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Marietta, GA

#### **OCTOBER 2015**



St. Demetrios - October 26

All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. So, as you humbled Lyaios's arrogance by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, to Christ our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

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

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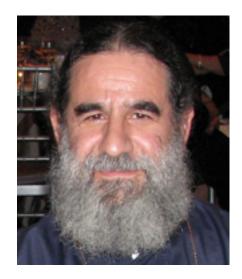
#### **Directions to our Parish:**

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/

#### Fr. Panayiotis' Message

#### TO FAN THE FLAME



Something inside of us is burning like a fire! Sometimes it is stronger, warming us inside and out. At other times, it comes close to extinction; and yet it never goes out.

This flame has been placed inside us by God so that we may be reminded of His presence and love. This flame is what connects us to Him and fills us with Joy. This is the Joy we receive as we partake of His Holy Body and Blood, as we experience His Kingdom in the here and now. This is what brings us back Sunday after Sunday to the Divine Liturgy, seeking His love and comfort for our lives.

Having received the Precious Gifts we proclaim: "We have seen the light, the true light and have received the heavenly Spirit. We

now have found the true faith, by our worshipping the undivided Trinity, who has saved us."

The Christian Faith is a treasure. We have found this treasure, and we must share it with others. When we witness our faith, we become stronger in the face of adversity. The waves of life seem insignificant as we feel Christ at the helm. As we share the Joy of Christ, this Joy multiplies.

Having been steeped in the faith, we must now look around and identify those whose flame might be waning, whose Joy has been extinguished. We must fan the flame in the hearts of people around us so that they may reconnect with God and receive His Joy again. In so doing, we will help them in their difficult hour; we will give them what is missing; we will increase their Joy.

Dear friends and fellow Orthodox Christians, there are many people out there looking for this treasure that we have. They have the flame burning inside of them. They are looking for authentic Christianity, the ancient Christian Faith and the fullness of the Church. We owe it to God and to them to expose them to it. Let us witness our faith in every way. Let us proclaim the Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, offering to the world around us a taste of Christian experience and spirituality as preserved by the Orthodox Church. Let us extend to all around us an invitation to the Divine Liturgy. This worship and spirituality is an inheritance for the whole world. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His onlybegotten Son in order to save the world". "God desires that all people should be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth."

Our role is just to facilitate the process, to fan the flame. The bulk of the work is left to the Holy Spirit!

In Christ's Love.

J.Fr. Panayistis



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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### October 2015

October 1, Thursday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am. Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

October 3, Saturday, No Vespers today.

October 4, Sunday. Second Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of Cyprus. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 10, Saturday, Great Vespers 4:00 pm (please notice the change to 4:00 pm today).

**October 11, Sunday,** Fourth Sunday of Luke and of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD). Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 17, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

**October 18, Sunday,** Third Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 24, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 25, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke.

Orthros 8:30 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.

October 26, Monday, Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr.

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

Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America.

October 31, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

**November 1, 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.



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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 20, Friday, Great Vespers, 6:00 pm. Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos.

November 21, Saturday, Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple.

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

Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

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

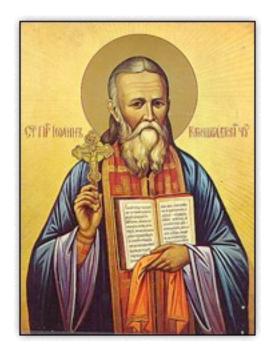
**Evening:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm, Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

**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

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

#### St. John of Kronstadt (1908 AD)

Celebrated on October 19



Father John of Kronstadt, one of the most well known Russian saints of recent history, possessed an evangelical fervor, and, above all, was 'flesh of the flesh' of the Orthodox tradition and of the faith and life of the Orthodox Church. Father John was an expressive and impressive preacher, an promoter of frequent communion, a man who moved the hearts of hardened sinners to repentance, a man with a great depth of love, and a spiritual healer. Huge crowds flocked to him from all parts of Orthodox Russia to hear him and to be healed by him (in body and soul).

