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Marietta, GA

OCTOBER 2016



Sts. Cyprian and Justina - October 2

"You who were converted from the art of sorcery, O divinely wise one, to the knowledge of God, and were manifested to the world as a most wise physician, granting healing to those who honor you, O Cyprian together with Justina. With her, then, entreat the Master, the Lover of mankind, that He may save our souls."

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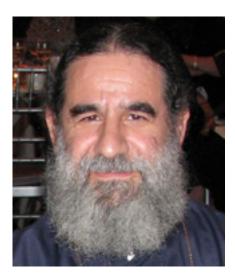
Directions to our Parish:

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. You can't miss it!

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

October 2016

Pain, Suffering and Destruction



Every day we hear on the news about terrible things happening in the world. It all sounds so distant, so far removed from us that we continue with our own lives, tackling our own problems and forgetting soon what that terrible event was about. Then, another one comes along, and then another, but we go about our own business. "What can I do anyway?" we ask, shrugging our shoulders.

TV, internet, radio and newspapers are flooding our minds, our eyes and our ears with news from around the world - mostly bad news - from far and near: it makes no difference. We have become so saturated with information that we are unable to react. We have finally become desensitized and indifferent to the world around us. One can even say that we seem callous in front of the tragedies of others. . . . until we become the news!! When war has affected us, sickness has visited us, the hurricane hit our town, the flood waters are rising outside our home - then time stops for us. All other worries take a back seat. We are the ones in a terrible situation. We look around us for

consolation. We look to others for comfort. We soon raise the question, "Why doesn't anybody care? Why are people so callous? What have we come to? Is this the end of the world?"

It seems that life is cyclical. Today is your turn. Tomorrow will be mine. No one is safe from tragedy. No one can boast that they are beyond pain or suffering. No one can guarantee for himself/herself a perfect life. No insurance company can sell assurance of bliss on this earth. There is no such thing. We live in a fallen and tragic world where humanity stands helpless in the face of tragedy.

It is at moments like this that most people will throw up their hands and ask for mercy - mercy from God, or whatever power is out there. Such moments of human distress are also moments of spiritual awakening. The earth and its joys are so mixed with suffering that the soul wants to escape to a better place. It is at such moments that most of us will turn to God and ask for help, wisdom, guidance and patience. It is also at such moments that we turn to theology and the revelation of God has given in His scriptures seeking answers to our difficult predicaments.

Humanity has struggled forever with such questions: Why is evil present in the world? Why sickness and suffering? Why such horrific events that bring destruction to life?

From ancient times, the Church has prayed for wisdom and guidance on these issues. Christian holy men and women have searched the Scriptures looking for answers and we can benefit from studying them. They speak of human sin, the separation of man from God and the tragedy which comes from that. They speak of human pride and arrogance that rules the earth and the dire consequences of that. They speak of human greed which blinds men to the dangers of nature. Many have perished over the years looking for that treasure, which they could never find. Even more people suffer and perish today, as greedy men want that treasure only for themselves.

As we lose our harmony with our Creator, the discord with His Creation increases. Nature, fallen and unstable is further thrown into disarray as men ignore their own responsibility toward her. Our own home will soon fall upon our heads if we neglect it. Nature needs our attention and care. We need to recover our harmony with God's Creation.

The saints of the Church have also seen tragedy as an opportunity for men, as a time to surrender to God and trust in His care alone. They point to the opportunity to do good for others, to exercise philanthropy, to share in love. Even evil can be turned around by man with God's help, because man J.Fr. Pameyistis has been created in the image of God and has the potential to become like God in all his attributes.

This is our challenge, but also the opportunity to advance ourselves.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

October 2016

October 1, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 2, Sunday. Second Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of Cyprus. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

October 5, Wednesday, Great Vespers for St. Thomas 5:00 pm

October 6, Thursday, Feast of St. Thomas. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 8, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 9, Sunday, Third Sunday of Luke. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

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

October 16, Sunday, Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD). Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

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

October 23, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke.
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

October 25, Tuesday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 26, Wednesday, Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America.

October 29, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 30, Sunday. Fifth Sunday of Luke.

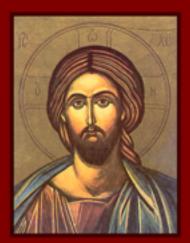
Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

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

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.

FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
~ All are Welcome ~

The Orthodox Church has preserved the original Apostolic Faith pure and unblemished.

