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The Myrrh Bearing Women at the Empty Tomb of Christ

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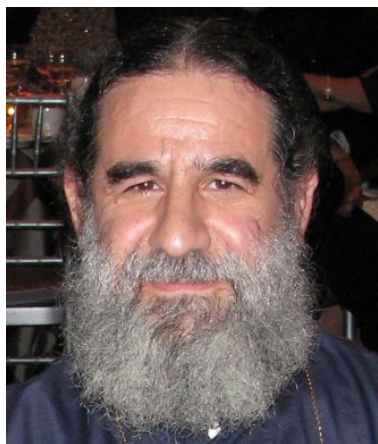
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FROM I-75 Exit at 267-A. At 1st light, turn right (Sandy Plains Road). Continue for 3-4 miles until you see a CVS Pharmacy on your left. At that light turn left onto Trickum Rd. Proceed Approx 1/2 mile. Church will be on your left. Can't miss it!

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DISCOVERING THE JOY OF LIFE!



Today, more than any other time in human history we are on the path of designing for ourselves a longer, more enjoyable life on earth. In the last 70 years we have managed to extend life from an average of 48 years to about 80. Longevity is the topic of many discussions, but also of much research. Many of us are directly experimenting with the use of vitamins and herbs or investing in more complex scientific methods such as manipulation of our genes or even cryogenics. Our desire to live longer is very strong, even as life presents us with painful moments! There is something about life which is very appealing! We love to live!

Perhaps this love for life has to do with our original design. In other words, we were created to live forever, but we lost that ability. This is precisely our understanding as Orthodox Christians. Death entered our life as we fell away from our Creator - the source of eternal life.

This is the main reason why Pascha has so much joy packed into it; it offers us the reaffirmation of the possibility of eternal life. As the priest brings out the light from the Holy Altar in the darkened church proclaiming that Christ has Risen from the dead, joy fills our hearts. Life is reaffirmed! We can live longer, just as we desire!

For those of us who experienced the events of the life of Christ - as they unfold through the Holy Week services, the biblical readings and the hymns of the Church - the pain of the difficult aspects of our life has intensified. Release and redemption is needed.

The midnight moment of the announcement of the Resurrection comes to disperse the pain and replace it with hope and joy. Christ is Risen! Death is defeated! We can have eternal life again. We can have life in God's way, free of pain and suffering.

This is really the essence of the Christian message: Humanity can receive redemption from this painful experience of life on earth. We know that we cannot do it by ourselves. Even though we have managed to extend our years, we have not been able to eliminate pain and suffering.

This is really the source of joy in the Resurrection: Life can continue, but in a better state of existence. We can even begin to experience it in the here and now as we offer our hearts to Christ. He is the one who defeated death in Himself. It is through Him that we can do it also.

Christ is Risen, brothers and sisters. Rejoice in the Day of the Resurrection!

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

May 2011

May 1, Sunday, Sunday of Thomas

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

May 7, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 8, Sunday, Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women

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

May 13-15, Friday-Saturday, Greek Festival - Lectures and Tours of the Church

May 15, Sunday, Sunday of the Paralytic

Orthros 8:15 am and Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

Note: Festival Sunday - The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 am

May 20, Friday, Great Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen 6:00 pm

May 21. Saturday, Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen.

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

Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 22, Sunday, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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

May 28, Saturday, NO Vespers.

May 29, Sunday, Sunday of the Blind Man

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

Memorial Service for those who died during the Fall of Constantinople (May 29, 1453)

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship for 2011

If you have not yet handed in your Stewardship Card for the year 2011, please do so today. Let us offer back to God from His own Gifts to us!





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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

June 2011

June 1, Wednesday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am

Evening: Great Vespers for the Ascension of the Lord 6:00 pm

June 2, Thursday. The Ascension of the Lord. Τῆς Ἀναλήψεως

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

June 4, Saturday. NO Vespers.

June 5, Sunday, Sunday of the 318 Holy Fathers of First Ecumenical Council.

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

June 11, Saturday of the Souls. Ψυχοσάββατο.

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

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

Evening: NO Vespers

June 12, Sunday of Holy Pentecost. Κυριακή τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς.

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

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

June 18, Saturday, NO Vespers.

June 19, Sunday of the All Saints. Κυριακή τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων. (Father's Day)

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

June 20, Monday. Today begins the Fast of the Holy Apostles which lasts until June 28. During this fast we eat fish on all days except Wednesdays and Fridays.

June 25, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

June 26, Sunday, Second Sunday of Matthew

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

June 28, Tuesday. Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Apostles 6:00 pm

June, 29, Wednesday. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Ἁγίων Ἀποστόλων Πέτρου καί Παύλου.

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



Remembering the Fall of Constantinople to the Moslem Turks - May 29, 1453



On May 29, 1453, the last Emperor Constantine Palaeologos falls defending the Christian City and the civilization it represents. The only Christian Empire which lasted 1,100 years became subjected to utter destruction.

May 29, 1453: The Fall of Constantinople

The fall of the city to the Ottoman Turks signaled the end of the longest civilization in the history of humankind.

On that fateful Tuesday of May in 1453, Constantinople fell into the hands of the Ottoman Turks, led by Mehmet the Conqueror. The Great City, which for 1,100 years represented the Christian Greco-Roman Civilization initiated by Constantine the Great, was overrun by the Asian warriors.

