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## ***THE MONTHLY BULLETIN***

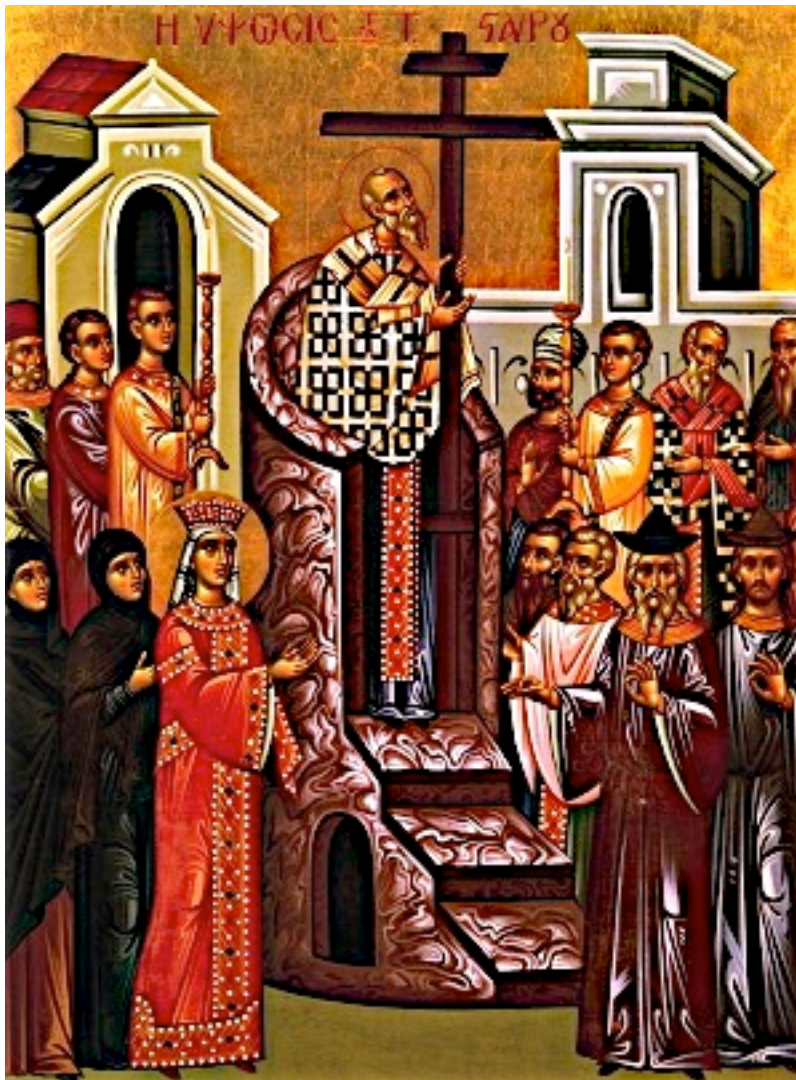
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**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**Marietta, GA**

**SEPTEMBER 2015**



**ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

We venerate your Cross, O Lord and praise and glorify your Holy Resurrection

# **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION**

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## **CHURCH OFFICE**

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

## **PARISH CLERGY**

*Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.*

*Presiding Protopresbyter*

*Rev. Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter*

*Rev. Father Paul Lundberg, Presbyter*

## **PARISH COUNCIL-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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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/>

"BUILDING UP" THE PEOPLE OF GOD



The parish of Holy Transfiguration is in the midst of a Construction Project. We are building up our facilities to serve us better. We are upgrading the older ones and setting the foundation for new ones. We are in the "building mode".

But, is Holy Transfiguration just about buildings? Is Christianity just about erecting more structures on this earth? Is Orthodoxy just about edifices?

No, it is not! These buildings are tools to accomplish the Work of God on this earth.

The purpose of the Church is to build up the temples of God in each one of us. It is about building upon the foundation of the Faith of the Apostles. We are the inheritors of the tradition of

Faith established by the Apostles, the disciples of Jesus Christ. The Apostles are the witnesses of the miracles and teachings of Jesus who transmitted these experiences to the world in what we know as the Orthodox Faith. This Faith constitutes the best foundation for humanity: *"For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ"*. (1Cor 3:11)

As a group of people, as a parish which represents the most ancient form of Christianity, we are building up our people to withstand the "earthquakes", "floods" and "hurricanes" of a world gone crazy.

