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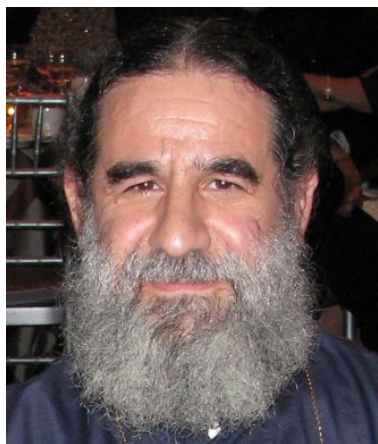
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STEVE JOBS AND LIFE AFTER DEATH!



I watched the recent 60 minutes interview of Walter Isaacson on his biography of Steve Jobs and was impressed by the comments he made with regard to Steve's faith in God. Steve admitted to him that before his cancer, he was conflicted with regard to his faith in God and the afterlife, but after he was faced with death (he had pancreatic cancer) he changed his perspective and began to believe more. He also now thought that there has to be an afterlife; all the wisdom we have accumulated over the years must somehow live on, he said. Interestingly, doubts would come again in his mind and he would think of life as having an on/off switch, and then again he would go back, hoping that it was different. He finally concluded his remarks by saying, "that's why I don't like putting on/off switches on Apple

devices". His hope for continuity lives on in his own creations, in his quest for perfection!

Our desire to live on is inherent in we humans. We have been created in the image of God. God breathed in us His life. We *need* to live for ever, hence, we *desire* to live on. How can a person full of energy and life, full of creativity and innovation be lost forever? How can the image of God be extinguished? How can a person that has affected the world and our lives in so many different positive ways disappear just like that, as if at the flip of a switch?

This has been a perennial question for humanity. What could be the answer? Where shall we turn for any hints?

The fact of the matter is that there has been no human culture or religion at any time in our history that has not believed in some sort of divinity and the continuity to life beyond the moment of death. But it was Christ that offered a more definitive answer to this question, not only by his teaching (see the parable of Lazarus and the rich man - Luke 16:19-31), but primarily by His own resurrection and the proof of the regeneration of our nature in Himself, the creation of a new humanity, incorruptible and eternal, offered to us as well through our union with Him. Hope is not abstract any more, but based on reality - the events of His life and our own decisions.

Steve Jobs was not a theologian, nor did he intend to teach anything on this matter. He was just brutally honest, as usual, and very forthcoming about his own state of faith. It is too bad that he did not know anyone who had experienced the presence of God in their own life to help him cross the barrier of doubt. It is sad that our society does not offer a stronger witness of Christ's teaching so that people like Steve Jobs, who are on the fence, might be offered that hope for which God became man in the person of Christ, who defeated the power of death through His own death.

Witnessing this Truth is the mission of the Church in the world! This should be the primary mission of every Orthodox Christian in America today; we owe it to our Risen Lord to proclaim from the rooftops the hope He offered to us through His Resurrection! To show the world that the Creation of God lives on and does not have an on/off switch, just like the devices Steve Jobs created.

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

November 2011

November 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

November 5, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

November 6, Sunday. Seventh Sunday of Luke
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 7, Monday, Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Archangels 6:00 pm

November 8, Tuesday, Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & All the Heavenly Hosts
Celebration at the Metropolis Chapel. Metropolitan Alexios will preside. Join us there!

Orthros 8:00 am & Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Evening: Great Vespers, 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Nektarios (*at our church, here in Marietta*)

November 9, Wednesday, Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina

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

November 12, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

November 13, Sunday, Eighth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. John Chrysostom. Also, Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist (Moved from Tuesday, November 16)

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

November 15, Tuesday, *Beginning of the Fast of Christmas.*

November 19, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 20, Sunday, Ninth Sunday of Luke. Fore-Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos

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

Evening: Great Vespers, 5:00 pm. Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos

November 21, Monday, Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple

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

November 24, Thursday, *Thanksgiving Day.* Happy Thanksgiving!

November 25, Friday, Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 26, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

November 27, Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

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

November 29, Tuesday. Great Vespers-Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 6:00 pm

November 30, Wednesday, Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, the First Called. **Feast of our Chapel.**

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

Saint Arsenios of Cappadocia (+1924)

November 10th



The town of Farasa, Cappadocia as it appears today

The life of Saint Arsenios of Cappadocia was written by Elder Paisios the Athonite, who was baptized by St. Arsenios prior to the saint's death.

Cappadocia (in eastern Turkey) is virtually devoid of Christians now, but in 1840, when St Arsenios was born there, there were still vital Orthodox communities. He became a monk and was sent to his native town, Farasa, to serve the people. He became known as a mighty intercessor before God, praying for all who came to him, Muslims as well as Christians. His countless miracles of healing became known throughout Cappadocia; those who could not come to see him would sometimes send articles of clothing for him to pray over. He became known as Hadjiefendis, a Muslim term of honour for pilgrims, because he made pilgrimage to the Holy Land every ten years on foot. He never accepted any gifts in return for his prayers and healings, saying: "Our faith is not for sale!"

He concealed his holiness as much as he could beneath a rough and sharp-tempered exterior. If anyone expressed admiration for him, he would reply: "So you think I'm a saint? I'm only a sinner worse than you. Don't you see that I even lose my temper? The miracles you see are done by Christ. I do no more than lift up my hands and pray to him." But as the Scriptures say, "the prayers of a righteous man avail much", and when St Arsenios lifted up his hands, wonders often followed.

He lived in a small cell with an earthen floor, fasted often and was in the habit of shutting himself in his cell for at least two whole days every week to devote himself entirely to prayer.

Father Arsenios predicted the expulsion of the Greeks from Asia Minor before it happened, and organized his flock for departure. When the expulsion order came in 1924, the aged Saint led his faithful on a 400-mile journey across Turkey on foot. He had foretold that he would only live forty days after reaching Greece, and this came to pass.

The Theotokos appeared to St. Arsenios three days prior to his repose and took him to all the monasteries and churches of Mount Athos, which he had longed to visit and see. His last words were: "The soul, the soul, take care of it more than the flesh, which will return to earth and be eaten by worms!" Two days later, on November 10, 1924, he died in peace at the age of eighty-three on the island of Kerkyra.

