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St. John Chrysostom - November 13

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Time for Thanksgiving!



Most of us have been conditioned to respond quickly to other people's kindness with the word "thank you", almost automatically, without thinking about it. This is why it is not a bad idea to stop for moment (and even better, a day) and ponder over what things we should be really thankful about and who we should be thanking and for what.

"Thanksgiving Day" every year on the last Thursday of November offers us this opportunity. The early pilgrims established this day as a time of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom and the abundance of material things which they were enjoying in the "New World". We are also thankful for the same things. America is still a place of freedom and material prosperity and we should be thankful to God for this.

The Orthodox immigrants to this country (Russians, Greeks and others) from the very beginning embraced this feast because it reflected their own ethos. As Orthodox Christians we are accustomed to offering thanks to God, not just once a year, but every Sunday. Another term for the "Liturgy" is "Eucharist", from the Greek word "Eucharistia", which means "Thanksgiving". We gather together around the "Eucharistic Table" every Sunday to offer thanks to God for His Spiritual Blessings. Right before the consecration of the Gifts, the priest speaking on behalf of the people, says:

"It is proper and right to sing to You, to bless You, to praise You, to give thanks to You, and to worship You in all places of Your dominion; for You are God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always the same; You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us into being out of nothing, and when we fell, You raised us up again. You did not cease doing everything until You led us to heaven and granted us Your kingdom to come. For all these things we thank You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit; for all things that we know and do not know, for blessings seen and unseen that have been bestowed upon us. We also thank You for this liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, even though You are surrounded by thousands of Archangels and tens of thousands of Angels, by the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring with their wings singing the victory hymn, proclaiming, crying out, and saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of angelic hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest!'"

We are thankful to God and we rejoice because, *"We have seen the True Light; we have received the Heavenly Spirit; we have found the True Faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, Who has saved us."*

The early Greek Orthodox immigrants to America saw the feast of Thanksgiving also as a celebration of family and togetherness. As Greeks, they treasured the closeness of family and would not pass on an opportunity to come together for a family meal.

Today, when family has scattered and Faith in God is battered, the feast of Thanksgiving has become even of greater importance in forging back into our lives these ideals established by the early pilgrims and cherished by the later immigrants.

As we gather again around the family table, let us ponder over all these things, the love of God for us and His Kingdom that He has opened up for our sake.

Let us give thanks to God for all things, again and again!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

November 2015

November 1, Sunday. Fifth Sunday of Luke. Sts Cosmas & Damianos. (Daylight Saving time ends)
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 7, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 8, Sunday, Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel and all the Angels.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 9, Monday, Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

November 13, Friday, Feast of St. John Chrysostom
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 14, Saturday, Feast of St. Philip the Apostle.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 15, Sunday, Eighth Sunday of Luke. (Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist)
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Beginning of the Fast of Christmas.

November 21, Saturday, Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple.
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 22, Sunday, Ninth Sunday of Luke (Stewardship Sunday)
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

November 25, Wednesday, Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 26, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

November 29, Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm, Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

November 30, Monday, Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, the First Called. **Feast of our Chapel.**
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

December 2015

December 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the water 11:00 am

December 3 Thursday, Great Vespers - Feast of St. Barbara 6:00 pm

December 4, Friday, Feast of St. Barbara the Great Martyr
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 5, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm. Feast of St. Nicholas.

December 6, Sunday, Tenth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra of Lycia.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 8, Tuesday, Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna. Great Vespers 6:00 pm

December 9, Wednesday, Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 11, Friday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Spyridon.

December 12, Saturday. Feast of St. Spyridon of Trimythus.
Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

December 13, Sunday. Feast of the Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Feast of St. Modestos.*
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
Blessing of the Animals, 3:00 pm.

