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Marietta, GA

OCTOBER 2010



HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS (October 1)

Most holy Mother of God, today we Orthodox joyfully celebrate thy coming among us. As we gaze at thy icon we cry with compunction: Shelter us under thy protection, deliver us from evil, and pray thy Son Christ our God to save our souls.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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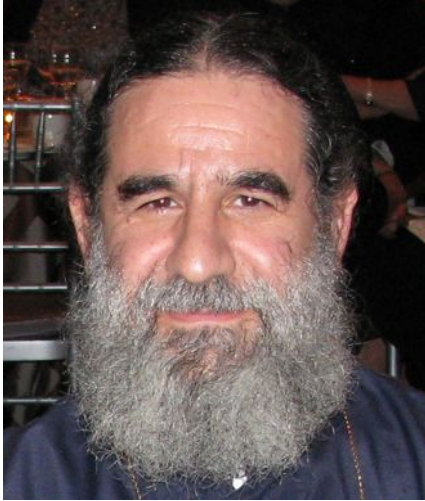
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Directions to our Parish:

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!

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/directions/>

RESIST THE WINDS OF CHANGE



Change, some times, seems to be a good thing; we change schools, we change neighborhoods, we change towns, we change states, we change cars, we change doctors, we even change political parties. Change can be a renewal in some ways and is welcome.

When it comes to the Faith, however, the moral issues and family values, and the foundational positions of life handed down to us through the centuries, change may not be the best course for us.

Let me use an image from our lives: Redecorating our house, painting it a new color, moving the furniture around, getting a new couch, fixing the yard and redoing the landscaping are all welcome changes that refresh and renew our space and may re-invigorate our lives in various ways. No one in their right mind, however, will dig into the foundation of the house or meddle with the structural beams of the building just for the sake of change. There are some things you do not touch, for the structure will come down crumbling on your head.

The Faith and the spiritual/moral aspects of our life are the foundation and structural supports of humanity. It has taken the very humbling of God Himself and his presence on earth for these things to be revealed to us fully. In addition, two thousand years of application and testing of these principles in the lives of Orthodox Christians, since then, has shown their great value for us both on the personal as well as the societal level.

Unfortunately, in our times, certain people removed from God, immersed in their passions and confused about the essence of life, have been meddling with those things that we Orthodox have held precious over the centuries; the doctrines of the Faith (the divinity of Christ and the resurrection) have been under severe scrutiny and outright mockery for decades by the so called "intellectuals" of our time. Marriage has been under attack as a principle and institution leading to a tremendous increase in broken families with dire spiritual, moral and psychological consequences for millions of people (both spouses and children). Unbridled sexuality and the idolatry of the flesh have been paraded even in our own living-rooms in the guise of entertainment as the norm of life, while virginity, purity of body and soul have been mocked and ridiculed as backward and not normal. The family, as a core institution of our society, is being pushed to the brink of destruction by new norms, relationships and ideas offering a false feeling of personal freedom and independence.

The question arises bigger than life: What is it that we as Orthodox Christians can do?

The answer: Resist the winds of change!!! The Orthodox Church has survived the decadence of the Roman society and conquered it, establishing a Christian Empire and an Orthodox Christian culture that lasted over a thousand years, because it refused to go along with the norms of their time. It survived fourteen centuries of subjugation to the muslims and decades of abuse by the communists because it held fast to the Faith in Christ's divine power and the hope of the resurrection through Him.

This is our call today as American Orthodox Christians: We need to hold fast to the principles of Faith and life as handed down through the centuries to us and *resist the winds of change!!!*

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES October 2010

October 1, Friday, Blessing of the Water 10:00 am. Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos

October 2, Saturday, NO Vespers

October 3, Sunday. Second Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of the island of Cyprus
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 9, Saturday, Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

October 10, Sunday, Third Sunday of Luke
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 16, Saturday, NO Vespers

October 17, Sunday, Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD)
Feast of St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist (transfer from October 18)
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 23, Saturday, NO Vespers

October 24, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

OXI Day Celebration. Doxology at the end of the Divine Liturgy. All Hellenic Studies students will attend this Service.

Δοξολογία Ἑθνικῆς Ἑορτῆς 28ης Ὀκτωβρίου 1940 μετά τό πέρας τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας. Ὅλοι οἱ μαθητές τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ μας σχολείου θά παρευρεθοῦν στήν τελετή αὐτή.

