)- Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival- Parade and dance performance. Any age for parade; 6th and up for performance.

April 2, (Wednesday) – Reinhardt University International Festival. During Spring Break - any age 6th and up.

MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Pre-K (ages 3-5) – Sundays 12:15-12:45 with Kathy Bylos in the downstairs Pre-K Sunday School room

Kindergarten and 1st – Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 with Elaine Bilson in the PLC

2nd and 3rd graders – Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 with Paulina Vastakis and Olympia Papageorgiou in the PLC

4th and 5th graders – Tuesdays 7:15-8:00 with Despina Chrysopoulos and Strati Papageorgiou

6th – 8th grades – Sundays 1:30-2:30 with Ted Gormanos and Demetra Lilly

9th – 12th grades – Sundays at 1:30 with Paulina Vastakis, Dorian Bafas, and Stratis Papageorgiou

Contact Dorian Bafas or Paulina Vastakis at MarriettaHellenicDance@gmail.com with any question.



Please join and *support* the...
HELLENIC STUDIES PROGRAM
of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, March 23, 2014

GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION
and Commemoration of the
ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Time: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
(Approximately 12:30pm)

Place: Parish Life Center – 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta

Main Event: Luncheon and Hellenic Studies Program,
featuring the children of our community

\$10 for adults
\$5 for children (18 and under)
*Maximum per family - \$25**

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

For more information/tickets, contact Eleni Clement at 404.783.5103 / eleni@mindspring.com
Or contact the church office (Anne) – 770.924.8080 / holytrans@comcast.net

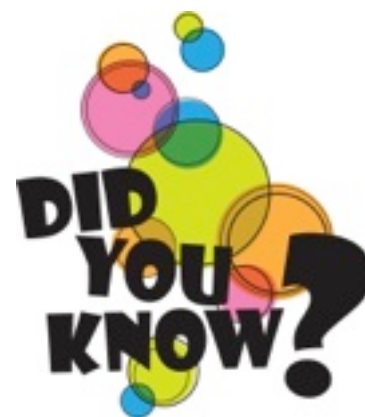




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FESTIVAL PLANNING IS UNDER WAY...
AND WE NEED MANY HELPING HANDS.

BE SURE TO VOLUNTEER IN 2014!!



2014 Festival Board

Steve Tingas	Festival Co-Chairman	770-845-5045
Danny Vlahiotis	Festival Co-Chairman	678-643-0343
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Athan Tsarouhas	Festival Advisor	404-538-5469
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Mary Miltiades	Food & Beverage	404-626-5111
Nikki Boettcher	Food & Beverage	404-310-5099
Pam Starks	Culture & Entertainment	404-514-6427

2014 MARIETTA GREEK COOKING/BAKING DATES

Tues.	March 11	9 am - 9 pm	Dolmades
Wed.	March 12	9 am - 9 pm	Dolmades
Tue.	March 25	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Wed.	March 26	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Tues.	April 1	9 am - 9 pm	Spanakopita
Wed.	April 2	9 am - 9 pm	Spanakopita
Tues.	April 8	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Wed.	April 9	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Tues.	April 29	9 am - 9 pm	Pastitsio
Wed.	April 30	9 am - 9 pm	Pastries
Mon.	May 12	10 am - 4 pm	Dipping Melomacarona
Tue.	May 13	10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
Wed.	May 14	10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
Wed.	May 14	2 pm - 10 pm	Souvlakia
Thurs.	May 15	10 am - ????	Set-up Pastry Booths

2014 Marietta Greek Festival Chairmen			
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Vendors / School Program	Lea Gormanos	leagormanos@att.net	404-861-4348
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	Helen Catrakilis	elenecat@yahoo.com	678-481-6883
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	Paulina Vastakis	paulinasox3@att.net	770-792-1090



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Working for Our 2014 Greek Festival Visitor's Guide

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Here is your chance to make the 2014 Marietta Greek Festival a great success by helping to increase Visitor's Guide revenue. All ads in the Festival Visitor's Guide are in full color. 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 Take with You

- Advertising Information Brochure/Order Form
- "Promote Your Business" handout or post card
- Previous year's Visitor's Guide. (This is to show and not leave behind.)