The Orthodox Church did not experience a reformation or counter reformation because the Faith was kept untouched by time and people. That does not mean all Orthodox people are always perfect, but that the Faith has remained perfect.

If the Orthodox Church in America is to succeed in its primary mission to bring the Gospel of Salvation and Sanctification to the world--we must continually return to the core Faith, to the prime theological teachings of the divinity of Christ and the salvation offered through Him.

We also need to establish our own schools where we will cultivate in our children the Orthodox Christian principles of life as the early Christians did. We cannot shape souls effectively unless we undertake a serious effort of immersion of our people from a young age in the Faith and Orthodox way of life. A serious Christian education is the way to do that. An Orthodox Christian education in particular is the only way to counter the intellectual onslaught of the secular society upon the minds of our people.

For years, as immigrants (Greeks, Russians, Serbs and others), we sought to establish ourselves as a respectable minority in America. We have succeeded and surpassed most other minorities. We now stand at a crossroads: we either continue to seek further political and societal acceptance through the use of the wealth God has given us, or we turn our focus to the greatest treasure we have, the ORTHODOX FAITH, and find ways to effectively share it with those around us.

We can either use our wealth to further impress the secular world with our successes so that we can continue to gain their respect and recognition, or we can seek ways to present the treasure of ancient Christianity that has been handed down to us by creating opportunities for theological education for those around us, especially those who are looking for authentic Christian teaching. Do we become anchored citizens of this world through our secular successes, or do we cultivate our citizenship in heaven through a witness of authentic Christian life?

This is a critical moment in the life of our Parish, as well. We have established ourselves by the grace of God as a respectable "faith group" in this corner of the earth. People are now ready to listen to us if we do have a serious message to offer. But we need to first understand what this message really is and make it an integral part of our own lives. As a group of people who claim to be followers of Christ, we need to begin living according to His teaching. People around us have to recognize us from our love for each other and our good works. We need to make a mark in the local community as both philanthropists as well as lovers of God. Then we will be able to make a difference in American Society, not through monetary wealth, but rather through the Wealth of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions that we have inherited.

 $Let's\ become\ Ambassadors\ of\ Orthodox\ Christianity, the\ Ancient\ Faith, the\ Faith\ of\ the\ Apostles!$

Introduction to the Orthodox Church

The "Intro to Orthodoxy" Class, will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in St. Basil's Conference Room.

The new cycle of the class will begin on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 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.

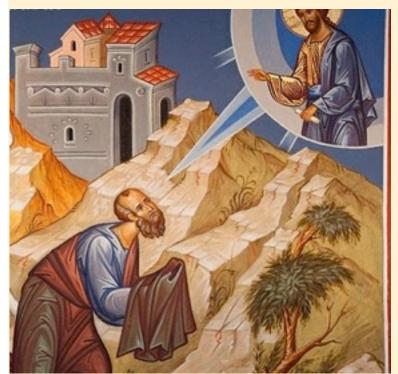
Topics addressed in the Class:

- 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!



St. Paul on the road to Damascus

Bible Study:

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Every Wednesday 10:00 am

Starting September 21, 2016

Join us in

St. Basil's 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 Readings will also be suggested during the course of the study.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - OCTOBER

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10/1/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19 Gospel: Luke 5:17-26				
10/2/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 24:1-12</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 6:31-36</u>				
10/3/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34 Gospel: Luke 6:24-30				
10/4/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:11-21 Gospel: Luke 6:37-45				
10/5/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:2-10 Gospel: Luke 6:46-49, 7:1				
10/6/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: John 20:19-31				
10/7/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:7-17 Gospel: Luke 7:31-35				
10/8/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:23-28 Gospel: Luke 5:27-32				
10/9/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 24:13-35</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 7:11-16</u>				
10/10/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50				
10/11/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39 Gospel: Luke 8:1-3				
10/12/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:8-21 Gospel: Luke 8:22-25				
10/13/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:14-17 Gospel: Luke 9:7-11				
10/14/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:17-25 Gospel: Luke 9:12-18				
10/15/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 14:20-25 Gospel: Luke 6:1-10				
10/16/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 24:36-53</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 8:5-15</u>				
10/17/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:18-33 Gospel: Luke 9:18-22				
10/18/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18 Gospel: Luke 10:16-21				
10/19/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21 Gospel: Luke 9:44-50				
10/20/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10 Gospel: Luke 9:49-56				
10/21/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 10:1-15				
10/22/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:39-45 Gospel: Luke 7:1-10				
10/23/2016	Matins: John 20:1-10 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19				
10/24/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:1-7 Gospel: Luke 10:22-24				
10/25/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:8-14 Gospel: Luke 11:1-10				
10/26/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 21:12-19</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10</u> Gospel: <u>John 15:17-27; 16:1-2</u>				
10/27/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:20-27 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23				
10/28/2016	Matins: <u>Luke 1:39-49, 56</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7</u> Gospel: <u>Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</u>				
10/29/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:58; 16:1-3 Gospel: Luke 8:16-21				
10/30/2016	Matins: John 20:11-18 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9				
10/31/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:1-16 Gospel: Luke 11:29-33				