October 25, Monday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm for Feast of St. Demetrios,

October 26, Tuesday, Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr.
Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America. Many Years to him!
Ἁγίου Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος τοῦ Μυροβλήτου.
Ὀνομαστική ἑορτή Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀμερικῆς κ. κ. Δημητρίου.

October 30, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

October 31, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Holy Protection of the Theotokos

October 1st

Troparion (Tone 4)

Most holy Mother of God, today we Orthodox joyfully celebrate thy coming among us. As we gaze at thy icon we cry with compunction: Shelter us under thy protection, deliver us from evil, and pray thy Son Christ our God to save our souls.

On October 1, 911, at 4 AM, the Mother of God appeared above the people in the crowded Blachernae Church of the Mother of God in Constantinople, during an all night vigil. She had in her outstretched hands a long veil. St. Andrew the Fool for Christ was standing in the back. He said to his disciple Epiphanius, "Do you see how the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?" Epiphanius replied, "Yes, Father; I see it and stand in dread." They are depicted in the lower right of this icon. This reminds us of how the Theotokos intercedes for those who ask in time of distress. [St. Romanos the Melodist](#) is depicted on the lower left holding a scroll with words from the Canon of the Nativity where he wrote: "Today the Virgin gives birth." We see St. John the Baptist and other Saints in heaven giving glory to the Theotokos, as well.



Bible Study Groups

You are invited to join us for this most interesting and exciting gathering and discussion on the *Writings of the Apologists* every **Wednesday** at 10:00 am or **Thursday**, at 7:00 pm starting on **October 6 and 7**. These are documents written by the second generation of Christians after the Apostles defending the Christian Faith against accusations by the Jews and Pagans. **Come join us to discover the faith of the Early Church.**

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY

The "Intro to Orthodoxy" Class, will begin meeting on **Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 pm**. This class is for those who want to learn about the Orthodox Faith. Please call the church office and register with Anne.

Altar Boy Workshop

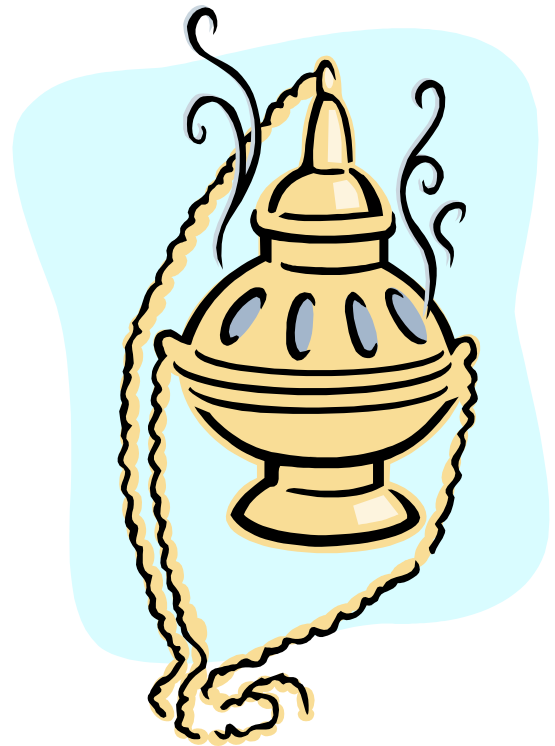
Saturday, October 30th, 2010

1:00 to 4:00 pm

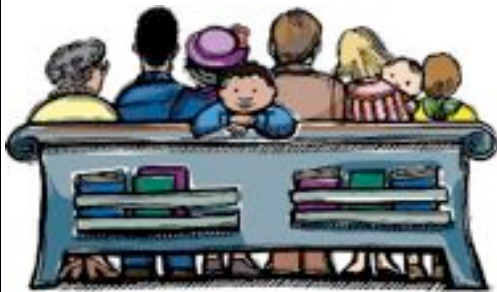
All boys wishing to serve in the altar this year will have to attend this workshop.

If you cannot make it to this one you should immediately inform your captain or Theodore Ehmer. [See info below](#)

Questions? Contact Theodore Ehmer at (770) 256-0290 or t.d.ehmer@gmail.com



STUDY: Couples That Pray Together Stay Together



Family Worship

Couples that share similar religious beliefs and pray together in their home are more likely to experience greater happiness in both marriage and live-in relationships, a new study released Tuesday found. And **African-American couples are more likely (40 percent) than non-Hispanic whites and Hispanics (both 29 percent) to have a partner that shares religious beliefs.**

"White couples, in general, reported greater relationship satisfaction than other groups, presumably because of income and educational advantages," the [Washington Post](#) reported. "But the racial gap lessens when religious similarities come into the mix."