Saint Paisius Velichkovsky (+1794)

November 15th



Our holy Father Paisius was born at Poltava in Ukraine in 1722, where his father was a priest. One of a large family, he was gentle, reserved, endowed with a great capacity for recollection, and had a lively intelligence. He learnt to read very quickly, and eagerly immersed himself in the Scriptures, the lives of the holy monks, and the writings of the Fathers of the Church on asceticism and compunction. He was sent to study at the Ecclesiastical Academy in Kiev but was soon disappointed at seeing clergy and monks corrupted by money and worldliness, as well as by the arid teaching, which was heavily influenced by Latin scholasticism and pagan culture. At the end of four years, he abandoned his studies, and set out to look for a spiritual father and a monastery where he would be able to live in dispossession, imitating the poverty of Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9). He stayed in various monasteries and became a rasophore under the name of Plato. When he heard tell of the admirable way of life they led in the sketes of Moldavia and Wallachia, where the greater number of the Russian monks driven out by Peter the Great's reforms had found refuge, he and a few companions made haste to join them. He stayed there for some years in the best possible circumstances for monastic life, with wise spiritual fathers who were faithful followers of the teaching of the holy Fathers.

He showed all the qualities of an exemplary disciple: absolute obedience, humility, love of the brethren, constancy and joy in times of trial, zeal for meditation and prayer. Seeing the progress he made, his superiors wanted him to be ordained priest, although he was under the canonical age of thirty years. Afraid of transgressing the holy Canons in any way, Plato left his monastery and Romania, and set out for his longed for destination of Mount Athos.

The situation on the Holy Mountain, then under Turkish occupation, was scarcely encouraging. Ignorance reigned, and spiritual men were as rare among the Greek monks as among the Slavs. Plato was unable, in spite of all his efforts, to find a spiritual father. He settled alone near the Monastery of Pantocrator with only the Bible, the writings of the Fathers and the testimony of his own conscience to guide him. Completely poverty-stricken, he ate one day in two. He struggled daily against temptations to discouragement, but persevered in prayer and in meditating on the writings of the Fathers. After he had lived like this for four years, Basil of Poiana Marului (d. 1767), a holy and wise Elder whom he had known in Romania, came to visit Mount Athos and tonsured him a monk under the name of Paisius, advising him to dwell with some companions in order to avoid the dangers of living an eremitic life before the time. Soon afterwards, a young Romanian monk called Bessarion, who had also been unable to find a spiritual father, arrived and asked with tears to be received as his disciple. Paisius did not consider himself worthy to teach a disciple but was willing to accept Bessarion as a brother and companion in asceticism. They lived, therefore, with one soul and one heart in mutual obedience directed towards God alone. Their way was so pleasing to God that they were soon joined by other brethren, Romanians and Slavs, who wanted to follow the way taught by the holy Fathers. When their number had reached twelve, they adopted the cenobitic way of life, which is an image of the holy Apostles around the Saviour, and of the Angels who serve ceaselessly around the Throne of the King of Heaven. In 1758, Paisius, who still refused to consider himself as their master, at last gave in to the tears of his companions and agreed to be ordained priest and to become their confessor. The community continued to grow in spite of material difficulties. They moved to the Skete of the Prophet Elias, and from there tried to revive the Monastery of Simonos Petra; but constant harassment by Turkish creditors made them decide, in 1763, to leave Mount Athos and return to Romania. Simonos Petra; but constant harassment by Turkish creditors made them decide, in 1763, to leave Mount Athos and return to Romania.

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Paisius and his sixty-four disciples were welcomed with joy by the Metropolitan and by the Voivode of Moldavia, who presented them with the little Monastery of the Holy Spirit at Dragomirna. In ordering the common life there, Paisius followed Athonite usage, and faithfully put into practice the principles established by the holy Fathers. Each monk lived in complete dispossession and freedom from worldly concerns, constantly cutting off his will, keeping his conscience naked before God, and having as mediator and intercessor Paisius, the Father of them all and the living symbol of Christ. Obedience, Paisius taught, is the ladder that leads from earth to heaven, the path that ends in passionlessness. By cutting off his own will in the numerous occasions that community life affords, with humility, peace and fear of God, the monk is able to keep the remembrance of God continually and to invoke in secret the holy Name of Jesus. Back in his cell, he devotes himself to meditating Scripture and the inspired writings of the Fathers, to bowing to the ground with tears and, above all, so far as he is able to bringing his intellect down into his heart in order there to call on the Name of Christ without disturbance. The methods of inner prayer, until then the preserve of hermits and hesychasts, were adapted for the first time to the conditions of cenobitic life in the community of Saint Paisius. The services in the church were ordered with due solemnity: one choir chanted in Slavonic and the other responded in Romanian. Every evening the monks confessed to their Elder so as not to let the sun go down on anger (Ephes. 4:26) or on dissension. A brother who bore a grudge against another was forbidden to enter the church or even to say the Lord's prayer.

As he led his ever-increasing flock, Saint Paisius drew devotedly from the writings of the great masters of the monastic life. He approached the texts with all the respect, humility and love that a disciple has for his spiritual father. Ever since his days as a student at Kiev, he had been painfully aware of the inadequacies of the old Slavonic translation which often presented an incomprehensible text, and he had worn himself out seeking in vain to understand them through comparing translations. As soon as he arrived on Mount Athos, he began to learn Ancient Greek, and patiently undertook the collation of a whole series of copies of Patristic texts in the original language. At Dragomirna, he worked methodically and tirelessly with devotion and critical rigour at establishing the correct Greek text of Fathers such as Saints Antony, Hesychius, Macarius, Diadochus, Philotheus of Sinai, Theodore the Studite, Symeon the New Theologian, Gregory the Sinaite and, above all, Saint Isaac the Syrian. In making translations, Paisius was assisted by a group of his brethren, who also checked and revised the translations, which were then tested by reading and explanation in the presence of the assembled community, one evening in Slavonic and the next in Romanian.