We have found a rock at the corner of this new structure and upon this rock we are building the foundation for the new edifice. We have found the rock that is none other than Jesus Christ (with regards to faith), hence, we are building *"upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone"*. (Eph. 2:20)

These new buildings have one primary purpose, to assist us in building up our members in *"the image and likeness of God"*. We will do this by establishing an Orthodox School to teach the Faith to children and build them up to become devout Orthodox Christians; by providing many options for the adults to become educated in the Faith; by providing space and opportunities for all our members to build friendships and camaraderie. These new buildings are a sacred platform to be used for the preparation of our people to enter the Kingdom of God; *they are a gate to the Heaven*.

Hence, I invite you all to support our building project. You can support it by praying to God to help those working on the construction site and keep them safe from any harm. You can support it by praying for those who are providing the financial means to make this a reality. You can also support it by providing from your own financial means, as you are able.

This is not a personal project. This is a community effort. This is a project that looks to the future, providing opportunities for salvation and perfection to countless generations for many years to come. *We give Glory to God for allowing us to be part of His work on earth.*

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Panayiotis



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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **September 2015**

**September 1, Tuesday, Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year.**

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

**September 5, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**September 6, Sunday, Miracle of Archangel Michael in Colossae.**

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

**September 7, Monday, Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos 6:00 pm**

**September 8, Tuesday, The Nativity of the Theotokos.**

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

**September 12, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**September 13, Sunday, Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

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

Artoklasia for Feast of St. Euphemia (September 16), after Divine Liturgy (Philoptochos)

**Evening: Great Vespers for Elevation of Holy Cross 5:00 pm**

**September 14, Monday, The Universal Elevation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross**

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

*Today we hold a Strict Fast*

**September 19, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**September 20, Sunday, Sunday after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

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

**September 21, Monday, Apodosis of the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.**

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

**September 26, Saturday, The Assumption of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian.**

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

**Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**September 27, Sunday, First Sunday of Luke.**

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



# The Divine Liturgy

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

## What is the Divine Liturgy?

The Divine Liturgy is a sacramental re-living of the entire divine economy, the totality of miraculous events worked by God to bring humans beings once more into union with Him. There are a number of Old Testament passages that foreshadow the mystery of the Divine Eucharist: the offering of bread and wine by Melchizedek (Gen. 14.18-20), the sacrifice of Isaac (Gen. 22.1-14), the sacrifice of Elijah (1 Kings 18.17-40), Isaiah's vision (6.1-7), and most importantly, the Jewish feast of Passover.