December 19, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

December 20, Sunday before Christmas, Feast of all the Righteous people from Adam to Joseph, the betrothed to the Most Holy Theotokos.
Feast of St. Dionysios Archbishop of Aegina the Wonderworker (moved from December 17)
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

DECEMBER 24, THURSDAY. GREAT HOURS OF CHRISTMAS, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

CHRISTMAS LITURGY 5:30 pm, Vespertine Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

DECEMBER 25, FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

The Birth of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ according to the flesh.
Ἡ κατὰ Σάρκα Γέννησις τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ καὶ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 10:00 am.

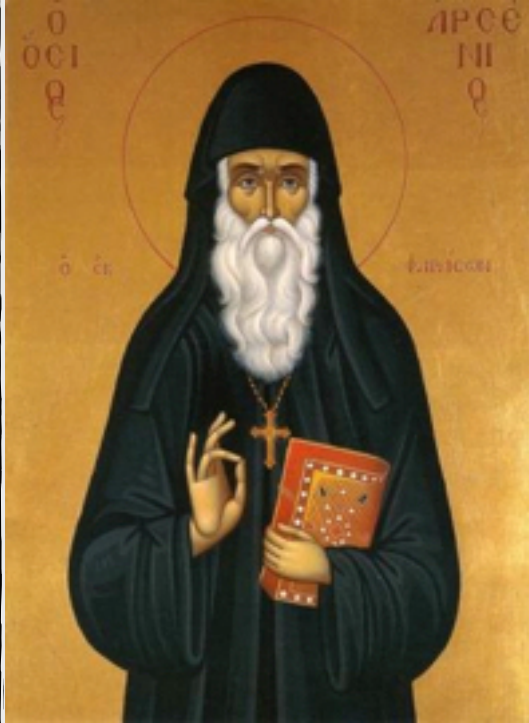
December 26, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

December 27, Sunday after Christmas. Feast of St. Joseph the betrothed to the Virgin Theotokos, David the Prophet and James the brother of the Lord. Feast of St. Stephanos the First Martyr.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 31, Thursday, **Great Vespers 6:00 pm** - Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great.

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.



Icon of St. Matthew under the dome of our Chapel

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

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

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.

St. 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."



St. John Chrysostom – A saint who appeals to our modern society

John (who was later to be called Chrysostom-the Golden mouth-for his eloquence and powerful preaching) was the son of a Roman official Sekoundos (of whom we know very little). His mother was Anthousa and she was known to be a Christian. He was born in the city of Antioch (where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians (Acts 11:26)) probably in the year 349 AD.

He received his official education at the feet of the Philosopher Andragathios (of whom we don't know much). His teacher of Rhetoric was the famous Libanios who was one of the last proponents of the religion of the ancient gods of the Greeks and Romans and who was openly contemptuous of the new official religion of the Empire, Christianity.

John's father died shortly after his birth when Anthousa was merely 20 years of age. He was brought up, along with his sister (of whom we know almost nothing-perhaps she died early), by his mother who, following the practice of most widows at the time (both Christian and pagan) rejected a second marriage, thus gaining the praise of even the pagan Libanios who, when he found out that Anthousa had been a widow for 20 years since the age of 20, he exclaimed, "Great heavens, what remarkable women are to be found among Christians".

Young John excelled in the classical education and especially the skill of rhetoric. This is verified by the historian Sozomen who relates that when Libanios was dying and his friends inquired who should succeed him in his chair of rhetoric, he answered, "It ought to have been John, had not the Christians stolen him from us."

John was not baptized as an infant, in spite the fact that his mother was a Christian and the practice of infant baptism was widely accepted at the time. His family deferred his baptism until later. He submitted himself to baptism when he was nearly 20 years old. During these younger years of John, the Christian community of Antioch experienced much tension and difficulties as they witnessed a division in the Church related to the Anomean heresy and as they also experienced a revival of paganism through the efforts of the Emperor Julian the Apostate. Julian reinstated pagan worship and limited the rights of Christians forbidding them to teach in schools. It was at this time that the shrines of their martyrs were closed, their liturgical vessels confiscated and the Great Church of their city was shut down.