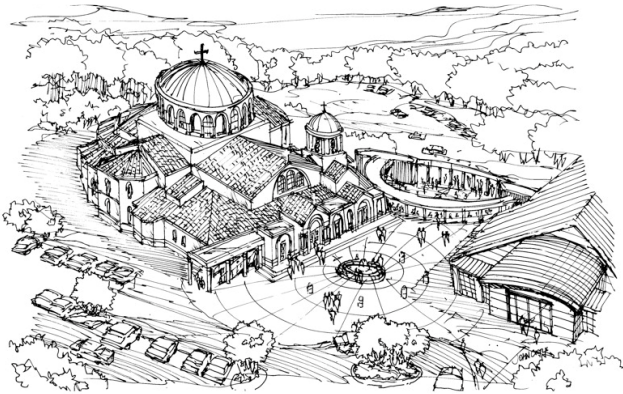
When Northern Moldavia was ceded to the Roman Catholic power of Austria after the war between Russia and Turkey (1774), the community left Dragomirna for the Monastery of Secu. By 1779 their number had grown so large that Paisius had no alternative but to divide his spiritual family. He accepted the offer of Prince Constantine Moruzi and went with the larger group to settle in the neighbouring monastery of Neamts, which had been the centre of spiritual life in Moldavia since the fourteenth century. The monastic army soon reached one thousand, with 700 monks at Neamts and 300 at Secu. Besides the round of common prayer and other spiritual labors at Neamts, the monastic community undertook a whole range of charitable works. Pilgrims came from Russia and from all the Balkan countries to contemplate the order, peace, brotherly love, and piety that reigned there; and some of them stayed on as monks. Saint Paisius' work of translation continued unabated, yet he was always an attentive father to his sons. He received without distinction all who came to ask his advice, and carried on an extensive correspondence in the Slav lands. "Such was the gift of the holy man" wrote one of his disciples and biographers, "that he was able to kindle zeal in the most slothful." And a Greek visitor to Neamts gave his testimony: "I saw with my own eyes holiness incarnate, a man free of every passion and completely transparent. He was exceedingly meek of countenance and so pale as to appear bloodless. His beard was well-kept and shining white...He was very gentle and direct in conversation, and one would have said he was a man without body." Saint Paisius fell asleep on 15 November 1794, one year after the publication of the Philokalia in Slavonic, based largely on translations that he and his disciples had made many years before. These translations, and the influence of the Saint through the activity of his disciples in Russia, led to a widespread spiritual renewal, and to the restoration of traditional monastic life there which lasted until the Revolution of 1917.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - NOVEMBER

11/1/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8	
11/2/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:18-23	Gospel: Luke 11:42-46
11/3/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1	Gospel: Luke 11:47-54; 12:1
11/4/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:1-7	Gospel: Luke 12:2-12
11/5/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:12-18	Gospel: Luke 9:1-6
11/6/2011	Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20
11/7/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:13-20	Gospel: Luke 12:13-15, 22-31
11/8/2011	Matins: Matthew 18:10-20 Gospel: Luke 10:16-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10
11/9/2011	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: Luke 12:48-59	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1
11/10/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
11/11/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Gospel: Luke 13:31-35
11/12/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
11/13/2011	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2
11/14/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 1:43-51
11/15/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:6-10	Gospel: Luke 14:25-35
11/16/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2	Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13
11/17/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:7-11	Gospel: Luke 16:1-9
11/18/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:14-20	Gospel: Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
11/19/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5	Gospel: Luke 9:57-62
11/20/2011	Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10
11/21/2011	Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7
11/22/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Philemon 1:1-25	Gospel: Luke 17:26-37; 18:8
11/23/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:1-12	Gospel: Luke 18:15-17, 26-30
11/24/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3	Gospel: Luke 18:31-34
11/25/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5	Gospel: Mark 5:24-34
11/26/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:1-6	Gospel: Luke 10:19-21
11/27/2011	Matins: Mark 16:1-8 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22
11/28/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-10	Gospel: Luke 19:37-44
11/29/2011	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 1:10-12; 2:1-2	Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
11/30/2011	Matins: Matthew 2:13-23 Gospel: John 1:35-52	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

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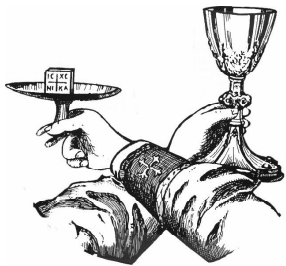


Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

Please fill out your Stewardship Form today and bring your offering to the Lord.

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

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



**"YOUR OWN GIFTS,
OF YOUR OWN,
WE OFFER UNTO YOU."**

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

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

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

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

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

The Necessity of Stewardship

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

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

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

Have you submitted your Stewardship Form? If not, please do so today.

WHAT SHOULD WE DONATE TO THE CHURCH: SHOULD WE TITHE?

By Larry Gess, Chair, Stewardship Ministry

At the suggestion of a member of the Stewardship Ministry, I purchased and read “GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: Stewardship in the Orthodox Church”, edited by Fr. Anthony Scott. It is the most definitive book on stewardship from the Orthodox perspective that I have read in over forty years. I urge each of you to consider reading this book if you want to learn the full Holy Tradition of the Church regarding our responsibility of managing God’s blessings (also called, stewardship). I freely admit that I learned many things I did not know even though I have been an active stewardship trainer nationally and at the Metropolis level for over two decades.

We all know that Christ was a Jew and the first Christians were Jews. Thus much of our faith has its foundation in the Jewish faith. Yet most of us know very little about that faith. The Jews were the first people to have a monotheistic faith – the belief that there is only one God. They believed (and still do) that God created everything – all that we know about and also everything else that we do not yet know about. They believed (and still do) that all of our blessings come from God.

The Jewish nation was comprised of twelve tribes. One of these tribes – the Levites – were the religious leaders (and therefore also the civic leaders of this church-state). The Levites were not allowed to hold any land. In order to support these church/civic leaders, all other Jews donated a tithe (one-tenth) of their resources to their support. However, the tithe was not the only donation expected of the Jews – they also donated burnt offerings and sacrifices, votive gifts, freewill offerings, firstlings of herds and flocks, and other donations in thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

Among the early Christians, even the Apostles earned their own living (St. Paul was a tent maker). So the early Christians did not need the tithe for their leadership. Thus the practice of the tithe was dropped and is not found in the New Testament.