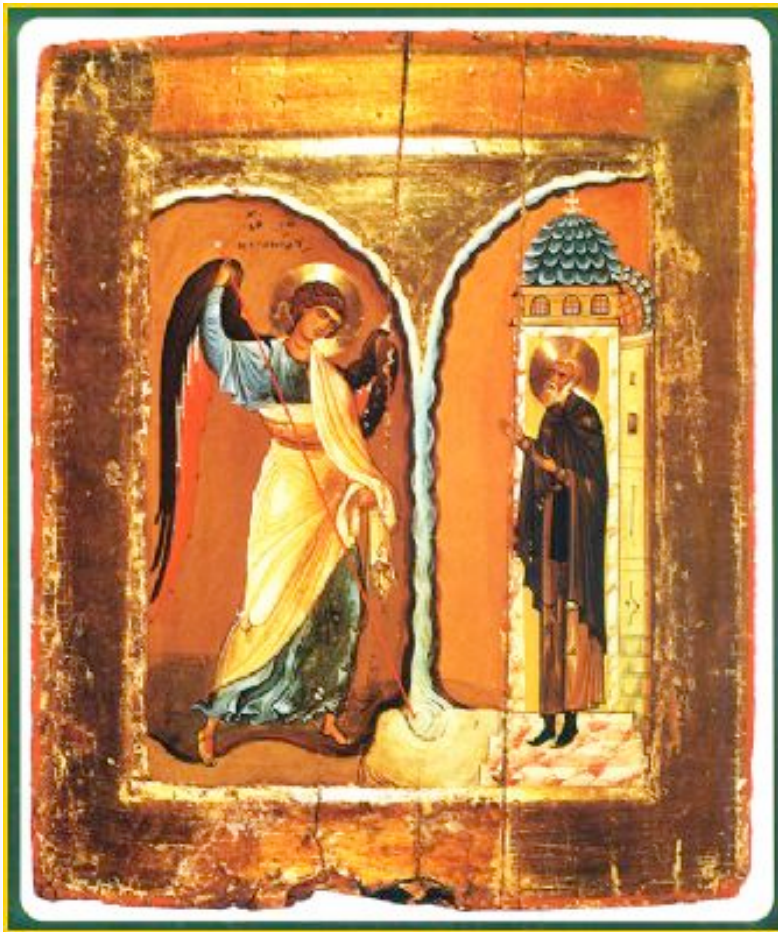
The Divine Liturgy is also a coming together of heaven and earth. God calls all things to Himself and assembles them together into one. The Divine Liturgy is a gathering together of the entire universe and its journey towards the Kingdom of God. The Divine Liturgy is the presence of Christ, upon the Holy Table, who calls together and assembles the whole created world, gathers everything around the holy Altar, and by His divine providence binds intelligible and sensible creations tightly together, so that they are united both among themselves and with Him. This gathering shows that the *raison d'être* of the Church is the unity of the faithful.



The Divine Liturgy is a theophany of the Trinity, from the opening exclamation, to the numerous references to the Trinity throughout the Liturgy, to the invocation, when the celebrant asks God the Father to send down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts to consecrate the offering of the Son.

## What are the fruits of the Divine Liturgy?

In the Divine Liturgy, Christians are incorporated into Christ, and the Church is formed. As Christ Himself said when He spoke of this Mystery for the first time, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him” (John 6.56). St. John Chrysostom adds that through the Eucharist we “become one body with Christ not just through a feeling of love but in actuality.” We are literally interwoven with Christ, individually and together as an assembly of the faithful. Through the Eucharist, human beings are sanctified and creation is renewed. We are incorporated into the Church through baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, both of which mysteries have their symbolic source in the crucifixion of Christ, when blood and water poured out of His punctured side. We the faithful who are the Church, the body of Christ, are born of Christ in baptism and nourished on Christ through the Eucharist. By partaking in the one Bread, in Christ, we Christians who are many form one body, the Church. Thus every Eucharistic assembly is an assembly of the entire Church.



## The Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae

**Commemorated on September 6**

In Phrygia, not far from the city of Hieropolis, in a place called Colossae, there was a church dedicated to the Archangel Michael, near which flowed a holy spring. This church was built by a resident of the city of Laodicia in gratitude to God and the Archangel Michael for healing his mute daughter. The holy Archangel Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl did receive healing at the spring and began to speak. After this miracle, the father and his daughter with all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built a church in honor of the holy Archangel Michael. Both Christians and pagans begin to come to the spring for healing and many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to faith in Christ.

At this church of the holy Archangel Michael, a pious man, Archippus, served for sixty years as the church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his God-pleasing life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. Other pagans who hated Christians in general and especially hated Archippus plotted to destroy the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time to kill Archippus.

To this end they diverted two rivers and directed their combined flow against the church. Archippus prayed fervently to the Archangel Michael asking him to ward off the danger threatening the church and holy spring. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared near the church, and by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course, thus the church remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in the church, glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael for his help. The place where the rivers plunged into a fissure received the name "Chonae", which means "funnels" in Greek.

**Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone**

O Commander of the Heavenly Host, we the unworthy beseech you, that through your entreaties you will fortify us, guarding us in the shelter of the wings of your ethereal glory, even as we fervently bow before you crying: "Deliver us from all danger, as Commander of the Powers on high!"

**Kontakion in the Second Tone**

O Michael, who stands altogether radiant before the Trinity together with all the heavenly Hosts, and with them you cry aloud the song inspired of God: As you pass throughout the earth by God's command and are made wondrous with exceedingly great marvels, cease not to intercede for us all.