Father John believed in indulging people with love. To indulgent people with love means not to judge, not to take revenge, and to endure and forgive. "Do not confuse man -this image of God - with the evil which is in him, because evil is only his accidental misfortune, a

sickness, a devil's dream; but man's essence - the image of God - is always there". This recognition of God in others is the rule he used in relating to others. He also said, "As far as is it possible, be gentle, humble and simple to all, considering yourself, without hypocrisy, to be spiritually below everyone. Pride is the reason for a cold, pompous and insincere manner towards those whom are considered to be below us, or those from whom we hope to derive some benefit. When people speak ill of you and you feel resentment, it means that you are proud, and pride must be eliminated from your heart by worldly dishonor. Therefore, do not resent and hate those who speak ill of you, but try to love them as you would love people who benefit you, and pray for them. Maintain a peaceful and loving disposition towards your brother even if he deprives you of your last shilling; show him that, above all, you love God's image in him. However most people are angry when they are deprived even of a very small part of their property!"

One of the basic aims of love is to see everyone saved, transformed and united to true, divine love. This is impeded by what he called "malicious joy" when he said, "Oh, how disgusted I am by this devilish malicious joy over the sins of one neighbor! People cast a slur on someone's whole life because of one sin that he has committed. They forget that love extenuates everything. A Christian must truly wish for himself and others, that God's name should be constantly glorified in both himself and others, that all should become Temples of God".

However, sobriety from evil is not enough. We should also seek to obtain inner peace, since "without inner peace and harmonious coexistence with others, one cannot have peace and harmony within oneself. In acquiring inner peace, let us also be peacemakers in relation to our fellowmen".

To attain peace and love, and to preserve them, "Do not be put out of countenance when you are angry and when this anger prepares to manifest itself in worlds, command it to be silent. When you allow anger to express itself, it will pour out with great force and may overwhelm your defense". He continued, "Do not expose all your impurities, not to contaminate others with the breath of evil concealed in you. It is better to speak of your illness to your spiritual father or your friend in order that they may direct and restrain you".

On reproaching others of their evil he said, "It is better not to pass on reproachful words, but to keep silent about them or, even if it is not true, convey words of love and goodwill; then our spirits will be at peace" and, "if you wish to correct somebody's faults of your own accord, restrain yourself, because, usually, through our pride and irritability, we do more harm than good... Pray to God that He Himself will enlighten the mind and the hearts of men; if God sees that your prayer is full of love, He most certainly will grant your wish. An embittered person is ill; to cure him we must apply to his heart a plaster of Love", and finally, "Look at every human being as if he were unique in God's world, a great miracle of God's wisdom and grace, and do not let the fact that you are accustomed to him serve as a ground for neglect".

"Our Savior bids us to love our enemies which is extremely difficult; but for a heart which is reborn through grace, it is easy to do so because God helps the believer in everything".

The reader is referred to "The Life of Father John of Kronstadt" by Bishop Alexander, published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, as a good introduction to his life and as an outline of his spiritual message.

#### Seeking Holiness in diverse ways

Christians through the centuries have sought to connect with God in many different ways. Early on, even from the time of St. Paul, we know of people who dedicated their lives to a more secluded and prayerful state. Others, called by the Holy Spirit, went out to preach the Gospel and spread the news of salvation in Christ. Yet, others, felt God's call to feed and clothe the poor. Each one of these ways are expressions of the human desire to fulfil God's call to holiness. Each one does not exclude the other two, but should, rather complement them.

Today, we are faced with the same challenges. Prayer has to rise up to heaven to counteract evil and sin. The Gospel has to be preached, because people around us are ignorant of the Christian Faith; they are especially ignorant of the treasures of spiritual wisdom and guidance they can receive from the Orthodox Church. But, we also have an obligation to help those in need. Helping the needy begins from those immediately close to us. We can be of help as we show compassion, caring, kindness and love to everyone we encounter. Then, we may seek to comfort others through material things, as well.

#### 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 began on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 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 or Fr. Paul.



Where the Kingdom of God is made manifest

#### Increasing Knowledge - Deepening faith

#### Adult Education Series

Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Holy Transfiguration

Did you know that Christ, the Logos of God, is present in the world even before He is Incarnate in the person of Jesus?

Did you know that the Holy Trinity is present in the Old Testament as well as the New?

Join us to discover the major events of the Old Testament and their connection with the New Testament.

This is an investigative Lecture/ Discussion Class which aims at helping the participants learn more about Christianity and deepen their faith in God. It is a class appropriate for beginners and advanced students alike.

Director of the Class: Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D. Assisted by team of volunteers

#### PATRISTIC THEOLOGY SEMINAR

#### **Adult Education Series**

**Time:** Beginning today (October 1) and on Select Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Office Conference Room

The Class will run from October 1 to the end of February

This is a class offering the opportunity to study the teachings of the Fathers of the Church on various topics, including Salvation and Redemption, Predestination, Original Sin and Ascesis.