Young John completed his rhetorical studies under Libanios in the year 367 at the age of 18 and began to attend the public hearings at the court. It was around this time (perhaps after his baptism) that John had a change of heart with regard to his career as a lawyer (for which he had prepared through his studies), and devoted himself to the study of the Holy Scriptures. During this time, he began to serve as bishop Meletios' personal aid for the next 3 years. He was finally ordained reader by him in 371, shortly before Meletios was forced out of Antioch by Emperor Valens.

Soon after the departure of bishop Meletios, John withdrew to the nearby monastic community outside the city and joined the ascetic monks who lived on the surrounding mountains (Sklipios) under the guidance of experienced elders. He spent the next 4 years engaged in the monastic life of asceticism, learning to cultivate his virtues and take control of his passions. He then withdrew further into the caves and submitted himself to rigorous ascetic practices for the next 2 years with the ultimate result of compromising his health. He eventually had to return to the city because of his failing health, although

St. John Chrysostom . . . continued

this coincided with the return from exile of bishop Meletios, whom he went back to serve. Three years after this he was finally ordained a deacon by Meletios at the end of 380 or beginning of 381 before the bishop departed for Constantinople to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council and where he met his untimely death.

As a deacon, John's primary function was to help supervise the amazing philanthropic work of the church of Antioch, which at the time was serving and caring for widows, orphans and the poor of the city, whose numbers constituted 10% of the city's population or about 30,000 people. He served in this capacity for five years until he was finally ordained a priest by the new bishop of Antioch, Flavian, in the opening weeks of 386.

As a priest, he now began his preaching ministry, in which he sought to change the way people lived and thought. His sermons reveal how he kept trying to convince his hearers to embrace a life of faith in Jesus as God, the new philosophy called Christianity, with its ascetic approach to life which includes control of their passions, cultivation of their virtues and loving one other and the poor of the city.

In the Fall of 397, John was selected by Emperor Arcadius to become Archbishop of Constantinople (after the death of Archbishop Nektarios) and without his consent he was brought to the imperial city where he was finally convinced to be ordained on February 26 of 398.

As Archbishop of Constantinople, Chrysostom continued his preaching ministry attempting to reform the city's elite by castigate the worldly lifestyles of bishops and courtiers. (This would finally cost him his position and he would die in exile). He also continued caring for the poor and preaching to the wealthy trying to convince them to part with their goods and offer them to comfort those in need.

In a world where the government had no involvement in helping the sick and suffering, the Church was able to step in and minister to thousands, not only materially, but also through the love and compassion of the Christian volunteers. With the aid of people like deaconess Olympias, the Church of Constantinople under Chrysostom developed an amazing philanthropic ministry taking care of orphans and widows, helping to feed the hungry and comforting those in need.

Besides been a champion of the poor, St. Chrysostom was also a champion of the incarnate Christ (the Θεάνθρωπος) and of the understanding that man (the άνθρωπος) is fallen and in need of redemption. Chrysostom speaks frequently in his homilies of the fallen human state and the need for redemption and directly relates it to the salvific work of Christ who is fully God and fully human and has assumed the same humanity as we have in order to redeem it. He speaks of the efforts of God to transform the human being and save it, but also of the freedom of the human being to either work together (in synergy) with the Grace of God and join His Kingdom or reject the offer and suffer Gehenna (eternal punishment and the second and final death).

Following Nicene Theology, Chrysostom teaches that Christ defeated sin and death through the same human flesh, which He shared with us and describes the synergy required of man for his salvation and deification (a synergy of faith, love and obedience to God), which was perfected in the union of the two natures of Christ. Chrysostom speaks of the necessity for human beings to contribute to the process of salvation and perfection of themselves by desiring God and rejecting sin, by developing and perfecting themselves in the virtues and attempting to become more in the likeness of God by exercising their own free will (προαίρεσις) and their own free choice (αὐτεξούσιον). In a world full of choices, he explains, the responsibility now falls upon the shoulders of each one of us, for God has done everything possible. We now need to offer our own small contribution, our faith, obedience and love for God. God has come after us as a true lover (ἐραστής), he proclaims. All we need to do is reciprocate by loving Him in return.

