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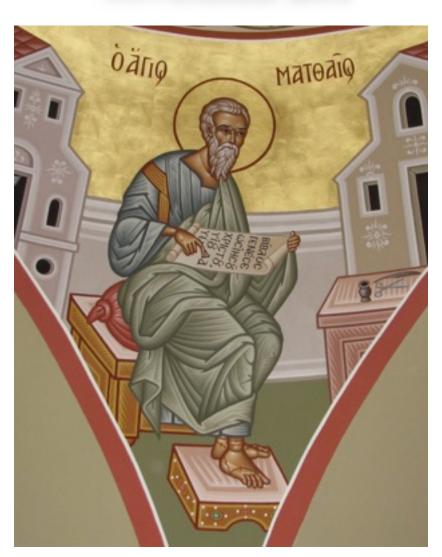
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NOVEMBER 2014



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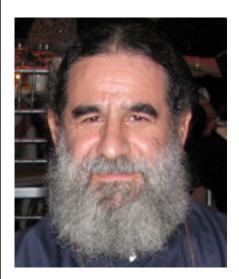
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FROM I-75 Exit at 267-A. At 1st light, turn right (Sandy Plains Road). Continue for 3-4 miles until you see a CVS Pharmacy on your left. At that light turn left onto Trickum Rd. Proceed Approx 1/2 mile. Church will be on your left. Can't miss it!

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Fr. Panapiotis' Message

Moving forward into the future



Dear friends and parishioners,

We are very blessed because in just twenty five years our parish has been able to accomplish amazing things: We have been able to embrace the local community in more than one way and we have, in return, been embraced by the local community. We have grown in numbers as we reached out and brought into the parish people who, until now, had no idea what Orthodoxy was; we are offering Orthodox worship services, Introduction to Orthodoxy classes, Bible studies and New Testament Greek classes; we have been helping people in their difficult times through the Philoptochos' social services, the Agape Fund and more recently Jacob's Garden; we have been a beacon of culture in the community through our Hellenic Dance and Greek Festival.

Holy Transfiguration has become one of the most respected and honored organizations in Cobb County: I frequently receive the honor and respect for our community, culture and Faith as I am invited to attend public events, speak in schools and other places and offer invocation prayers at the County Commissioners' meetings.

As a result of this progression of our growth and impact on the local community came the need for growth in our ministries and expansion of the space needed for those ministries. That is why for the last three years we have been engaged in a very serious effort to discover what our future needs might be through Strategic Planning Meetings and other studies. We have also been engaged in developing plans for the future and evaluating our ability to accomplish and fulfill the mission of the Parish according to the Great Commission of Christ to bring the Gospel to all nations (Matt. 28:19-20).

In the last three years we have paid off our Sanctuary and other buildings, purchased eight acres of land south of our property, established an Orthodox cemetery, and are now in the process of

purchasing an 1.8 acre lot (with a house) to the East of our property. The time has come to also expand our buildings to create classrooms and athletic spaces, modernize our Parish Life Center and provide better administrative facilities and more parking while setting up also for future growth.

This is a major step for our parish, but a necessary one to help move us forward into the future. We are here to stay for centuries to come. We are here fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord to bring the Ancient

Orthodox Faith to generations of generations.

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Please, join us in this effort and receive the gifts of God in the process!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES November 2014

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

Afternoon: Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

November 2, Sunday. Fifth Sunday of Luke (Daylight Saving time ends)

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

November 8, Saturday, Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel and all the Angels.

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

Evening: Great Vespers, 5:00 pm, Feast of St. Nektarios

November 9, Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina.

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

November 12, Wednesday Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of St. John Chrysostom.

November 13, Thursday, Feast of St. John Chrysostom

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

November 15, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

Beginning of the Fast of Christmas.

November 16, **Sunday**, Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist.

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

November 20, **Thursday**, Great Vespers, 6:00 pm. Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos.

November 21, **Friday**, Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple.

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

November 22, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 23, Sunday, Ninth Sunday of Luke (Stewardship Sunday)

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

November 24, Monday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.

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

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

November 27, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29, Saturday, Great Vespers-Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 5:00 pm

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

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

December 1, Monday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.



Icon of St. Matthew under the dome of our Chapel

righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mt. 9:13).