The focus of the class will be on the Homilies of St. John Chrysostom on the Epistle to the Romans.

St. Chrysostom lived and preached in the fourth century and beginning of the fifth century at a time when Christianity was converting the Roman Empire. His sermons and writings were instrumental in shaping the theology and life of the Church and the Empire and transforming the pagan Roman society to a Christian one.

#### Director of the Class: Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.

Dates for the class in the Fall:

Thursday, October 1

Thursday, October 22

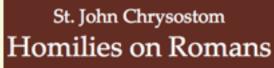
Thursday, October 29

Thursday, November 19

Thursday, December 3

Thursday, December 10

Thursday, December 17





#### Seeking Holiness in diverse ways

Compassion, mercy and kindness are among the main human virtues emphasized by the Church Fathers in their teaching on the spiritual life. It would not be possible for us to grow spiritually in the likeness of God unless we soften our heart and receive with mercy our brother and sister. "In my brother, I see God," was the expression used by the elders of the desert fathers. When we honor our brother and sister, we are honoring God through them. When we insult our brother or sister, we are insulting and dishonoring God in them.

"How can you dishonor your brother who shares with you from the same holy Chalice the very Body and Blood of Christ?" St. Chrysostom asks. "You become one with Christ and yet you are divided by hatred?"

In our journey to attain the holiness of God, we have one more way available to us; Compassion, mercy and kindness. Let us stay the course.

### 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.

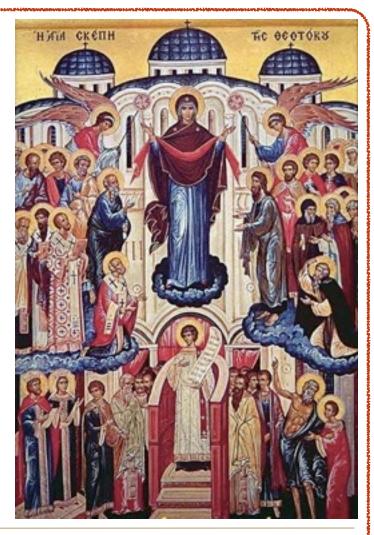
#### Holy Protection of the Theotokos

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.



# P C RVS

#### 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. <a href="http://www.comeandseeicons.com/t/pdq15.htm">http://www.comeandseeicons.com/t/pdq15.htm</a>

# 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

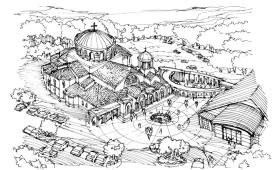
"Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices." Acts 19:18

"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 - OCTOBER

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10/1/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19
                                                                         Gospel: <u>Luke 6:12-19</u>
10/2/2015
              Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17
                                                                         Gospel: <u>Luke 6:17-23</u>
10/3/2015
              Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34
                                                                         Gospel: <u>Luke 5:17-26</u>
10/4/2015
              Matins: John 20:1-10
                                           Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11
              Gospel: Luke 6:31-36
10/5/2015
              Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:1-7
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              Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:12-20
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              Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:20-27
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              Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3
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              Matins: John 20:11-18
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              Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:18-33
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              Gospel: Luke 10:16-21
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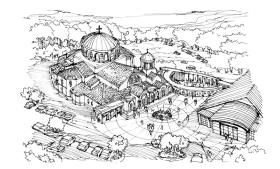
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#### Our New Buildings are Underway





PLC: Inside the main hall - major renovations

#### The Divine Liturgy: the Rite of Kairos

As a recently ordained priest, I am now learning the divine services of the Church in a practical way, but I also continue to learn by reading. Each month in *Syndiakonia*, I will share a few excerpts of what I've recently read in a commentary on the Divine Liturgy by Hieromonk Grigorios. —Fr. Paul

The first prerequisites for a priest who is about to approach the holy Altar are forbearance and love. In commenting on Matthew 5.23-4, St. John Chrysostom is amazed that Christ regards the honor offered to Himself as inferior to love for our neighbor. The Lord wants to show us that "without this sacrifice [of love], He accepts no others." Christ teaches us that "the Holy Table does not accept those who harbor enmity among themselves."

