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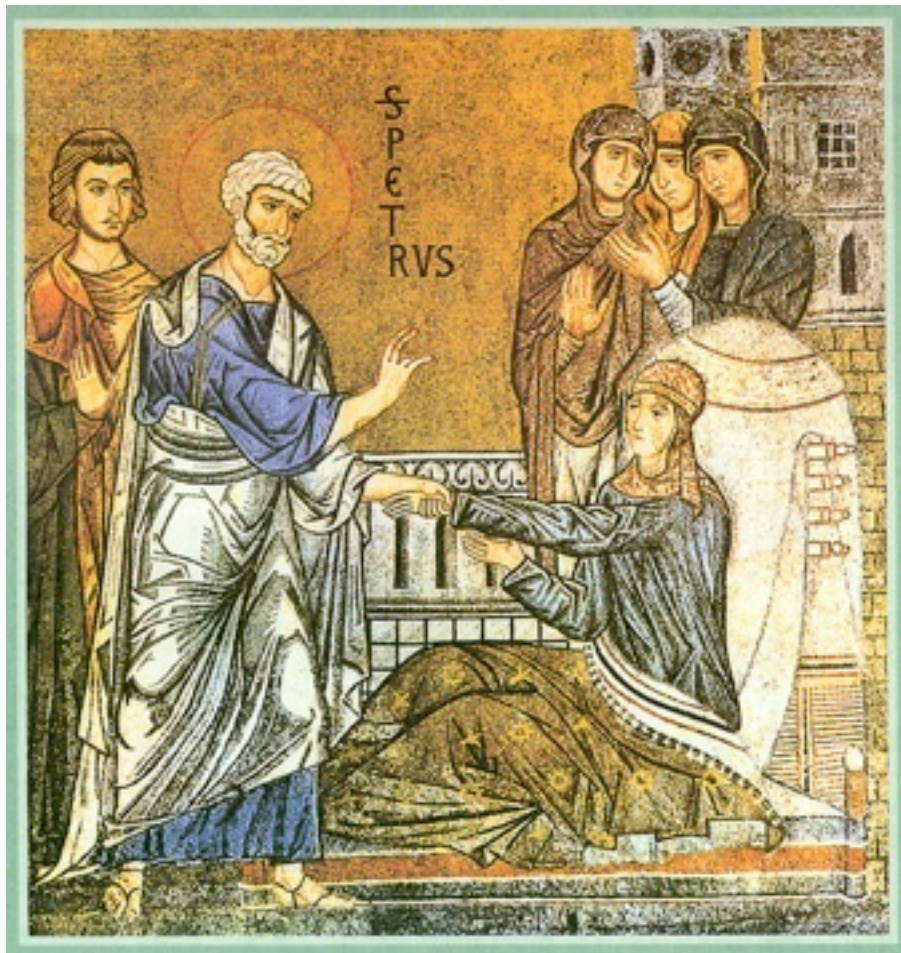
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OCTOBER 2014



St. Peter raising St. Tabitha from the Dead - *October 25th*



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

FACING THE WINDS OF CHANGE IN OUR SOCIETY



Change seems to be a good thing some times; we may change schools, neighborhoods, towns, or even states; we may change cars, doctors, even political parties. Change can be a welcome renewal at times.

When it comes to issues of Faith, moral issues and family values, however, change may not be the best course of action for us.

Let me use an example from everyday life: 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 living 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.

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

Unfortunately, in our days, certain people, themselves removed from God and immersed in their own passions, confused about the essential things of life, have been meddling with principles 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, both as a principle and also as an 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 and a norm of life, leading millions to sexual addictions, while virginity and the purity of body and soul have been mocked and ridiculed as backward and up-normal; the family, as a core institution of our society, is being pushed to the brink of destruction by new norms, new types of relationships and new ideas which are offering a false sense of personal freedom with dire consequences for all of us.

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

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, then, survived fourteen centuries of subjugation to the muslims and decades of abuse by the communists because it held fast to the Christian principles of life and 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!!!*

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

October 2014

October 1, Wednesday, Blessing of the Water 9:30 am. Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

October 4, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 5, Sunday. Second Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of Cyprus.

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

October 11, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 12, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Luke and of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD).

Feast of St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist (transfer from October 18).

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

October 18, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 19, Sunday, Third Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. John of Kronstadt.

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

October 25, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm. Feast of St. Demetrios.

October 26, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Demetrios.

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

Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America.

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

November 1, Saturday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am. Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damianos.

Afternoon: Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 2, Sunday. Fifth Sunday of Luke.

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

ON HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE

Humility should not be confused with weakness of mind. It is, rather, the desire to not be arrogant. Humility is exhibited when one lowers himself in order to help the other climb higher. It is the act of helping others improve themselves by accepting them where they are and lifting them up.