St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist November 16

The Holy apostle and evangelist Matthew, who was also called Levi was the son of Alphaeus and had Galilee as his homeland. He was a publican, a tax-collector for Rome, in a time when the Jews were under the rule of the Roman Empire. When Matthew heard the voice of Jesus Christ: "Come, follow Me" (Mt. 9:9), he left everything and followed the Savior. Christ and His disciples did not refuse Matthew's invitation and visited his home, where they shared a meal with the publican's friends and acquaintances who, like their host were also publicans and known sinners. The Jews considered tax-collectors pernicious betrayers of their country and religion and to even speak with one was considered a sin, and to associate with one was defilement. But the Jewish leaders were not able to comprehend that the Lord had "not come to call the

Matthew, acknowledging his sinfulness, repaid fourfold anyone he had cheated, distributed his remaining possessions to the poor, and followed Christ with the other apostles. Matthew was attentive to the instructions of the Savior, beheld His innumerable miracles, and was one of the twelve apostles that went to preach to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt. 10:6). He was also a witness to the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Savior, and of His glorious Ascension into Heaven.

Having received the grace of the Holy Spirit, which descended upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, Matthew preached in Palestine for several years. At the request of the Jewish converts at Jerusalem, the holy apostle Matthew wrote his gospel, emphasizing Christ as the Incarnate God, inaugurating the kingdom of God and establishing the new covenant with the true Israel, before leaving to preach the Gospel in other lands. He wrote down the Gospel for the first time, in the Aramaic language. Some years later, this book was translated into Greek, but no copy in the original language has survived.

Later, St Matthew traveled to Parthia and the city of Hierapolis (on the Euphrates river) to proclaim the Gospel to the pagans there. One tradition holds that he reposed in peace in that region at a great age. Another tradition holds that he was martyred by a king of that region, who later repented and was baptized, taking the name Matthew. The king then cast down the idols and established the Christian faith in his realm. Sometimes, he is depicted in icons, with someone in the likeness of a man standing next to him. This is reminiscent of one of the symbolic living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1.10), which, as Saint Irenaeus writes, is a symbol of our Savior's Incarnation of which he reminds us with his continuous reference to Jesus as the "Son of Man" in his Gospel.

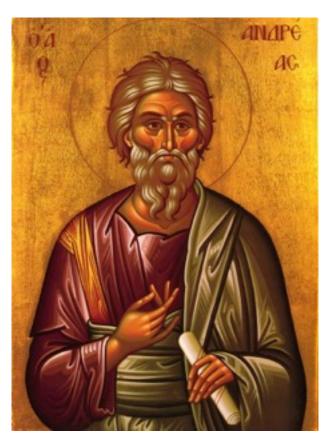
Apolytikion in the Third Tone

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

When you did cast away the publican's balance and were united to the yoke of uprightness, then you did prove a merchant of great excellence, one that gathered in the wealth of the wisdom of Heaven; for this cause, the word of truth you did herald, O Matthew, and did arouse the souls of sluggish men by signifying the dread day of reckoning.

Andrew the First-Called to be an Apostle November 30



The Holy Apostle Andrew was the son of Jonas and was from Bethsaida on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. From his youth he turned with all his soul to God, working with his brother as a fisherman. Andrew first left his fisherman's trade to become a disciple of St John the Baptist. St John the Baptist said to Andrew and John the Theologian, "Behold the Lamb of God!", at this, both disciples followed after Jesus. After conversing with Christ, Andrew hurried home and told his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." For being the first to recognize Jesus as the Christ, St Andrew is called the First-Called.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Apostle Andrew went to Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He traveled around the Black Sea and in Thrace and Macedonia, traveling as far as Lazica in the Caucasus.

On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. In Sinope they pelted him with stones, but remaining unharmed, the persistent disciple of Christ continued to preach to people about the Savior. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked many miracles. By the labors of the holy Apostle Andrew, Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy.

The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patras of Achaia, where the Lord worked many miracles through His disciple. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness; he healed Maximilla, wife of the governor of Patras and his brother Stratokles. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of the city of Patras with the true Faith.

A few pagans, however, remained at Patras, including the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The Apostle Andrew repeatedly turned to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the apostle thinking he might undo St Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

St Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. He was crucified head downwards on a cross in the shape of an "X", the first letter of Christ in Greek. The holy Apostle rejoiced at being allowed to suffer the same death as his Master and the X shaped cross has become a symbol for the Apostle.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

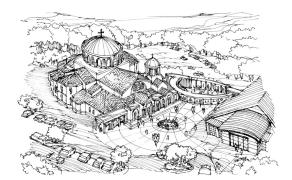
As first of the apostles to be called, O Andrew, brother of him (Peter) who was foremost, beseech the Master of all to grant the world peace and our souls great mercy.