The Mission Statement of our Parish

Our Parish is the local eucharistic community of the Church in this locality;

The aims and purposes of our Parish are to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled.

The diakonia (ministry) of the Parish includes proclaiming and teaching the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the other sacraments; enhancing its parishioners' spiritual life; and adding to the numbers of the faithful by receiving persons into the Church through instruction, Baptism and/or Chrismation. In addition, the Parish has established educational and philanthropic activities to foster the aims and mission of the Parish and to edify its parishioners in the Faith and ethos of the Church.

The ultimate goal of our Parish is to lead its members into the Kingdom of God.

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

The Practice of "Confession" In the Bible

Old Testament

"He shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong." Num. 5:7

"Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners, and they stood and confessed their sins and the guilt of their fathers. While they stood in their places, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day and spent another fourth of the day in confession and worship of the LORD their God." Nehemiah 9:2-3

New Testament

"Confessing their sins, they were baptized by John in the Jordan River." Matthew 3:6

"And there went out unto John all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized by him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins." Mark 1:5

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

"Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices." Acts 19:18

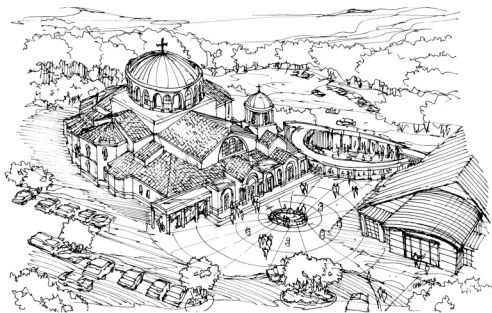
"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - NOVEMBER

11/1/2015	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8
11/2/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-5	Gospel: Luke 11:29-33
11/3/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:6-10	Gospel: Luke 11:34-41
11/4/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-8	Gospel: Luke 11:42-46
11/5/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:9-14	Gospel: Luke 11:47-54; 12:1
11/6/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 8:1-6	Gospel: Luke 12:8-12
11/7/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5	Gospel: Luke 9:1-6
11/8/2015	Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10
11/9/2015	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: Luke 12:13-15, 22-31	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:20-3:8
11/10/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: Luke 12:42-48
11/11/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Gospel: Luke 12:48-59
11/12/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19
11/13/2015	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: John 10:9-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2
11/14/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 1:43-51
11/15/2015	Matins: Mark 16:1-8 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22
11/16/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2	Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13
11/17/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:7-11	Gospel: Luke 14:25-35
11/18/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-12	Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
11/19/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:13-17; 3:1-5	Gospel: Luke 16:1-9
11/20/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 3:6-18	Gospel: Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4
11/21/2015	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
11/22/2015	Matins: Mark 16:9-20 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7
11/23/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:1-7	Gospel: Luke 17:20-25
11/24/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3	Gospel: Luke 17:26-37; 18:8
11/25/2015	Matins: Matthew 25:1-13 Gospel: Mark 5:24-34	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5
11/26/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:1-13	Gospel: Luke 18:31-34
11/27/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:4-8, 16	Gospel: Luke 19:12-28
11/28/2015	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:8-12	Gospel: Luke 10:19-21
11/29/2015	Matins: Luke 24:1-12 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Remembrance



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!)

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The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20th.