The Transfer of the Relics of St. Lazaros from Kition to Constantinople

Celebrated on October 17



Through the miracle of modern medicine the life-sustaining machine can pump air into a lung, cause a heart to beat, or a kidney to function, but although it can sustain life, it cannot restore it. Restoration of life calls for a true miracle. Such a true miracle is recounted in the familiar story of how Jesus Christ recalled a man named Lazaros from a premature death by his divine grace. A spark of that divinity was transmitted to Lazaros in the process of his deliverance and instilled in him the grace with which he was to become a saint.

Such great emphasis is placed on the return of Lazaros from the dead that his prior life is practically ignored. His true life began after he had died. exactly four days after, since that was the period of time in

which he had lain dead before Christ appeared at his tomb in Bethany. A true friend of the departed Lazaros, as well as of his grieving sisters Mary and Martha, Jesus stood before the tomb and commanded Lazaros to come forth, whereupon Lazaros stepped from oblivion into immortality. Thereafter he became a servant of the Lord in the early development of the new faith.

Following the death and resurrection of the Saviour, Lazaros undertook an apostolic mission which carried him to many corners of the Empire and ultimately to the island of Cyprus, where he settled after his ordination as bishop of Kition. The Apostles of Christ encouraged him to stay on this island, and there he spent the final thirty years of his life, implanting Christianity with the firmness that was to sustain Cyprus centuries later through conquest, piracy, and subjugation. The association of St. Lazaros with Cyprus has been obscured by events on that strife-torn land, but evidence of his presence there is still extant after nearly two thousand years.

Christianity had taken a firm hold on the island when Lazaros died at the age of fifty-eight, this time not to be recalled by, but to join the Messiah who had summoned him many years before. He was buried in Cyprus and according to tradition there was inscribed after his name on his casket the words, "Tetraimeros, friend of Jesus Christ." The word "tetraimeros" is translated the "fourth day," the day on which he was brought back from the grave. Moreover, he was honored in life as a friend of Jesus and was thus assured a place of honor in the Kingdom of Heaven. Lazaros was entombed in a small chapel dedicated to his memory. More than 800 years later, Emperor Leo of Constantinople, himself a devout Christian, replaced the chapel which was threatened with ruin with a beautiful cathedral and monastery, a fitting tribute to the personal friend of Jesus. After a time, Leo decided that the proper resting place for St. Lazaros would be in the capital city of Constantinople. That project was probably frowned upon by the islanders who pridefully cherished the shrine of St. Lazaros, but in due course, they came to accept the plan to place the body of the Saint in a more hallowed setting. The remains of St. Lazaros were ceremoniously brought to the cultural, religious and political centre of Constantinople on the 17th of October 891 AD.

A magnificent cathedral was erected in Kition (Modern Larnaca in Cyprus) in honor of St. Lazaros and his holy relics were enshrined there in a bronze casket. Emperor Leo, however, brought his relics to Constantinople on October 17, 891 AD. About the same time the remains of St. Mary Magdalene were also brought to Constantinople by the devout Emperor Leo. Thus the Emperor sought to honor these two friends of Jesus.

Holy Protection of the Theotokos

October 1st (and 28)

Troparion (Tone 4)

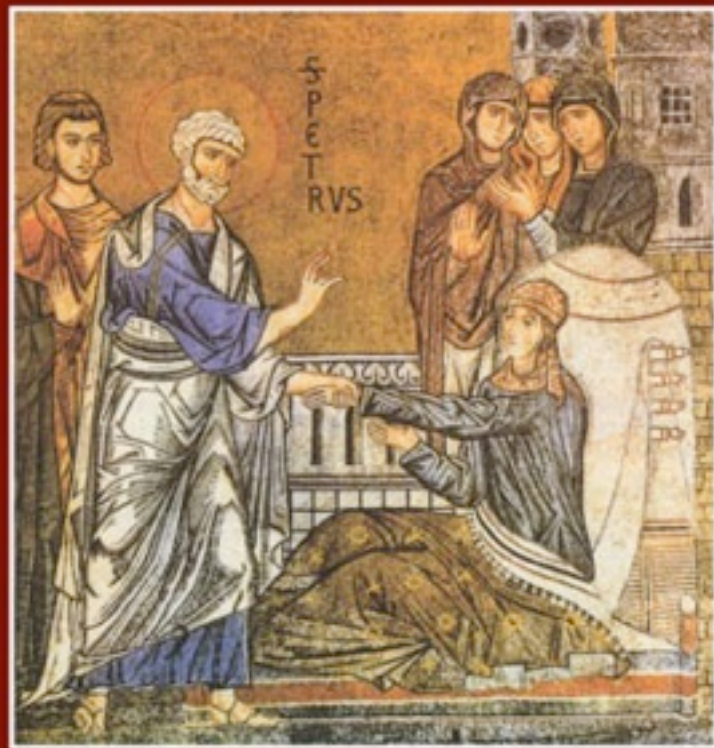
Most holy Mother of God, today we Orthodox joyfully celebrate thy coming among us. As we gaze at thy icon we cry with compunction: Shelter us under thy protection, deliver us from evil, and pray thy Son Christ our God to save our souls.