Kontakion in the Second Tone

Let us praise the namesake of bravery, the divinely eloquent and first to be called of the Disciples of Christ, the kinsman of Peter. As he called out to him in the days of old, so now he calls to us, "Come, we have found Him for whom we yearned."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - NOVEMBER

11/1/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8			
11/2/2014	Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20			
11/3/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:13-20 Gospel: Luke 11:29-33			
11/4/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:20-23; 3:1-3 Gospel: Luke 11:34-41			
11/5/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1 Gospel: Luke 11:42-46			
11/6/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 8:1-6 Gospel: Luke 12:8-12			
11/7/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:10-18 Gospel: Luke 12:2-12			
11/8/2014	Matins: Matthew 18:10-20 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10 Gospel: Luke 10:16-21			
11/9/2014	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18			
11/10/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Luke 12:13-15, 22-31			
11/11/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Luke 12:42-48			
11/12/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19			
11/13/2014	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: John 10:9-16 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2			
11/14/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: John 1:43-51			
11/15/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5 Gospel: Luke 9:37-43			
11/16/2014	Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13			
11/17/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:7-11 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 12-15			
11/18/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 3:8-13 Gospel: Luke 14:25-35			
11/19/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:1-12 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10			
11/20/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:18-5:10 Gospel: Luke 16:1-9			
11/21/2014	Matins: <u>Luke 1:39-49, 56</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</u>			
11/22/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Philemon 1:1-25 Gospel: Luke 9:57-62			
11/23/2014	Matins: Mark 16:1-8 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22			
11/24/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3 Gospel: Luke 17:20-25			
11/25/2014	Matins: Matthew 25:1-13			
11/26/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-12 Gospel: Luke 18:15-17, 26-30			
11/27/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:13-17; 3:1-5 Gospel: Luke 18:31-34			
11/28/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 3:6-18 Gospel: Luke 19:12-28			
11/29/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:3-10 Gospel: Luke 10:19-21			
11/30/2014	Matins: Mark 16:9-20 Gospel: John 1:35-52 Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16			



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Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits Ms. Wugagen Yosias Ms. Elefteria Young Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young Mr. Basile Zafiroulis

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski

Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala Mrs. Angela Ziros

Total: 341

Christ is asking for your Stewardship toward His Church

Our Church needs our financial support. Let us offer from the gifts God has given us.



"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You, in behalf of all, and for all." Τὰ Σὰ ἐϰ τῶν Σῶν, Σοὶ προσφέρομεν κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα.
Τα sa ek ton Son, Si prosferomen kata panta ke dia panta.

From the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy

We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, "Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto 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 for Christ's work on earth through His Church.

The Christian Stewardship Program is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love by perpetuating His ministry through the Church. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us. Let us offer then from the goods He has given us back to Him: "Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."

How much should I offer to the Church in order to support the work of God?

Proportionate giving: This involves two things; Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that our giving is an offer of thanksgiving for His blessings.

We should ask ourselves "what is a worthy level for my Stewardship?" The Bible gives much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and His work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability.

The Old Testament laid down the standard by asking for a percentage of one's income. This provides for us the principle that giving should be in proportion to our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church for the current year.

We should consider what we spend on cable television, holidays, pets, dining out, sports events, vacations and so on. How do these expenses compare with our giving for God's work?

We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: "Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."?

Offer your Stewardship each Sunday. Family members over 18 years of age, who are employed, should make their own Stewardship Commitment.

Participation in the Christian Stewardship Program allows each Greek Orthodox Steward to vote and to seek elective office in the administration of the parish as provided in the Archdiocesan and Parish Bylaws. If you are not a Steward, you are not eligible to vote or be voted into office.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE OAOI MAZI! 25 YEARS OF GLORIFYING GOD

The addition of each physical building to our campus adds to the breadth and depth of the experience of spiritual life at our Church.





Ολοι μαζι - All together - we continue to build our Faith, Hope and Love. From our Founders to our Newcomers, God calls His People to His Holy Community in Marietta, Georgia.

To Him belongs the Glory, Honor and Worship!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Ephraim McQueary - October 26, 2014



We're planning a new PHOTO directory for the Parish in 2015!

The dates for the photography are:

Thursday, January 8 - 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, January 9 - 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm Saturday, January 10 - 10:00 am until 6:00 pm

You will be able to schedule your appointment one of three ways:

- 1. During coffee hour on Sunday please see Pat Koutouzis in the PLC.
- 2. Online http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2200109532?schedule=holytransfiguationgreekorthodoxchurch
- 3. Calling the church office 770-924-8080

Sign up for your family portrait today. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8×10 family portrait and one printed directory.



Misconception: "I would love to host coffee hour, but I cannot make a four-course meal for 100 people."