What, then, did the early Christians believe their donations and offerings to God in thanksgiving for His Blessings should be?

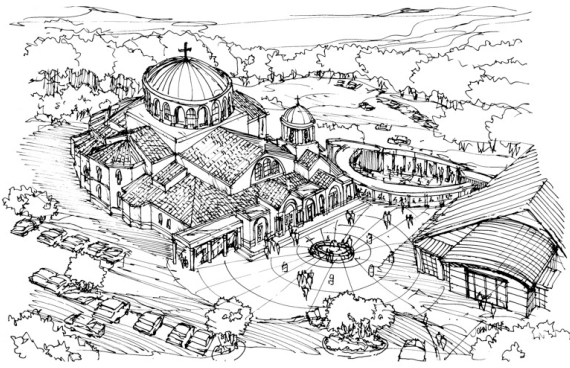
First, it is clearly understood through our Holy Tradition that the early Christians considered that all our blessings come from God for two main purposes: The First purpose is to meet our essential needs. God expects us to trust in Him to provide what is required to meet our essential needs.

However, in God’s mercy, most of us are blessed so abundantly that what we receive is far beyond what our basic needs are. And here lies the Second purpose for our blessings: Each one of us becomes responsible to manage these extra blessings in order to serve the needs of the Church (Christ’s living body on earth) and to help the poor and needy among us. The Church asks us to support her work so that more people will receive the Word of God and be saved. The existence of the poor and needy offers us an opportunity to live the Gospel in action; we show our love of Christ by serving those in need.

We are called to surrender to God completely trusting that He will always care for us through His Grace and Love, as well as through the love of His people. We should offer what we have, which is in excess of our needs, so that others will be helped now and also so that this generosity in thanksgiving may be stored in the banks of Heaven for the times when we may be in need ourselves. The psalmist has recognized that times may change, but God’s Grace and Mercy do not:

“The rich have become poor and hungry: but they that seek the Lord diligently shall not want any good thing.” (Psalm 33:10, Septuagint)

Let us offer from our Treasures, our Time and our Talent (the gifts of God to us) as we are able. It is a decision between each one of us and God, for we are accountable to God for His gifts to us.



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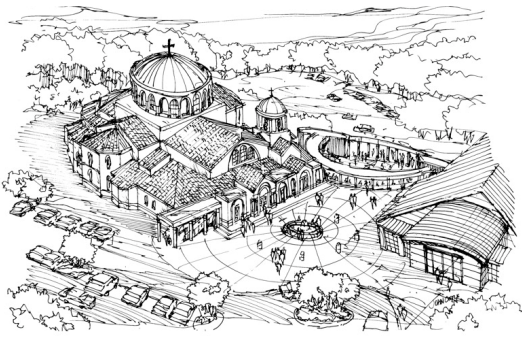
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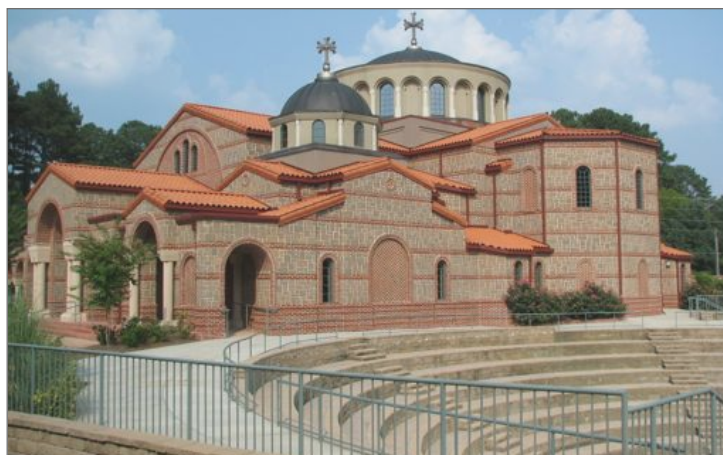
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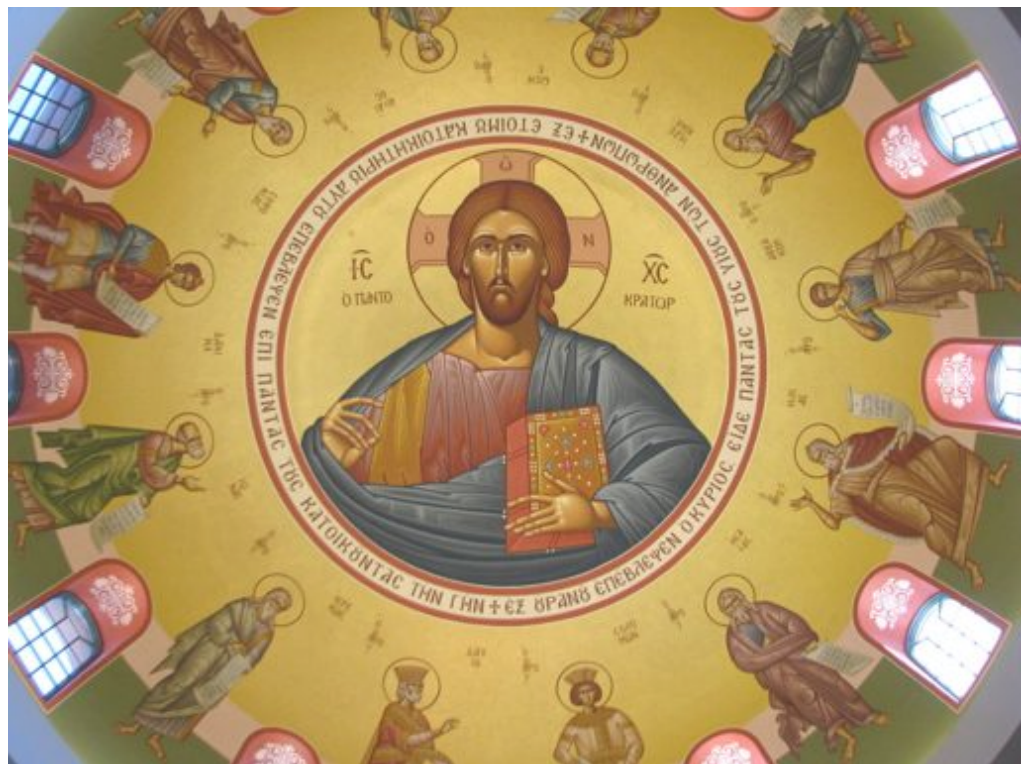
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CROWN THEM WITH GLORY & HONOR