The study, described as the first major look at religion and relationship quality across racial lines, will appear in this month's issue of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. "What this study suggests is that religion is one of the key factors narrowing the racial divide in relationship quality in the United States," said study co-author W. Bradford Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia. **Just as shared religious beliefs and experiences can enhance a relationship, conflicting beliefs or practices can harm one.** The study found relationship satisfaction to be lower when only one half of a couple regularly attended religious services.

Read original story in [The Washington Post](#) | Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - OCTOBER

10/1/2010	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19	Gospel: Luke 6:17-23
10/2/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17	Gospel: Luke 5:17-26
10/3/2010	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
10/4/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12-15	Gospel: Luke 6:24-30
10/5/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:16-23	Gospel: Luke 6:37-45
10/6/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 20:19-31
10/7/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:1-8	Gospel: Luke 7:17-30
10/8/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:8-19	Gospel: Luke 7:31-35
10/9/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8
10/10/2010	Matins: John 20:19-31 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19
10/11/2010	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39	Gospel: Luke 7:36-50
10/12/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:1-3; 7-11	Gospel: Luke 8:1-3
10/13/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:18-23	Gospel: Luke 8:22-25
10/14/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:24-29	Gospel: Luke 9:7-11
10/15/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:1-7	Gospel: Luke 9:12-18
10/16/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:12-18	Gospel: Matthew 27:33-54
10/17/2010	Matins: John 21:1-14 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
10/18/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18	Gospel: Luke 10:16-21
10/19/2010	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21	Gospel: Luke 9:23-27
10/20/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:17-25; 4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:44-50	
10/21/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11	Gospel: Luke 9:49-56
10/22/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:10-18	Gospel: Luke 10:1-15
10/23/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19	Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58
10/24/2010	Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18
10/25/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-5	Gospel: Luke 10:22-24
10/26/2010	Matins: Luke 21:12-19 Gospel: John 15:17-27; 16:1-2	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
10/27/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-8	Gospel: Luke 11:9-13
10/28/2010	Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:9-14
10/29/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:14-20	Gospel: Luke 11:23-26
10/30/2010	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5	Gospel: Luke 8:16-21
10/31/2010	Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fellow Parishioners,

We are a busy parish. As you look around our community this month, you will notice that October is packed with activities. The most prominent activity that we will all experience is that of the installation of the Pantocrator in our sanctuary. We will have to endure the scaffolding in the sanctuary until early November. God willing, by the end of the installation, we will all be able to experience the added beauty to our sanctuary, and continue to honor and appreciate the traditions of the Orthodox faith.

There are still contracted icon installations that have not yet been pledged.

- The 12 prophets up in the dome between the dome windows: Solomon, Isaiah, Elis, Abbakoum, Ezekiel, Hosea, Aggaeos, Sophonias, Daniel (Partially Donated), Jonas, Jeremiah
- The Evangelists: John, Matthew
- Transfiguration (multiple general and super donors needed)
- Resurrection (Memorials and General donations)
- St. John of Damascus Bust
- Cosmas the Hymnographer Bust
- Dormition

If you are interested in pledging toward an icon, please contact the church office.

The Parish Council is currently working on the budget for 2011. You should all be receiving the proposed budget by October 14th, and we will be discussing the budget as well as some other issues on October 24th at the Parish Assembly. Please plan to attend and participate. We will have lunch after the Divine Liturgy, and promptly start the meeting in order to conduct the business of the church.

In creating the preliminary budget, we depend on you the parishioners and stewards, to provide the support that enables the parish to survive and thrive. If we are to be responsible for growing the Orthodox faith throughout the Marietta and Cobb County area, we need the support of our parishioners in volunteering their time talent and treasure. To survive is to keep giving at or slightly above the current levels, taking into account inflation. To thrive would mean that we need to consider giving more.

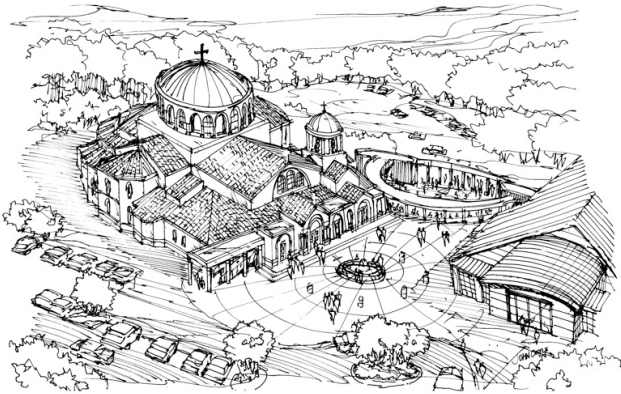
We have established a strategic planning committee that will be tasked with several long term projects. These projects include the consecration of our church, and the next capital campaign to enable us to build our next facility. Please keep this in mind and pray that our efforts are pleasing to God.

