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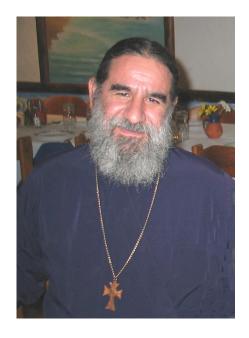
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OCTOBER 2007



ST. DEMETRIOS - OCTOBER 26



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 fulfill 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 with 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.

At Holy Transfiguration we have tried over the years to accomplish this call of the Lord through our own sacrifices in time, treasure and talent, offering back to God's work from His Gifts to us. We call this Stewardship! In fact, this is another aspect of our worship of God. The Church has always been "Eucharistic", meaning that we worship God by offering "Thanksgiving" for all He has done and is doing for us.

In the Divine Liturgy, through the prayers of the priest, "you are the Offerer and the Offering, the one who receives and the one who distributes", we recognize that all things belong to God and we accept them as His Gifts to us.

At the point of the Consecration of the Holy Gifts the priest says: "We offer unto you these Gifts from Your own Gifts in all and for all," acknowledging once again on behalf of the people that our offering (our sacrifice) is a Gift from Him that we are merely offering back to Him in worship. This is the moment, however, that we need to offer up, along with the bread and the wine, our own hearts. We need to surrender our whole life to Him asking for His "holiness" in return.

It is this attitude of trust and surrender that God wants from us. His Grace and mercy may come in small ways, but His presence in our lives will be experienced in a special way by each one of us. God is love and J. Fr. Panayistis will be experienced as love as we open up our hearts to love Him.

God Bless You.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES October 2007

Note: Every 1st of the month at 10:00 am (except Sundays), we will hold the **Service of the Blessing of the Water** at the Church to bless those who are able to attend and all the buildings of our Parish.

- **October 1, Monday,** Blessing of the Water 10:00 am. Μικρός Άγιασμός 10:00 πμ
- **October 7, Sunday,** Third Sunday of Luke. Γ΄ Κυριακή Λουκᾶ.
 Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. "Ορθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.
- **October 14, Sunday,** Fourth Sunday of Luke. Feast of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.

Δ΄ Λουκᾶ. Τῶν Ἡγίων Πατέρων τῆς ἐν Νικαίᾳ Ζ΄ Οἰκουμενικῆς Συνόδου (787 μΧ). Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

- **October 21, Sunday,** Sixth Sunday of Luke. Κυριακή Ἔκτη Λουκᾶ. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. ϶Ορθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.
- **October 25, Thursday,** Great Vespers Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr 6:00 pm Μέγας Ἑσπερινός Αγίου Δημητρίου τοῦ Μεγαλομάρτυρος 6:00 μμ
- **October 26, Friday,** Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr the Myrrh-flowing. Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America. Many Years to him! Αγίου Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος τοῦ Μυροβλήτου. Όνομαστική ἐορτή ᾿Αρχιεπισκόπου ᾿Αμερικῆς κ. κ. Δημητρίου. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. ϶Ορθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.
- **October 27, Saturday,** Great Vespers 4:30 pm. Μέγας Ἑσπερινός 4:30 μμ
- **October 28, Sunday,** Seventh Sunday of Luke. Κυριαχή Ἑβδόμη (Ζ΄) Λουχᾶ. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. "Ορθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία. OXI Day Celebration. Doxology at the end of the Divine Liturgy. All Hellenic Studies

students will attend this Service.

Δοξολογία Ἐθνικῆς Ἑοφτῆς 28ης Ὀκτωβφίου 1940 μετά τό πέφας τῆς Θείας Λειτουφγίας. Ὁλοι οἱ μαθητές τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ μας σχολείου θά παφευφεθοῦν στήν τελετή αὐτή.

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion Celebrated on October 16

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, saw service in Judea under the command of the procurator, Pontius Pilate. During the time of the execution of the Saviour it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus, which stood watch around Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross.

Longinus and his soldiers were eye-witnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events jolted the soul of the soldier. Longinus believed then in Christ and before everyone confessed that, "in truth -- this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27: 54). (according to Church tradition, Longinus was that soldier, who with a spear pierced the side of the Crucified Saviour, and from the outflowing of blood and water received healing from an eye affliction).