The Great Church of Agia Sophia (built by Emperor Justinian), which for 900 years stood as the symbol of the triumph of Christianity in the world, was turned into a moslem mosque.

The Greco-Roman Christians, who preserved Orthodox Christianity for over 1,000 years, came under the rule of the moslem conquerors. For the next 400 years (and in some places even until today) they would suffer the ultimate humiliation, but would continue preserving the Faith undefiled.

The Christians lived under moslem yoke always looking to the miracle of the Resurrection of the Lord with the hope of liberation and freedom.

Saint Arsenios the Great (+449)

May 8th

St Arsenios the Great was born in the year 354 AD at Rome into a pious Christian family, which provided him a fine education and upbringing. He studied rhetoric and philosophy, and mastered the Latin and Greek languages. St Arsenios gave up philosophy and the vanity of worldly life, seeking instead the true wisdom praised by St James “pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits” (James 3:17). He entered the ranks of the clergy as a Deacon in one of the Roman churches, dedicating himself to the service of God.

The emperor Theodosius (379-395 AD), who ruled the eastern half of the Roman Empire, heard about his erudition and piety, and he wished to entrust Arsenios with the education of his sons Arcadios and Honorios. Arsenios, however, protested that he had given up secular studies in order to serve God. Against his will, but in obedience to the will of Pope Damasos (commemorated December 11), St Arsenios agreed to teach the imperial children, hoping to teach them Christian piety as well.

When he arrived at Constantinople, Arsenios was received with great honour by the emperor Theodosios, who charged him to educate his sons not only in wisdom, but also in piety, guarding them from the temptations of youth. “Forget that they are the emperor’s sons”, said Theodosios, “for I want them to submit to you in all things, as to their father and teacher”.



With fervour the Saint devoted himself to the education of the youths, but the high esteem in which he was held troubled his spirit, which yearned for the quietude of monastic life. St Arsenios entreated the Lord to show him the way to salvation. The Lord heard his prayer and one time he heard a voice telling him, “Arsenios, flee from men, and you shall be saved”. Then, removing his rich clothing and replacing it with old and tattered garments, he secretly left the palace, boarded a ship for Alexandria, and he made his way to Sketis, a monastery in the midst of the desert.

Arriving at the church, he asked the priests to accept him into the monastic brotherhood, calling himself a wretched wanderer, though his very manner betrayed him as a cultivated man. The brethren led him to Abba John the Dwarf (commemorated November 9), famed for his holiness of life. He, wishing to test the newcomer’s humility, did not seat Arsenios with the monks for the trapeza meal. He threw him a piece of dry bread saying, “Eat if you wish”. St Arsenios got down on his hands and knees, and picked up the bread with his mouth. Then he crawled off into a corner and ate it. Seeing this, Elder John said, “He will be a great ascetic!” Then accepting Arsenios with love, he tonsured him into monasticism.

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<- Egyptian Desert

Map of Monastic centers of Egypt ->



Having taken on the struggle of silence he seldom left his seclusion. He came to church only on Sundays and Feast Days, observing complete silence and conversing with no one. When Abba Moses asked him why he hid himself from people, St Arsenios replied, “God knows that I love you, but I cannot remain with God and with men at the same time. The Heavenly Powers all have one will and praise God together. On earth, however, there are many human wills, and each man has his own thoughts. I cannot leave God in order to live with people”.

Though absorbed in constant prayer, the Saint did not refuse visiting monks his counsel and guidance, giving short, but perceptive answers to their questions. Once, a monk from Sketis saw the great Elder through a window standing at prayer, surrounded by a flame.

The handicraft of St Arsenios was to weave baskets, for which he used the fronds of date palms soaked in water. For a whole year St Arsenios did not change the water in the container, but merely added a little water to it from time to time. This caused his cell to be permeated with a foul stench. When asked why he did this, the Saint replied that it was fitting for him to humble himself in this way, because in the world he had used incense and fragrant oils. He prayed that after death he would not experience the stench of hell.

The fame of the great ascetic spread far, and many wanted to see him, and they disturbed his tranquillity. As a result, the saint was forced to move around from place to place. However, those thirsting to receive his guidance and blessing still found him.

St Arsenios taught that many take upon themselves great deeds of repentance, fasting, and vigil, but it is rare for someone to guard his soul from pride, greed, jealousy, hatred of one's brother, remembrance of wrongs, and judgement. In this they resemble graves which are decorated outwardly, but filled with stinking bones.

A certain monk once asked St Arsenios what he should do when he read the Holy Scriptures and did not comprehend their meaning. The Elder answered, “My child, you must study and learn the Holy Scriptures constantly, even if you do not understand their power... For when we have the words of the Holy Scriptures on our lips, the demons hear them and are terrified. Then they flee from us, unable to bear the words of the Holy Spirit Who speaks through His apostles and prophets”.

The monks heard how the Saint often urged himself on in his efforts with the words, “Rouse yourself, Arsenios, work! Do not remain idle! You have not come here to rest, but to labour”. He also said, “I have often regretted the words I have spoken, but I have never regretted my silence”.

The great ascetic and keeper of silence was given the gift of tears with which his eyes were constantly filled. He spent fifty-five years at monastic labours and struggles. He spent forty years at Sketis, and ten years on the mountain of Troe near Memphis. Then he spent three years at Canopus, and two more years at Troe, where he fell asleep in the Lord.