## ***The Birth of the Virgin Mary the Blessed Theotokos*** **Celebrated on September 8**

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of Mary the Virgin Theotokos, the one who gave birth to our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is an important feast of the Church because the birth of the Virgin marks the beginning of our salvation. She was chosen by God among all women to bear His Son, and thus participate in the process of salvation of all humanity. She was chosen from among all women because of her faith and obedience to God. She has become an example for all of us to follow. This is one of the reasons she is honored by the Church and raised up for us to see. She is Blessed among women because the fruit of her womb is blessed.

### **HYMN OF THE FEAST**

*Your birth, O Theotokos, has brought joy to all the inhabited earth: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He has loosed us from the curse and given the blessing; He has made death of no effect, and bestowed on us eternal life.*



*The Birth of the Theotokos*

## ***The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross*** **Celebrated on September 14**

On September 14th, Orthodox Christians throughout the world commemorate the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross.

This feast commemorates the discovery of the Holy Cross of Christ by St. Helena in 325 A.D. and also the recovery of it in 628 A.D. by Emperor Heraclius after it was stolen by the Persians when they plundered Jerusalem in 614.

This is a very solemn day as we remember the sacrifice of the Lord for us. This is why we keep a **strict fast on this day**. This is the second most solemn day of the Church calendar after Holy Friday.

### **HYMN OF THE FEAST**

*“Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.”*



*The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross*





## The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian

### Commemorated on September 26

This Apostle John was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, the brother of James the elder and the nephew of our Savior, since his mother was the daughter of St. Joseph the Betrothed. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. The behavior of the two brothers, John and James, revealed their fiery nature, strong zeal and great faith for which they earned the name from Christ "Boanerges" that is "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Only John of all the disciples followed Christ even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Savior's Mother. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled with boiling oil. Emerging unharmed, he was then exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. He



returned again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, and wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Epistles. He instructed the Christians to guard against false teachers and their erroneous teachings. He called for all Christians to love the Lord and one another, and by this to fulfill the commands of Christ. The Church calls St John the "Apostle of Love", since he constantly taught that without love man cannot come near to God. When he was well advanced in years he used to be carried to the gatherings of the believers and only gave them very short sermons saying, "My children, love one another."

When it was time for his departure, he went out beyond the city limits of Ephesus with his disciples and their families. He bade them prepare for him a cross-shaped grave telling his disciples that they should cover him over with the soil. The disciples tearfully kissed their beloved teacher, and not wanting to be disobedient, they fulfilled his bidding. They covered the face of the saint with a cloth and filled in the grave. Learning of this, other disciples of St John came to the place of his burial, but when they opened the grave, they found it empty. In all, he lived ninety five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100.

He was called the Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son of the Word of God the Father. An eagle is depicted in his icon, for it is the symbol of the lofty heights of his theological thought and is one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).

#### Apolytikion in the Second Tone

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a people without defense. He who permitted you to recline upon His bosom, accepts you on bended knee before Him. Beseech Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of nations, asking for us peace and great mercy.

#### Kontakion in the Second Tone

Who can tell your mighty works, O virgin Saint? For you pour forth miracles, and are a source of healings, and you intercede for our souls, as the Theologian and the friend of Christ.



## **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

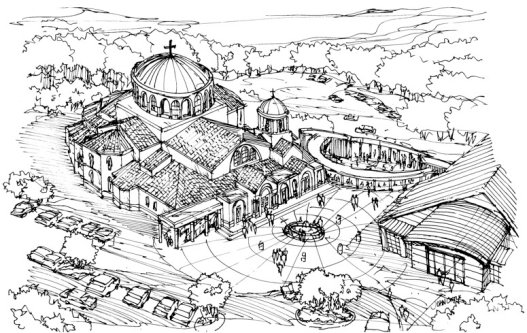
"Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices." Acts 19:18