After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Saviour, Longinus with his company stood watch at the Sepulchre of the Lord. Here the soldiers were given to behold the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews persuaded them with a bribe to bear false witness that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. Having believed in the Saviour, the soldiers accepted Baptism from the Apostles and decided to forsake military service.

Longinus quit Judea and set out preaching about Christ Jesus the Son of God in his native land, in Cappadocia. His two comrades also followed after him. The fiery words of actual participants of the great occurrences in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread about in the city and the surrounding villages. Having learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to dispatch a company of soldiers to Cappadocia, to kill Longinus and his comrades. The dispatched company of soldiers arrived in the native village of Longinus; the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers told about the purpose of their arrival, not knowing -- that the master of the house -- was that very selfsame man, whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his fellows identified themselves and asked the surprised soldiers, unperturbedly, to do their duty of military service. The soldiers wanted to set free the saints and advised them to flee, but the saints refused to do this, shewing firmness of will to accept suffering for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried there where the saints made their final witness, and the cut-off heads were sent on to Pilate. Pilate gave orders to cast the martyrs on the trash-heap outside the city walls. After a certain while a certain blind woman arrived in Jerusalem to pray at the holy places. Saint Longinus appeared to her in a dream and said, that she should find his head and bury it. They led the blind woman to the rubbish heap. Having touched the head of the martyr, the woman was granted sight to her eyes. She reverently conveyed the venerable head to Cappadocia and there gave it burial.

CULTS AND NEW AGE GROUPS

...continued from the September Syndiakonia

What Came with the Moves

My involvement with the New Age Movement began with influence from the person I was dating at the time. Being involved in the Movement and in the drug culture and the sexual revolution of the sixties himself in spite of *claiming* to be "Christian," he influenced me to enter his New Age world by first reading the biblical Apocryphal books, then by indoctrinating me with the "Let It Be" (passivity) mindset promoted by the Beetles song of that very title. His "guidance" led from there to having me read the <u>Bhagvad Gita</u>, the Hindu "bible" in its entirety. Shortly afterward a friend took me deeper into the Movement by further guiding my reading and various experiences, which led ultimately to my involvement in Wicca (white witchcraft). Through other acquaintances I also gained a detailed understanding of the Church of Satan, although I did not join it.

Both high school and college required studying and experiencing comparative religion. Further, as a primary source for information for a research paper on controversial issues in a speech class, I interviewed Lady Santana, High Priestess of the House of Ravenwood, *the* most prominent Wicca coven in Atlanta. Because I had researched her coven extensively beforehand, I was able to discern clearly the differences between Wiccan and Christian beliefs and concepts. I also knew when here answers to my questions were intentionally false in order to conceal much of the truth about their activities.

Not brought up with a solid Christian foundation, I was easily swayed as I searched. Thus I wavered between Christianity and the non-Christian traditions that in true New Age form I had also accepted.

Still carrying this spiritual confusion, I entered therapeutic massage school, where New Age (i.e. Non-Christian) beliefs and practices were incorporated into the curriculum that was mandatory for graduation. It was called the "integrated" approach. Students were even forced to initial contracts requiring them to "experience" the elements of *all* of the spiritualities infused into the curriculum. Students who refused to compromise their Christian faith by initialing the contracts were penalized with failing grades. Although I saw and deeply felt the injustice with which they were being treated, with my personal spiritual weakness and confusion I "knuckled under" and initialed the contract in order to graduate. After graduation I searched even more intensely for the spiritual truth that once and for all would end my *desperate* confusion and frustration. After "bouncing" without success from one Christian faith tradition to another to find answers to my spiritual questions, I finally encountered the Orthodox faith at a Marietta Greek Festival in a book called Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future by (Fr.) Seraphim Rose, whose spiritual journey had had many similarities to my own. I had finally found the answers for which I had so long and laboriously searched. My journey had finally brought me to my spiritual home and the right direction for spiritual growth.