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20:21

Are you a good and faithful servant? As Orthodox Christians, we have been given a sacred trust. We have received the treasure of the Gospel - the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this sacred trust comes the great responsibility to share it.

If we compare ourselves to the stewards in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), do we multiply the treasure for which we are responsible and for which we will be held accountable when the master returns? Or do we bury our treasure in the ground, offering back only that which was given to us? Jesus said "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). At the end of our life, will He say to us, "Well done good and faithful servant"?

As recipients and stewards of this great treasure, we are called to protect it, keeping its message pure. This is difficult to do in a time when knowledge of the faith is informed so much by popular culture. Orthodox Christians in America may rely too heavily on our culture to bind people to the faith, often at the expense of knowledge of the Gospel message and the faith. As each generation becomes increasingly assimilated, these cultural ties become less effective in keeping people engaged in the life of the Church. For many, knowledge of the faith is insufficient to appreciate the unique teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity. Without a clear knowledge of our faith, we have become less able to share it as we have been called to do.

We are called to guard the Gospel message, but not to hoard it. We are instructed not to hide our light under a bushel (Matthew 5:15). As Jesus Christ send us to be His voice in a changing world, we must also remove impediments or perceived impediments to non-Orthodox inquirers that seek His Truth. What messages do we send out intentionally or unintentionally? What might cause the Gospel message to be ignored or misunderstood?

Since the first Orthodox Christians came to America, the local parish has served as a guardian of the faith and also of the culture from which it was transplanted. Parishes must think carefully about how they share the faith with others. Thoughtful and sensitive consideration must be given to our outreach efforts in order to identify what aspects of our parish life may be creating potential stumbling blocks for others.

As we share the voice of Christ, the message we share is one of hope, truth, grace, divine power, life and invitation. In this busy, ever-changing world, His voice of wisdom is needed to guide us in discerning what is good, what is true and what will bring us closer to Him and to one another.

We live in a physical world that places great value on material possessions. Material possessions and wealth may bring power and status. But wealth and possessions can be fleeting. Circumstances change. It is the voice of Jesus Christ and the truth of His Gospel that remain constant. In our spiritual relationship with our Creator, we realize that we are called to be good stewards of His creation. And as stewards of His Gospel, we are called to use our material, worldly possessions to meet the needs of others.

The base from which we serve as the *Voice of Christ in a Changing World* is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make out local church all that it can be.

We conclude with these words of Archbishop Demetrios of America: "...we are called to be the light of the world; we are sent into a changing world to offer the voice of Christ to those who are not connected to the Church. This includes those who have never heard the voice of Christ, others who have not been prepared to listen, and still others who need a new invitation to return to Him. For these and even others who are distracted by disparate and deceptive ideas, the voice of Christ through us offers meaning and purpose in truth and love. In fulfilling our commission from God, we must continue to strengthen our ministries of outreach and evangelism so that our clergy and laity have the guidance, programs, and resources to offer His voice clearly and effectively" (from the Reflections of Archbishop Demetrios of America on the Theme of the Clergy-Laity Congress of 2016).



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Total: 370

OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE Update

The Capital Campaign for HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Become a part of the "Our Faith, Our Future" building fund campaign in 2016! The walls are rising up, built on the strong foundation of our Faith!

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Total: 232

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski

Celebration for the Opening of the Doors of our New Facility

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

NEWS RELEASE

MARIETTA, GA (September 19, 2016) – On Sunday, September 18, 2016 the clergy and parishioners of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in East Cobb (located at 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta) celebrated the opening of the new administration and education wing of their Parish Life Center. Presiding over the "Thyranoixia" celebration were the clergy of Holy Transfiguration – Protopresbyter Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D, Protopresbyter Rev. Father George Pallas, and Presbyter Rev. Father Paul Lundberg assisted by the Parish Council President, Steve Tingas and Construction Committee Chairman Alex Miltiades.