In His Service,

Drew Dudley
Parish Council President

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Let us gather in the House of the Lord

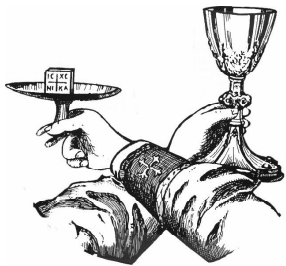


Enabling our hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches through the understanding of the mystery of God. (Col. 2:2)

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

If you have not done so yet, please send in your 2010 Stewardship Pledge

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



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

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

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

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

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

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

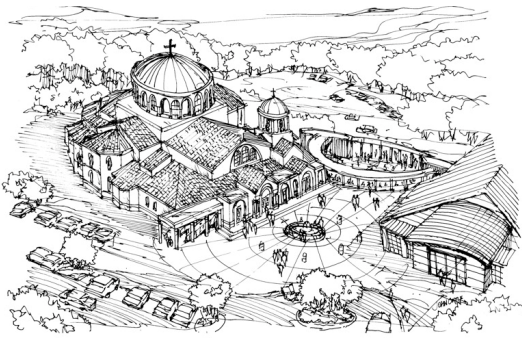
The Necessity of Stewardship

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

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

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

Have you submitted your Stewardship Card and Building Fund Pledge? If not, please do so today.



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STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2010

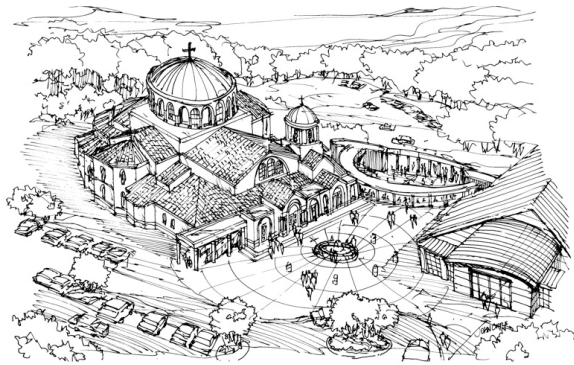
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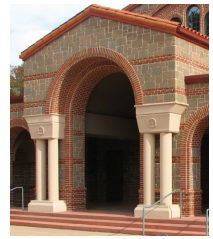
Our Parish depends on the Stewardship of its members. Our Parish is funded by us.

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

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

Have you submitted your Stewardship Card and Building Fund Pledge? If not, please do so today.

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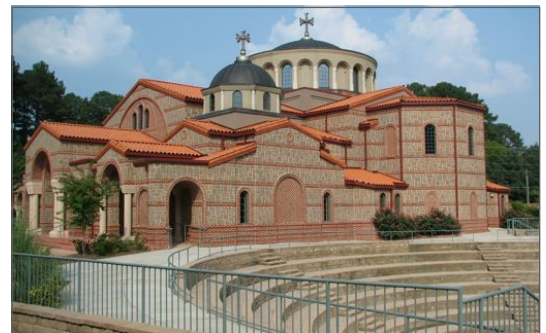


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Donation of the Dome Pantocrator
is offered by Alex and John Paulson.

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Chapel Iconography are offered by
Eula Carlos and family.

Current News on Iconography

Our Iconographer is here working on
the installation of the Pantocrator and
the Prophets in the Dome . We ask
for your patience and understanding
with regard to the scaffolding in the
church. We expect the project to be
completed within the next 6-7 weeks.



Elias Katsaros, our Iconographer at work.