What to Say

- Tell them about the Festival, its culture, food, fun and entertainment.
- Point out information inside the Advertising Information Brochure
- Stress the exposure their ad will give their business – over 16,000 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 and check, leave them with the Advertising Information Brochure/Order Form and "Promote Your Business" handout or post card. Follow up in three days with a reminder phone call or visit.

Incentives

Following are incentives for **YOU** for selling advertising space to a **NEW** sponsor (**individual/business has not previously advertised in the Visitor's Guide**)

- 1/8 page: **YOU** receive a free Marietta Greek Festival T-shirt.
- 1/4 page or larger: **YOU** receive "Festival Dollars"* worth 10% of the total price of the ad.

"Festival Dollars" may be used at Marietta Greek Festival church sponsored food or beverage booths and at the church sponsored "Greek Shop."

Remember it is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to make this year's Visitor's Guide a success. Spread the word and start selling.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Lopos at 678-492-5818 or llopos@bellsouth.net.

2014

Marietta Greek Festival Visitor's Guide Advertisement Information

Cornerstone Sponsor (back cover).....	\$3,500
Platinum Sponsor (inside front/back cover or centerfold).....	\$2,500
Gold Sponsor (full inside page).....	\$1,000
1/2 Page Ad	\$600
1/3 Page Ad	\$350
1/4 Page Ad	\$250
1/8 Page Ad	\$100
Festival Friends Directory Listing	\$25
(Free with any ad paid in full by April 1)	

Smaller ad sizes may not be combined to create a larger ad.

Ads may be submitted as camera-ready art or as electronic files. Acceptable electronic files should all be at least 300 dpi in the following formats: PDF, JPEG, TIFF or EPS. All ads are full color.

SIZE SPECIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FULL PAGE 4.75" x 7.5"	1/2 PAGE 4.75" x 3.5"	1/3 PAGE 4.75" x 2.5"	1/4 PAGE 2.25" x 3.75"	1/8 PAGE 2.25" x 1.75"

AD DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2014

2014

Marietta Greek Festival Visitor's Guide Advertisement Order Form

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Cornerstone Sponsor
☐ Platinum Sponsor
☐ Gold Sponsor (full page ad)
☐ 1/2 Page Ad
☐ 1/3 Page Ad
☐ 1/4 Page Ad
☐ 1/8 Page Ad
☐ Festival Friends Directory Listing

Contact Name	Title		
Company Name			
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone Number	FAX Number		
E-Mail Address	Web Site Address		



DETACH ORDER FORM
AND SEND WITH PAYMENT
TO:

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
3431 Trickum Road * Marietta, Georgia * 30066

Please make checks payable to Marietta Greek Festival.

Be sure to include camera-ready artwork or email electronic artwork to:

graphics@choicesavings.net
(Subject line: Marietta Greek Festival)

Questions? Contact Linda Lopos at 678-492-5818 or llopos@bellsouth.net

**ADS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY
APRIL 1, 2014**



2014 Friends of the Festival

Please become a Friend of the Festival! To have your name included in our Visitor's Guide, complete the form below and return it along with your donation of \$25 to Linda Lopos or to the Church office.

I would like my name(s) to read as follows:

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please make your check payable to: Marietta Greek Festival

**Mail to: Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
 3431 Trickum Road
 Marietta, GA 30066**



**Marietta Greek Festival
NEWS**

Spread the News!!

**Marietta Greek Festival
May 16, 17, 18!!**

Youth Group Meetings

GOYA exists to cultivate Orthodox Christian faith, life, and fellowship in and among parish youth by engaging them in fun and meaningful experiences.



Above, the youth group helps serve the parish by rolling meatballs for the festival. Below, two Yiannis faced off for our annual commemoration of the prodigal son's unfortunate time in the pigpen: bobbing for gummy worms in chocolate pudding.



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GOYA exists to cultivate Orthodox Christian faith, life, and fellowship in and among parish youth by engaging them in fun and meaningful experiences.



Above, the youth group assembles hygiene kits for IOCC disaster relief. We sent IOCC 65 kits. Below, fun with meatballs (photo courtesy of Yianni Gormanos).