Michael C. Walters & Biljana Samardzioska - Oct. 8, 2011
Nickolas Serkedakis & Erin Marie O'Brien - Oct. 9, 2011
Michael E. Gilbert & Eileen (Helen) Lawrence - Oct. 9, 2011



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

Eileen (Helen) Lawrence - Oct. 1, 2011
Nickolas Serkedakis - Oct. 1, 2011
Victor Nikolov - Oct. 2, 2011
Gabriel Haddy - Oct. 13, 2011



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

The Choir welcomes and needs new voices, young and old, to sing with us during services on Sundays and various Holidays. It is not necessary for you to read or speak Greek. Most music is in English phonetics. All we need is for you to make a commitment to sing with us to enhance the spiritual element of the Divine Liturgy and other services.

Please join us in singing a "Joyful Noise Unto the Lord". For further info, please contact the church office or Demetri Miltiades at dmiltiades@mslogistics.us

HOPE & JOY

HOPE and JOY will sponsor Coffee Hour on **November 6th!** Look for an email organizing the event. We will need everyone's participation in order to make it successful!

Our second Speaker Series will be on **Sunday, November 13th.** Following lunch, the adults will meet with guest speaker Paula Marchman in the Youth Activities Room, while the children participate in various activities lead by Youth Director, Ty Stavros. Remember we are providing lunch for everyone. We kindly request that you reply to the email so that we can order adequate food for the group.

Lastly, mark your calendars for our Christmas Event to be held in the PLC on **Saturday, December 3rd.** A detailed email is forthcoming!

In His Service,

Elaine Bilson - 404-825-9454, eleni_cosma@yahoo.com
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To Fellow Parishioners of Holy Transfiguration,

We had a gathering at 3431 Trickum Road in Marietta this past May. It was our 21st Annual Greek Festival, and the most profitable one yet! The people to acknowledge and thank for this wonderful success are too numerous to list! So many showed up to prepare for and host the more than 13,000 visitors to Holy Transfiguration. Your time and talents led to this success, so you should be proud of what your commitment to each other, to your Church and to your Greek Orthodox Faith has accomplished. This years contribution to the Church Building Fund will help move our growing parish forward.

Details concerning the financial results of the 2011 Marietta Greek Festival were presented at the General Assembly meeting held on October 23, 2011. The highlights were as follows:

Gross Revenues / Total Income	\$312,508.00
Total Expenses	\$173,118.00
Net Income / Profit	\$139,390.00

Let's celebrate and enjoy this success as well as the upcoming holidays, before talking in detail about the upcoming 22nd Marietta Greek Festival set for **May 18, 19 and 20, 2012**. However, your Festival Board is already meeting with our new Chairperson, **Steve Tingas**, in preparation for an event that will hopefully be even more meaningful, educational, enjoyable and successful! You will be hearing from us soon!

In His Service,

Becky Gess Valagohar
Your 2011 Festival Chairperson

Let's All Together Put the
THANKS
BACK IN THANKSGIVING

On Sunday, November 20th, 2011 in the PLC,
following Divine Liturgy

Free Fair Will Offering



*Please register to reserve your family table, starting on
November 6th, or November 13th during Coffee Hour.
Come and Support our Church's Stewardship program, share in
fellowship and have a delicious lunch.*

For further information, please contact either Larry Gess or Xanthippe Marsico.

2nd Annual
**Men's Day
of Prayer**


The Men's Day of Prayer
will feature worship
services, bible study
and time for private
reflection in the majestic
setting of the Diakonia
Retreat Center in
Salem, SC.

**December 2-4,
2011**

Friday 7pm – Sunday NOON

Diakonia Retreat
Center
Salem, SC

**Registration
Deadline:
November 21, 2011**



\$150 All Inclusive

Please send check payable to Metropolis of Atlanta
c/o Father Athanasios C Haros
Transfiguration of Our Savior Greek Orthodox Church
2990 S Cashua Dr
Florence, SC 29501

Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church, Atlanta, GA Christmas Basket Program



The Christmas Basket Program is for needy families in the inner city of Atlanta in which we collect food boxes and toys for the children which the families pick up generally on the Saturday before Christmas every year. Our program begins around the first of November as we collect food and toys.

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church supports this Christmas Basket Program every year- toys for older ages are especially needed. Please bring your toys to the Church Office for collection. GOYAN's will help out again this year at St. John the Wonderworker with wrapping gifts, or whatever other needs they might have- Saturday, December 17th. Please RSVP with Ty Emery (tyemery.htgocmarietta@gmail.com) if your GOYAN would like to volunteer this year.



*TO SUPPORT OUR **GOYA** and WISH EVERYONE
IN OUR PARISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!*

Community Christmas Card

*If you would like for your name to be included in our 2011 Community Christmas Card,
please complete the form below and return along with your free-will donation
to the Church Office or drop off at the GOYA table in the PLC after Church
no later than **Wednesday, November 30th!** Thank you!*

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

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

*Please make your check payable to: **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOYA***

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



*May the true
meaning of
Christmas
be with you
always!!!*



GOYA- CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER

**Wed.,
11/09/2011
Saint
Nektarios, the
Wonderworker
of Pentapolis**



“Seek God daily. But seek Him in your heart, not outside it. And when you find Him, stand with fear and trembling, like the Cherubim and the Seraphim, for your heart has become a throne of God. But in order to find God, become humble as dust before the Lord, for the Lord abhors the proud, whereas He visits those that are humble in heart, wherefore He says: ‘To whom will I look, but to him that is meek and humble in heart?’”