Christ's teachings guide us as relevantly today as they did at the time and place in which He gave them to the world. Appropriately we are further advised to "See to it that no-one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ." (Col. 2:8) Finally, Christ Himself makes it clear that "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." (Luke 11:23)

-- An Orthodox Christian--

Sources for further information: Note: The books can be ordered from our church bookstore.

Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future by Fr. Seraphim Rose Contemporary Moral Issues by Fr. Stanley Harakas Confronting the Devil, Magic & the Occult by Arch. Vassilios Bakoyannis (available from www.orthodoxgifts.com)

http://www.christiananswersforthenewage.org/ (CANA: Christian Answers for New Age)

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE-OCTOBER

10/1/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 6:24-30</u>	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:10-19
10/2/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 6:37-45</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17
10/3/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 6:46-49, 7:1</u>	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 17:16-34
10/4/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 7:17-30</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:20-27
10/5/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 7:31-35</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:27-30; 2:1-4
10/6/2007	Gospel: <u>John 20:19-31</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16
10/7/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 7:11-16</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
10/8/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 7:36-50</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:12-15
10/9/2007	Gospel: Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16
10/10/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 8:22-25</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:24-30
10/11/2007	Gospel: Luke 9:7-11	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-39
10/12/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 9:12-18</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:8-19
10/13/2007	Gospel: Matthew 7:12-21	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:8-11
10/14/2007	Gospel: Luke 8:5-15	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
10/15/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 9:18-22</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:10-23
10/16/2007	Gospel: Matthew 27:33-54	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:1-3;7-11
10/17/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 9:44-50</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2
10/18/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 10:16-21</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11,14-18
10/19/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 10:1-15</u>	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21
10/20/2007	Gospel: Luke 7:1-10	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:12-18
10/21/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 8:26-39</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20
10/22/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 10:22-24</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:13-20
10/23/2007	Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19
10/24/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 11:9-13</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:17-25;4:1
10/25/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 11:14-23</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:2-9
10/26/2007	Gospel: <u>John 15:17-27; 16:1-2</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
10/27/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 8:16-21</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:1-10
10/28/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 8:41-56</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18
10/29/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 11:29-33</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-5
10/30/2007	Gospel: <u>Luke 11:34-41</u>	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:6-10

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:1-16

10/31/2007 Gospel: <u>Luke 11:42-46</u>

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Fellow Parishioners,

You have been hearing a lot about stewardship the past few weeks and will continue to hear about it for the remainder of the year. This is an important time of the year in our parish when we have to establish a budget and schedule our activities. As you know, there are three parts of stewardship--Time, Talent and Treasures. We know it takes all three to operate our church. All are equally as important, but the one I would like to discuss with you is Time.

Time is the one we are all on the same playing field with. We all have 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. No one has more, and no one has less. No matter what our job is, what our personal commitments are, we still have the same time resource as anyone else. We can be rich or we can be poor but we have the same amount of time. It is what we do with this time that makes us different.

Certainly there is a balance to life. We do have to work in order to financially support our family and church. We want to visit our relatives in other cities, states or countries. We are involved in school and secular activities. We want to take vacations. But I know there is still a lot of time which we all could give more of to benefit our church.

I get motivated when I see individuals who give so much of their time. Take for example Leo Modenos and all the time he gives chanting or Demetri Miltiades who directs the choir. How about Nick Papleacos, George Matthews, Steve Thompson and Phil Kiritsy who have stayed awake all night preparing the pork for our Homecoming Picnics? What about our Catechism teachers, who not only spend time on Sunday teaching our youth, but also spend many hours preparing their lessons? And what about so many of the ladies who help during the week in the church office - Marty Driscoll, Xanthippe Marsico to name two. I could go on with so many other examples of individuals who give so much of their time. I hope I have not offended those I have not mentioned.

Join me this year in giving back to God what is rightfully His--Time. Demonstrate to your spouse and children that we can all give back to God with a gift that we all have the same amount of. Set the example so that your children will see your actions and will follow in your footsteps. I have always been a firm believer that actions speak louder than words. Act now.