A Film about the Holy Land



JERUSALEM

Saturday, March 15th at 1pm

Join Father Panayiotis for an outing to the Fernbank Museum of Natural History and a viewing of this IMAX film.

If you wish to attend, please purchase tickets in advance by visiting
<http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/experience-imax/jerusalem/>
or by calling 404-929-6400.

We will meet at the museum at 12:45pm.

ICONOGRAPHY UPDATE

You may have noticed significant progress over the past few years with the installations of our Iconography. This was made possible through our fundraising campaign which consisted of one time donations as well as annual pledges specific to the iconography. You may also have noticed that there is no longer an option on the 2014 Stewardship card to pledge towards the Iconography Fund. This is because the current iconography contract has been completely paid for, thanks to your generosity. The only two remaining icons to be installed from that contract are **St. George and St. Demetrios**.

Our future plans are to complete the remaining iconography which will be installed on the sides and back walls – **the Transfiguration, the Resurrection and the Dormition of the Theotokos**. **In addition, we are planning to add the Deisis icon over the main doors of the Narthex**. We do not have an anticipated start date time for this last phase as of yet.

Some of the past donations and pledges were directed towards specific icons, while others were donated to the Iconography Fund in general. As a result, there are still opportunities to donate specifically towards certain icons. If you would like to honor a family member named Demetrios or any of the Holy Fathers, this would be a great opportunity to make a donation or pledge. Any amounts would be welcome. Please contact the church office or see a Parish Council member for a form.

Going forward, any undirected iconography donations, as well as any special Memorial Donations we receive, will fund this last phase. We hope you will continue to support our Iconography fundraising efforts and thank you for your consideration.





PHILOPTOCHOS News

Thank you to all those who helped make our Godparent's luncheon a success. We had a great time and look forward to next year!

Please join us for our next Philoptochos General Meeting on Monday, March 24, at 7 pm in the PLC. We will have the wonderful opportunity to hear Leslie Hansard share her story of her mission trip to Moldova with the OCMC.

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27, 6:30 pm. Host and book title to be announced.

Soup Kitchen: On January 23 we served 103 lunches at Must Ministries. We would like to thank the following people who helped prepare a meal and/or serve. **Kally Niarchos, Donnis Gavalas, Michael Gavalas, Melina Burke, Kathy Shoji, Fran Tucker, Tina Vamvakias, Paula Rogers, Ellen Linebaugh, Cathy Papadopoulos, Pat Koutouzis, Dorothy Macris, Athena Burke.** Please contact Athena Burke at 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 is on March 27.

ALL PARISH WOMEN are invited to the 8th Annual Metropolis Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat at the Diakonia Center, March 21-23. The theme is "St. Martha and Mary: Practicing our Faith as Orthodox Women" presented by Presvytera Mary Christy from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Raleigh, NC. Registration for two nights lodging and all meals (Friday night through Sunday lunch) is \$150; registration deadline March 12. For more information, contact Marty Driscoll, martydriscoll@bellsouth.net.

The Metropolis Philoptochos eNewsletter features a monthly Spiritual Enrichment article written by an Orthodox seminarian studying at Holy Cross. In February, seminarian Theodore Ehmer from our Marietta parish was the guest writer. Theodore's article appears in this issue of the Syndiakonia and is entitled "Ourselves and the Distorted Image". It is a good article to read as we start our Lenten journey, so please look for it.

SAVE THE DATE! November 1 is our Fall Fundraiser.

Thank you to the following parishioners who have joined Philoptochos:

Maria Alberts	Christopher Hansard	Xenia Mantgiaris	Paula Rogers
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Important Dates:

March 1:	Panagia Chapter Lenten Retreat---9:00 am - 1:30 pm
March 17:	Board Meeting , 7:00 OCR (after church services)
March 21-23:	Metropolis Retreat at Diakonia Center (more information to come)
March 24:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm, PLC
March 27:	Soup Kitchen, Must Ministries 11:30 am
March 27:	Book Club, 6:30pm - TBA



LADIES RETREAT!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00 AM, CHAPEL

PREPARATION OF THE HOLY GIFTS (EXPLANATION BY FR. PANAYIOTIS)

DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

COMMEMORATION OF THE SOULS AT 10:30 AM

11:00 AM, BRUNCH IN PLC

11:30 AM, PRESENTATION BY FR. PANAYIOTIS

12:30 PM Q&A SESSION

(SUBMIT QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DISCUSSION)

1:30 PM DISMISSAL

**ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH AND
THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**



AHEPA CHAPTER 519

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS...For 2014- 2015 school year are now available in electronic form or hard copy from any AHEPA Board member or from the Holy Transfiguration web page. Any graduating Senior or current College Student can apply. Just Do It! Marietta students compete VERY well in the scholarship process. Yes, you can receive more than 1 scholarship! If you have any questions please contact Harry Kipreos at 770-316-8583 , hkipreos@yahoo.com.

Our monthly meeting will held Tuesday, March 11. Time and location to be determined.

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

Your Board: Harry Kipreos, Jim Tidwell, Zack Kollias, and Dr. Phil Vodas

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Prime Timers' Movie Event!!

Join us on Tuesday, March 18th,
at 1:00 pm to see the
IMAX movie, **JERUSALEM**
at the Fernbank Museum
in Atlanta.

Cost is \$10.00 per person; attendees will meet
in the Parish Life Center at 11:30 am and
then carpool to the theater.

“Jerusalem is a captivating new film that gives audiences a rare glimpse of the ancient, storied city, as well as exclusive access to iconic holy sites and little-known parts of the region-including the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Dome of the Rock, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, and the mountain Fortress of Masada.”

If you would like to attend, please rsvp by calling
Mary Ellen Knuchel, 770-924-1735

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL

The power of unity - the consequences of the love of the other versus the egocentric life

Once, a student asked his teacher:

"What is the difference between Heaven and Hell?"

The teacher replied: "Very little. However, that small difference has major consequences. Come I will show you Hell "...

So, they entered a room where a group of people were sitting around a huge pot full of rice. But everyone seemed desperately hungry.

Everyone was holding a strange long spoon with which they were able to reach the pot and get the food. The handle of the spoon was so long, however, that they could not bring it to their mouth. The hunger and suffering was terrible.

- "Come," said the teacher again. "Now I will show you Heaven." They entered another room, identical to the first, there was the same pot of rice, the same number of people and the same strange spoons. But the people here seemed really happy.

- "I do not understand," said the student. "Why is everyone so happy here, while in the other room they are so unhappy, when everything is exactly the same?"

The teacher smiled and replied: "Here they have learned to feed each other."

Κάποτε ένας μαθητής ρώτησε τον δάσκαλο του:

«Ποια είναι η διαφορά ανάμεσα στον Παράδεισο και στην Κόλαση;»

Ο δάσκαλος του απάντησε: «Πολύ μικρή, ωστόσο έχει μεγάλες συνέπειες. Έλα θα σου δείξω την Κόλαση»...

Μπήκαν σε ένα δωμάτιο, όπου μια ομάδα ανθρώπων κάθονταν γύρω από μια τεράστια χύτρα γεμάτη ρύζι. Όλοι όμως έμοιαζαν απελπιστικά πεινασμένοι.

Ο καθένας είχε από ένα παράξενο κουτάλι που το κρατούσε από την άκρη με προσοχή κι έφτανε ως τη χύτρα, κάθε κουτάλι, όμως, είχε τόσο μακρύ χερούλι που δεν μπορούσαν να το φέρουν στο στόμα του. Η πείνα και η ταλαιπωρία ήταν φοβερή.

-«Έλα» είπε μετά ο δάσκαλος. «Τώρα θα σε πάω στον Παράδεισο». Μπήκαν σε ένα άλλο δωμάτιο, πανομοιότυπο με το πρώτο, υπήρχε η ίδια χύτρα ρυζιού, οι ίδιοι άνθρωποι και τα ίδια περίεργα κουτάλια. Εκεί όμως όλοι έμοιαζαν πραγματικά ευτυχισμένοι.