Distinguished guests who participated in the cutting of the ribbon were the honorable Sam Olens, Attorney General of the State of Georgia, Tim Lee, Chairman of Cobb County Commissioners, JoAnn Birrell, District Commissioner and Spyros Vourtsis, Vice Consul of the Greek Consulate in Atlanta.



Celebration for the Opening of the Doors of our New Facility



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Bob and Keri Koons on the birth of their second child, a boy, on July 1st! The baby was named Colin Robert and weighed 7 lbs 8 oz at birth. His proud grandparents are Keath and Jeannie Paxten. Mom and baby are doing fine.



May Their

Memory Be

Be Eternal!

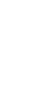
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. ALLELUIA.

Ethan (Christos) Baleno - August 20th, 2016 son of Brian & Irene (Ceisel) Baleno

CROWN THEM WITH GLORY & HONOR.

Chris Djonis & Gloria Vargas Barrera - August 27th, 2016

Adam Mellis & Selini Atmatzidis - September 3rd, 2016



Peter Rumanes - August 1st, 2016 father of Karen Panov

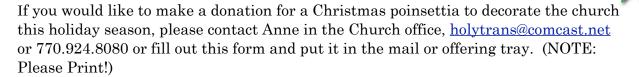
Bess (Vasiliki) Marianes - September 6th, 2016 mother of Bill Marianes, grandmother of Eliana Lundberg

Mary Katherine McQueary - September 12th, 2016 daughter of John & Katherine McQueary

Parish Parking - We now have many more parking spaces on the parish grounds around the Parish Life Center. Please begin using them and refrain from parking on Trickum Road, in the fire lanes, or on the grass in the upper parking lot.



Christmas Remembrance



Name:
In Memory of:
or
For the Health of:
Amount of Donation: \$

The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th.



If you would like for your name to be included in our Community Christmas Card, please complete the form below and return it along with your free-will donation to the Church Office or drop it in the offering tray during Church services no later than Sunday, November 27th.

Thank you!

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

(PLEASE PRINT)

Amount Enclosed _____

Please make your check payable to: HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOC

Mail to: Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

3431 Trickum Road Marietta, GA 30066



"CALLING ALL HOLY TRANSFIGURATION PARISH FAMILIES!!"

Your ideas and talents are very important to us! Please sign up for one of our committees and indicate as to whether or not you would like to play a leadership role on that committee or just be a member. Prime Timers, Parents of Elementary and Middle School Students, College Students, High School Students.... We want to hear from all of you and need you all!!

Festival Committees
Operations, Food & Beverage, Entertainment, Communications

Please call or email Eleni Nikolas 630.854.2174

enikolas68@gmail.com

We need your help to make our 2017 Festival a most memorable one!

"The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team."

FRIDAY, MAY 19 3PM-11PM SATURDAY, MAY 20 10AM-11PM

SUNDAY, MAY 21 11AM-6PM

GOYA Wednesday Meetings



At our weekly youth group meetings, we aim to offer youth an opportunity for fellowship around fun and meaningful activities. After sitting in desks for most of the day, most youth need and enjoy some physical activity. In the first two photos, youth perform their skits based on the title *The Complete Works of the Gospel Writers, Abridged*. In the photo at the bottom, youth engage in a game of giant (gym-sized) four square using a tennis ball. We often change ball types and sizes to make things interesting. You should see how it goes with a football! We have also played dodgeball—always a favorite—in the new gym.







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

AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes - September 2016

Upcoming Events--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 10 Chapter Meeting, PLC

November 3 AHEPA Chapter #1 Scholarship Dinner, Kartos Hall, Atlanta

November 11-13 Cabin Fever, Blairsville, GA

November 19 Adopt-A-Mile

November 20 AHEPA Sponsors Coffee Hour

December 11 Christmas Party/Toys for Tots @ Zack Kollias home

To the men of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Your AHEPA Board has been very busy planning the events calendar. We look forward to seeing you at all that you are able to attend. If you're already a member, we know you are busy and have lots of ways to spend your free time. But if you believe in the AHEPA Ideals, the AHEPA scholarship program, and want to associate with like-minded Christian Men, please join us and attend when you can.