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.



St. Peter raises St. Tabitha from the Dead - October 25th

Acts 9:36-42: Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and



widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. This icon is part of a mosaic in San Vitale, at Ravenna, early 6th century.

<http://www.comeandseeicons.com/t/pg15.htm>

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - OCTOBER

10/1/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19	Gospel: Luke 5:33-39
10/2/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17	Gospel: Luke 6:12-19
10/3/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34	Gospel: Luke 6:17-23
10/4/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:20-25	Gospel: Luke 5:17-26
10/5/2014	Matins: Luke 24:36-53 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1
10/6/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: John 20:19-31
10/7/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:20-25	Gospel: Luke 6:37-45
10/8/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:25-33	Gospel: Luke 6:46-49, 7:1
10/9/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Gospel: Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8
10/10/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:18-24	Gospel: Luke 7:31-35
10/11/2014	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39	Gospel: Luke 5:27-32
10/12/2014	Matins: John 20:1-10	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15
10/13/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:1-7	Gospel: Luke 7:36-50
10/14/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:8-14	Gospel: Luke 8:1-3
10/15/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:12-20	Gospel: Luke 8:22-25
10/16/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:20-27	Gospel: Matthew 27:33-54
10/17/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:18-33	Gospel: Luke 9:12-18
10/18/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18	Gospel: Luke 10:16-21
10/19/2014	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
10/20/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12-15	Gospel: Luke 9:18-22
10/21/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11	Gospel: Luke 9:23-27
10/22/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:24-30	Gospel: Luke 9:44-50
10/23/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19	Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58
10/24/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:8-19	Gospel: Luke 10:1-15
10/25/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:8-11	Gospel: Luke 7:1-10
10/29/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:18-23	Gospel: Luke 11:9-13
10/30/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1	Gospel: Luke 11:14-23
10/31/2014	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:1-7	Gospel: Luke 11:23-26

Introduction to the Orthodox Church

The "Intro to Orthodoxy" Class, meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Office Conference Room.

The new cycle of the class will begin on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Please call the church office and register with Anne.

This class is not only for those who are entering the Orthodox Church, but is also beneficial to everyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Faith and continue to learn new things.

Topics addressed in the Class:

1. Sources of the Christian Faith - Our roots
2. History of Christianity - Our path of Faith
3. Holy Sacraments - Tapping into Divine Grace
4. Orthodox Spirituality - The Mystical Life
5. Holy Icons - Windows into Heaven
6. Orthodox Worship - Divine Liturgy

For any further questions, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.



Where the Kingdom of God is made manifest!