-«Δεν καταλαβαίνω» είπε ο μαθητής. «Γιατί εδώ είναι όλοι ευτυχισμένοι, ενώ στο άλλο δωμάτιο είναι τόσο δυστυχισμένοι, τη στιγμή που όλα είναι ίδια και πανομοιότυπα;»

Ο δάσκαλος χαμογέλασε και απάντησε: «Εδώ έμαθαν να ταΐζουν ο ένας τον άλλον».

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March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23</p> <p>Sunday of th...nt-Meat-fare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Godparents' Lun- 12:15 PM Pitsirikia Dance 1:30 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria <p>and 2 more...</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconog- raphy Class</p> <p>7:00 PM Philoptochos Gen- eral Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice</p> <p>4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</p> <p>7:00 PM Introduction to</p> <p>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Philanthropic Min- istry Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)</p> <p>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM GOYA "Apotiri- atiko" Lock-In</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Saturday of the Souls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Philoptochos 9:00 AM Explanation of the Preparation of the Gifts; ... GOYA "Apotiriatiko" 3:45 PM Adult Baptism (Fr. 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>2</p> <p>Cheese-Fare Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A 40 day Memo- 11:40 AM A 3 year Memo- 11:50 AM A Memorial Ser- <p>and 5 more...</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Clean Monday; Lent Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Compline 	<p>4</p> <p>12:30 PM School Group</p> <p>4:15 PM Asteria Dance</p> <p>4:30 PM Palamakia Dance</p> <p>5:30 PM Biblical Greek</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>6:30 PM Festival Board</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>and 2 more...</p>	<p>5</p> <p>First Wednes...of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM M. Miltiades Rental 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and Presentation 	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM BB&T Meeting with Holy Transfiguration GOC</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM First Salutation to the Theotokos</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Commem. of...th the Kolliva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 2:00 PM Parent Advisory Group Meeting (GOYA) 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:30 PM Young Parents'
<p>9</p> <p>Sunday of Orthodoxy</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers 	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconog- raphy Class</p> <p>7:00 PM PC Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Festival Cooking</p> <p>4:15 PM Asteria Dance</p> <p>4:30 PM Palamakia Dance</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>6:30 PM Biblical Greek</p> <p>7:00 PM EYC Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Second Wed...of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Dolmades) 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and 	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 PM Second Salutation to the Theotokos</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Second Sund...gory Palamas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM Philanthropic Ministry "Reverse Offering" 12:30 PM HOPE/JOY Meet- 1:30 PM Oratorical Festival 	<p>17</p> <p>Saint Patrick's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconog- raphy Class 	<p>18</p> <p>4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice</p> <p>4:30 PM Palamakia Dance Practice</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>6:30 PM Biblical Greek</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Third Wedne...of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Festival Board Meeting 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and Parish Oratorical Festival 	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 PM Third Salutation to the Theotokos</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00 PM Altar Server Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM Altar Server Work- shop</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Sunday of th...of Great Lent</p> <p>Greek Independence Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Procession of the Holy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Hellenic Studies 	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM Great Vespers of the Annunciation of the Theotokos</p> <p>7:00 PM Byzantine Iconog- raphy Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Annunciatio...he Theotokos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Festival Baking 4:15 PM Asteria Dance 4:30 PM Palamakia Dance 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies <p>and 3 more...</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Fourth Wedn...of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Baking (Pastries) 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and 	<p>27</p> <p>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)</p> <p>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club</p> <p>7:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 PM Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Fourth Sund...n of Climacus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Festival Kick-Off 	<p>31</p> <p>Spring Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Byzantine Iconog- raphy Class 7:00 PM Great Compline 	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita)</p> <p>11:00 AM Blessing of the Water</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fifth Wednes...of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Festival Cooking 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Kitchen Cleaning 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner and 	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM The Akathist Hymn</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 AM Prosforo Baking Class</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers</p>

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Mar. 16, 2014	C. Hansard/A. Miltiades	Team I	M. Alberts/S. Lukens	Tasia & Themis Kipreos/A. Leros
Mar. 23, 2014	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	Team II	P. Dunkerly/C. Kollias	L. Lopos/K. Melissas/M. Miltiades
Mar. 30, 2014	C. Costarides/S. Steffas	Team I	D. Bafas/B. Valagohar	K. Niarchos/R. Peppas/I. Steffas

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