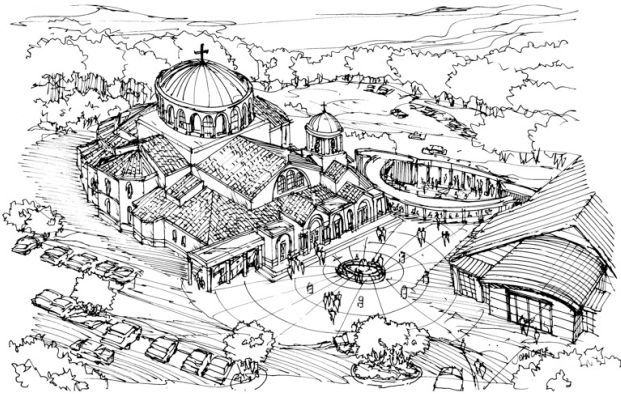
Our holy, God-bearing Father Arsenios reposed when he was nearly one hundred years old, in the year 449 or 450 AD. His only disciples seem to have been Alexander, Zoilos, and Daniel (commemorated June 7).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MAY 2011

5/1/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20	Gospel: John 20:19-31
5/2/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
5/3/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 4:1-10	Gospel: John 3:16-21
5/4/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 4:13-22	Gospel: John 5:17-24
5/5/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31	Gospel: John 5:24-30
5/6/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5:1-11	Gospel: John 5:30-47; 6:1-2
5/7/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5:21-32	Gospel: John 6:14-27
5/8/2011	Epistle: St. John's First Universal Letter 1:1-7	Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
5/9/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60	Gospel: John 4:46-54
5/10/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: Luke 9:12-18
5/11/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:18-25	Gospel: John 6:35-39
5/12/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39	Gospel: John 6:40-44
5/13/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:40; 9:1-19	Gospel: John 6:48-54
5/14/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:19-31	Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2
5/15/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42	Gospel: John 5:1-15
5/16/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 10:1-16	Gospel: John 6:56-69
5/17/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 10:21-33	Gospel: John 7:1-13
5/18/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18	Gospel: John 7:14-30
5/19/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43	Gospel: John 8:12-20
5/20/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48; 11:1-10	Gospel: John 8:21-30
5/21/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20	Gospel: John 10:1-9
5/22/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30	Gospel: John 4:5-42
5/23/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 12:12-17	Gospel: John 8:42-51
5/24/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 12:25; 13:1-12	Gospel: John 8:51-59
5/25/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15
5/26/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 14:20-28; 15:1-4	Gospel: John 9:39-10:9
5/27/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 15:5-12	Gospel: John 10:17-28
5/28/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41	Gospel: John 10:27-38
5/29/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34	Gospel: John 9:1-38
5/30/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:1-9	Gospel: John 11:47-54
5/31/2011	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:19-28	Gospel: John 12:19-36

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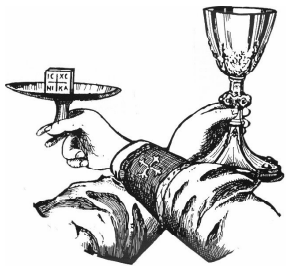


Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

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."**

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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,
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pray to you O our God."*

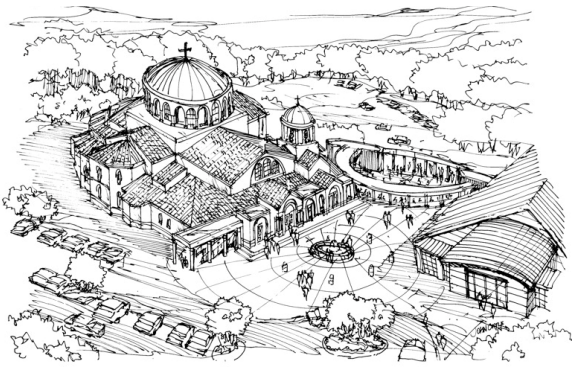
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Our Parish depends on the Stewardship of its members. Our Parish is funded by us.

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.



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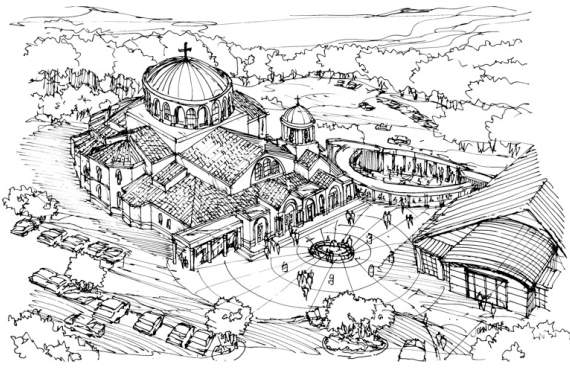
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267 Pledges - \$288,475.00

Prayer of Good Stewards

We thank you loving God,
benefactor of our souls and bodies,
for you descended from heaven in
the form of a servant and gave
yourself up to suffering and death
upon the Cross to redeem us from
the bond of sin and death through
your resurrection.

You ascended to heaven as God
and man opening up your Kingdom
to all humanity. Mindful of your love
and care for us, we approach once
again, Oh, Lord, offering humbly to
you from the first fruits of your own
gifts to us, from our Talents, Time,
and Treasure.