St. Gregory the Theologian writes, "No one is worthy of the Great God who is at once Victim and High Priest, unless he has first presented himself to God as a living and holy sacrifice (Rom. 12.1)...or unless he has offered to God a sacrifice of praise and a broken spirit (Ps. 50.19), the only sacrifice asked from us by Him who has offered everything for us." We sacrifice ourselves through the death of the passions, that is, through repentance.



The evening before the Divine Liturgy, the celebrant makes ready his heart, alone, face to face with God. Ge banishes all feelings of rancor and every evil thought, purifies himself through abstinence, and keeps vigil in prayer. Just as the celebrant prepares himself for the Divine Liturgy, so every Christian should fast from the previous evening (as their health permits), be vigilant, and pray. The body as well as the spirit must be prepared to receive Christ. In the Divine Liturgy, the Christian's body becomes the place where the Lord is glorified.

The rite of *kairos*, which means the fullness of time, reminds us that with the Incarnation of the Son of God, time has been fulfilled and God's Kingdom is at hand. The event of the

Incarnation breaks through time and renews it. Within this renewed time, we experience the Resurrection, the victory of love over time and death. In the Liturgy, we both live through past events and give thanks for future events that have already been bestowed upon us.

The priest as he stands before the holy Altar is the icon of Christ. He stands as a type of Christ, proclaiming the words which Christ spoke at the Last Supper, but the power and grace belong to God. At the Divine Liturgy, everything is performed by God. The priest lends his tongue and offers his hand so as to serve the great Mystery. The priest is a servant. This is what the priesthood is—an office that serves the sacred mysteries of the Church.

#### HOPE & JOY



HOPE & JOY are the ministries for youth in elementary school (from Kindergarten through 5th grade). Already this year, this group has gathered for a "Back-to-School Bash" at which they enjoyed a water slide (above) and collected school supplies for youth in need, a "Meet and Greet Pita Party", and a baptism at which they learned to sing the most well known baptismal hymn.

If you know a family with a youth from the age of Kindergarten to 5th grade, please encourage them to get involved in this thriving ministry!

For more information about the 2015-16 HOPE & JOY meetings, activities, and events, visit:

#### https://hopeandjoy.shutterfly.com

or contact Christina Bourgeois (678-923-6255, christinabourgeois@yahoo.com), Georgia Hutt (205-799-6366, georgiahutt@gmail.com), Vanessa Vacratsas, or Jennie Miltiades.

HOPE & JOY are ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that reflect the Orthodox Christian faith, tradition, and life. The mission of these ministries is to lead our children into experiencing the Holy Orthodox Faith. By encouraging children to become active sacramental members of the Church, they are equipped with the tools necessary to assist them in their journey toward salvation. By laying a foundation of faith at an early age, our children will have something that will guide and strengthen them through life.

#### **GOYA**









Clockwise from top left: Jeremy, Nicholas, and William in a cruciform relay race; Yianni C., Anthony, and Tyler; Maria, Jessie, and Olivia; Emma, Mikey, Christina, Paul, Angelos, Irene, and Anca engage in the "human knot" activity; Aristotle, Yianni G., Paul, Brody, Stephanie, Lilia, Tyler, Lisa, Nicholas, and Irene sign the monumental beam that will be placed in the new expansion of the PLC, which will among other things provide expanded space for GOYA gatherings.



#### **GOYA**



GOYA is the middle and high school youth group of the parish.

The purpose of GOYA is to develop Orthodox Christian faith, life, and friendship among parish youth by engaging them in fun and meaningful experiences.







#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be sure to register for the 2015/16 ministry year. You may do so during coffee hour on Sunday, via email, or by dropping off the form in the parish office.

NOTE: The form tells me if you have moved, changed/added phone numbers or email or if you are new to the parish.

PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM!!



#### **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!**

**True or False**: Everyone enjoys the treats, drinks, and fellowship of coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.



**True or False**: The treats and drinks are set up by magical little elves during Divine Liturgy, and they even do all of the clean up afterwards.

I'm pretty sure everyone can guess which of these two statements is false. The truth of the matter is, hosting coffee hour is an easy way to offer your service to our church and during construction, it can be quite simple because we have no kitchen. Please go to the Sign up Genius website <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cabad23a2fe3-coffee">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cabad23a2fe3-coffee</a> and choose your date to play the part of the magical elves for the rest of us, then email Anne Willcocks at <a href="holytrans@comcast.net">holytrans@comcast.net</a> to have your name or the special occasion included in the weekly bulletin.