For those of you who are not members of AHEPA, **consider joining our Chapter**; it's just \$75 per year! Want to learn more about AHEPA and our Chapter? **Then go to: FACEBOOK & to THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION WEBSITE**. Be sure to check AHEPA #519 on Facebook and the AHEPA section of our church website for new photos, updates, and fresh content. These areas will give you information about our **Marietta Chapter #519**.

Do you still have questions about AHEPA? Are **YOU** interested in becoming a member of this great organization? Contact any Board Member.

Your AHEPA Board is: Ron Sprouse, Ted Sampanes, Keath Paxten, and George Lopos



Soup Kitchen - MUST Ministries & Philoptochos

On August 25, we served 91 meals at MUST Ministries. Thank you to the following ladies who helped prepare & serve the food: Kally Niarchos, Isabelle Dymond, Fran Tucker, Dorothy Botni, Evelyn Bilson, Niki Gess, Marty Driscoll, Justina Schumacher, Dorothy Macris, Pat Koutouzis, Michael Gavalas, and Athena Burke.

If you are interested in volunteering for soup kitchen, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net .

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



Hellenic Dance Ministry would like to thank *Agapi and Despina Chryssopoulos* for their hard work and dedication in organizing and running our travel dancers group!!! We would also like to thank the dancers that performed at the Bulgarian Festival and The Peachtree City Greek Festival!! Your commitment to the group is greatly appreciated!!

MACON GREEK FESTIVAL scheduled for October 21-22 will be our next travel commitment. If you are interested in performing with our dancers, are in 6th grade or older, please contact **Despina Chryssopoulos**.

HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL TIME!!!

Hellenic Dance Festival (HDF) is a program of the Metropolis of Atlanta. It is a Greek Folk dance competition for ages 8 and older with a spiritual twist. Many consider HDF His Eminence, Alexios' favorite youth program. Hellenic Dance Ministry is planning to take our *high school dancers* to attend and participate in HDF this coming January in Winston-Salem NC. Marietta has sent many teams in the past, but this will be our first time taking a high school group in three years. The HDF program continues to grow; both in physical numbers, popularity and spiritually. Many changes have occurred in the program, and we are excited to support it once again.

With that being said, we need to have a preliminary number of dancers who would be interested in participating. It comes down to committing to practices once a month in September and October, then once a week from November through the holidays, ending with twice a week in January. Practices will last 2-3 hours. We will NOT and repeat NOT conflict with ANY GOYA ATHLETIC PRACTICES. You will be able to participate in GOYA Athletics and still dance!! We will have to have a MINIMUM of 8 dancers to commit, along with 2 adults through the whole process. If we do not have our 8 minimum, we will NOT take any dancers this year.

The event itself is held during Martin Luther King weekend and this year will be hosted by Winston-Salem. When considering your commitment, be aware that we DO practice through the holiday season, but are flexible with times, dates and even have make-ups available so that if you and your family will be traveling for the holidays, we are willing ready and able to accommodate that.

I know the next question will be about cost. I can give you a pretty good estimate on that as well. The transportation is usually covered. Hotel rooms this year will cost \$145-\$155/dancer. Registration fees, which include most meals, tickets to events and dances, will run from \$150-\$200/dancer. Together this will cost roughly \$300-\$400/dancer. If you are interested in joining our HDF dancers group, please contact Paulina Vastakis ASAP!!!! THANKS!

FESTIVAL 2017 DANCING FAQs

- How do I register? Just fill out the ministry sign up sheet in the church office and check the Hellenic Dance Ministry Box and return it to Anne
- When do practices begin? Practices begin in late January
- Where do we practice? Now with the new facilities, we are still working out the details, but stay tuned, we will be sending out information shortly about it.
- When do we practice?

Pre-K Pitsirikia – TBA

K & 1st Palamakia – TBA

2nd & 3rd Asteria – Tuesdays, 5:00

4th & 5th Petaloudes – Tuesdays, 7:15-8:00

6th-8th Phoenix - Sundays 1:30-3:00

9th-12th Eleftheria - Sundays 1:30-3:30

A special announcement from Hellenic Studies...