Bible Study: The Gospel of St. Mark

Wed. 10:00 am

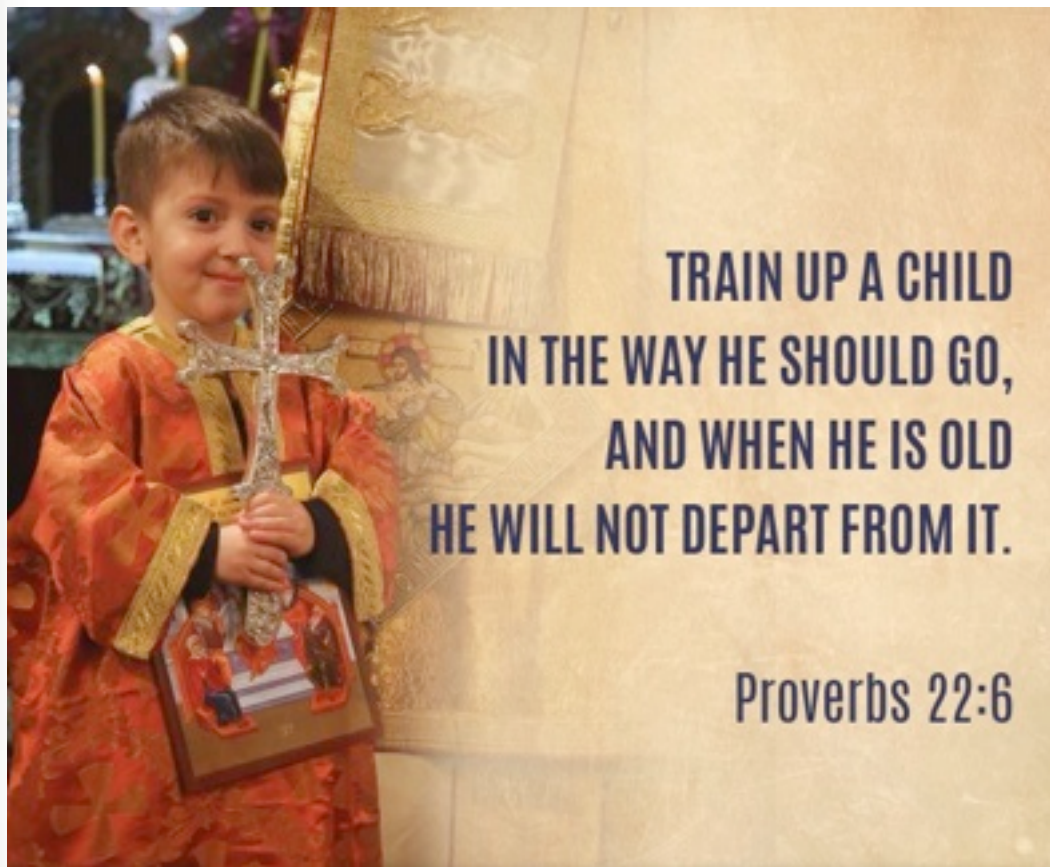
Thurs. 7:00 pm

Starting October 1, 2014

*Pick a day and join us
in the Office Conference Room. Read
and discuss the Word of God from an
Orthodox Patristic Perspective!*

*We use the Orthodox Study Bible,
available at our Bookstore.*

*Supplemental Reading: Authority and
Passion by Demetrios Trakatellis,
Holy Cross Press.*



“RECIPE” OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PARENTHOOD

Shaping our children spiritually:

We need to teach our children how to exercise self-control, moderate their own urges and take control over their passions.

We need to teach them the value of truthfulness, honesty, keeping of the commandments of God, chastity and

purity, honor and respect. We need to help them be humble and not egotistical; help them overcome their self-centeredness and become social human beings.

We need to establish boundaries for our children so that they may learn to recognize and avoid excesses.

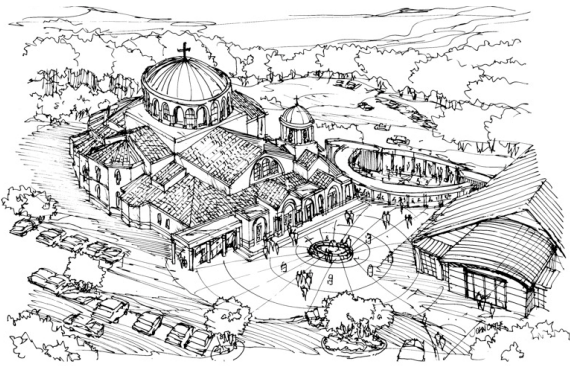
We need to teach them to see themselves as Temples of the Holy Spirit, so that they may treat their bodies with respect and reverence and avoid actions that will defile and desecrate this Holy Temple of their soul and body.

Prayer, fasting, Confession, almsgiving, regular attendance of church worship and participation in the Holy Sacraments (with Holy Communion at the center) are necessary ascetic practices for the building up of their souls and the establishment of their spiritual and mystical experiences with God.

The children copy us, their parents. We are the primary role models for them. We must not behave in ways we want them not to.

Finally: Let's surrender our children to the hands of God every day in our prayers. They are His gift to us. Let's offer them back in prayer every day, asking that He may guide and protect them always.

In Christ's Love,



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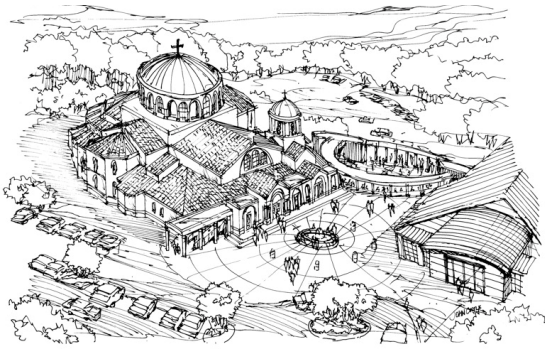
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Mr. & Mrs. George Schipor
Mrs. Andigone Seraphim
Mr. Michael Serkedakis
Mr. & Mrs. Vasileios Sfyris
Mr. & Mrs. John Shanahan
Mr. & Mrs. David Shelby
Mr. & Mrs. Taka Shoji
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Sideris
Ms. Nicole Sigalos
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Simpson
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Skordeles
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Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Teodorescu
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Thorne
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tidwell
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tiller
Ms. Maria Tingas
Mr. Steve Tingas
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Tsapoitis
Mr. Athan Tsarouhas
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Tsirnikas
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tucker
Miss Christina Tzortzinakis
Mr. & Mrs. George Tzortzinakis
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos
Drs. George & Athena
Vachtsevanos
Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Vaccratsas
Ms. Becky Valagohar
Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
Ms. Susanna Varlan
Ms. Elaine Vasilas
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis
Ms. Maria Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Vaios Vlachos
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Vlahiotis
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Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Xanthakis
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Ms. Wugagen Yosias
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young
Mr. Basile Zafirolis
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mrs. Angela Ziros

Total: 332

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Mary Yosias - September 7, 2014 (Chrismation)

Alexander Saddler - September 7, 2014

Irene (Sarabeth) Kargas - September 22, 2014

Nicolette Kargas - September 22, 2014

Panayiota (Savannah) Kargas - September 22, 2014



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

The dates for the photography are
January 8, 9, 10 and 11. Look for
future information on scheduling
your appointment either through
the parish office or online.