If you are new and need an invitation to join the group, contact Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@gmail.com. Stephanie can also send you detailed directions for hosting.

Thank you for your service,

Parish Life Ministry Outreach Ministry

#### HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

#### DANCE THANK YOUS

**THANK YOU** to all the <u>dancers and Dance Moms</u> who performed and helped at **the Bulgarian** 

**Festival and the Peachtree City Greek Night**. We not only raised a little money for our dance ministry, but we offered our time and talent to our Orthodox sister parishes who are looking to build for the future!

<u>THANK YOU</u> - Maria Alberts, Agapi Chryssopoulos, Eleni Nikolas, Stella Michael-Makri our fantastic travel moms of the month

#### **UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT our sister Parishes and OUR DANCERS at the

MACON GREEK FESTIVAL, Friday October 23-Sunday October 25!!!!

#### DANCE HAS BEGUN FOR 6th-12th GRADES!!!

IF you are interested in dancing, it's not too late to jump in!!! This is a great opportunity for new dancers, dancers that need that extra help, dancers who know that the spring will be busy, and dancers who want to develop their leaders' tricks to come and casually practice and have fun all together! Phoenix (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and Eleftheria (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) grades will be meeting once a month until the holidays. Here are the next meeting dates:

Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30

Sunday November 15th 1:30-3:30

Always in the amphitheater!!!

LOVE TO SEE ALL THE DANCERS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL THIS FALL!!!

#### WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Spartanburg** OCF dance group is hosting a <u>Greek Dance workshop Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup></u>, with John Peppes. He will be teaching dances from the island of Kalymnos. Any dancer or instructor, who is interested in attending, please contact Paulina Vastakis <u>paulinasox3@att.net</u>.

The Boca Raton Dance group is hosting their annual workshop, the weekend of November 14-15. Instructor and Regions TBA. Any instructor who is interested in attending, a registration scholarship is available, please contact Paulina Vastakis.

#### VINTAGE CLOTHES AND GREEK "HORIO" STYLE DECORE NEEDED

Our Hellenic dance ministry needs vintage head scarves (preferably from Greece or Cyprus), shawls, vintage dresses (preferably 1910's-1960's), vintage men's hats, antique Greek tabletop décor, vintage Greek table linens and other like materials. Your donations are TAX DEDUCTABLE! Don't give them to Goodwill, WE NEED THEM!! Contact Paulina Vastakis if you have items to donate, paulinasox3@att.net

A special announcement from Hellenic Studies...

The 2015-2016 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** 

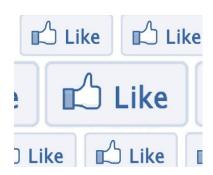




#### Sunday, October 25th

Due to the construction project underway, the Hellenic Studies program will *not* be able to host our usual luncheon in honor of "OXI Day"

However, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy,
Fr. Panayiotis will offer a special **Doxology**,
and the children will give a brief presentation of songs
and poems. **Please join us in commemorating**a significant day in the history of our homeland.



#### Don't forget to check in with us online!

Visit our page

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

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#### Important Dates in October and November:

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – Fall Bake Sale *Please save-the-date and plan to attend!!!* 



#### 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: <a href="www.holytransfiguration.info">www.holytransfiguration.info</a> (click on "ministries", then "Philoptochos"). To date, we have **117** members who have fulfilled their 2015 financial commitment and they are:

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| Agapi Chryssopoulos Gerry Klementzos Patricia Morris Donna Smith   |        |
| Eleni Clement Mary Ellen Knuchel Kim Moustoukas Eugenia Smith  |        |

**Soup Kitchen:** On August 27th, we served 88 meals at Must Ministries. Thank you to the following people who helped. Kally Niarchos, Cathy Costarides, Lois Bafas, Tina Vamvakias, Theodore & Rania Georgacopoulos, Evelyn Bilson, Mary Ellen Knuchel, Sandy McAteer, Becky Valagohar, Dorothy Macris, Linda Lopos, Pat & Dennis Koutouzis & Michael Gavalas.

#### **Important Dates:**

October 8th - General Meeting, 7:00 pm at the home of Christine Sprouse and immediately following, refreshments and jewelry show at the home of Elaine Bilson.

October 22nd - Book Club - Location/Book TBA

November 6th - Fall Fundraiser, Cosmopolitan Restaurant, 6:00 pm

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Your talents, services, "prized" possessions, "big box store" items, and other "creative" donations are needed for the Philoptochos SILENT AUCTION!