In His service,

Alex Miltiades

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	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paulson		Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Titus		
	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Paulson		Mr. & Mrs. Athan Tsarouhas		
0352.01	Mr. & Mrs. Keath Paxten		Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Tselios		
	Mr. & Mrs. John Peppas		Mrs. Maria Tsifopoulos		
0354.01	Mr. & Mrs. Arestedes Petaros		Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas		
0677.01	Ms. Sophia Philippopoulou		Mr. & Mrs. James Tucker		
0357.01	Mrs. Athena Pickett	0460.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Turner		
	Mr. James Pickett		Mr. & Mrs. Lester Tyra		
	Mr. & Mrs. William Porter		Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos		
	Mrs. Katherine Prattes	0465.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Valagohar		
	Ms. Vickye Prattes	0466.01	Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias		
	Dr. & Mrs. Dorel Radivoj		Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis		
0371.01	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Richards	0469.03	Miss Maria Vatzakas		

0702.01 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas

0372.01 Dr. & Mrs. Lambros Rigas

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Thanos Caras was invited to join the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at Kennesaw State University. His induction took place on Friday, September 7th!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Prosforo Workshop
Saturday, November 3, 2007, 9am in
the PLC kitchen.

Anyone interested in learning how to make Prosforo with **The Gifted Pan** is welcome to come. The pans are here and can be ordered-\$60.00 per pan. Please bring a 5 lb. bag of all purpose flour, 1 pkg yeast and salt. Please email Tina Vamvakias at tina@thegiftedpan.com if you plan to attend. Thank you.





OCTOBER 20-21, 2007

www.cumminggreekfestival.com

ATLANTA GREEK FESTIVAL OCTOBER 4-7, 2007

www.AtlantaGreekFestival.org

2500 Clairmont Road NE 404.633.5870

If you can volunteer your time, contact Athena Catapano; Marietta's *Eleftheria* dancers will perform.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Parish would like to express a very special THANK YOU to the many families that have already volunteered to sponsor Coffee Hours for the coming year. We would also like to express our appreciation to Mary Miltiades and Niki Gess for their leadership in developing the schedule listed below.

Only nine Coffee Hours still need sponsors. Sponsors are especially needed for October 21 & 28, November 18, November 25, and December 23. If you are willing to sponsor one of these Sundays, please contact Larry Gess or the Church office.

Thanks again to all who have chosen to serve Him by sponsoring a Coffee Hour!

DAY	DATE	SPONSOR	OCCASION
Sun.	Oct. 7	Melissas Family	
Sun.	Oct. 14	NO COFFEE HOUR	General Assembly
Sun.	Oct. 21		
Sun.	Oct. 28		
Sun.	Nov. 4	NO COFFEE HOUR	Stewardship Sunday
Sun.	Nov. 11	Tingas Family	Heather/Arthur Birthdays
Sun.	Nov. 18		
Sun.	Nov. 25		
Sun.	Dec. 2	Prime Timers	
Sun.	Dec. 9	Catrakilis Family	In honor of St. Nicholas
Sun.	Dec. 16	Matthews Family	George's father's Name Day
Wed.	Dec. 19	Eftichia & Allen Macris	St. Dionysios' Feast Day
Sun.	Dec.23		
Sun.	Dec. 30	Tiller/Azimzadeh	
Sun.	Jan. 8, 2008	Ken & Celeste Bilson	
Sun.	Jan. 13	Moustoukas Family	John's Name Day
Sun.	Jan. 20	Vamvakias/Sampanes	
Sun.	Jan. 27	NO COFFEE HOUR	Three Hierarchs Luncheon
Sun.	Feb. 3	Cassimus-Longshore	
Sun.	Feb. 10	Sprouse Family	Ron's birthday
Sun.	Feb. 17	Burke Family	
Sun.	Feb. 24	Botni/Seraphim/Hondras	
Sun.	Mar. 2	Sarris/Lilly	
Sun.	Mar. 9	Sarmir/Kourafis	
Sun.	Mar. 16	Fleshman/Alberts	
Sun.	Mar. 23	NO COFFEE HOUR	Hellenic Studies Luncheon
Sun.	Mar. 30	Paulson/Smith families	



Mommy and Me

Please attend the 1st *Mommy and Me playgroup*. This group is open to all mothers and children under the age of 5.