KSU OCF - If you or a student you know is interested in getting involved in Orthodox Christian Fellowship at Kennesaw State University, please contact Connor Lewis at 678-575-7179 or atl.arseny2@icloud.com.



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, nameday, 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.

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**Please mark the date and be sure
to come to our fall
Parish Assembly!!
Sunday, October 19th
(following the Divine Liturgy)**

**We have much to discuss,
and we need your input!!**

Children's Health Care of Atlanta Receives \$15,000 National Philoptochos Grant

National Philoptochos awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta on September 5. This grant was part of contributions totaling \$212,080 given to various pediatric medical facilities at the 2014 Philoptochos Conference.

The Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorder Center will use this grant to fund a research study which hopes to improve "health outcomes for adolescents with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) pain through knowledge and strategies that improve coping and reduce pain using non-pharmacological strategies." The study is being conducted by the Georgia State University Research Foundation.

Serving more than 1,700 children, the Aflac Center offers the largest comprehensive pediatric sickle cell disease program in the country. SCD is an inherited blood disorder that affects primarily families of African, South or Central American, Caribbean, and Mediterranean descent.



Philoptochos invites you to learn about a **"Touch of Warmth"**

Where: Parish Life Center

When: Monday, October 20, 7:00 pm

Our own Andrea Hennenfent (Beneda) will share information about an exciting philanthropic project she and her son Gabriel plan to undertake that will benefit needy children in the Trickum Rd. neighborhood. Learn how you can help them reach their goal! REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!!!!

Please RSVP by October 17: llopos@bellsouth.net or 678-492-5818

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Most Orthodox rarely think about stewardship except when their parish is engaged in a Stewardship Drive. Thus the vast majority of the faithful think stewardship deals with the money they donate for their parish's operation. While this narrow understanding is a part of Christian stewardship, it is far from the full meaning of stewardship as it is taught to us by the Church.

Clearly the Church teaches that we if we love Christ and believe that the Holy Trinity is the ultimate source of our blessings, (1) we must respond to Christ's unconditional love for each of us with our love and (2) we must show our thanksgiving for our continued and unconditional blessings from Him by returning that portion of those blessings that we don't need. We do this by donating these blessings to His earthly work – His church and those in need of our assistance. No day should pass without showing our love for Him in some meaningful way, nor should a week pass without donating a portion of our time, talents and resources to His Church.



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

GREAT NEWS!!!

Past President Harry Kipreos 2012 -2014 was elected

"District President of the Year"

at the District 1 Convention in Biloxi, MS.

District Scholarships Awards

The AHEPA Family District # 1 Educational Foundation is proud to announce the scholarship class of 2014 winners from Marietta. The winners were selected at the annual District # 1 Convention held in Biloxi, MS, June 12-15, 2013. The winners are: Luke Tassopoulos, Sofia Niarchos, Nicholas Radivoj, and Alexandra Lilly.

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday, October 14, Meeting-PLC-6:30 pm.

Sunday, November 2 - Pancake Breakfast, PLC - Proceeds to benefit Hellenic Studies.

CABIN FEVER 5 - TBD

November 25 - "Toys for Tots" Kick off

December 14- Christmas Party - Sprouse Home

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

Your Board: President-Zack Kollias, Vice President-Ted Sampanes, Secretary-Dennis Christopher, Treasurer-Keath Paxten, Assistant Treasurer-Leonidas Parker.

Vice-Presidents: Harry Kipreos, Theodore Georgacopoulos, and Ron Sprouse

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

Traveling Greek Dancers Needed! 6th and up are welcome! If interested, call or email Paulina and/or Dorian.

- Travel Group Needed:
 - October 9-12th- Augusta Festival
 - October 18, 19th- Macon Festival
 - November 1st - Greek Night for Philoptochos

Only 2 practices for Middle & High School groups for the fall.

- All Feet on Stage in Fall (for High School & Middle School):
 - October 5 - 1:30-3:30
 - November 9 - 1:30-3:30
- Pitsirikia (pre-K group):
 - October 12 - 12:30- 1:15
 - November 9 - 12:30- 1:15
- 2015- Begin ALL dance practices Tuesday, Jan. 20 & Sunday, Jan. 25

A special announcement from Hellenic Studies...