Reality: Coffee hour just requires the basics: coffee and bagels for adults and juice and cookies for kids. It's really about **fellowship** not feasting.

If you are on the church email list, you should have received an invitation to join the HTGOC Coffee group in Sign Up Genius in August. (signupgenius.com) Just go to the website, create your id if you do not have one already, and then you can see what host dates are available online. Celebrate a birthday, name day, or remember a loved one. The site can connect to your online calendar and will email you a reminder as well. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@gmail.com or call Maria Alberts at 770-578-6694.

Christmas Remembrance

Amount of Donation: \$_____

Name:

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia to decorate the church this holiday season, please contact Anne in the Church office, holytrans@comcast.net or 770.924.8080 or fill out this form and put it in the mail or offering tray. (NOTE: Please Print!)

In Memory of:		
	or	
For the Health of:		

The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21st.



If you would like for your name to be included in our Community Christmas Card, please complete the form below and return it along with your free-will donation to the Church Office or drop it in the offering tray during Church services no later than **Sunday, November 30th!** Thank you!

I would like my name(s) to read as follows:			
	(PLEASE PRINT)		
Amount Enclosed			

Please make your check payable to: HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOC

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



THE CHURCH CUPBOARD

Thank you to all who participated in the "Reverse Offering" by buying and returning groceries for distribution to families in the

Trickum Road community. Our Parish provided over one hundred full bags of non-perishable food which were divided between thirteen families. Over fifty children received specially planned and varied breakfasts, lunches and dinners which would feed the entire family for at least one week. The families were selected by Ms. Kim Evans, the Cobb County School Resource Coordinator for three local elementary schools and Simpson Middle.

Because of loyal Parish support of *Jacob's Garden*, the sale of vegetables this summer allowed for enough money to also provide each family one or two gallons of fresh milk, loaves of fresh bread and sliced ham and turkey sandwich meat. So many vegetables were picked the week before that the families were able to choose bags of bell peppers, squash, tomatoes, beans and greens.

While the mothers walked and talked with our Parish volunteers who filled the push carts, the children came into the PLC and were treated to cookies and lemonade. A very special thanks to Emily Miltiades for chaperoning for many hours all these visiting children. Emily made the kids feel at home, kept the snacks flowing and answered a lot of questions like: "What kind of Church is this?" "Are you a Greek?" One little guy, on noticing the mosaic icon of Christ in the exo-narthex, turned to Emily and asked: "Does Jesus live in there?" "Yes He does", said Emily.

Currently, we plan to make Reverse offerings three times each year, in January, June and October. This distribution to the families occurred on Friday and Saturday, the second week of October. Thank you to all who worked to put this together: Irene Kipreos, Pat Koutouzis, Stephanie Gianaris, Theodore Georgacopoulos, Demetri and Emily Miltiades, Marty Driscoll, Vassilis Zafiroulis, Michael and Kathy Parker, Strati Papageorgiou, Kim Evans, Mimi and Athan Pohlman, Kathy Bylos and Randy and Paula Rogers.



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

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, November 1 - Adopt a Mile Clean Up on Trickum Road

Tuesday, November 4 - Atlanta Chapter 1 Scholarship Dinner

November 14-16 - Cabin Fever 5 - Blairsville, GA

Any man over the age of 21 who would like to attend please contact Dennis Christopher dcsaintdennis@gmail.com for more details.

We will not have our monthly meeting Tuesday, November 11, due to the number of activities this month.

Questions about AHEPA? Interested in being a member of this great organization? Please contact any Board Member. Your Board: Zack Kollias, Ted Sampanes, Keath Paxten, Dennis Christopher and Leonidas Parker.

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



Fall time is Festival time for our ministry. We danced at three area Greek Festivals this year; *Peachtree City, Augusta and Macon*. We are happy to offer our time and talent to our sister parishes as they raise funds for their building projects and raise money for our own ministry at the same time!

We would like to thank our Travel Moms; Maria Alberts, Agapi Chryssopoulos and Lea Gormanos for chaperoning, helping with costumes, introducing the group and all the driving for our kids! They take out entire weekends to do this, we appreciate you very much!!!