As part of "GREEK NIGHT" on Friday evening, NOVEMBER 6, the SILENT AUCTION will benefit Philoptochos' Social Services and Projects, Georgia's Camp Kudzu for Children with Diabetes, and The Center for Family Resources in Marietta. Philoptochos will host "GREEK NIGHT" at the COSMOPOLITAN Restaurant, 2475 Delk Road, Marietta.

ALL MINISTRIES are invited to support the Silent Auction. Please contact Evelyn Bilson evelynbilson@hotmail.com or Marty Driscoll martydriscoll@bellsouth.net.

# GREEK NIGHT

#### <u>arranarararararan aranararan aranararara</u>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

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September 8, 2015

Dear National and Metropolis Board Members, Chapter Presidents and Stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

On a bright, cloudless morning on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, I watched as the second tower at the World Trade Center was hit, and I saw the explosive eruption of fire and smoke. And when the towers fell, I lost a dear friend and colleague who, like so many others, selflessly ran to the site to offer help.

In the days after the attack, lower Manhattan was desolate – no noisy trucks, no bustling shops, no lights, and few people aside from first responders. Uniformed soldiers and tank-like vehicles patrolled the suddenly unfamiliar streets. The site smoldered for months, leaving an open sore, a gaping wound that is still waiting to be healed. And more than a decade later, we still seek healing and relief from that long time ache.

For many, New York is a large and distant urban city. But, when it was attacked, our nation responded as one. That dreadful attack was an assault on each of us, on our way of life, on the freedoms and values upon which our country was founded, and on our right to freely and joyfully profess and practice our faith. In the face of monstrous evil, thousands of innocent souls offered the ultimate sacrifice and our beloved Saint Nicholas Church, nestled in the shadows of the towering structures, was lost.

We can replace those dreadful memories with the beauty of our Church, a place of faith, and love, and redemption and healing. In times of need Philoptochos has always been there, with outstretched arms and warm hearts, and we have a rightful place in the process of renewal and healing. It is our privilege and honor to participate in the building of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. We can replace those dreadful memories with a beacon of Orthodoxy – a beacon that will shine on all people of all faiths, and assist all of us in our search for peace and solace.

The challenge before each of us is clear. We, each of us, must honor the sacrifice and not shrink from our obligation to rebuild the Church. We, each of us, must, through our participation, signal to all that our democratic foundations and deeply held religious beliefs cannot be, and will not be, destroyed. We, each of us, must choose the light of faith over the darkness of despair.

I urge you to support and contribute to the building of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine Philoptochos Initiative. Through your offering you will become part of the healing, a bringer of the light, a ray in the beacon of Orthodoxy.

Thank you.

With love in Christ,

Marie Jogus

Maria Logus President

**National Philoptochos Society** 



# NEWS YOU CAN USE!

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon our Prime Timers gathered at the church pavilion and feasted on fried chicken with all the trimmings and peach and berry cobblers with ice cream. We played brain games and won very nice prizes donated by Sis Hondras. A grand time was had by all. For those seniors who did not attend, we hope to see you at our next get together.

We conducted a very short general meeting to get approval from the membership concerning two changes in our by-laws. It was a unanimous vote to now have a minimum of 10 people on our board. It was also voted to change the dues from \$12 to \$15 per year beginning in 2016. In addition, we announced a trip next year to New York; however, at this point, it is very much in the planning stages. More information will follow.

Please mark your calendars for our Christmas party which we will have again at the Diner at North Point. Everyone enjoyed this venue last year. Our date will be December 13, 2015. Again, we will play brain games, and of course we will have exceptional prizes and LOTS OF FUN!!!

Have a great autumn and remember laughter is an instant vacation.

May our Lord bless you all,

Your Prime Timers Board



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

#### AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—October 2015

#### **Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Kouzina Christos, 1453 Terrell Mill Rd, Marietta October 13 **Chapter Meeting** November 3 AHEPA #1 Scholarship Dinner Carlos Hall, Atlanta Blairsville, GA November 6-8 Cabin Fever November 21 Adopt-A-Mile Holy Transfiguration December 8 **Chapter Meeting** Persopolis Persian Cuisine, 6345 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs December 13 Christmas Party Ted & Linda Sampanes home, Roswell, GA

Marietta Chapter #519 / Atlanta Chapter #1 Scholarships Awarded: We are very pleased to announce the NINE recipients of the 2015-2016 Chapter level scholarships: Eli Nichols, Tommy Kollias, Nicholas Radivoj, Stephanie Lilly, Nicholas Azimzadeh, Luke Tassopoulos, Kathryn Jacobs, Eliana Tiller, and Alexandra Lilly. Be sure to congratulate these excellent students and their parents!