We beseech you, Oh, Lord, to
multiply these gifts in this Parish
and account us worthy to serve you
and glorify you all the days of our
life.

BUILDING FUND PLEDGE FOR 2011



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134 Pledges - \$146,640.00



ICONOGRAPHY FUND PLEDGE FOR 2011

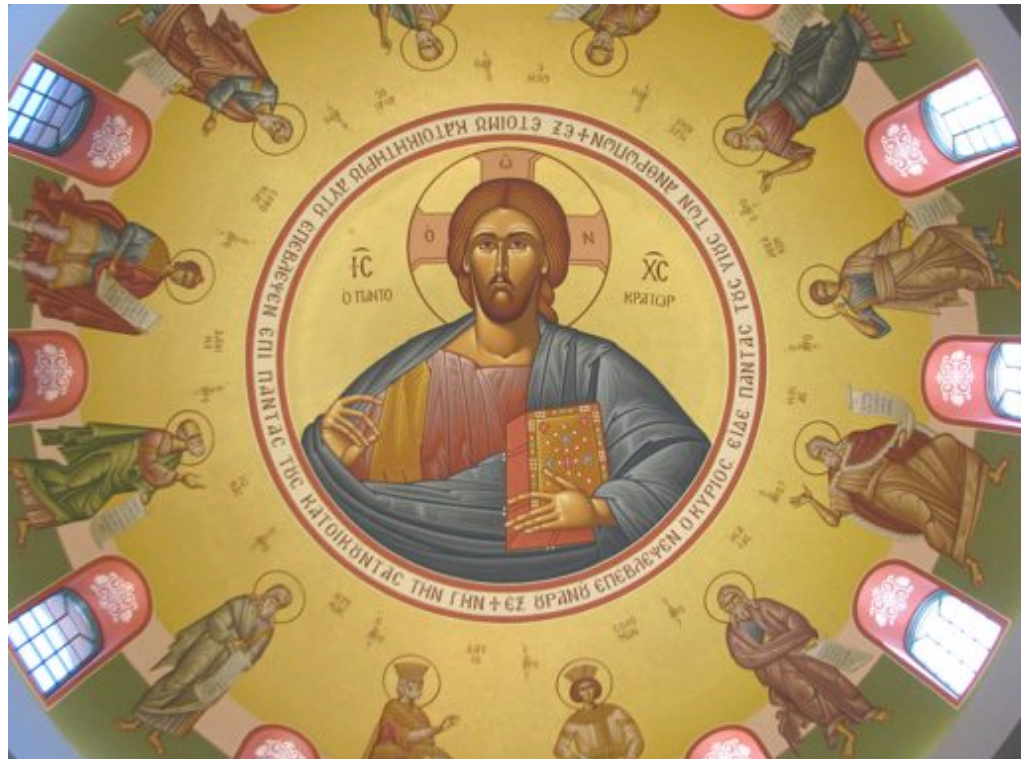
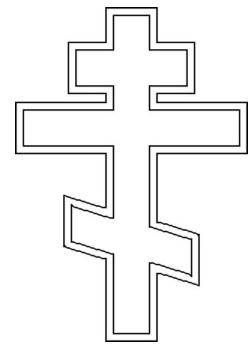
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82 Pledges - \$33,732.00





FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Χριστός Ανέστη! (Christ is Risen)

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish you the joy of the Easter Season as we proclaim that CHRIST IS RISEN to one another over the next few weeks. This is a particularly busy and fun time of year – school is winding down and the anticipation of summertime is upon us. May is also a time for many events going on...

MAY TIME IS FESTIVAL TIME....As we prepare for the annual Marietta Greek Festival, we hope that you will consider volunteering your time to this wonderful event, especially if you are new to the community. For our fellow parishioners, not only is it a chance to get to know one another better as we work the food lines, booths and various other functions, but what a great way to witness our faith to our visitors. I am always pleased when I meet people for the first time, both inside and outside of our church, and see the pleasure they experience as they sample our food, our hospitality and, most importantly, our faith. The fundraising merely becomes a side benefit for us as we do what we are called to do for our church and for one another.

MAY TIME IS GRADUATION TIME...This is also the time of year when we wind down our Catechism and Hellenic Studies school year. Our seniors will be graduating (my daughter, Stephanie, will be among them) and our many, many children will finish the year a little older, wiser and with more spiritual depth. It's hard to believe how far we have come. I remember having Stephanie's 40 Day Blessing at the Shopping Center on Sandy Plains Road! Now we can look back with thanks to the Lord for all he has given us in our growth as a Church.

MAY TIME IS "NIGHT UNDER THE STARS" TIME... I am looking forward to this tradition that was started several years ago in an effort to allow our dancers to rehearse for the festival while giving the parents of the opportunity to watch the performances that they might miss because of working at the festival. Dinner is always fabulous (catered by Williamson Brothers) and the experience...like being in GREECE! Even if you do not have a child who is dancing, everyone is welcome to join the fun!

MAY TIME IS A TIME TO SAY "THANKS"... We, on the Parish Council, are always grateful to our parishioners for the many activities in which they participate for the betterment of our church. We would like to encourage you to become involved in the continued growth of our church through the various ministries and committees that have been established. We would particularly like to thank the Facilities Planning Committee for their work in getting the survey completed and for preparing the Request for Proposal letter, and sending it out for response to several architectural firms. This proposal will help direct the facilities planning for the future of our church. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the survey and gave their input as to their priorities for growing our community.