We also like to thank the kids that danced at these festivals;

Chris Alberts, Michael Brotsis, Despina and Maria Chryssopoulos, Kiki and Yianni Gormanos, Marina Mavromatides, Sophia and Dimitra Papaevangelou, Alexa Sarmir, Jimmy Smith, and Maria Tselios



Practice Schedule for November

Sunday, November 2 – <u>Pitsirikia</u> (Pre-K), 12:30-1:00pm, downstairs in Sunday School Room with Mrs. Kathy Bylos and Mrs. Christina Pallas

Sunday November 9 – Phoenix/Eleftheria starting at 1:30, in the PLC with Mrs. Paulina, Mrs. Demetra, Mrs. Elaine and Mr. Ted

Sunday, November 16 – <u>Pitsirikia</u> (Pre-K), 12:30-1:00pm, downstairs in Sunday School Room with Mrs. Kathy Bylos and Mrs. Christina Pallas

NEXT PRACTICE FOR ALL MARIETTA FESTIVAL DANCERS 6th – 12th grades, will be SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th - LAST PRACTICE OF 2014....PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND PRACTICE!

SEE YOU THEN!

METAMORPHOSI DANCERS WILL BE COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S
METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA ANNUAL HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL in
CHARLOTTE, NC – JANUARY 17-19
COME OUT TO CHEER THEM ON!

SAVE THE DATE

HELLENIC DANCE, ELEFTHERIA (9th-12th) LOCK-IN SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 6 pm until SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 3:30 pm PIZZA, DANCING, CULTURE and lots of FUN

Bring Church Clothes if you stay over-night

If you can't stay the whole night, please come Saturday 6-9 pm and Sunday for the Liturgy followed by our regular practice 1:30-3:30pm!

IF YOU HAVENT REGISTERED TO DANCE — YOU STILL CAN!!! Any and ALL Ages!!!

Just fill out the Ministry Registration sheet in the church office

THANKS!

Hellenic Studies Announcements



There will be NO classes (Youth or Adult) on **Tuesday, November 4**th due to the fall break (school) schedule in observance of Election Day.



Please join us on **Sunday, November 9**th for our annual FALL BAKE SALE. We will have fresh, homemade *Greek* baked goods and pastries for sale. These delicious treats will make a great addition to your Thanksgiving table!



There will be NO class (Youth or Adult) on **Tuesday, November 25**th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you have a blessed and safe holiday with your family!

Youth



From top to bottom:
GOYA youth leaders
make announcements; the
youth group makes
sandwiches for MUST
Ministries; marshmallow
roast at the fire pit;
Paulina teaches Hellenic
dance to parish youth.







Youth



Clockwise from top: Alexa, Sophia, Lilia, Theodora, Sarah, Laila, and Ashley (obviously in "selfie" mode) carve a pumpkin at a recent GOYA meeting; proverbial peas in a pod; Joanna looks on with...concern?...as Theodora attacks her pumpkin; Yianni, Angelos, and Aristotle pause from carving for a photo. Yianni, put the hatchet down now...nice and easy now...

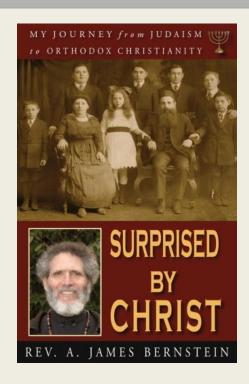






LIBRARY NEWS

PERSONAL JOURNEYS TO ORTHODOXY



SURPRISED BY CHRIST
BY REV. A. JAMES BERNSTEIN

Surprised by Christ

- Combines an engrossing memoir with an examination of the distinctives of Orthodox theology that make the Orthodox Church the true home not only for Christian Jews, but all who seek to know God.

The Guru, the Young Man, and Elder Paisios

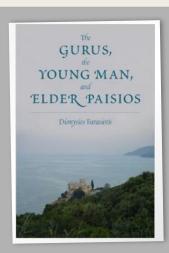
- Story of a lost Greek youth who was drawn back to the Faith of his forefathers through visits to Mount Athos and Elder Paisios.

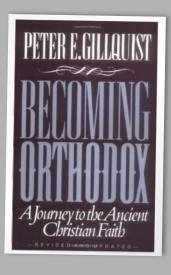
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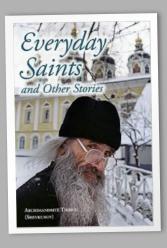
- Personal testimonial by Fr. Peter Guilquist about his search for the ancient Christian Church.

Everyday Saints and Other Stories

 Discover a wondrous, enigmatic, remarkably beautiful, yet absolutely real world. Peer into the mysterious Russia soul, where happiness reigns no matter what life brings.







The Parish Library is open the first Sunday of the month during coffee hour.

Missions News



2015 Orthodox Mission Teams Now Available!

by Alex Goodwin

OCMC is excited to announce short-term mission team opportunities for 2015! Spaces are available for over 120 Orthodox Christians to serve in the coming year by ministering to youth, teaching the faith, offering healthcare, and working on construction and maintenance projects. Your help is needed!