**Special thanks to those who have
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Church recently:**

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

Nikolas Boudouris - September 4, 2010
Alexander Morosanu - September 11, 2010
Simon Berhe - September 18, 2010
Henok, Naomi, Mariam Berhe - September 18, 2010 (Chrismation)
Philip (Daniel) Brooks - September 18, 2010
David, Anna (Cassandra) Shelby - September 19, 2010 (Chrismation)

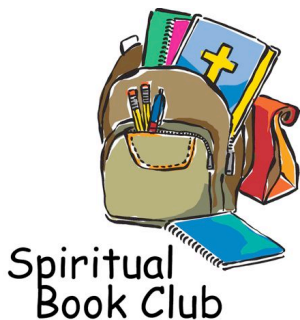
*CROWN THEM WITH GLORY
& HONOR*

David and Anna (Cassandra) Shelby - September 19, 2010
Philip (Daniel) Brooks and Irene Kipreos - September 25, 2010



First Sunday of the Month - Parish Library Open

Please note that our Parish Library will be open the **first Sunday of the month**. Please look out for some of our new, recently acquired recommendations by Fr. Panayiotis for Spiritual Book Club Reading.



The next Spiritual Book Club will be held **Sunday, October 3rd** from **6:30** till **8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The book for discussion is **The Gurus, the Young Man and Elder Paisios by Dionysios Farisiotis**. It is available in the bookstore. This will be the final discussion on this book. Please contact **Elene Catrakilis**, elenecat@yahoo.com, if you have any questions. If anyone has any suggestions for spiritual book club reading, please email your suggestions to Elene to be forwarded to Father for consideration.

Hellenic Dance



Remember when we used to gather on 'Family Night' to just be together, eat and visit with each other? Well, we believe it's time to offer those evenings again!!

Everyone is invited to the next community wide **Family-Night Dance** on **Saturday, November 6**. It will be a pot luck dinner, and music will be playing so that we can dance the night away!! This is a great family opportunity to come and have fun, learn any dances you have been meaning to learn, or just brush up on any that you don't know. We will have instructors available to teach or refresh the steps. Hope you and your family can make it!!

HOPE/JOY

A colorful illustration of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting on the ground under a large tree with green leaves. The boy on the left has red hair and is wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, with his hands clasped in prayer. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is also wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, with her hands clasped in prayer. A small orange butterfly is flying between them. The ground is decorated with green stones and yellow flowers.

Parents of young children.

Hope and Joy is having their next meeting October 10, at 5:00 pm. We will have a potluck Dinner and then "Time with Fr. Panayiotis, while the children play. Bring something to share with others.

Parents of teenage children are welcome to join us. The Topic is "How do we become better parents?"

Save the Date:

Oct. 10th Parish Life Center @5pm, Potluck Dinner, 1st Discussion w/ Father Panayiotis

Nov. 14th Parish Life Center @ 5pm, Potluck Dinner, 2nd Discussion TBA

Jan. 9th, 2011 Parish Life Center @ 5pm, Potluck Dinner, 3rd Discussion TBA

March 6th, 2011 Parish Life Center @ 5pm, Potluck Dinner, Panel Discussion - Overview

HOPE (K-2nd grade) Friday Paulson fpaulson@bellsouth.net & Elaine Bilson eleni_cosma@yahoo.com

JOY (3rd-5th grade) Liz Azimzadeh azimzb@bellsouth.net & Jennifer Mallie jennifermallie@mac.com



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NATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR OCTOBER: \$250 to the Cancer Fund to assist cancer patients. A donation to the National Philoptochos Emergency Fund to enable National Philoptochos to respond immediately to those in need, in times of national or international disasters.



NIFTY-FIFTIES MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

It's time to investigate...please join us **Saturday, October 23, 2010** in the PLC...there will be drama, comedy, food and fun! Reservations are \$35/person and drawing tickets \$10 each or 3/\$25 are on sale each Sunday at the Philoptochos information table. Contact the following committee chairs for:

<u>Event Chairperson:</u>	Carol Sarmir, 770-998-6404, nurch@aol.com .
<u>Dinner Theater Reservations:</u>	Linda Lopus at 678-445-3556, llopos@bellsouth.net .
<u>Drawing Tickets:</u>	Xanthippe Marsico at 678-795-0559 or Athena Burke at 678-462-9775, ibgreek@bellsouth.net
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<u>Decorations/Artwork:</u>	Regina Kourafas, 770-933-3428, reginak23@comcast.net
<u>Food:</u>	Mary Miltiades, 404-626-5111, mmiltiades@bellsouth.net

Proceeds will benefit Philoptochos Social Services and "Blessings in a Backpack," a special Philoptochos project to help feed school children of low income families on the weekends.

MEETINGS:

- **Board Meeting**, Monday, **October 11, 2010** at 6:30pm, potluck dinner; 7:00pm meeting.
- **General Meeting**, Monday, **October 18, 2010** at 7:00pm at the home of Nikki Palamiotis, 258 Balaban Circle, Woodstock GA. You may contact Nikki at **770-926-0248**.