Your Sister in Christ,

Maria Alberts, Vice President

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

By Larry Gess, Chair, Stewardship Ministry

It is reasonable that most Orthodox parishioners are confused regarding the meaning of stewardship. Many quite different approaches have been and are currently used to obtain donations under the heading of 'stewardship'. In fact, several quite different approaches have been used in our own parish. This article is an effort to provide each of us with a better understanding of the true meaning of Christian stewardship.

Christian stewardship is based on the following:

- that the Holy Trinity exists and is active in the Universe, including our lives,
- that God came to Earth to teach and to demonstrate for us, among other things, the love of God and love of our fellow humans,
- that God created the Universe, including everything in it – particularly the Earth and we humans who inhabit it,
- that God created each of us, gave us our potential for development, and gave us the opportunity to develop each of our talents,
- that God continues to bless us daily, including providing us with our time, talents and treasure
- that Christ was crucified, died, and arose; thereby giving us the gift of eternal life provided we just believe in Him.

However, it is not sufficient to passively believe and simply say that Christ exists – rather we must act in a fashion which demonstrates to Him that we believe He exists – thus we must:

- attend church services, including those held on days other than Sunday, to worship God and collectively thank Him for our blessings,
- engage in the sacraments frequently in an effort to grow stronger spiritually,
- frequently pray to Him in an effort to develop a closer personal relationship with Him,
- engage in activities that will result in a deeper faith and a closer relationship with Him,
- sacrificially donate from the treasures that are derived from our time and talents -- donating these treasures in thanksgiving to Him for our many continued blessings, both known and unknown,
- freely give of time and talents to continue the work of His Church (Christ's living body on Earth) and to assist others in need to show our love of Him and our fellow humans – being donated once again in thanksgiving to Him for the blessings he has and continues to bestow on us.

Thus, Christian Stewardship is simply the act of demonstrating to God that we believe in Him as well as how much we love Him and how thankful we are to Him for our continued blessing from Him by sacrificially returning a portion of these blessings for His work – thereby spreading our faith in Him as well as assisting those people in need.

2010 FISCAL STEWARDSHIP RESULTS

By Larry Gess, Chair, Stewardship Ministry

Too often, we parishioners indicate on our Stewardship Forms what we plan to donate to the parish each year and we then make our donations, but we seldom learn how the annual Fiscal Stewardship drive actually worked out. This report summarizes the results of the 2010 Fiscal Stewardship program.

Donations to the General Fund

The primary purpose of the General Fund is to pay for the operational expenses of the parish – salaries, operation of the office and the facilities, and costs associated with parish ministries. Also the parish sends a prescribed amount monthly from the General Fund to the Archdiocese to assist in the operation of the Patriarchate, the Archdiocese, selected National Ministries such as Hellenic College and Holy Cross Seminary, and the Metropolis of Atlanta. The major source of the funds for the General Fund is donations from our members.

Please note in reading the ensuing report, parishioners do not make a fiscal pledge on their Stewardship Form – rather they give an indication of what they think they will donate weekly. To simplify this report, the typical (median) planned donation will be labeled as a ‘pledge’, knowing the actual pledge is between the individuals and God, not the individuals and this parish. Please pardon this simplification.

In 2010, 57 couples and individuals who pledged every year for the past seven years indicated they would donate \$23.00 per week (about the same as 2009), and they actually donated 98% of this amount.

If the 146 couples and individuals, who pledged during 3 to 6 recent years, including 2009, are included with the above pledges, then the typical pledge was \$14.50 per week. However, this later amount was about \$2.80 less than it was in 2009. The primary reason for this reduction among those who had not pledged all seven years is that some members reduced their 2010 General Fund pledge as they also made pledges to the Building Fund and the Icon Fund. This group of 146 couples and individuals also donated 98% of what they had pledged to the General Fund.

Forty-three new members pledged to the General Fund in 2010 – a typical \$9.60 per week. New members typically pledge and donate less than the experienced members. New members are not poorer than other members, nor do they love God less, nor are they less thankful for their continued blessings from God. Thus, they probably do not know what is needed to meet the parish’s budget, nor the amounts that sustaining members are typically donating – thereby resulting in typically smaller pledges from the new members in comparison with the experienced members.

This group of new members only donated 74% of what they pledged. One reason for this donation rate is that 16 of the couples and individuals did not donate any money at all towards their pledges in 2010. The process of giving the parish an indication of what will be donated and then greatly missing this indicated amount puts the Parish Council at risk of expending more funds than the parish will raise. It would assist the Parish Council in managing the parish’s budget if individuals would provide the office with a revised estimate when their actual donations will either be more or less than the indication that they had originally provided.

Due to the many members not donating the amounts that they had indicated they would, the parish almost experienced a severe deficit in 2010.

Donations to the Building Fund

The primary purpose of the Building Fund is to pay for the parish’s new facilities, including the mortgage payments associated with their development and for major repairs and renovations of these existing facilities.

In 2010, the typical pledge of those who had pledged to the Building fund previously was \$10.00 per week. A total of 144 couples and individuals donated \$275,000 to the building fund in 2010.

Donations to the Icon Fund

The primary purpose of the Icon Fund is to pay for those icons that have been scheduled for the Sanctuary but have not had a benefactor step forward to pay for them.