Albania Teaching

Work with youth leaders on outreach to university students and nurture college students and young adults in Tirana.

Albania Youth Work

Participate in the annual summer youth camp program at the Children's Home of Hope in Shen Vlash.



Guatemala Outreach

Work with the community in Nueva Concepcion to restore facilities at a senior center and offer outreach to surrounding communities.

Guatemala Healthcare

Take part in a holistic health outreach to minister to spiritual and physical needs in northern Guatemala.

Indonesia Teaching

Provide religious education at two Orthodox church schools and offer catechism to the faithful in Medan.

Kenya Teaching

Celebrate Pascha at the Makarios III Seminary in Nairobi and teach the Faith to catechists (local church leaders) from outlying areas of Lodwar.

Kenya Construction

Assist the community of St. Peter with the construction of a school in the remote village of Loupwala in northern Kenya.

Moldova Youth Work

Assist with a youth camp in Orhei focused on Orthodox spirituality and culture among the youth of Moldova.

Uganda Healthcare

Provide healthcare as part of the ongoing initiative of the Orthodox Church to minister to the needs in eastern Uganda.

Please consider taking part in this life changing opportunity. Families and groups are welcome! Any questions about mission experience please email Leslie Hansard at leslie.hansard@gmail.com. For more information or to apply visit http://www.ocmc.org.



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

WE NEED VENDORS! ST. NICHOLAS HOLIDAY MARKET, December 6 & 7, SATURDAY and SUNDAY...Philoptochos has added one more day this year for holiday shopping at St. Nicholas Market. All VENDORS and FRIENDS are invited to help those in need this holiday season by signing up for this special fundraiser held in the Parish Life Center. For two days the PLC will open its doors to neighborhood shoppers and parish family. All VENDORS bring your unique crafts and jewelry, delicious specialty foods and baked goods, gift products and surprises, and all PARISHIONERS save the dates for a joyous Christmas shopping experience and holiday opportunity to support those in need. You won't want to miss it! For details and/or to sign up, please contact Marty Driscoll martydriscoll@bellsouth.net.

We are pleased to announce that Marty Driscoll and Irene Steffas have been reappointed to serve on the National Philoptochos Board in New York. Also, we would also like to congratulate Irene on being appointed as Parliamentarian to the Executive Board of National Philoptochos. Maria Logus is the new National Philoptochos President.

Before the terrorist attack on September 11th, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church stood in the shadows of the twin towers. When the towers collapsed, they destroyed the structure of this humble church. Many politicians and New Yorkers did not want anything with a religious significance to be placed at the Ground Zero Memorial. However, after 13 years of unceasing determination, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios accompanied by the Synod of Bishops, clergy from all over the United States and from many Christian denominations held the ground breaking of **St. Nicholas National Shrine** on Saturday October 18, 2014. Our national and local Philoptochos have added this Rebuilding of the National Shrine to our commitments. For more information, go to www.stnicholaswtc.org. Additionally, you can log onto to the Archdiocese website at www.goarch.org where you will see the link to a video of the ground breaking service. The national shrine is a Greek Orthodox Church. It also includes a nondenominational bereavement center. Every day a quarter of a million people visit the Ground Zero Memorial. Join Philoptochos in helping to Rebuild St. Nicholas.

We are looking for sponsors to help cover the breakfast cost of \$25.00 per week for Cobb County Schools that do not have the funds. Please contact Linda Lopos at looking for sponsors to help cover the breakfast cost of \$25.00 per week for Cobb County Schools that do not have the funds. Please contact Linda Lopos at looking for sponsors to help cover the breakfast cost of \$25.00 per week for Cobb County Schools that do not have the funds. Please contact Linda Lopos at looking for sponsors to help cover the breakfast cost of \$25.00 per week for Cobb County Schools that do not have the funds.

We would like to thank the following parishioners for either cooking and/or serving 57 people at the Must Ministries Soup Kitchen in September: Kally Niarchos, Fran Tucker, Mary Miltiades, Rosemary Peppas, Nancy Barke, Dorothy Macris, Maria Alberts, Becky Valagohar, Pat Koutouzis, Kathy Shoji, Athena Burke and Michael Gavalas.

Thank you to all of you who have committed to serve others in the spirit of Christian love and philanthropy by becoming a part of our beloved organization. We welcome new and renewing members always! Please see below our current list of **121** members!!