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a fantastic start! We are excited to announce that enrollment in our program continues to grow. We look forward to another exiting year of learning!

It is not too late to enroll... if you are interested in enrolling in Youth, Adult, or Adult (Biblical) Greek classes – please contact Eleni Clement:

eleni@mindspring.com



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SAVE THE DATE!

Please *save the date* of **Sunday, October 26th**

The Hellenic Studies program will be hosting
a luncheon in the Parish Life Center in honor of

“OXI Day”

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy,
Fr. Panayiotis will offer a special Doxology

We hope you will join us in commemorating a
significant day in the history of our homeland.

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Don't forget to check in with us online!

Visit our page

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/>

“Like” us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HellenicStudiesofHolyT>

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Important Dates in October and November:

Tuesday, October 7th – Parent Meeting (5:30 pm)

Sunday, November 9th – Fall Bake Sale

Please plan to attend!!!

Youth Group (GOYA)

GOYA exists to cultivate Orthodox Christian faith, life, and friendship in and among parish youth by engaging them in fun and meaningful experiences.



Our local chapter of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America—aka GOYA—engages in a variety of activities at our weekly Wednesday evening meetings. Some meetings are more social, relaxed, and lower energy. Others are full of crazy, high energy activities. Once per month, we have time set aside for a mini-prayer service and youth leadership development. In these pictures, youth join Randy Rogers and other adults in the Philanthropic Ministry to help at Jacob's Garden. Above, Randy tells the youth about the garden. Below, Kiki and Theodora water plants—note the lovely scarecrow that GOYA made for the garden last year? Below, Alex tries on a hard hat for size.



“Let my prayer arise as incense...” or some other kind of smoke...



Were you wondering whom to thank for the great barbecue we enjoyed at the Homecoming Picnic? See the photo above. From left to right, Demetri, Phil, Nick, Cedric, Randy, and Pete are all members of the International Brotherhood of Kitchen Workers. If you're interested in joining this organization, please contact Demetri. Lovers of bluegrass music and Pentecostal snake-handlers are especially welcome.

Left, young adults from our parish gather for a morning of community service at the parish of St. John the Wonderworker. Led by Craig Galanos, coordinator of the Loaves & Fishes Program, which offers meals to the poor every weekday, our group of six cleaned the front of the church and repainted the railing. Afterwards, Craig and Jeff prepared a sumptuous lunch for us. For more information about social faith opportunities for young adults, please contact Paul at the parish office. We are currently meeting twice per month, once for a topical conversation about faith and life and once for community service of some sort.



PHILOPTOCHOS News

We are excited to bring back "Greek Night at Yorgo's Taverna" on **November 1** for our annual Charity Fall Fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit Loving Arms Cancer Outreach as well as our Philoptochos Social Services, projects, and commitments. See the enclosed flyer for details. Hope to see you all there for another fun filled evening.....OPA!

Wanted!! Photos of Veterans and men and women currently serving in the armed forces. We plan to honor these brave men and women, past and present, in the PLC on November 9 after Divine Liturgy. If you have not already submitted photos in the past, please gather pictures of family members who are or were a part of our Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserves. We know there are more of youDON'T BE SHY! The tribute to our brave ones depends on your participation. PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTOS! See enclosed flyer for details.

ST. NICHOLAS HOLIDAY MARKET, December 6 and 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 our parish family. All VENDORS, bring your unique crafts and jewelry, delicious specialty foods and baked goods, gift products and surprises. 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 would like to thank the following parishioners for either cooking and/or serving 77 people at the Must Ministries Soup Kitchen in August: **Mary Longshore, Kally Niarchos, Pat Koutouzis, Christine Sprouse, Ellen Linebaugh, Stephanie Lukens, Sandy McAteer, Eleni Krause, Dorothy Macris, Kathy Shoji, Peggy Dunkerly, Basile Zafiroulis, Tasso Vlahiotis, and Athena Burke.** Please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or 770-973-3111 if you would like to help prepare or serve food or would like to make a monetary donation.

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 membership list of **120** members!!