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a fantastic start! We are excited to announce that enrollment in our program continues to grow, as we move into our new classroom space. We look forward to another exciting 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



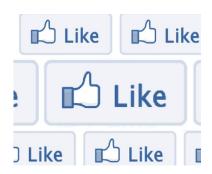


Sunday, October 30th

Please join us for our annual celebration and luncheon in honor of "OXI Day"

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At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy,
Fr. Panayiotis will offer a special **Doxology**,
and then we will proceed to the Parish Hall, where
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/

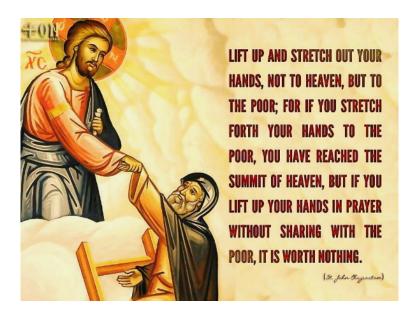
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https://www.facebook.com/HellenicStudiesofHolyT

#### Important Dates in November:

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Fall Bake Sale *Please save-the-date and plan to attend!!!* 

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> − No classes − Thanksgiving Break



#### Philoptochos and HOPE/JOY

#### BLANKET PROJECT AND COAT DRIVE

Sunday, October 23rd

On October 23rd, after the Divine Liturgy our two ministries, along with anyone from our congregation, will be making blankets and collecting gently used coats for needy children and adults that participate in St. John the Wonderworker's Loaves & Fishes Program. A light lunch will be provided.

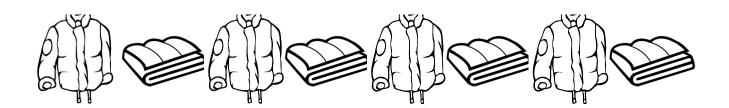
If you would like to purchase a No Sew Blanket Kit for our project, they are available at Joann Fabrics at the store or online @ www.joann.com . This site or the Sunday AJC also has coupons as much as 50%. The kits are regularly priced between \$19.99 - \$29.99.

The blankets come in different sizes, so choose the blanket pattern and size you want. It can be but doesn't have to be gender specific.

Please drop off your kits, in original packaging, in the Church Bookstore by October 16th.

Gently used coats can be placed on a hanging rack that will be located in the Parish Hall on Sunday's through October 23rd.

All parish children and adults are welcome to help make these blankets after the Divine Liturgy on <u>October 23rd</u> in honor of Archbishop Demetrios for his name day.



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Thank you to the following parishioners who have joined Philoptochos:

Maria Alberts Liz Azimzadeh **Dorian Bafas** Lois Bafas **Faye Bakatsas** Nancy Barke Christy Bell Elaine Bilson Evanthia Bilson Evelyn Bilson Irma Bliss Dorothy Botni **Andrew Bourgeois** Christina Bourgeois Athena Burke Melina Burke Kathy Bylos Helen A. Carlos Helen S. Carlos Mary Chiotellis Paula Christopher Eleni Clement Maria Comsudes **Cathy Costarides** Despina Dalton **Christine Demakis** Marty Driscoll Katina Dunkerly Peggy Dunkerly Isabelle Dymond

Marilyn Eleftheriou **Donnis Gavalas** Niki Gess Stephanie Gianaris Martha Gingles Irene Hammond Christopher Hansard Leslie Hansard Rosemary Hendrix Sis Hondras Sheila Howington **Annette Jacobs** Mike Jacobs Victoria Jansma Jo Kastner Irene Kipreos **Steve Kipreos** Gerre Klementzos Mary Ellen Knuchel Triada Kokkosis Lori Kollias Margaret Kollias Virginia (Ginny) Kostulakos Patricia A. Koutouzis Christine Lavey Anna Lerios Stacey Levantis Argyro Liakakos Demetra Lilly Ellen Linebaugh

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Pres. Catherine Papageorgiou

We currently have 119 members (we ended last year with 122 members!). Don't see your name? Perhaps you forgot to renew your membership. Perhaps you have never been a member. Why join Philoptochos? Membership in Philoptochos is:

- **Philanthropy**: Experience something larger than yourself
- Fellowship: Philoptochos offers the opportunity to meet wonderful people, meet new friends
- Faith in Action: Philoptochos offers the opportunity to serve the Church while working alongside your sisters and brothers in Christ

It's not too late to join! Stop by the Philoptochos table in the Parish Hall on Sunday after Liturgy and pick up/complete a membership form. Or, you can download the form at the address below and mail/return it to the church office at your convenience. Go to: <a href="http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2007/08/2015-Philoptochos-Membership-Form.pdf">http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2007/08/2015-Philoptochos-Membership-Form.pdf</a>

Don't forget to reserve your seat or table for our annual **Fall Fundraiser!** Back by popular demand we are having "Yorgo's Taverna" with this year's special guest, **Basile**, the hilarious Greek comedian who will have you all in "stitches" (see flyer for details).