"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 - SEPTEMBER

9/1/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 4:16-22</a>
9/2/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 13:3-13</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 4:35-41</a>
9/3/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:1-3, 20-24; 2:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:1-20</a>
9/4/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:6-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:22-24, 35-43; 6:1</a>
9/5/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 23:29-39</a>
9/6/2015	Matins: <a href="#">Mark 16:9-20</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 22:2-14</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4</a>
9/7/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:11-16</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 5:24-34</a>
9/8/2015	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 1:39-49, 56</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11</a>
9/9/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 8:16-21</a>
9/10/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:16-21</a>
9/11/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:8-21</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 12:19-36</a>
9/12/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:6-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1</a>
9/13/2015	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:1-12</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 3:13-17</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18</a>
9/14/2015	Matins: <a href="#">John 12:28-36</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24</a>
9/15/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:16-22</a>
9/16/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 7:36-50</a>
9/17/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:1-9</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 7:24-30</a>
9/18/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:7-17</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 8:1-10</a>
9/19/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">John 8:21-30</a>
9/20/2015	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:13-35</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Mark 8:34-38; 9:1</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20</a>
9/21/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 3:19-22</a>
9/22/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:19-22; 3:1-7</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 3:23-38, 4:1</a>
9/23/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 1:5-25</a>
9/24/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</a>
9/25/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:17-25</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 4:22-30</a>
9/26/2015	Matins: <a href="#">John 21:14-25</a> Gospel: <a href="#">John 19:25-27; 21:24-25</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. John's First Universal Letter 4:12-19</a>
9/27/2015	Matins: <a href="#">Luke 24:36-53</a> Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 5:1-11</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1</a>
9/28/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 6:17-23</a>
9/29/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 5:12-16</a>
9/30/2015	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24</a>	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 24:42-47</a>



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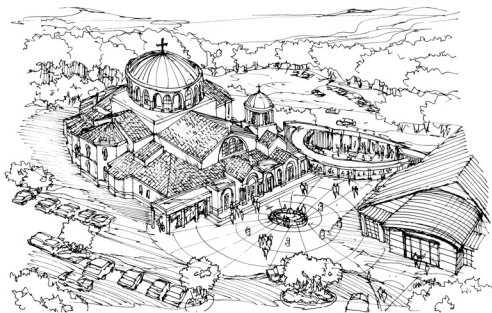
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## MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2015

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO  
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*I Peter 4:8-10*

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



# OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE Update

The Capital Campaign for  
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# 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!!



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## Catechism 2015/2016

Well, this will definitely be an interesting year for Catechism! With the ongoing construction, we have lost 4 of our classrooms that were in the PLC. But we will adapt and conduct our full program with all classes this upcoming year! The actual locations of the individual classes are still under discussion, but we plan to use the house as much as possible, and possibly the pavilion, weather permitting. Don't worry, locations will always be announced and well publicized, and we will make sure we keep our/your kids safe and sound! This will be a year that we can all look back on and remember the things we did as we "coped" during the construction of our final building.

Here's the schedule to start the year:

Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> – first day of classes - Meet the teachers and learn about the year ahead!

Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day weekend - No classes

Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> – First full day of classes

Registration will be happening during coffee hours on 8/16 and 8/23. Please find our table and sign your kids up! And ask questions if you have them.

**Remember our age requirements – Preschoolers must be 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Kindergarteners must be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, just like the school systems.**

As always, we look forward to working with your kids and helping them grow in their love of God and their faith and in their knowledge of the Orthodox Church. If anyone is interested in being part of our program, and we have many ways you can help without being a teacher, please contact me at [daviddotlinebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:daviddotlinebaugh@gmail.com).

David Linebaugh  
Catechism Director





## HELLENIC DANCE

### **ALL Dance Parents (Pre-K through High School)**

DONT FORGET TO STOP BY THE HELLENIC DANCE REGISTRATION TABLE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, to register to dance for the 2016 Marietta Greek Festival.

We will have Hellenic Dance Ministry leaders there to answer any questions you may have. Parents are also encouraged to sign up for particular committees at that time as well. A little help from everyone helps us a ton!

**ELEFThERIA (High School) MEET AND GREET** - Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> (1-3). We will meet on the church grounds and have a lunch. We will have a short parent meeting and then practice some dances. Parents of freshman are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to make every effort to attend.