Carol Adamson	Peggy Dunkerly	Lori Kollias	Kim Moustoukas	Donna Smith
Maria Alberts	Karen Fox	Margaret Kollias	Costa Neocleous	Mary Smith
Liz Azimzadeh	Michelle Frangis	Pat Koutouzis	Maroulla Neocleous	Christine Sprouse
Dorian Bafas	Donnis Gavalas	Eleni Krause	Kally Niarchos	Ron Sprouse
Lois Bafas	Harriette Gavrielides	Anna Leros	Anthea Nichols	Irene Steffas
Nancy Barke	Niki Gess	Ellen Linebaugh	Dee Nichols	Mary Stiakakis
Roseann Bates	Martha Gingles	Mary Longshore	Lee Nichols	Connie Stratigos
Sophia Bethune	Lea Gormanos	Linda Lopus	Toula Nielsen	Theresa Tasoushiani
Evelyn Bilson	Irene Hammond	Stephanie Lukens	Georgia O'Brian	Zach Taoushiani
Kathie L. Bilson	Leslie Hansard	Demetrius Lymberopoulos	Julie Orologas	Vicki Thorne
Irma Bliss	Christopher Hansard	Christy Macris	Nikki Palamiotis	Maria Tingas
Dorothy Botni	Sis Hondras	Dorothy Macris	Fr. George Pallas	Steve Tingas
Dimitra Bournias	Sheila Howington	Eftichia Macris	Pres. Toula Pallas	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
Athena Burke	Georgia Hutt	Xenia Mantgiaris	Mary Papadimitriou	Fran Tucker
Melina Burke	Tina Isaac	Xanthippe Marsico	Cathy Papadopoulos	Rebecca Valagohar
Kathy Bylos	Annette Jacobs	Despina Mavromatides	Pres. Catherine Papageorgiou	Tina Vamvakias
Helen Carlos	Mike Jacobs	Sandy McAteer	Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou	Chelsie Vlahiotis
Eleni Catrakilis	Irene Kipreos	Dena McCollum	Jeannie Paxten	Anne Willcocks
Maria Ceisel	Steve Kipreos	Artemis Michaels	Rosemary Peppas	Mary Wismierski
Eleni Clement	Themis Kipreos	Ionna Michaels	Nancy Porter	Basile Zafiroulis
Nancy Copeland	Shirley Kiritsy	Mary Miltiades	Paula Rogers	Ann Zakreski
Cathy Costarides	Gerre Klementzos	Niko Miltiades	Randy Rogers	Angela Ziros
Christine Demakis	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Penny Miltiades	Kathy Shoji	
Marty Driscoll	Connie Kollias	Anthe Modenos	Nicole Sigalos	

OPA!



Delicious Greek Food

Live Greek Band

Dance Show

“Sing-Along”
Greek Folk Singing

Drawing & Door Prizes

GREEK NIGHT **AT** **“YORGO’S TAVERNA”**

Saturday, November 1, 2014

**Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos
Charity Fall Fundraiser**

7:00 P.M.

\$35.00 per person

Includes Variety of Delicious Traditional Greek Food, Non-Alcoholic Beverages
(Cash Bar Available) and Entertainment

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center (PLC)

3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta , GA 30066

Reservations Required (limited seating): 678-492-5818 or llopos@bellsouth.net

WANTED

PHOTOS OF VETERANS AND MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Please help Philoptochos expand the collection of photos begun by Ellen Linebaugh for our parish "Wall of Honor." If you have not submitted photos in the past, please gather pictures of family members who are or were a part of our Armed Forces. We owe these brave men and women a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they have made and continue to make to protect our freedom. In addition to our "Wall of Honor" display, we will use these photos in a special **Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday, November 9 in the PLC following "Coffee Hour."** As part of our celebration, we plan to show a "pictorial history" that will tell the story of their bravery, as we honor their sacrifice.

PHOTOGRAPH SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Send photos of family members who served (Veterans) or are serving in the Armed Forces.
- Photos sent through email are preferred, although hard copies can be either mailed or dropped off at the church office.
- Close up "face" photos are preferred, but others can be used as long as the person is identifiable.
- Please identify the year and location the photo was taken, the name of the person, and the branch of the Service.
- We must have your photo by October 1, 2014.
- Email photos to llopos@bellsouth.net. JPEG files are preferred.
- Alternatively, drop off photos at the church office or mail to: Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta, GA, 30066.

We look forward to honoring our brave ones!



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Fall is quickly approaching and your board is planning another day trip in October to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. As I am writing this, our plans are to leave from the upper parking area at church on, Tuesday, October 21, at 10:00 am. We will carpool, and after our visit, we will all go to lunch (place to be announced later). Several members have already signed up to go. Beginning September 28, we will have a table after church during coffee hour in the PLC for you to confirm your reservation or to sign up to go. Thank you for your prompt attention.

On Thursday, November 6, we will have another general meeting. Your board has chosen a “fun” theme. Since the holidays are approaching, an exchange of recipes might entice one to cook something different this year. Sounds like fun? YOU BET!! So find your favorite treasured recipe you wish to share. Requirement: you must make it for tasting and have copies for sharing. If this is too much, send me the recipe, and I will copy it to bring that day. You make it! I copy it! **GOOD NEWS:** We will also have prizes for the favorite dish /dishes. Anything you make is acceptable - appetizers, desserts, drinks, main meals!

We will also begin taking reservations for our exciting Branson, MO trip. Questions that you may have will also be answered at that time.

This year our Christmas party will be Sunday, December 14, but unfortunately, we have yet to decide where. As always, we look for cost and location as our prime factors. We should know something soon.