In 2010, the typical sustaining member pledged nearly \$6.00 per week to the Icon Fund. A total of \$21,889 was donated by 80 couples and individuals.

We all should thank God for touching the hearts of those members who gave sacrificially to support our parish in 2010, and we should pray to Him that He once again touch the hearts of these member as well other parishioners who are able to support His work in our parish and in the Church. We will report to you, our parishioners, later in the year regarding how well we collectively responded to His call for our assistance in 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Sarah Pentzakis (Chrismation) - April 16, 2011

Antonia Scelzi - April 16, 2011

Simeon (Smith) Levenson - April 16, 2011

Theodore (Ken) Farrey - April 17, 2011

Photini (Amanda) Thornbury (Chrismation) - April 23, 2011

Michael McLean (Chrismation) - April 23, 2011

Demetrios (Lee) Brooks - April 23, 2011

Thomas (Brody) Brooks - April 23, 2011



*Thank You
Notes*

Many thanks to Konstantinos and Mary Atmatzidis
for the beautiful marble now lining our
candle stands in the Narthex.

The marble was donated in memory of Mary's brother,
Dimitrios Koutouvos.

Join Prime Timers
for
Brunch
at
**The Diner at North
Point**

2355 Mansell Rd.
Alpharetta, GA

Saturday, May 21, 2011

12:00 Noon

RSVP by May 18: Mary Stiakakis
770-740-0127

Prime Timers BBQ



**Sat., June 11, 2011
(Rain or Shine)**

4:00 P.M.

**\$10/person
(Payment due by June 5)**

**Parish Life Center or Patio
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church**

RSVP by June 5: Dorothy Botni 770-971-9956
Mary Stiakakis 770-740-0127



The 21st Annual Marietta Greek Festival...May 13, 14 and 15, 2011... the weekend after Mother's Day!!!

You can contribute to the success of the largest fund raiser for our Church Building Fund by:

BUYING Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards at the Festival Table after church or at the church office - they make great gifts for all the people in your life and can be used at any church sponsored booth, including admission. They can be partially used throughout the Festival until the value is used up! You can also validate those cards you received in the mail at the church office or in the PLC after church.

PICKING UP flyers to distribute to all your friends, neighbors and businesses you come into contact with over the next few weeks. You can also forward an electronic version of the flyer, previously sent out to the Parish by the church secretary, to everyone on your e-mail address book.

PURCHASING Festival T-shirts to wear to promote the Festival before and at the event.

VOLUNTEERING - This is a time for our ENTIRE Parish Family to join together in fun and fellowship for one common goal...our CHURCH! Volunteering is fun and a great way to meet new people!

1. Visit our website at www.mariettagreekfestival.org. Click Volunteer and then choose an area and shift to work. If you have not used the online sign up before, you must register your name and contact information by choosing "Not In List" from the drop down screen.

2. Sign-Up Sheets are printed and posted on the large Bulletin Board in the Parish Life Center between the kitchen and the Church Bookstore.

3. Contact Paula Rogers via email paularog@bellsouth.net or number, 770-427-7881, to sign up or if you have any questions.

COOKING AND SETTING UP - Join us in cooking Patstio and Souvlakia and setting up the grounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of the Festival week (May 10, 11, 12) starting at **4:00 pm!** We need everyone to help prepare for the thousands of visitors coming to our Church home starting on Friday! Please stop by to give as many hours as you can to help!

PARKING - as far away as possible!!! What do we mean by this? We are fortunate to have neighbors providing us parking facilities to use for our Festival - **Simpson Middle School**, the **Church of Latter Day Saints**, **Lassiter High School** and the **Crossings Shopping Center**. Because Simpson school is the closest and within walking distance of our church, we are asking parishioners to contribute to the success of our Festival by reserving that location for our visitors and customers. The more patrons we host and bring in to the Festival, the more successful our event will be! Please park at Lassiter High if possible. Shuttle buses will be running early in the morning and late at night to bring all parishioners/volunteers to the church and back to their cars. Simpson Middle will be unavailable to anyone until later Friday as it is a school day. The Church of Latter Day Saints will be completely unavailable Sunday as it will be a day of worship for their parishioners.

In addition, on the recommendation of police authorities and for safety reasons, **no parking spaces will be available in the church upper parking lot**. Handicap drop-off will again be permitted in front of the church on Trickum Road. We will have a limited number of handicapped parking spaces, monitored by the police, at Simpson Middle School. We again ask that you reserve those for the visitors to our Church, if possible. As always, we will have shuttle bus service to each of the parking lots so that no one will have to travel far for transportation to the Church. Please do not park at the church house on the opposite side of Trickum or other blocked off areas that will be reserved for vehicles and transportation necessary to the running of the Festival. We have been blessed with Festivals growing in size and are having to adjust to accommodate all of our new and returning visitors. Please comply with this request and view it as a small inconvenience we can make together as a family as we joyfully welcome the community to our Church!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any Festival Board Member - Becky Gess Valagohar, Cathy Papadopoulos, Athan Tsarouhas, Mary Miltiades, Pam Starks, Theodore Georgacopoulos, Terry Bliss, and Jim Niarchos.

RAIN or SHINE!

YASOU!



OPA!