**District #1 Scholarships Awarded**. We are very pleased to announce the SEVEN Holy Transfiguration recipients of the 2015-2016 D1 scholarships: Eliana Tiller, Nicholas Radivoj, Amanda Constantinides, Alexandra Lilly, Tommy Kollias, Stephanie Lilly, and Laramie Smith. Be sure to congratulate these excellent students and their parents.

**Adopt-A-Mile Community Program.** AHEPA Has "adopted" the 1 mile stretch of Trickum Rd that extends from Sandy Plains to Shallowford, passing right in front of our church. We have conducted three quarterly clean-up days. Enjoy this pristine section of road…thanks to AHEPA 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

# 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.







# October 2015

| Saturday  | = 3:00 PM Bell/Macris Weddiology<br>diog<br>= 5:00 PM Kapsalis Baptism<br>(Alexandra and Gregory)  | 10  = 9:00 AM Out-of-Office = 3:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 4:00 PM HOPE & JOY Vespers & Pizza = 4:00 PM Great Vespers  | 17  12:00 PM Levenson Baptism (Christian)  4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  5:00 PM Great Vespers  5:45 PM 40 day Blessing of Tasia Kipreos and her son, Michael.                 | 24 = 12:00 PM Rigas Baptism      | (Stella)<br>= 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>= 5:00 PM Great Vespers  | Halloween  -4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  -5:00 PM Great Vespers   |
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| Friday    | 2<br>ding Rehearsal  | 6   | 16  | 23<br>= 4:00 PM Meet Donna Smith |  | 30  |
| Thursday  | 1:00 AM Blessing of the Water  6:00 PM Church Tour for Cherokee Christian Schools 7:00 PM Patristic Theology Seminar   | 8  = 3:00 PM Talk to Fr. Seraphim on the phone 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting   | 15  - 7:00 PM Philoptochos  Board Meeting   | 22                               | <ul> <li>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen<br/>(Philoptochos)</li> <li>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book<br/>Club</li> <li>7:00 PM Patristic Theology<br/>Seminar</li> </ul> | 29<br>Seminar<br>Seminar  |
| Wednesday | 30 = 7:00 PM Bible Study = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)  | 7<br>(GOYA)<br>= 7:00 PM Bible Study  | 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)  | 21                               | = 7:00 PM Bible Study<br>= 7:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)   | 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)  |
| Tuesday   | = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/<br>Biblical Greek<br>= 7:00 PM Finance Commit-<br>tee Meeting  | 6  10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting 5:30 M Hellenic Studies/ Biblical Greek 6:30 PM Capital Campaign Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy 7:00 PM Education, Youth, Culture Committee Meeting                                 | 13  Out-of-Office 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM AHEPA Chaper Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy  | 20<br>Clergy Retreat             | = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br>= 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy   | = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies = 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy   |
| Monday    | 788  | 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting  | 12 Columbus Dional holiday)   | 19                               |  | Feast of Stios of America.  = 8:30 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  |
| Sunday    | Anne Vacation  First Sunday of Luke  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:15 AM Catechism  12:00 PM 40 day Blessing of Leslie Hansard and her  3:30 PM Karetas-Bourquine Baptism (Alexis Faye)  5:00 PM Kalanzeh/Sweis | Second Sundnts of Cyprus  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:15 AM Catechism  12:45 AM COYA Youth Leadership Team Meeting  1:00 PM Adult Recreational Basketball  2:00 PM Boys' Basketball  3:00 PM Girls' Basketball | Fourth Sundenical Council  Out-of-Office  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:15 AM Catechism  1:00 PM Boys' Basketball  Practice  2:30 PM Girls' Basketball & Volleyball Practice | 18<br>Third of Luknd Evangelist. | <ul> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:30 PM Parish Assembly</li> </ul>                       | Sixth Sunday of Luke  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:50 AM Oxi Day Celebration – Doxology at the end of the Divine Liturgy.  1:00 PM Adult Recreational Basketball  2:30 PM Girls' Basketball & Volleyball Practice |