Parish Christmas Card

*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 **Wednesday, December 2nd!** Thank you!*

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

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3431 Trickum Road
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HELLENIC DANCE

Nov 15th - All Feet on Stage, Practice & Dance Meeting for Middle and High School Dancers

***Please note the times for basketball practice on this day. We understand that we will be sharing this time. Father Paul has the basketball practice times on the church calendar for these days.*

Coffee Hour:

Dance will be hosting coffee hour on Nov. 15th. An email will be sent closer to the date asking for people to please bring something for our coffee hour.

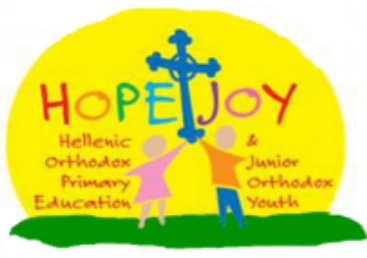
Hellenic Studies Announcements



Please join us on **Sunday, November 8th** 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 24th** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you have a blessed and safe holiday with your family!



HOPE/JOY

Upcoming Events: 2015

November

1st (Sunday) 3:30-5:30pm, "Jump 'til you Drop Party at BounceU" Did your little superhero or princess eat too much Halloween candy? Are the kids still wired from all that sugar? Come and jump it off at HOPE & JOY's Bounce Party! We'll spend the afternoon jumping and playing: a guaranteed way to wear out the kiddos. After 1.5 hours of bouncing, we'll enjoy a yummy dinner in our private party room. In the unforgettable words of Van Halen, "Might as well jump! Jump! Go ahead, jump! Jump!" Come on, let's all jump with HOPE & JOY!

14th (Saturday) time to be determined, "Giving Thanks: Preparing Lunches for the Homeless" We will take a field trip to St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church located across from Grant Park in downtown Atlanta. The kids will help prepare lunches for the homeless men, women, and children who receive assistance from St. John's. We will decorate brown bags, assemble sandwiches, and pack the lunches. We will also learn about the Loaves and Fishes Program and how we can help this important ministry.

24th (Tuesday) time to be determined, "The Joy of Serving: Distributing Lunches to the Homeless" St. John the Wonderworker's Loaves and Fishes Program has invited us back the week of Thanksgiving to help serve the homeless community by distributing lunches. Since the kids will be out of school this week, it's a great opportunity to teach them what Thanksgiving is truly about. After our work at St. John's is completed, we'll head over to the Cyclorama or the Zoo for fellowship and fun. (Cyclorama or Zoo outing will be determined based on the weather.)

December

5th (Saturday) 5:00-7:30pm, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year: Christmas Ornament Decorating, Spaghetti Dinner, and Bethlehem Walk" We'll get into the Christmas spirit by decorating ornaments (5:00pm) and enjoying a delicious Lenten spaghetti dinner (5:45pm) at the Church office building. The fun will continue just up the road at Mountain View United Methodist Church (6:30pm) where we'll experience a walk through Bethlehem and a live Nativity. Come for all or a portion of this fun, three-part festive event.

19th (Saturday) 1:00-2:30pm, "Falalalala: Christmas Caroling, Hot Cocoa, and Gingerbread" The kids will take the ornaments they decorated to a local nursing home (Arbor Terrace) where we will sing carols and bring a little Christmas cheer to the residents and staff. After falala-ing the afternoon away, we'll head to the nearest Starbucks for hot cocoa and yummy gingerbread cake.

Ice Breaker and Pita Party





PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Thank you to all who have joined or renewed your membership in Philoptochos. If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership, please stop at the Philoptochos table in the PLC any Sunday to complete the membership form. You may also download the form from the church website: www.holytransfiguration.info (click on "ministries", then "Philoptochos"). To date, we have **122** members who have fulfilled their 2015 financial commitment and they are:

Maria Alberts	Christine Demakis	Anna Lerios	Yota Nicolopoulos	Christine Sprouse
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Soup Kitchen: On September 24 we served 92 meals at Must Ministries. We would like to thank the following people who helped serve and baked chicken, rice, and prepared the salad: Kally Niarchos, Christine Sprouse, Paula Rogers, Penny Miltiades, Stephanie Gianaris, Pat Koutouzis, Marty Driscoll, Kathy Papadopoulos, Linda Lopus, and Athena Burke.