“COBB COUNTY’S MOST DELICIOUS FESTIVAL”

May 13
Friday

3PM - 11PM

May 14
Saturday

10AM - 11PM

May 15
Sunday

11AM - 7PM

- ❖ *SAVOR Authentic Homemade Greek Food & Pastries*
- ❖ *ENJOY Live Greek Music & Professional Dance Troupes*
- ❖ *TOUR our Byzantine Sanctuary & Chapel*
- ❖ *The South’s ONLY Authentic Outdoor Greek Amphitheater*
- ❖ *LEARN about Greek Culture & Traditions*
- ❖ *SHOP for Imported Greek Gifts & Jewelry*
- ❖ *PLAY in our Kids Art Area*

FREE ADMISSION
Friday Only
From 3pm-5pm

On the Church Grounds

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA 30066

(Between Sandy Plains Road and Shallowford Road)

Admission \$3.00 (Children 12 and under free)

Weekend Pass Available - \$5.00

Visit www.mariettagreekfestival.org for special promotions.

Festival Hotline: 770-924-8080

FREE Parking and Shuttle Bus Service is available at:

Simpson Middle School, Trickum Road

Church of Latter Day Saints, Trickum Road (except Sunday)

Lassiter High School, Shallowford Road

Shallowford Crossing Shopping Center, Shallowford & Trickum Roads

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or

Eleni Clement at liebel7@yahoo.com

or

Call the church office at 770-924-8080

GOYA WEDNESDAYS IN MAY

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

Wed., 05/04/2011



Wed., 05/11/2011



Wed., 05/18/2011



Wed., 05/25/2011



“When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.” --from the Paschal Hours

GOYA QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES

Thank you GOYANs for the stewardship and service you have done recently for our Church.

- MUST Ministries- sandwiches for the needy
- Altar Servers & Myrophores
- Choir singers
- Palm Crosses
- Kouvouklion 'greenery'
- Pascha picnic Easter-egg hunt
- and much more

Your help is also needed for our upcoming Greek Festival. We will have a GOYA Volunteer List-- Please volunteer for designated time-slots and you will be placed where your help is most needed. Thank you in advance.



GOYA END OF THE YEAR PARTY

More on this to come. Stay tuned.

*Right now we are looking at Thursday,
June 2nd.*

GOYANs.... let's support IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities)

IOCC Atlanta will have their 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk the morning of Sat., May 7th

The IOCC is supported by all Orthodox Churches in America as their worldwide mission is offering emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination.

This annual 5K Run/Walk brings together Orthodox Christians from the Greater Atlanta area in order to support a good cause and have a fun time doing so.

Our own Demetrios Lymberopoulos is one of this years organizers.

The entry fee is minimum \$20 donation and includes t-shirt and snacks after the walk/run.

Check-in is at 8:15am.

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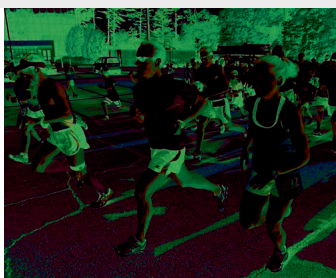


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GOYA REWIND- HOLY THURSDAY/FRIDAY LOCK-IN



29 GOYAN's attended the Holy Thursday/Friday "lock-in". We had Q & A time with Fr. Panayiotis, we did a few service projects (above photo- decorating the kouvouklion), we had "alone time with God", and we prayed the Royal Hours for Holy Friday.

Holy Week - Pascha



**GOYA- REWIND- DISTRICT SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
ORATORICAL FESTIVAL AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL, AL**



**To all our 2011 Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Participants,
Thank you for your witness of faith. Glory to God.**

**A special congratulations to Natasha Catrakilis who made finals at District and is eligible to advance to the
Metropolis Level Competition.**

Representing Holy Transfiguration- Marietta at the District Oratorical Festival in Birmingham, Alabama were Sophia Brewer and Athena Eleftheriou for the Jr. Division and Natasha Catrakilis and Sophia Linebaugh for the Sr. Division

Sophia Brewer (8th grade)- Jr. Topic #1 "In the Orthodox Church, saints and their icons are presented as examples to be imitated. Discuss one saint who has been an example in your life".

Athena Eleftheriou (8th grade)- Jr. 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?

Natasha Catrakilis (11th grade)- Sr. 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?

Sophia Linebaugh (12th grade)- Sr. Topic #2 Saint 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?



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR MAY/JUNE:

- **75th Anniversary Founders Fund:** Provides support to long term care facilities serving the aging Greek Orthodox population in the US and to establish similar facilities.
- **Orthodox Christian Fellowship:** Provides Orthodox Christian support to college students on campuses in the US.



PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD ELECTIONS: All members are encouraged to attend the important General Elections Meeting on **May 22** after Liturgy in the Chapel. The new 2011-2013 Philoptochos Board will be elected at this meeting and members need to be present to elect the new leadership.