# GREEK NIGHT "YORGOS' TAVERNA"



- LIVE COMEDY (PG-13)
- LIVE GREEK BAND
- DELICIOUS "MEZZE" (GREEK APPETIZERS)
- SILENT AUCTION
- CASH BAR

#### Saturday, November 5, 2016

Doors open 7:00 P.M. Show begins 8:00 P.M.

Adults: \$50

Students (13-18) \$35

Table of 10: \$450

Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos
Charity Fall Fundraiser

Includes : Live Entertainment Delicious Greek Appetizers

Non-Alcoholic Beverages (Cash Bar Available)

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center (PLC) 3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta, GA 30066
Reservations Required (limited seating): 678-492-5818 or llopos624@gmail.com



#### NEWS YOU CAN USE

Fall is on its way and so are our plans for the rest of 2016. It has been a very busy year for PRIME TIMERS. Our fundraiser was a total success. Our goal was to sell all three hundred tickets, and WE DID IT! IT TOOK US APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS! Our drawing for the winners was held on Sept 4, the same day we celebrated Xanthippe's 90th birthday. The winner of the Family Fun Basket was the birthday lady, Xanthippe. The Tailgate basket was won by Ann Zakreski. And for the children, we had 15 door prizes consisting of stuffed animals, books and DVDs. The children were so excited, but unfortunately not everyone could win. But I must commend Jacob Mavromatidis for his kind gesture. Bella Tidwell was so disappointed that her ticket was not drawn that Jacob gave her his prize. How thoughtful of Jacob! What Jacob did was a small gesture but it fills your heart with pride. A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER!

Our next and final general meeting of 2016 will be held Saturday 10/22/16 at the Parish Life Center at 11:30 am. Plans are still being formulated. One thing is certain, afterward we will play our favorite brain game, Bunco. Please watch for our flyer for details. Bunco is a fun game. Don't miss this one!

On Sunday, Dec 4, again in the Parish Life Center, we will gather for our annual Christmas party. We plan to start early showing a Christmas movie. We will sing joyous Christmas carols and play a few brain games with prizes and have a delicious dinner catered by MAGNOLIA MOMENTS. IT WILL BE FUN, FUN!

Autumn is so beautiful with the leaves changing and new flowers appearing. It is cooler but not too cold to enjoy the beauty of God's world. Enjoy every minute of your life - it is never too late!!

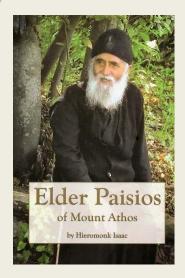
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU WELL!

**Connie Stratigos for the Prime Timers Board** 

If you wish to join Prime Timers, please send a check (\$15) payable to HTGOC - Prime Timers to: Dorothy Botni, 3019 Walker Drive, Marietta, GA 30062

#### LIBRARY NEWS

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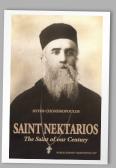
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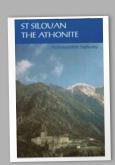
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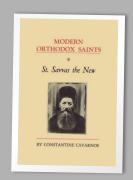
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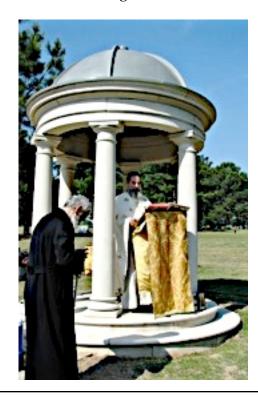
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You may purchase plots through the church office - No interest financing is available.