-St. Nektarios

**Tue.,
11/13/2011
Saint John
Chrysostom
('the Golden
Mouth')**



“Be ashamed when you sin, don’t be ashamed when you repent. Sin is the wound, repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness. Satan has overturned this order and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance.”

-St. John Chrysostom

**Mon.,
11/21/2011
The Entrance
of the
Theotokos
into the
Temple**



“Thy wise parents, O undefiled one, brought thee, who art the ‘Holy of Holies,’ as an offering to the house of the Lord, there to be reared in holiness and made ready to become His Mother.”

-Vespers Aposticha

**Wed.,
11/30/2011
Saint Andrew
the First-
called Apostle**



“O Lord Jesus Christ, do not allow me to be taken down from the cross on which I have been suspended for Thy name; but receive me, O my Teacher, Whom I have loved, Whom I have known, Whom I confess, Whom I desire to see, through Whom I have become what I am! O Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit in peace, for the time has come for me to go to Thee and look upon Thee Whom I have so ardently desired! Receive me, O good Teacher, and do not permit me to be taken down over-soon from the cross, before Thou receivest my spirit!” -Synaxaristes: Life of Apostle Andrew

GOYA REWIND- ROLLERCOASTER FUN AT 'SIX FLAGS'



GOYA Advent Retreat
November 18-20, 2011 at the Diakonia Retreat Center

The Discerning Gardener: The Difference Between Fruit and Weed



For More information: Presbyteria Marilisse I. Mars youth@atlmetropolis.org 404.634.9345

Cost: \$105 per person. Registration opens September 26th online! Please use the following links:

Adults: <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=3107661&RF=3009666&mode=0>

Youth: <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=3107661&RF=3009667&mode=0>

GOYA QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES



Altar Servers Workshop
Sat., December 10th
1-4pm

WYR 2011- BIBLE BOWL TEAMS NOW BEING FORMED



THE BOOK OF EXODUS & THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK



St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2012 *Topics, Tips, and Resources*

Junior Division (Grades 7–9)

1. Many times in the New Testament, we see Jesus caring about the blind, the paralyzed, and others with physical disabilities (for example, Matthew 9:2 and 9:27–29). Following Christ's footsteps, discuss the Christian attitude toward disabled people.
2. Discuss the lives of Sts. Cyril and Methodios and their missionary work. How can we follow their example by responding to Christ's commandment to "go forth" (Matthew 28:19)?
3. In the Old Testament, we see many stories involving disagreements among siblings. What can families learn from these stories today?
4. Discuss one of the Great Feasts of the Church. How has this feast become important to you and your family?

Pascha (the Feast of Feasts)

The Twelve Great Feasts:

- Nativity of the Theotokos
- Annunciation of the Theotokos
- Elevation of the Holy Cross
- Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem
- Presentation of the Theotokos
- Ascension of the Lord
- Nativity of the Lord
- Pentecost
- Theophany
- Transfiguration of the Lord
- Presentation of the Lord
- Dormition of the Theotokos

5. In our day, when people's lives have become more and more scheduled with events, how might we reclaim our understanding of Sunday (the Sabbath) as a day of rest and honoring the Lord?

Senior Division (Grades 10–12)

1. In Leviticus 19:33, we read, "And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him." Immigration has always been a source of growth and change in American society. What should be the attitude of an Orthodox Christian toward immigration and immigrants?
2. Discuss the prayers and Biblical references of the Sacrament of Holy Unction in the Orthodox Church (James 5:14–15). What does the sacrament tell us about faith, healing, and our relationship with God?
3. In Matthew 18:21–22, Jesus tells Peter that one should forgive one's brother not just seven times but "seventy times seven." Discuss how and why we should forgive wrongdoers, even when something within us cries out for justice—especially if we're the injured party.
4. Discuss the famous speech of St. Paul in Athens (Acts of the Apostles 17:22–31). Why is the speech meaningful, and what is its relevance for our today?
5. Stress and anxiety seem to be inevitable nowadays, in our every relationship and activity. How are we as Christians supposed to act in times of worry and uncertainty?

You can also find the Topics, the Topic Tips, and Bibliography at www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/

Hellenic Dance News

As a reminder to all our dancers in the **Phoenix, Eleftheria, and Metamorphosi** groups – we continue to have practice EVERY Sunday at 1:30pm. Please do your best to attend all practices, and let your instructor know *in advance* when you will be unable to attend. Please note – there will not be practice for any group on Sunday, November 27th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Please note: there will be a **MANDATORY** meeting regarding Hellenic Dance Festival (HDF) on **Sunday, November 20th**. We will gather up in the PLC immediately following Divine Liturgy/coffee hour. If you/your child plan to attend HDF this year, you must attend this meeting, as important details will be discussed. If you cannot attend, please contact Dorian Bafas (770-833-8431).

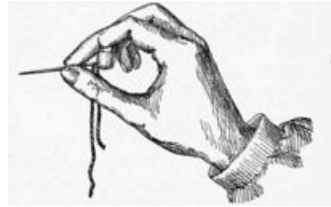
Christmas is just around the corner...

This year the Hellenic Dance Ministry will be offering a *special* fundraiser just in time for the holiday season!

We will be selling bottles of gourmet olive oil and vinegar – which make a lovely gift for friends, family, and loved ones at Christmas.

*We will be selling a variety of flavors to
satisfy a variety of taste buds...!!!*

Look for our table in the PLC each Sunday, starting November 27th, and running all the way up until Christmas, or until supplies run out!



We need your help!

We are *still* in the process of sewing costumes, and will need all the helping hands we can get! If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please contact: Paulina Vastakis (678-294-4262).

You *do not* need to be an experienced sewer to help... we need volunteers to cut patterns, iron fabric, and many other tasks that do not involve a sewing machine.

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COUPONS NEEDED

We are also asking for any *coupons* to Jo Ann fabric stores, which is where we have purchased the majority of our fabric. Please contact Paulina Vastakis if you have any coupons you can spare and/or drop them off to Anne in the church office.