BOOK CLUB: We will gather at Mary Miltiades' home on **Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00pm**. The book title is *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese. Mary can be reached at 404-626-5111 or mmiltiades@bellsouth.net.

SOUP KITCHEN - Thursday, **October 28, 2010**. Contact **Athena Burke** at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or **678-462-9775** to cook, serve, donate food or make a monetary donation. The August Soup Kitchen ladies served 115 homeless people. Those that helped serve and cooked the meals were: **Dorothy Macris, Cathy Costarides, Lisa Moraitakis, Margaret Kollias, Mary and Elton Longshore, Tina Vamvakias, Xanthippe Marsico, Paula Rogers, Michelle Broussard-Hanes, Kathy Bylos, Tasia Kipreos, Christine Stavrou, Stephanie Gianaris.**

HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER: **Mondays, November 1st and 8th** - Join us in baking for "Koulourakia in a Bag". On **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9th and 10th** join us in baking Spanakopita – both for our holiday fundraiser.

Membership: contact **Evelyn Bilson** at evelynbilson@hotmail.com, **Nancy Barke** at knitchef@gmail.com or **Dorothy Macris** at dorothymacris@comcast.net.



A Philoptochos Charity Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

it is time to investigate...

Come join the fun for a NIFTY FIFTIES MYSTERY DINNER THEATER to benefit "Blessings in a Backpack" and our Philoptochos Panagia Chapter Social Service Fund.

When & Where

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010
Holy Transfiguration Parish Life Center
3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, Georgia
NEW TIME! 6:30 PM

Dinner Tickets

\$35.00 EACH

Drawing Tickets

TICKETS AVAILABLE \$10 each or 3 for \$25
FIRST PRIZE: Apple iPad
SECOND PRIZE: Amazon Kindle
THIRD PRIZE: Dinner and Theater tickets

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE "1950s" ATTIRE

See You there!

Prime Timers News

Our “chefs” cooked up a delicious breakfast for our September meeting.



September was a busy month for Prime Timers. We had a nice turnout at our September 11 breakfast meeting in the PLC. Fr. Panayiotis was our guest speaker, and he engaged us in a conversation about our Orthodox faith, and how we live our lives as Orthodox Christians.

On September 12, many people stopped by our Prime Timers table during our Homecoming Picnic. We are happy to welcome the following new members: Plutarch and Tina Vamvakias, Jim and Kally Niarchos, Jim and Eleni Clement, Ted and Linda Sampanes, Karina Dosova, and Michael Kostas. Thanks to everyone who helped us with the Coffee/Fellowship Hour on Sunday, September 19.

On Sat., Oct. 16, plan to join us at the Cumming Greek Festival. We will meet at 1:00pm in front of the Cumming church: Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church, 3074 Bethelview Rd., Cumming

Upcoming Events (Mark these dates on your calendar)

- **November 13: Breakfast Meeting in PLC (election of new board)**
- **December 4: Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance (more information to come)**



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

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 12	Second Tuesday Meeting
November 9	Second Tuesday Meeting—We will be joining the ATLANTA chapter for Men's Brotherhood Dinner (details to follow)
December 11 or 12	Christmas Party at the home of Ted and Linda Sampanes (bring your guest)
December 14	Second Tuesday meeting

AHEPA will once again be sponsoring a TOYS FOR TOTS program in December. Now is the time to collect a few new toys for the needy boys and girls!

The AHEPA Brothers enjoyed a wonderful dinner meeting to kick off our fall events on September 14. We developed our objectives and plans for the coming year...and have good work and good fun on the agenda! In addition, four new members were initiated.

AHEPA National has created a petition in support of rebuilding St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, the only church destroyed in the New York City 9/11 attacks. The petition will be presented to the New York Port Authority, the government organization responsible for the land where the church was located. Please sign the petition available during coffee hour.

THANK YOU ONE HUNDRED TIMES for supporting the AHEPA Pancake Breakfast on September 26. Well over 100 people enjoyed pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. All proceeds support the college scholarships. Look for another pancake breakfast soon!