If anyone wishes to make a contribution to support and contribute to the building of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine Philoptochos Initiative, they should make their check out to Philoptochos (with "St. Nicholas Church" written on the memo line) and either put it in the Sunday tray (in an envelope marked "Philoptochos") or send it to : Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos, 3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta, GA 30066. Any donation, large or small, will be appreciated!



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. Get out and walk, even if it is just around your yard and enjoy God's beautiful world. We are so lucky to live in a free country, There is so much misery in other parts of the world. An expression we picked up in Branson, "Don't regret getting old...it's a privilege some don't get."

Oh how we miss our Parish Life Center. But, hopefully, we will be back in early part of next year according to the Parish Council meeting that was held in October. WE CAN'T WAIT!!

At our October board meeting we decided that a trip to New York would too long and exhausting. So the board opted to take shorter, less expensive trips and more of them. As of right now, we have decided to go to Pigeon Forge, a 3 day trip including Gatlinburg and a 5 show Smoky Mountains trip. This will probably take place in October 2016 so we can enjoy the fall leaves. More information to follow.

Our Christmas party will be held at the Diner at North Point on Sunday, December 13. We have new brain games to play and fun prizes. Prime Timers will furnish the appetizers and wine; a menu will be distributed later. No money will be collected: each person will pay separately. Our good news for the party is that Prime Timers will present a \$1000 check to the Capital Campaign. Also we are asking those attending to bring a gift card from Target or Walmart for Fr. Panayiotis' Agapi Fund.

Our goal for 2016 is to increase our membership and meet more seniors in our community. On Saturday, January 16, 2016 we are planning a day event. Please mark your calendars. More to follow.

May God Bless you all and have a Joyous Holiday season.

Your Prime Timers Board



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

AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—November 2015

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 5	AHEPA #1 Scholarship Dinner	Kartos Hall, Atlanta (DATE CHANGE)
November 6-8	Cabin Fever	Blairsville, GA
November 21	Adopt-A-Mile	Holy Transfiguration
December 8	Chapter Meeting	RUMI Kitchen, 6112 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs
December 13	Christmas Party	Ted & Linda Sampanes home, Roswell, GA
December 20	Coffee Hour	Holy Transfiguration Church

2015 MEMBERSHIP BILLING. Please be sure to submit your annual dues to Treasurer Keath Paxten to remain a member in good standing.

TOYS-FOR-TOTS. Once again, AHEPA will be collecting toys on behalf of our entire Parish for this worth cause. Collections bins will be located around our facility. Your admission to the Christmas Party is a toy!

FACEBOOK & HOLY TRANSFIGURATION WEBSITE. Be sure to check out AHEPA #519 on Facebook and the AHEPA section of our church website for new photos, updates, and fresh content. Utilize these areas for additional information/details for our Marietta Chapter #519.

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, Ron Sprouse

Prime Timers' Christmas Party
Sunday, December 13, 5:00 pm
The Diner at North Point



1st course - Appetizers

Cheese Quesadillas
Dolmades
Bruschetta

2nd Course - Salads

Greek Salad
Vinaigrette
Caesar

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

Boneless Pork Chops
Oven Roasted Lemon Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
Bourbon Demi Glaze

4th Course - Desserts

Chocolate Cake
Key Lime Pie



Includes: Soft Drinks or Iced Tea, Coffee or Hot Tea, Bread and Butter

Appetizers and Wine furnished by Prime Timers

\$30 per person - includes gratuity/tax**

Entertainment: Brain Games with Fun Prizes

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

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

New Chapel at the Diakonia Retreat Center



At our recent Metropolis clergy retreat, our bishop took us on a tour of the new chapel that is being constructed at the Diakonia Retreat Center. The picture above shows the scaffolding around the wall of the sanctuary, where the altar will be. Below is a photo of clergy entering the building. Glory to God!