When: Thursday, October 11th @ 10:00am

Where: Holy Transfiguration Parish Life Center

Refreshments will be provided.

To register for the group and for more info, please contact

Kate Lewis at 678-715-8664.



For your Next Event... Banquet & Amphitheater Facilities

We offer a large Banquet Hall with a stage, state-of-the-art kitchen as well as other amenities. Our Amphitheater is ideal for outdoor concerts, dance recitals, and dining.

Please contact us to arrange a tour or ask for additional information.

Phone: 770-924-8080 • Email: holytrans@comcast.net



""Becoming an Instrument of God"



"...Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God..."

(Romans 6:13)

<u>When:</u> December 26 – December 29, Wednesday evening through Saturday afternoon

Where: Atlanta Century Marriott Hotel

Volunteers Needed before & during the Rally:

- ❖ Help @ Registration on the 26th!
- Help setting up Hotel dinning hall!
- ❖ Help serving dinner on 26th, 27th, 28^{th!}
- **❖ Gym Monitors!**
- **❖ Bible Bowl Monitors!**

Please contact Julie Orologas if you are able to help the Metropolis with any part of this amazing event!
770.578.9118 or Orologas@bellsouth.net

WINTER YOUTH RALLY CHAIRMAN +Father John Johns: agiatrias1@bellsouth.net Julie Orologas: orologas@bellsouth.net

GREEK FOOD TO GO



Lea Gormanos did a great job starting the GREEK FOOD TO GO Program . . . she has passed the torch to Mary Miltiades (chairman) & Ellie Turner (co-chairman) and our September GREEK FOOD TO GO was a huge success!

Thanks to all who supported the GREEK FOOD TO GO in September . . . for coming and enjoying the great food for lunch or dinner for spreading the word to friends, family, neighbors & businesses . . . for helping to make spanakopita and tzatziki, marinate chicken & fill salad dressing containers on Sunday . . . for cooking, grilling, making salads, rolling gyros, plating food, being a runner, taking money, cleaning and more to make things work!

Sales for September were over \$2,700 and proceeds go into the Building Fund . . . Your efforts make this fundraiser a success . . . If you can volunteer please contact Christine Sprouse at 770-565-5212 or <a href="mailto:christine-chris

The next GREEK FOOD TO GO will be TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 . . . 11 am til 7 pm

Special thanks to the September GREEK FOOD TO GO Volunteer Helpers!

Ellie Turner Mary Miltiades

Maria Alberts
Evelyn Bilson
Michelle Broussard-Hanes
Athena Burke
Kathy Bylos
Peggy Dunkerly
Marty Driscoll
Sis Hondras
Joanna Kalamas
Kate Lewis
George Lopos
Linda Lopos
Dorothy Macris
Xanthippe Marsico

Karen Melissas
Krystalia Metropoulos
Alex Miltiades
Elizabeth Miltiades
Penny Miltiades
Cathy Papadopoulos
Charlene Papadopoulos
Mary Papadimitriou
Rosemary Peppas
Anne Seraphim
John Shanahan
Kathy Shoji
Ray Turner
Yianni Turner

For more information, please contact Mary Miltiades at 404/626-5111 or mmiltiades@bellsouth.net

GREEK FOOD TO GO MENU

"GREEK FOOD TO GO"

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

3431 Trickum Rd. (located on Trickum between Shallowford Rd. & Sandy Plains Rd.)

Pick-up 11:00am - 7:00pm

Upcoming Dates: Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4

3 ways to order: Fax this completed form to 770.924.3030 OR Call 770.924.8080, ext. 11 OR email <u>GreekFoodToGo@comcast.net</u>: Type "Greek Food To Go" in Subject Line & include *menu item*,

quantity, total, time of pick-up, name & phone.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9:00am THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