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

Your Board: Ron Sprouse, Plutarch Vamvakias, Zack Kollias, Harry Kipreos

The Church in the Home



Diakonia Retreat Center October 15-17, 2010

First Retreat in a Series

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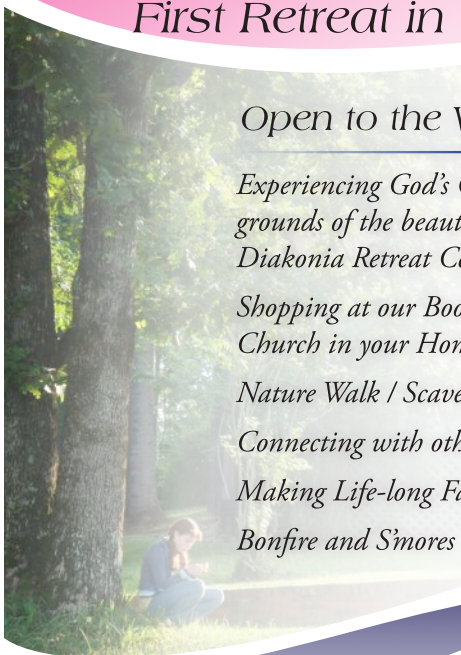
*Shopping at our Bookstore to Build the
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Connecting with other Orthodox Families

Making Life-long Family Memories

Bonfire and S'mores



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
2480 Clairmont Rd. NE · Atlanta, GA 30329
Telephone: 404-634-9345 · Fax: 404-634-2471

Schedule

Arrival: Friday, Oct. 15th, 6:00 PM
Departure: Sunday, Oct. 17th, 12:00 PM

Cost

\$175 - per family for registrations by Aug. 31
\$185 - per family for registrations after Aug. 31

** Cost includes: two nights lodging in the air conditioned
cabins, all meals (Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch,
and dinner; and Sunday brunch), all workshops, and all
materials.*

Location

Diakonia Retreat Center

455 Quail Ridge Rd. Salem, SC 29676-2417
Tel.: (864) 944-6788 • www.diakoniacenter.org

Contact Us

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Paula Marchman: (404) 272-5775
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Islam has been hijacked by extremists around the world? Or Not?

Below, lawyers of the "High Court Bar Association" in Pakistan demonstrating against the possibility of the burning of the Quran, threatening the destruction of America if Terry Jones goes ahead with his plan in Gainesville, FL. These are not extremists, but educated normal Muslims.



IF QURAN IS BURNED, IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA

Interpol warns of global attacks if Quran is burned

Lyon (France), Sep 9 (AFP)

The global police agency Interpol warned today that if a US church group makes good on a threat to burn copies of the Quran it will probably trigger terrorist attacks around the world.

Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble said he had warned member states that "if the proposed Quran burning ... goes ahead as planned, there is a strong likelihood that violent attacks on innocent people would follow.

"Although there are currently no specific details as to what forms of terror attacks would follow, what is clear is -- if the Quran burning goes ahead as planned -- there will be tragic consequences," he said in a statement.

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/95451/interpol-warns-global-attacks-quran.html>

Grand ayatollah in Iran warns U.S. of repercussions if Quran burned

Tehran Times Political Desk, Thursday, September 9, 2010

TEHRAN - Grand Ayatollah Lotfollah Safi Golpayegani has warned the United States that there will be major repercussions if the plan to burn the Quran on the 9/11 anniversary is carried out.

Ayatollah Golpayegani issued a statement on Wednesday, saying he, along with 1.5 billion Muslims, as well as other truly civilized people in the world, denounce the barbarous plan.

He stated that such a plan will endanger all of humanity and will give rise to major disturbances.

"I warn... Christian leaders that if such a catastrophic and inhuman incident takes place in the United States, we will hold the U.S. government and President Obama accountable," he said.

http://www.tehrantimes.com/index_View.asp?code=226337

Most Americans are perplexed by this phenomenon: How can Muslims be willing to go to such extremes for the burning of a book?

Here is some interesting info to help clarify this better:

1. To Muslims, the Quran is the incarnate Word of God. Not just a divinely inspired book, but the very Word of God embodied in the book. Pretty much, the Quran is to the Muslims what Jesus Christ himself is to the Christians. (This is the case in spite the fact that Jesus (Isa) is also called the Word of God and Messiah in the Quran 4.171). Hence, whatever is in the Quran is a direct command for all true Muslims to follow. God speaks directly and definitively to them and the whole world through this book.
2. Mohammed is the other source of faith for Muslims. His life and teachings are important especially because of the ambivalence of the Quran on certain subjects. The Quran came from his hands and he is first and prime interpreter of it. Muslims are predisposed to honor Mohammed as the *per excellence* Prophet and Apostle of God and the epitome of human perfection in character, words and deeds. He is the role model that all Muslims are obligated to emulate.
3. To disrespect Mohammed and/or the Quran is the ultimate blasphemy against God Himself and is punishable by death. The death sentence can be enacted on Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

In the understanding of Muslims, killing of the unbelievers and sinners is sanctioned by God Himself thought the Quran in certain cases. Here are a few verses from the Quran where killing of those opposed to the Muslim faith and/or His Apostle and Prophet (Mohammed), and/or who refuse to submit to the authority of Islam and the teachings of Mohammed and the Quran is endorsed and authorized by God Himself through His Word (the Quran).