# November 2015

| Saturday  | 2                            | <ul> <li>12:00 PM Hansard Baptism (Adeline Emelia)</li> <li>4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>  | 14 | Feast of St. Philip the Apostle  = 9:00 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  = 6:00 PM Archangel Michael Awards Dinner   | 21 | HEPA Adopt A Highway<br>aast of theto the Temple<br>8:45 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers  | 28<br>— 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>— 5:00 PM Great Vespers  | Philoptochosholas Market  = 9:00 AM PC Candidate Training = 2:00 PM Saba Baptism (Hannah Mary) = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 4:00 PM HOPE & JOY Christmas Craft Activity   |
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| Friday    | 9                            | AHEPA Cabin Fever  6:30 PM Philoptochos Fall Fundraiser  | 13 | Feast of St. John Chrysostom  9:00 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  | 20 | Parish Council Leadership F  6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of the Presentation the Theotokos.  | 27   | = 9:00 AM Philoptochos St. Nicholas Market Set-Up  |
| Thursday  | 5                            |  |    | <ul> <li>6:00 PM Great Vespers –</li> <li>Feast of St. John Chrysos-tom</li> <li>7:00 PM Philoptochos</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul>   |    | — 7:00 PM Patristic Theolog<br>Seminar   | 26<br>Thanksgiving Day   | 3  — 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club  — 7:00 PM Patristic Theology Seminar  |
| Wednesday | 4                            | T:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)  | 11 | Veterans Day  7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)  7:00 PM Bible Study   | 18 | = 7:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)<br>= 7:00 PM Bible Study   | Eeast of St. CGreat Martyr  9:00 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy   | = 7:00 PM Philoptochos/<br>Youth Group (GOYA)  |
| Tuesday   | 3<br>National Clergy Retreat | <ul> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>6:30 PM AHEPA Scholarship<br/>Dinner</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy</li> </ul>   | 10 | <ul> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> <li>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy</li> </ul>  | 17 | = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy   | 24  = 5:30 AM No Classes-Hel- lenic Studies  = 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr  = 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy   | 11:00 AM Blessing of the Water = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies = 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy   |
| Monday    | 2                            |  | 6  | Feast of St. Nios of Aegina  = 9:00 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting   | 16 |  | 23   | 30  Eeast of St. A First Called.  9:00 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy   |
| Sunday    | Daylight Saving Time ends    | Fifth Sunday& Damianos.  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:15 AM Catechism  11:55 AM Artoklasia is giv- 12:45 PM GOV Youth  1:00 PM Adult Recreational  2:00 PM Boys' Basketball  3:00 PM Girls' Basketball | 8  | AHEPA Cabin Fever Synaxis of thIl the Angels.  = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:15 AM Catechism = 12:00 PM Philoptochos = 12:15 PM Hellenic Studies Bake Sale/Kipreos Coffee = 1:00 PM Boys' Basketball = 2:30 PM Girls' Basketball | 15 | Eighth Sundaf 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 | Ninth Sundadship Sunday)  = 8:30 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 11:50 AM A Memorial Service is given by Grigorios and Agapi Chryssopoulos and family for Athanasios (10 yr) and Kerasena (5 yr)  = 12:00 PM Stewardship  Thanksgiving Luncheon | Thirteenth Sunday of Luke  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:00 PM Adult Recreational Basketball  2:00 PM Boys' Basketball  3:00 PM Grirs' Basketball  5:00 PM Grirs' Basketball  5:00 PM Grirs' Basketball  6:00 PM Grirs' Basketball  7:00 PM Grirs' Basketball  8:00 PM Grirs' Basketball  8:00 PM Grirs' Basketball |

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| DATE    | PC DUTY                   | ACOLYTES GREETERS |                        | PROSFORO                                   |  |  |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Oct. 4  | S. Steffas/T. Voulopos    | St. James         | L. Sampanes/M. Zavala  | J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/<br>P. Miltiades |  |  |
| Oct. 11 | D. Koutouzis/A. Miltiades | St. John          | D. Bafas/S. Gianaris   | K. Niarchos/L. Nichols/<br>K. Panov        |  |  |
| Oct. 18 | G. O'Brien/B. Valagohar   | St. Peter         | P. Dunkerly/M. Pohlman | A. Burke/C. Sprouse/<br>I. Steffas         |  |  |
| Oct. 25 | C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas     | St. James         | S. Lukens/D. Smith     | S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/<br>F. Tucker         |  |  |

#### 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

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