Pat Koutouzis

Carol Adamson Maria Alberts Liz Azimzadeh **Dorian Bafas** Lois Bafas Nancy Barke Roseann Bates Sophia Bethune Evelvn Bilson Kathie L. Bilson Irma Bliss Dorothy Botni **Dimitra Bournias** Athena Burke Melina Burke Kathy Bylos **Helen Carlos** Eleni Catrakilis Maria Ceisel Eleni Clement Nancy Copeland **Cathy Costarides Christine Demakis** Marty Driscoll Peggy Dunkerly

Karen Fox Michelle Frangis Donnis Gavalas Harriette Gavrielides Niki Gess Martha Gingles Lea Gormanos Irene Hammond Leslie Hansard Christopher Hansard Sis Hondras Sheila Howington Georgia Hutt Tina Isaac Annette Jacobs Mike Jacobs Irene Kipreos **Steve Kipreos** Themis Kipreos Shirley Kiritsy Gerre Klementzos Mary Ellen Knuchel **Connie Kollias**

Lori Kollias

Margaret Kollias

Eleni Krause Anna Lerios Ellen Linebaugh Mary Longshore Linda Lopos Stephanie Lukens **Demetrius Lymberopoulos Christy Macris Dorothy Macris** Eftichia Macris Xenia Mantgiaris Xanthippe Marsico **Despina Mavromatides** Christine Mayk Sandy McAteer Dena McCollum Artemis Michael Ionna Michaels Mary Miltiades Niko Miltiades

Penny Miltiades

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Kim Moustoukas

Patricia Morris

Costa Neocleous Maroulla Neocleous Kally Niarchos **Anthea Nichols** Dee Nichols Lee Nichols Toula Nielsen Georgia O'Brian Julie Orologas Nikki Palamiotis Fr. George Pallas Pres. Toula Pallas Mary Papadimitriou Cathy Papadopoulos Pres. Catherine Papageorgiou Fr. Panaviotis Papageorgiou Jeannie Paxten **Rosemary Peppas Nancy Porter** Paula Rogers Randy Rogers **Linda Sampanes**

Kathy Shoji

Nicole Sigalos

Donna Smith

Mary Smith **Christine Sprouse** Ron Sprouse Irene Steffas Mary Stiakakis **Connie Stratigos** Theresa Taoushiani Zach Taoushiani Vicki Thorne Maria Tingas **Steve Tingas** Mary Beth Tsoukalas Fran Tucker Rebecca Valagohar Tina Vamvakias Chelsie Vlahiotis Anne Willcocks Mary Wysmierski **Basile Zafiroulis** Ann Zakreski Angela Ziros



Annual Stewardship Thanksgiving Luncheon

Let's All Together Put the

THANKS BACK IN THANKSGIVING

On Sunday, November 24th, 2014 in the PLC, following the Divine Liturgy

Menu: Shrimp and Grits

Free Will Offering

Please register to reserve your family table on November 2nd, 9th, or 16th during coffee hour.

Come and Support our Parish's Stewardship program, share in Fellowship, and have a delicious lunch.

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.' Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (I Peter 4:8-10)

For additional information, please contact Niki Gess (770-973-9673 or n.gess@comcast.net) or Pat Koutouzis (770-514-1337 or koutouzisid@comcast.net)





NEWS YOU

CAN USE!

By the time you receive this article, 2014 will be coming to an end, but 2015 promises to be an exciting year because your board meets faithfully and plans educational and fun trips. We welcome your suggestions as well as your opinion as to how we are doing.

Our next and last event of the year will be our Christmas Party to be held at The Diner at North Point on Sunday, December 14. The cost is \$30 which includes gratuity and taxes. We are asked by the restaurant to collect the money beforehand, so please turn in your money by December 6 at our table in the Parish Life Center, and pick up a copy of the menu. Prime Timers will furnish the wine and pay the corkage fee.

Our next event will be our FUNDRAISER for 2015. "IT'S DISCO NIGHT" will be on February 7 in at our PLC. We have a great disc jockey lined up playing "60's" a "70's" music. As it's been stated before, this event is for everyone from 13 to 100 years old; We welcome the high school and college students in our surrounding schools. More information to follow.

Our trip to Frogtown Winery and the Smith House in Dahlonega was a delightful experience even though only 7 of us were able to attend.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our day trip in October to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. We will plan to go again in the spring.