A Modern Parable

There once was an athlete who was traveling through a city and thought that he would stop in at the local health club so that he could get some work-out time in before he moved on to the next town on his competition tour. So he looked in the phone book and found the club nearest to his hotel and walked over.

When he arrived, he found a very modern and well-designed work-out complex, equipped with all the latest machines, a huge building on a large piece of property. Clearly, the health club must have had a wealthy and dedicated membership to afford this sort of excellent facility.

As he walked around the halls, he saw bulletin boards filled with notices for daily work-out classes and fitness and nutrition training. The club even seemed to have full-time doctors and nurses on staff, along with trainers and teachers of every kind. It was then that the athlete noticed something strange.

Peering into the main exercise room, he found that only a handful of the many dozens of exercise machines were actually being used. He also found several classrooms empty of people. Curious about this, the athlete walked up to one of the trainers and started asking him questions.

"How many members do you have at this club?" The answer: "Well over a thousand, sir." "But why aren't these machines all filled with people? What about the classes? I passed rooms with teachers but only a couple of students. How is anyone supposed to get healthy like this? This is a health club, right?" The reply: "Oh, you can find all the people at the other end of the building, sir, in the cafeteria."

Puzzled, the athlete found his way to the cafeteria, which he discovered was bustling with hundreds of people. He approached one of the tables, where a number of the health club members were eating.



A Modern Parable



The athlete introduced himself: "Hi, I'm passing through town and was wondering why the cafeteria seems to be filled with people, but the exercise rooms and weight rooms only seem to have a couple of folks in them." He received a number of answers. Here's a sampling:

"Well, I only go exercise maybe a few times a month. My doctor says I should be exercising at least a few times a week, but I find it's a lot more comfortable to sit here with my friends and socialize. Anyway, I'm putting out some effort, right? That's what should count."

"Right on! My doctor sent me here, too, but the main focus in my health club membership is to see my friends and have a good time with them. I hardly ever exercise, maybe just a few times a year, but I keep my membership up to date so I won't miss seeing my friends."

"My focus here at the health club is to help raise funds to keep the machines and the whole facility in good order. You must admit that we have a truly fine cafeteria, too. It's known all over town. Why, there are even people who have never set foot in the exercise rooms who still come to our cafeteria. In fact, we were recently named 'Health Club of the Year' in the newspaper. What I do for the health club is far more important than exercising."

"I like to stand in the halls sometimes, just outside the work-out areas. That's where my

friends are. Sometimes, I can hear some excellent music being played by the people exercising. I like the music."

"I exercised a couple of times, and it didn't do anything."

"I enjoy some of the classes and even bring my kids to them. Kids should have classes, you know, so I often just drop them off and pick them up later. But somehow, I just don't have the time for the exercise. I usually don't bother to bring them to exercise, either. Education is more important."

"People who exercise are crazy. My motto is: 'No pain... no pain!'" (At that, everyone laughed.) "I go at least once a year, anyway. Who really needs any more than that?"

"My parents got me a membership when I was a kid. I haven't really exercised very often since then, but I still consider myself a member. I do like to come and watch other people exercise sometimes, though, which makes me feel good."

"I have friends who are members here who don't even come to the cafeteria, much less exercise. But they send their membership dues in and hang out with us after the scheduled work-out times. They pay their dues, so they're members just like anyone else."

At that, the athlete shook his head and went to go work out in one of the empty rooms.

TRANSFIGURATION GARDENS ORTHODOX CEMETERY AT GREEN LAWN CEMETERY, ROSWELL, GA

Our Parish has purchased 50 plots, which we are making available at a **reduced price of \$3,200**. This price includes one plot with a vault.