### **Travel Dancers Needed!**

Due to costumes being in storage, we will limit our travel dancing this year. But we are **STILL DANCING THIS FALL!!**

If you are a 6th-12th grader who is interested in joining the travel group, please send a message with your contact info to Dorian Bafas, [dorianbafas@yahoo.com](mailto:dorianbafas@yahoo.com). We also need you to attend a short meeting and practice on Sunday, September 20, at 1:30, church grounds.

Mark your calendar for:

Peachtree City Festival on September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Macon Festival - October 23-25<sup>th</sup>

If anyone has any old Greek home decor, traditional table linens, curtains, glassware, and such...Don't get rid of it or donate it to Goodwill - **WE'LL TAKE IT!!** Hellenic Dance needs these items to recreate a traditional Greek village home with props. This also includes headscarves, costume jewelry, shawls, and any other vintage clothing! Just like Goodwill, your donations are tax deductible!!! Contact Paulina Vastakis if you have items to donate, [paulinasox3@att.net](mailto:paulinasox3@att.net)

If you are a young adult, college student or young professional, and are interested in dancing with our **Metamorphosi** group, please contact Allen Vatzakas, [vatzakas@gmail.com](mailto:vatzakas@gmail.com) for more information.

We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Dorian Bafas  
Paulina Vastakis

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# THANK YOU!

## FROM HELLENIC STUDIES

### Another great year completed...



We would like to thank the parents, students and staff of our Hellenic Studies Program for another fantastic year. We have seen our school grow tremendously in the last few years, and we hope with your support, we will continue to grow. A special thank you to our Director Eleni Clement for her tireless work in making the program a great success – and to Tasia Kipreos for keeping us organized and communicating important information to parents. Stay tuned this summer for more details regarding the 2015-2016 school year.

Enrollment will begin in August.

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CLASSES

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Thank you to all who have joined or renewed your membership in Philoptochos. If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership, please stop at the Philoptochos table in the PLC any Sunday to complete the membership form. You may also download the form from the church website: [www.holytransfiguration.info](http://www.holytransfiguration.info) (click on "ministries", then "Philoptochos"). To date, we have **114** members who have fulfilled their 2015 financial commitment and they are:

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**Soup Kitchen:** In June, the GOYANS prepared 120 ham and cheese sandwiches with snacks and chips for Must Ministries. Special thanks to Brody Brooks, Andrew Levine, Stephanie and Matthew Paulson, Sophia Linebaugh, Rania and Christina Georgacopoulos, and Michael Gavalas.

In July, we served 91 meals at Must Ministries. The food was prepared by teachers, retired and substitute, that were unable to help during the school year. A special thank you to Stephanie Lukens, Annette Jacobs, Lea Gormanos, Elena Kay, Rosemary Peppas, Marty Driscoll, Dorothy and Bobby Macris, Linda Lapos, Pat Koutouzis, Toula McCarty, Michael Gavalas and Athena Burke.

### **Important Dates:**

- August 23: Second tray for St. Phanourios (to benefit youth in our Metropolis) - Thank you to the ladies who offered to bake: Irene Steffas, Eleni Nikolas, Dorothy Macris, Athena Burke, Pat Koutouzis, Nancy Barke, Evelyn Bilson.
- August 27: Soup Kitchen
- August 27: Book Club - 6:30 pm, Cosmopolitan Restaurant. Book title is *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* by Oliver Sacks.
- September 6: Fr. Panayiotis' Name Day
- September 13: Artoklasia for St. Euphemia
- September 20: General Meeting: Location TBD
- October 8: General Meeting: Location TBD
- November 6: Fall Fundraiser: Greek Night at Cosmopolitan Restaurant (more information coming)



## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Our indoor picnic at "Come and Get It" was attended by 32 members; everyone had a great time feasting on delicious BBQ with sides of baked beans, cole slaw and corn on the corn. We played games, sang patriotic songs, and enjoyed peach cobbler before we adjourned for the evening.

On Saturday, September 19, we are inviting all seniors to our next event, the *End of Summer Social* at our church pavilion. The menu will be fried chicken with sides and ice cream. We will be playing different games and will be offering prizes. Don't be a "couch potato" - come join the fun. It starts at 4:00 pm!