Time to clean up!

We still need your help to get our dance closet in order. As you know, we have been asking for donations of various organizational items (hangers, bins, etc). For a detailed list of what we still need please contact Dorian Bafas at dorianbafas@yahoo.com. You might also consider donating gift cards to Wal-mart or Target, so that we can purchase these last few items. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Hellenic Studies

Below are some updates regarding our Hellenic Studies program...

Please check in with us frequently at: www.holytransfiguration.info/hellenic-studies/



Please join us on **Sunday, November 13th** for our
~~~ Fall Bake Sale ~~~

We will be featuring many of the *delicious* Greek desserts that our community loves! Need some sweets for your potluck luncheon at work? Come by and see us! These *lovingly homemade* baked goods will make great holiday treats to add to your Thanksgiving or Christmas celebrations, or to give as gifts to friends and family!

Parents and students, please make a note – there will be no classes on  
**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** or **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

*We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, especially for those families who are traveling!*



Christmas is just around the corner! The children of the Hellenic Studies program will be spreading some holiday cheer again this year, by singing traditional Greek and American Christmas carols (Κάλαντα) for our community. We will be hitting the road to visit local business and families throughout Cobb County, and beyond. This fundraiser was a huge success last year and we gladly return again this year on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in receiving a visit from our talented young children, please contact Eleni Clement at 404-783-5103 or [liebel7@yahoo.com](mailto:liebel7@yahoo.com)





## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Many thanks to all who came and contributed to the Philoptochos Charities Night on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The evening was not only fun, but a great success thanks to the generosity of our Parish. Thanks to Fran Tucker and Nancy Barke for chairing this event.

On September 22, **Soup Kitchen** served 83 homeless with chicken, rice salad and fruit. Those who served and prepared the food were: **Maro Neocleous, Gerri Klementzos, Dena McCollum, Tina Vamvakias, Tasia Kipreos, Kathy Bylos, Michelle Broussard-Hanes, Rosemary Peppas, Mary and Elton Longshore, Dawn Orr, Dorothy Macris and Athena Burke.**

### Meetings:

November 7<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting 7 pm in the OCR

November 14<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting 7 pm in the PLC

### Please join us Baking in the PLC Kitchen:

November 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Koulourakia 9 am – 2 pm

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Spanakopita 10 am – 9 pm

Artoclasia for St. Cosmas and Damianos – **November 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Sweets 'n  
Treats**

SWEETS 'n TREATS Holiday Sale will be held again this year for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Starting **Sunday, November 20**, little gift bags of koulourakia and ready-to-bake pans of frozen spanakopita will be sold each Sunday in the PLC to benefit PHILOPTOCHOS Social Services. These delicious speciality items are perfect to enjoy at home with family or give as gifts to friends and coworkers. Baklava will also be on sale as a gift item during December. If you have questions or want to pre-order any of these annual specialty items, please contact Marty Driscoll, [martydriscoll@bellsouth.net](mailto:martydriscoll@bellsouth.net), by December 1. Your support of Philoptochos is greatly appreciated.



# Prime Timers News



Felix, Rodika & Fr. George

On a beautiful, sunny October 15, a group of us travelled to Salem, South Carolina for an afternoon at our beautiful Diakonia Retreat Center. After a delicious pastitsio luncheon provided by Felix and Rodika, we toured the serene, beautiful grounds and modern facilities.



Friends relax in a cabin



Our group in front of the dining hall



Mary inspects the upper bunk

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## Upcoming Events

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| November 10 | Joint meeting with Cathedral's Golden Group (Carlos Hall). Please rsvp Mary Anne Chanos, 770-565-3981 |
| November 12 | Breakfast meeting in PLC at 10:00 A.M. (\$6/person)                                                   |
| December 10 | Christmas Dinner/Dance at Veranda Drinks & Eats                                                       |
| January 5-7 | Trip to Tarpon Springs for Epiphany                                                                   |

Please call Linda Lopos at 678-445-3556 for details for any of the above events.



# Epiphany in Tarpon Springs

**Celebrate Epiphany 2012 in Tarpon Springs with the Golden Group of Annunciation Cathedral and Prime Timers of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church.**

**Dates: January 5-7**

**Cost: \$240 per person (\$120 deposit due by Nov. 22)**

**Includes:**

- Round Trip Motor Coach
  - Two (2) nights (Jan. 5 & 6) at Hampton Inn
  - Breakfast at Hampton Inn Jan. 6 & 7
- (All other meals are your responsibility.)**



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Epiphany 2012 in Tarpon Springs  
January 5-7

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Amt. (\$120 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ (due by Nov. 22)

Balance (\$120 per person) due by December 15. No refunds after December 15.

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Make check payable to Golden Group and send with above reservation form to:

Mary Anne Chanos  
3208 Saddleback Mtn. Rd.  
Marietta, GA 30062

Questions? Call Linda Lopes at 678-445-3556 or Mary Anne Chanos at 770-565-3981.

# November 2011

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| <div><div>Fifth Sunday ... Celebration</div><div>30</div><div>8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM<br/>11:55 AM 40 day Blessing<br/>12:00 PM Hellenic Studies<br/>1:30 PM Phoenix/Elfetheria<br/>1:30 PM Adult Men's Bas-<br/>2:30 PM Girls' Basketball</div><div>and 2 more...</div></div> | <div><div>Halloween</div><div>31</div><div></div></div>                                                                                                                                | <div><div>1</div><div>9:00 AM Philoptochos<br/>Sweets 'N' Treats Baking<br/>11:00 AM Blessing of the<br/>Water<br/>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br/>7:00 PM Introduction to Or-<br/>thodoxy</div></div>                                      | <div><div>2</div><div>10:00 AM Bible Study</div></div>                                                                                             | <div><div>3</div><div>9:00 AM Philoptochos<br/>Sweets 'N' Treats Baking<br/>7:00 PM Bible Study</div></div> | <div><div>4</div><div>10:30 AM Prime Timers'<br/>Board Meeting</div></div>                                        | <div><div>5</div><div>9:00 AM Hellenic Studies<br/>10:00 AM New Testament<br/>Greek Class<br/>5:00 PM GOYA Meeting<br/>5:00 PM Great Vespers</div></div>                          |