This is an effort of our parish to provide a resting place for our people where you can also have a headstone with a cross and the names of the deceased and where the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on a regular basis and our people will be commemorated for centuries to come. One of our parishioners has paid for the construction of a monument in the center of this Orthodox Cemetery, which provides an Altar for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

You may purchase plots through the church office - No interest, financing available.



November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p> <p>Fifth Sunday... & Damianos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:30 AM A 40 day Memorial 11:55 AM Artoklasia is given 12:45 PM GOYA Youth 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM AHEPA Scholarship Dinner 7:00 PM OCF Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM AHEPA Scholarship Dinner 7:00 PM OCF Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM No Bible Study Class 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM No Patristic Theology Seminar 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHEPA Cabin Fever 6:00 PM Philoptochos Fall Fundraiser 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Hansard Baptism (Adeleine Emelia) 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHEPA Cabin Fever Synaxis of the... of the Angels. 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:50 AM 40 day Blessing 12:00 PM 40 day Blessing 12:00 PM Philoptochos 12:00 PM Artoklasia is given 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. N... of Aegina 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 PM Interior Design Meeting 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 7:00 PM Education, Youth, Culture Committee Meeting 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. John Chrysostom 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. John Chrysostom 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. Philip the Apostle 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 2:00 PM HOPE/JOY Giving Thanks: Preparing Lunches for the Homeless 6:00 PM Archangel Michael Awards Dinner
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eighth Sunday... of Christmas 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 1:00 PM Adult Recreational Basketball 2:30 PM Boys' Basketball Practice 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Education Development Committee Meeting 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Patristic Theology Seminar 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council Leadership Retreat AHEPA Adopt A Highway Feast of the... to the Temple 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHEPA Adopt A Highway Feast of the... to the Temple 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ninth Sunday... (Ship Sunday) 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:50 AM A Memorial Service is given by Grigorios and Agapi Chrysopoulos and family for Athanasios (10 yr) and Kerasena (5 yr) 12:00 PM Stewardship Thanksgiving 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 AM No Classes - Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. C... Great Martyr 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving Day 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thirteenth Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 1:00 PM Adult Recreational Basketball 2:00 PM Boys' Basketball 3:00 PM Girls' Basketball & Great Vespers 5:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Andrew the 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. A... First Called. 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Philoptochos/Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Barbara 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 7:00 PM Patristic Theology Seminar 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. Barbara 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM PC Candidate Training 9:00 AM Philoptochos St. Nicholas Market 12:00 PM Saba Baptism (Hannah Mary) 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Andrew the ment Decorating/Spaghetti

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Nov. 1	M. Nichols/R. Rogers	St. John	P. Koutouzis/D. Levine	S. Bethune/E. Bilson/T. Vamvakias
Nov. 8	M. Alberts/A. Miltiades	St. Peter	C. Kollias/B. Valagohar	A. Burke/M. Driscoll/M. Eleftheriou
Nov. 15	S. Steffas/T. Voulopos	St. James	K. Johnson/E. Markley	T. Georgacopoulos/S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis
Nov. 22	A. Miltiades/D. Koutouzis	St. John	P. Koutouzis/D. Smith	E. Kay/P. Koutouzis/A. Lerios
Nov. 29	G. O'Brien/B. Valagohar	St. Peter	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	L. Lopos/J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades

St. James Altar Servers: Paul Jacobs-Captain

Chris Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Kris Kollias, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Matthew Paulson, Alexander Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Niko Tiller, Nick Zakreski

St. John Altar Servers: Nicholas Tassopoulos-Captain

Christopher Alberts, Matthew Azimzadeh, Andrew Bass, Christopher Bilson, Theo Bliss, Anthony Bundros, Christian Coleman, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Nicholas Gekas, William Jansma, Angelo Makris, Michael Marianos, Alexander Morgan, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Csaba Wagner, Romeo Wagner

St. Peter Altar Servers: Lucas Porter-Captain

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Note: If your son is not listed and should be, please contact Fr. Paul.