Our board met on August 4 and made a few changes in our by-laws. We concluded that instead of 7 board members, 10 members were needed. We also decided that the dues beginning January 2016 be changed to \$15 rather than \$12.

Our next trip will be in 2016 and the board has decided that we might possibly go to New York. The price is reasonable but we are still in the early planning stages with Diamond Tours. More information will follow. Please let us hear from you whether you like the idea or not.

More information will follow about our event in October. Please come and enjoy yourselves at our events. Your board works very hard to make each affair fun and entertaining. Remember--laughter is an instant vacation.

Thank you and may God bless all of you,  
Connie Stratigos



# Prime Timers'



Saturday, September 19th

4:00 pm

Holy Transfiguration Pavilion  
(Lower Level Parking Lot)



Fried Chicken and  
all the fixings  
Ice Cream  
Fun and Games  
New Members Welcome!!

Cost is \$8.00 per person.

REMEMBER DAYS WITHOUT LAUGHTER ARE DAYS WASTED!!

Please rsvp: Connie Stratigos, 770.992.9707  
Dorothy Botni, 770.971.9956

## 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.



# September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Thirteenth S...Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>12:00 PM Homecoming Picnic</li> </ul>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Beginning of...sialstical Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Miracle of Ar...l in Colossae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>12:00 PM Philoptochos Name Day Celebration for Fr. Panayiotis</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <p>The Nativity of the Theotokos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p> <p>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 PM Altar Server Work-shop</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday Before...e Holy Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>11:45 AM 40 day Memorial Service is given by Mary</li> <li>11:55 AM Artoklasia is given by Philoptochos in honor</li> <li>1:30 PM GOYA Youth Leadership</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers for</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <p>The Universa...giving Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 PM Kostulakos Baptism (Lillian Katherine)</p> <p>4:00 PM Prime Timers' End of Summer Social</p> <p>4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Sunday after...he Holy Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>1:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting</li> <li>6:30 PM Spiritual Book Club</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <p>Apodosis of...he Holy Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 AM No Classes-Hellenic Studies</p> <p>6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)</p> <p>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>The Assumpt...d Theologian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>3:45 PM Bell Baptism (Nathaniel)</li> <li>5:00 PM Great Vespers</li> </ul>
<p>27</p> <p>First Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Orthros</li> <li>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</li> <li>11:15 AM Catechism</li> <li>3:30 PM Karetas-Bourquaine Baptism (Alexis Faye)</li> </ul>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00 PM Macris Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:00 PM Macris Wedding</p> <p>5:00 PM Kapsalis Baptism</p>

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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Sept. 6	G. O'Brien/B. Valagohar	St. Peter	D. Levine/D. Smith	S. Bethune/E. Bilson/ A. Burke
Sept. 13	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	St. James	S. Lukens/B. Valagohar	M. Driscoll/M. Eleftheriou/ T. Georgacopoulos
Sept. 20	M. Nichols/R. Rogers	St. John	K. Johnson/E. Markley	S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis/ E. Kay
Sept. 27	M. Alberts/S. Tingas	St. Peter	C. Kollias/P. Koutouzis	P. Koutouzis/A. Leros/ L. Lopus

## **St. James Altar Servers:**

Chris Bridgers, Michael Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Aaron Brown, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, George Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Paul Jacobs, Spiros Kefalas, Kris Kollias, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Angelos Makris, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Alexander Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Nick Zakreski

## **St. John Altar Servers:**

Chris Alberts, Stephen Ardagna, Matthew Azimzadeh, Andrew Bass, Theo Bliss, Michael Brotsis, Anthony Bundros, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Nicholas Gekas, William Jansma, Michael Marianos, Alexander Morgan, Evan Nakos, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Matthew Paulson, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Niko Tiller, Csaba Wagner

## **St. Peter Altar Servers:**

Zack Bethune, Christopher Bilson, Hal Bradford, III, Brody Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Nicholas Demakis, Michael Farina, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Jacob Harrah, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, Panayiotis Jordanopoulos, Michael Jordanopoulos, Andrew Levine, Morgan Lilly, Luke Melissas, Zacharias Melissas, Alek Nikolich, Lucas Porter, Matthew Shanahan, Evan Strakes, Michael Tsogas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Panayiotis Vlachos.

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