| <div><div>Daylight Savings Time Ends</div><div>6</div><div>8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM<br/>11:15 AM Catechism<br/>12:00 PM Coffee Hour<br/>1:30 PM Phoenix/Elfetheria<br/>1:30 PM Adult Men's Bas-<br/>and 2 more...</div></div>                                                   | <div><div>7</div><div>6:00 PM Great Vespers for<br/>the Feast of the Holy<br/>Archangels<br/>6:30 PM Parish Council<br/>Meeting<br/>7:00 PM Philoptochos<br/>Board Meeting</div></div> | <div><div>8</div><div>Election Day<br/>Synaxis of th...avenly Hosts<br/>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br/>6:00 PM Great Vespers,<br/>Feast of St. Nektarios<br/>7:00 PM AHEPA Meeting<br/>7:00 PM Introduction to Or-<br/>thodoxy</div></div> | <div><div>9</div><div>Feast of St. ...rios of Aegina<br/>9:00 AM Orthros<br/>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br/>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</div></div>          | <div><div>10</div><div>12:00 PM Prime Timer's<br/>Meeting<br/>7:00 PM Bible Study</div></div>               | <div><div>11</div><div>Veteran's Day</div></div>                                                                  | <div><div>12</div><div>9:00 AM Hellenic Studies<br/>10:00 AM New Testament<br/>Greek Class<br/>10:00 AM Prime Timers'<br/>Breakfast Meeting<br/>5:00 PM Great Vespers</div></div> |
| <div><div>8th Sunday o...sday, Nov. 6)</div><div>13</div><div>8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM<br/>11:15 AM Catechism<br/>12:00 PM Coffee Hour/Pan-<br/>12:30 PM HOPE/JOY Event<br/>1:30 PM Phoenix/Elfetheria<br/>1:30 PM Adult Men's Bas-<br/>and 2 more...</div></div>               | <div><div>14</div><div>7:00 PM Philoptochos Gen-<br/>eral Meeting</div></div>                                                                                                          | <div><div>15</div><div>Beginning of ... of Christmas<br/>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br/>7:00 PM Introduction to Or-<br/>thodoxy</div></div>                                                                                                | <div><div>16</div><div>10:00 AM Philoptochos<br/>Sweets 'N' Treats Spanako-<br/>pita<br/>10:00 AM Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</div></div> | <div><div>17</div><div>7:00 PM Bible Study</div></div>                                                      | <div><div>18</div><div></div></div>                                                                               | <div><div>19</div><div>9:00 AM Hellenic Studies<br/>10:00 AM New Testament<br/>Greek Class<br/>5:00 PM Great Vespers</div></div>                                                  |
| <div><div>9th Sunday ...he Theotokos</div><div>20</div><div>8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM<br/>11:15 AM Catechism<br/>12:00 PM Stewardship Lun-<br/>12:00 PM Coffee Hour<br/>12:05 PM Sweets 'N' Treats<br/>1:30 PM Adult Men's Bas-<br/>and 4 more...</div></div>                    | <div><div>21</div><div>Feast of the ...o the Temple<br/>8:45 AM Orthros<br/>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</div></div>                                                                        | <div><div>22</div><div></div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <div><div>23</div><div></div></div>                                                                                                                | <div><div>24</div><div>Thanksgiving</div></div>                                                             | <div><div>25</div><div>Feast of St. ...e Great Martyr<br/>9:00 AM Orthros<br/>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</div></div> | <div><div>26</div><div>5:00 PM Great Vespers</div></div>                                                                                                                          |
| <div><div>13th Sunday of Luke</div><div>27</div><div>8:30 AM Orthros/10:00 AM<br/>Divine Liturgy<br/>12:00 PM Coffee Hour: Lo-<br/>pos/Solomon Families -<br/>Kayla/Andrew Name Days</div></div>                                                                                | <div><div>28</div><div></div></div>                                                                                                                                                    | <div><div>29</div><div>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br/>6:00 PM Great Vespers for<br/>the Feast of St. Andrew the<br/>Apostle<br/>7:00 PM Introduction to Or-<br/>thodoxy</div></div>                                                        | <div><div>30</div><div>Feast of St. A...f our Chapel)<br/>9:00 AM Orthros<br/>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br/>7:00 PM GOYA Meeting</div></div>         | <div><div>1</div><div>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book<br/>Club<br/>7:00 PM Bible Study</div></div>                | <div><div>2</div><div>10:30 AM Prime Timers'<br/>Board Meeting</div></div>                                        | <div><div>3</div><div>9:00 AM Hellenic Studies<br/>9:00 AM Candidates Semi-<br/>nar<br/>3:00 PM HOPE/JOY Event</div></div>                                                        |

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Anne Willcocks, Parish Secretary

| DATE          | PARISH COUNCIL DUTY     | ACOLYTES | GREETERS                | PROSFORO                     |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Nov. 6, 2011  | H. Catrakils/M. Kipreos | Team II  | P. Dunkerly/L. Gormanos | A. Lerios/L. Lopos           |
| Nov. 13, 2011 | P. Bilson/J. Tidwell    | Team I   | D. Bafas/K. Niarchos    | F. Mavridis/E. Turner        |
| Nov. 20, 2011 | M. Alberts/G. Lopos     | Team II  | A. & T. Johansen        | K. Melissas/M. Miltiades     |
| Nov. 27, 2011 | T. Isaac/R. Rogers      | Team I   | D. Bafas/A. Lerios      | K. Niarchos/M. Papadimitriou |

**Team 1:** Chris Alberts, Nicholas Azimzadeh, Christopher Bilson, Anthony Bundros, Yanni 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, Alex Elias, Jacob & Stephen Harrah, Eli & Evans Nichols, Dean Papastrat, Lucas Porter, Michael Sarris, Mike Steffas, Luke & Nicholas Tassopoulos, Nicholas Zakreski