# October 2016

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                           | Thursday                                                                                                      | Friday          | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Atlanta Greek Festival First Sunday of Luke = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:20 AM Catechism = 11:40 AM Amemorial Ser- = 12:00 PM Philoptochos Ar- and 3 more                        | TheAssumptionIsandTheologian  = 8:45 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 2:00 PM Winter Youth Rally Planning Meeting | No Classes–Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket– ball Practice (8–12 grade)                                                                                                  | 28<br>= 10:00 AM Bible Study<br>= 7:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)                                                                                                     | 29 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting – 4th Quarter Review 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball               | 30<br>Formation | 1<br>Formation<br>4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers                                                                                              |
| OCF Sunday Secondundayof & aintsofyprus.  = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:20 AM Cafee Hour: = 1:00 PM School of Spirtual = 5:00 PM Great Vespers                                    | 3  6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket- ball Practice (8–12 grade)                                    | 4  Board Meeting  S.30 PM Hellenic Studies  7.00 PM Holy Transfiguration Academy Committee Meeting  7.00 PM WYR Boys' Basket- 7.00 PM WYR Boys' Basket- A:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket- | 5:00 AM Great Vespers for St. Thomas  10:00 AM Bible Study  7:00 PM Activities Coordination Committee  7:00 PM Youth Group  (GOYA)—General Mtg Lead by Team Leaders | Feast of St. Thomas  9:00 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball          | 7<br>Formation  | 8  8:30 AM School of Spiritual Formation  4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  5:00 PM Great Vespers                                                                           |
| Third Sunday of Luke  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:20 AM Catechism  11:45 AM A 50 year Memo-  12:15 PM GOYA Coffee  1:00 PM School of Spiritual and 2 more                           | 10 ColumbusDay(regionalholiday)  7:00 PM AHEPA Meeting 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket-ball Practice (8–12 grade)                | 11  -4:00 PM Stewardship, Outreach, and Welcoming Planning -5:30 PM Hellenic Studies -7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy Class -7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket- ball Practice (8-12 grade)      | 12<br>= 10:00 AM Bible Study<br>= 7:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)                                                                                                     | 13<br>— 6:30 PM Men's Recreational<br>Basketball<br>7:00 PM Philoptochos<br>Board Meeting                     | 41              | 15  10:00 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy  12:00 PM Bulgarian Luncheon (Rental)  3:00 PM Sprayberry High School Rental  4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  5:00 PM Great Vespers |
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| Sixth Sunday of Luke  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  11:20 AM Catechism  11:30 AM Agne family  12:15 PM Philoptochos/  12:30 PM Agne Wedding                                              | 24<br>- 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket-<br>ball Practice (8–12 grade)                                                           | 25<br>= 5:00 PM Great Vespers<br>= 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br>= 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket-<br>ball Practice (8–12 grade)                                                          | Peasb6tDemetrietriosoPunerica<br>= 9:00 AM Orthros<br>= 10:00 AM Bible Study<br>= 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>= 7:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)                        | 27  11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball | 28              | 29  12:00 PM O'Connell /Cookerins Wedding 3:30 PM Hutt Baptism (Constantine) 4:00 PM Syzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers                                         |
| Fifth Sunday of Luke  8:30 AM Orthros  10:00 AM Divine Liturgy- 11:20 AM Catechism  11:45 AM Artoklasia for Sts. Cosmas & Damianos  12:30 PM OXI Day Lun-                                            | Halloween  7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket-ball Practice (8–12 grade)                                                            | = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br>= 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basket-<br>ball Practice (8–12 grade)                                                                                           | 2 = 10:00 AM Bible Study<br>= 7:00 PM Youth Group<br>(GOYA)                                                                                                         | 3<br>Basketball                                                                                               | 4               | = 12:00 PM Koozer Baptism (Benjamin) = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 5:00 PM Great Vespers = 6:00 PM Philoptochos Fundraiser                                           |

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| DATE       | PC DUTY                   | ACOLYTES  | GREETERS                      | PROSFORO                               |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| October 2  | M. Nichols/S. Tingas      | St. John  | J. Schumacher/B.<br>Valagohar | R. Peppas/C. Sprouse/I.<br>Steffas     |
| October 9  | J. Burke/P. Markley       | St. Peter | D. Bafas/P. Koutouzis         | S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F.<br>Tucker      |
| October 16 | S. Steffas/T. Voulopos    | St. James | L. Sampanes/M. Zavala         | T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson/A.<br>Burke     |
| October 23 | A. Miltiades/B. Valagohar | St. John  | M. Alberts/I. Dymond          | K. Bylos/M. Caras/P.<br>Christopher    |
| October 30 | D. Christopher/G. O'Brien | St. Peter | S. Linebaugh/M. Pohlman       | C. Costarides/M. Driscoll/I.<br>Dymond |

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