Even though our trip to Branson, MO. is not until May 31, 2015, we need to know as soon as possible if you plan to go. November is the month to give your down payment or, according to our payment schedule, your 1st payment. We have mailed out information to everyone age 50 and over. We must notify our tour group by February 2015 the number of participants will be going. We have also invited the Golden Group from the Cathedral. It promises to be a fun and exciting trip, so please follow our guidelines. If you have any questions, please call or email the following:

Connie Stratigos: 770-992-9707 cs121033@juno.com

Dorothy Botni: 770-971-9956 Mary Ellen Knuchel: 770-924-1735

Prime Timers' Christmas Party Sunday, December 14, 5:00 pm The Diner at North Point

<u>1st course - Appetizers</u> Cheese Quesadillas Dolmades

2nd Course - Salads Greek Salad Greek Vinaigrette

3rd Course - Entrees Woodfire Grilled Chicken Breast Oven Roasted Lemon Potatoes and Vegetable Medley Mushroom Bordelaise

> **Broiled Flounder** Basmati Rice and Vegetable Medley Lemon Buere Blanc

Black Angus Chopped Sirloin Oven Roasted Lemon Potatoes and Vegetable Medley Mushroom Bordelaise

4th Course - Individual Dessert Platter of Mini Baklava, Kourabiedes

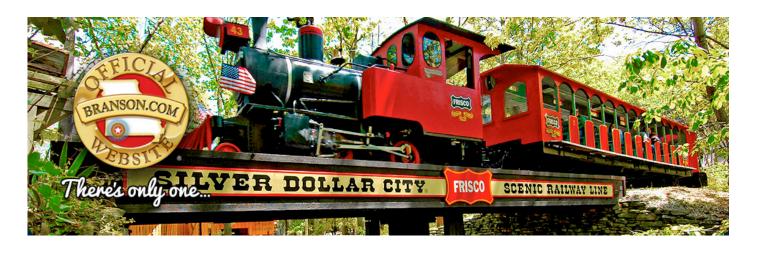
Soft Drinks or Iced Tea, Coffee or Hot Tea, Bread and Oil Wine is free.



Please bring a gift card from Walmart or Target for the needy.

**Payment for the party is due by the end of November; please visit the Prime Timers' table in the Parish Life Center during coffee hour on Sunday.

> Questions? - Call: Connie Stratigos - 770-992-9707 Dorothy Botni - 770-971-9956



PRIME TIMERS!

WE WILL NOT BE GOING TO CHARLESTON. WE WILL BE GOING TO BRANSON, MISSOURI! SUNDAY, MAY 31 - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015

Trip includes: Motorcoach transportation

6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in Branson

10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners

Admission to 7 Fabulous Branson Shows: 3 Morning, 3 Evening

Showboat Branson Belle

Cost: \$569.00 per person (payment may be made in installments)

Contact: Connie Stratigos, 770-992-9707

REMEMBER DAYS WITHOUT LAUGHTER ARE DAYS WASTED!!

Do not waste this fun trip. Come join us for joy and fellowship!



November 2014

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Nov. 2, 2014	S. Steffas/T. Voulopos	effas/T. Voulopos St. Peter E. Markley/M. Po		R. Peppas/C. Sprouse/I. Steffas
Nov. 9, 2014	D. Koutouzis/A. Miltiades	St. James	M. Alberts/P. Koutouzis	S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F. Tucker
Nov. 16, 2014	L. Gess/G. O'Brien	St. John	H. Arp/B. Valagohar	E. Bilson/E. Turner/T. Vamvakias
Nov. 23, 2014	C. Hansard/A. Miltiades	St. Peter	P. Dunkerly/D. Levine	A. Burke/M. Driscoll/A. Davis
Nov. 30, 2014	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	St. James	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	M. Eleftheriou/T. Georgacopoulos/N. Kakissas

St. James Altar Servers: Eli Nichols-Captain, Chris Bridgers, Michael Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Aaron Brown, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, George Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Paul Jacobs, Spiros Kefalas, Kris Kollias, Tommy Kollias, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Angelos Makris, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Alexander Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Nick Zakreski

<u>St. John Altar Servers:</u> Dean Papastrat-Captain, Chris Alberts, Stephen Ardagna, Matthew Azimzadeh, Andrew Bass, Theo Bliss, Michael Brotsis, Anthony Bundros, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Nicholas Gekas, Michael Marianos, Alexander Morgan, Evan Nakos, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Matthew Paulson, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Niko Tiller, Csaba Wagner

<u>St. Peter Altar Servers</u>: Yianni Turner-Captain, Peyton Agne, Zack Bethune, Christopher Bilson, Hal Bradford, III, Brody Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Nicholas Demakis, Michael Farina, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Jacob Harrah, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, Panayiotis Jordanopoulos, Michael Jordanopoulos, Andrew Levine, Morgan Lilly, Luke Melissas, Zacharias Melissas, Alek Nikolich, Lucas Porter, Matthew Shanahan, Evan Strakes, Michael Tsogas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Panayiotis Vlachos

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