Quotes from the Quran authorizing killing (note verse 5:33 especially):

[9.5] So when the sacred months have passed away, then **slay** the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush . . .

[2.191] And **kill** them wherever you find them, and drive them out from whence they drove you out, and persecution is severer than slaughter, and do not fight with them at the Sacred Mosque until they fight with you in it, but if they do fight you, then slay them; such is the recompense of the unbelievers.

[4.89] They desire that you should disbelieve as they have disbelieved, so that you might be (all) alike; therefore take not from among them friends until they fly (their homes) in Allah's way; but if they turn back, then seize them and **kill** them wherever you find them, and take not from among them a friend or a helper.

[4.91] You will find others who desire that they should be safe from you and secure from their own people; as often as they are sent back to the mischief they get thrown into it headlong; therefore if they do not withdraw from you, and (do not) offer you peace and restrain their hands, then seize them and **kill** them wherever you find them; and against these We have given you a clear authority.

[5.33] The **punishment** of those who wage war against Allah and His apostle and strive to make mischief in the land is only this, that they should be murdered or crucified or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides or they should be imprisoned; this shall be as a disgrace for them in this world, and in the hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement

[9.14] Fight them, Allah will **punish** them by your hands and bring them to disgrace, and assist you against them and heal the hearts of a believing people.

You can find this text on the website of the University of Michigan: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/k/koran/>

The Authority and example of Mohammed from the "Hadiths"

The "Hadiths" are sacred writings containing information about the life and teachings of Mohammed. Here are examples from the "Hadiths", which are used by the Muslim leaders (in the context of Sharia Law) in order to make decisions when faced with the issue of punishment of those who abandon the Muslim faith or act in inappropriate ways:

Punishment of Disbelievers at War with Allah and His Apostle

Volume 8, Book 82, Number 794:

Narrated Anas:

Some people from the tribe of 'Ukl came to the Prophet and embraced Islam. The climate of Medina did not suit them, so the Prophet ordered them to go to the (herd of milch) camels of charity and to drink, their milk and urine (as a medicine). They did so, and after they had recovered from their ailment (became healthy) they turned renegades (reverted from Islam) and killed the shepherd of the camels and took the camels away. The Prophet sent (some people) in their pursuit and so they were (caught and) brought, and the Prophets ordered that their hands and legs should be cut off and that their eyes should be branded with heated pieces of iron, and that their cut hands and legs should not be cauterized, till they die.

Punishment of adulterers by Mohammed himself

Volume 8, Book 82, Number 806:

Narrated Abu Huraira:

A man came to Allah's Apostle while he was in the mosque, and he called him, saying, "O Allah's Apostle! I have committed illegal sexual intercourse." The Prophet turned his face to the other side, but that man repeated his statement four times, and after he bore witness against himself four times, the Prophet called him, saying, "Are you mad?" The man said, "No." The Prophet said, "Are you married?" The man said, "Yes." Then the Prophet said, "Take him away and stone him to death." Jabir bin 'Abdullah said: I was among the ones who participated in stoning him and we stoned him at the Musalla. When the stones troubled him, he fled, but we over took him at Al-Harra and stoned him to death.

Volume 8, Book 82, Number 813:

Narrated Ibn 'Abbas:

When Ma'iz bin Malik came to the Prophet (in order to confess), the Prophet said to him, "Probably you have only kissed (the lady), or winked, or looked at her?" He said, "No, O Allah's Apostle!" The Prophet said, using no euphemism, "Did you have sexual intercourse with her?" The narrator added: At that, (i.e. after his confession) the Prophet ordered that he be stoned (to death).

You can find these texts along with other incidents of punishments for unbelievers on the website of the University of Southern California: <http://www.usc.edu/schools/college/crcc/engagement/resources/texts/muslim/hadith/bukhari/082.sbt.html>

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