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

Membership as of September, 2014:

Roseann Bates
Evelyn Bilson
Dorothy & Bob Botni
Athena & Jim Burke
Dennis & Paula Christopher
Jim & Eleni Clement
Nancy Copeland
Larry & Niki Gess
Martha Gingles
Jim & Renee Hammond
Chris & Sis Hondras
Jo Kastner
Irene & Stephen Kipreos
Nick & Gerre Klementzos
Alan & Mary Ellen Knuchel
George & Linda Lopus

Xenia Mantgiaris
Xanthippe Marsico
Filipos & Despina Mavromatides
Glenn & Dena McCollum
Artemis Michael
Joanne Michael
Costa & Maroulla Neocleous
Toula Nielsen
Kosta & Mary Papadimitriou
Rosemary Peppas
Taka & Kathy Shoji
Mary Stiakakis
Connie Stratigos
Joanne Tarabicos
Anne Willcocks
Asimina (no last name)



PRIME TIMERS!

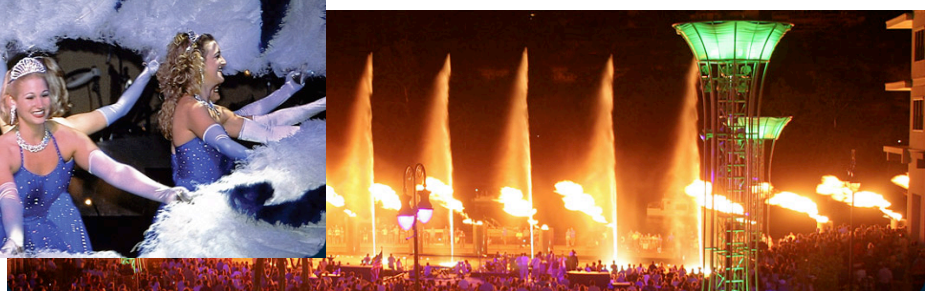
**WE WILL NOT BE GOING TO CHARLESTON.
WE WILL BE GOING TO BRANSON, MISSOURI!
SUNDAY, MAY 31 - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015**

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!



October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>1st Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM HOPE/JOY Ice-breaker 1:30 PM Hellenic Dance Practice 3:00 PM Woolverton Baptism (Demetra) 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Introduction to Orthodoxy 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Blessing of the Water-Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 8:30 PM Mini-Paraklesis (GOYA) 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Rehearsal 4:00 PM Vespers & Orthros Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>5</p> <p>Second Sunday of Cyprus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 11:55 AM 40 day Blessing of Lina Michaelides and her 1:00 PM Fall Sports (Recreational Play & Team Practices) 1:30 PM Hellenic Dance Practice 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Play Date 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>9</p> <p>Atlanta Greek Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM Cupboard Pick-Up 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Cupboard Pick-Up 2:00 PM Castro Rental 3:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Rehearsal 4:00 PM Vespers & Orthros Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>12</p> <p>Atlanta Greek Festival</p> <p>Fourth Sunday from Oct. 18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Pitsirikia Dance Practice 1:00 PM Fall Sports (Recreational Play & Team Practices) 	<p>13</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>17</p> <p>Macon Festival</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Rehearsal 4:00 PM Vespers & Orthros Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>19</p> <p>Macon Festival</p> <p>Third Sunday of Kronstadt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Parish Assembly 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Prime Timers Outing 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Youth Protection Workshop (tentative) 4:00 PM Vespers & Orthros Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Feast of St. Demetrios.
<p>26</p> <p>Sixth Sunday of America.</p> <p>OXI Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM A 6 month Memorial Service is given 12:00 PM Hellenic Studies 1:00 PM Fall Sports (Recreational Play & Team Practices) 3:00 PM McQueary Baptism 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Biblical Greek 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Biblical Greek 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 7:00 PM Bible Study 	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water; Holy Unmercenarys Cosmas & Damianos. 3:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Rehearsal 4:00 PM Vespers & Orthros Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers 7:00 PM Greek Night-Philoptochos Fundraiser

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Oct. 5, 2014	L. Gess/S. Tingas	St. John	C. Kollias/D. Smith	E. Kay/Themis Kipreos/A. Leros
Oct. 12, 2014	C. Hansard/M. Nichols	St. Peter	P. Koutouzis/S. Lukens	L. Lopus/M. Lynch/K. Melissas
Oct. 19, 2014	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	St. James	D. Bafas/K. Johnson	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/ P. Miltiades
Oct. 26, 2014	C. Costarides/G. O'Brien	St. John	P. Dunkerly/M. Pohlman	K. Niarchos/A. Nichols/L. Nichols

St. James Altar Servers: Eli Nichols-Captain, Gabriel Beneda, Chris Bridgers, Michael Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Aaron Brown, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, George Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, 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

St. John Altar Servers: 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

St. Peter Altar Servers: 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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