- **Fran Tucker and her team of volunteers** for coordinating the luncheon for Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware). What a beautiful luncheon! We had approximately 80 people attend!
- **Thank you to Christine Sprouse** for coordinating the **Easter Baskets** for Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital and to all those who made donations as well as assemble the baskets. They were beautiful! We delivered the baskets on Wednesday, April 20, and were given a tour of the facility.
- **Thank you to Diane Lozier** for her many years of service ordering the flowers and designing the Epitaphion and to all the wonderful volunteers who have come to help her decorate. Thank you to the **GOYANs** for their help with the greenery.
- **Many thanks, also, to all the volunteers and Board Members** that helped make our **Pascha** a beautiful celebration and especially to **Theodore Georgacopoulos** and **Peter Tiller** for making the delicious soup. We would like to thank to **Fran Tucker, Stephanie Gianaris, Xanthippe Marsico, Sophia Sarris, Evelyn Bilson, and Dorothy Botni** for baking the Koulourakia and to **Toula Brotsis, Evans Nichols, Kathy Bylos, Nancy Barke, Ellie Turner, and Xanthippe Marsico** for baking Tsoureki for the Resurrection Supper. Thank so very much to the **Costa Liakakos** family of **The Diner at North Point** for donating the salad for the Resurrection Supper. Lastly, thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carlos and family for their donation of wine for the Resurrection Supper.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL CHARLES SALOME SCHOLARSHIP:

The Panagia Chapter of the Ladies Philoptochos Society is once again offering the Charles Salome Memorial Scholarship for one college student, as well as, one graduating high school senior. Each scholarship will be for \$1000. These funds are for students attending an accredited 4-year college or accredited technical college in the Fall. Please contact Nancy Barke for the application materials at 770.509.8738. **The deadline for submission of the application is June 10, 2011.** No applications will be accepted after that date.

MEETINGS:

- **Board Meeting** – NO MEETING IN MAY.
- **General Meeting - Board Elections** – **MAY 22**, in the Chapel after Divine Liturgy.
- **End of Year Luncheon:** **June 5**, Location TBD.

SOUP KITCHEN:

On March 24th we served 127 homeless at Must Ministries. The food was prepared by Irene Steffas, Lois Bafas, Lisa Moraitakis, Theodore Georgacopoulos, Mary Longshore, Ellen Linebaugh, Kally Niarchos, Pam Starks, Dorothy Botni, Rosemary Hendrix, Michelle Broussard-Hanes, Elaine Paulson and Stephanie Gianaris. Servers were Basile Zafiroulis, Tyrone Emery, Dorothy Macris and Athena Burke. Thank you all. **Please contact Athena Burke at 678-462-9775 or ibgreek@bellsouth.net to cook, serve or make a monetary donation.**

May 2011

- US Holidays
- Sacraments
- Social Events/Rentals
- Divine Services
- Ministry Meetings
- Home

 Social Events/Rentals Divine Services Ministry Meetings Work Home Facilities Fr. George Schedule Fr. Panayiotis Schedule Sacraments

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bylos /Zavala Coffee Hour Thomas Sunday 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM 40 day Memorial 12:30 PM Metamorphosi 1:30 PM Phoenix/Elfetheria 4:00 PM Thornbury Wed-	2	3 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Pitsirikia & Palamkia Dance Practice 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Graduation 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice	4 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	5 Cinco de Mayo 6:30 PM Petaloudes/Phoenix Dance Practice	6	7 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:00 PM Dinner – "Night Under the Stars" 7:00 PM Hellenic Dance Performance
8 Sunday of M...aring Women Mother's Day 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM AHEPA Coffee 12:30 PM Metamorphosi 1:30 PM Phoenix/Elfetheria	9	10 4:00 PM Festival Cooking (Pastitsio) 4:15 PM Asteria Dance Practice 4:30 PM Pitsirikia & Palamkia Dance Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice	11 4:00 PM Festival Cooking (Souvlakia)	12 4:00 PM Festival Cooking (Souvlakia)	13 Marietta Greek Festival	14
15 Marietta Greek Festival Sunday of the Paralytic 8:15 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	16	17 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting	18 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	19	20 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen	21 Feast of Sts. ...tine & Helen 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Great Vespers 7:00 PM Seniors Graduation Party
22 Sunday of th...ritan Woman 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism Graduation 12:30 PM Philoptochos 3:00 PM Tselios Baptism 4:00 PM Tselios Baptismal	23	24	25 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	26 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Philoptochos Book Club	27	28 11:00 AM Vastakis Baptism 4:00 PM Josy Santos Wedding Reception 5:30 PM Ballas Wedding (Tentative)
29 John F. Kennedy's Birthday Sunday of the Blind Man 8:45 AM Orthros/10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Memorial Service for those who died during 4:00 PM Wright Wedding Reception	30 Memorial Day	31 7:00 PM Education, Culture and Youth Committee Meeting	1 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	2 The Ascension of the Lord 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM GOYA End-of-Year Party	3 2:00 PM Maria Melts Wedding Rehearsal	4 4:00 PM Melts /Sharrett Wedding Reception 5:30 PM Maria Melts Wedding

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Anne Willcocks, Parish Secretary

DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTE S	GREETERS	PROSFORO
May 1, 2011	T. Isaac/R. Rogers	Team I	TBA	A. Leros/K. Lewis
May 8, 2011	D. Dudley/C. Dunkerly	Team II	TBA	L. Lopos/F. Mavridis
May 15, 2011	A. Tsarouhas/C. Westmoreland	Team I	TBA	K. Melissas/K. Niarchos
May 22, 2011	H. Catrakilis/M. Kipreos	Team II	TBA	M. Miltiades/E. Turner
May 29, 2011	P. Bilson/J. Tidwell	Team I	TBA	M. Papadimitriou/R. Peppas

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 Pappleacos, 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