Menu Item	<u>Description</u>	<u>#</u>	Special Requests	Price (tax included)	Subtotal
GYRO	Pita stuffed with seasoned lamb and beef slices, tomatoes, lettuce, onions & tzatziki sauce			\$5	
Chicken in a Pita	Pita stuffed with marinated, grilled chicken tenders, tomatoes, lettuce, onions & tzatziki sauce.			\$5	
Large Greek Salad	Fresh lettuce, cucumber, onions, feta cheese, Greek olives and salad dressing.			\$6	
Small Greek Salad	Smaller portion of our large salad - perfect on its own or with a gyro.			\$3	
Large Greek Salad w/chicken	Large Greek Salad (as described above) topped with marinated, grilled chicken tenders			\$8	
Souvlaki Dinner	Pork tenderloin chunks marinated, skewered, grilled & served w/rice pilaf, green beans & a small Greek salad.			\$9	
Chicken Dinner	Baked Greek-style chicken, rice pilaf, green beans & a small Greek salad (in "Special Requests", please specify leg quarter or breast).			\$8	
Spanakopita (2 pieces)	Spinach, onions, feta cheese & herbs layered between buttered filo sheets & baked to perfection.			\$5	
Baklava	Pecans & walnuts tossed in cinnamon, sugar & spices, layered in buttered filo sheets, then baked & drizzled with honey syrup.			\$2	
Beverages	Cold 12 oz. size - either soda cans or bottled water.			\$1	
Family Style Chicken Meal (feeds 4-6 people)	Family Style Dinner includes 6 pieces of Greek Style chicken, generous servings of rice pilaf & green beans & one large Greek salad.			\$40	
Doz. Baklava	12 large pieces-great for guests, parties, & meetings or for holiday gift giving.			\$18	

Note: We accept cash, and with proper ID, personal checks, Visa, Mastercard. Total:

Order pick-up at north entrance (Church level) parking lot circle in front of the Parish Life Center.

Name:	_Time of Pick-Up:	Phone:	
Business Name or Neighborhood: _			
Email Address (for future notification):			

PHILOPTOCHOS





President: Frances Mavridis 1st Vice President: **Xanthippe Marsico** 2nd Vice President: Annette Jacobs Recording Secretary: **Christine Sprouse Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Macris** Treasurer: **Mary Miltiades** Asst. Treasurer: **Dorothy Botni**

Marty Driscoll Advisor: Membership: **Evelyn Bilson**

Board Members: Shirley Kiritsy Niki Gess **Nikki Palamiotis**

Fran Tucker **Kate Lewis Connie Stratigos Athena Burke**

We welcome our newest board member Mary Smith.

Membership: Our goal this year is 100 members. We currently have 88. There is still time to join Philoptochos and be part of the 2007 calendar year. Please pick up a membership form in the Parish Life Center and give it to any board member. Thank you for your continued support of the Philoptochos Panayia chapter.

Thank you to Despina Mavromatidis for baking the Artoklasia for St. Euphemia on September 16th!

Metropolis Philoptochos Retreat Oct. 12-14 at Diakonia Center. Please see Marty Driscoll for details.

General Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 pm, Chapel.

Please join us for an interesting and informative meeting with Carla Lavender, Development Director of the Devereux Georgia Treatment Network. Devereux is a non-profit organization providing services for persons with emotional, developmental and educational disabilities. She will include a video explaining this worthwhile organization. There will be refreshments and fellowship following the presentation.

Soup Kitchen: Upcoming Soup Kitchen date is Thursday, Oct 25. Contact Athena Burke, 770.321.9948, ibgreek@bellsouth.net if you can help. Many thanks to our helpers/servers for August 23: Lois Bafas. Michelle Broussard-Hanes, Michelle Cassimus, Lea Gormanos, Mary Miltiades, Penny Miltiades, Julie Orologas, Kathy Papadopoulos, Pam Starks, and Tina Vamvakias.

Book Club: Thursday, Oct. 25, 7:00 pm. at the home of Evelyn Bilson:

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Upcoming Dates: Spanakopita Sale in November for Thanksqiving...pre-sale beginning November 4 with

pick-up on **Sunday, November 18**, for Thanksgiving; \$20.00 per 9" x 13" pan.

Sweets and Treats/Spanakopita Sale again this year for Christmas Holiday: pre-sale starting November 4 with pick-up on December 9.

Please keep Toula & Caryl Nielsen in your thoughts and prayers as they go through a difficult recovery period.

PHILOPTOCHOS

The Eclectic Café

Saturday, October 27, 2007 Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Parish Life Center

5:00 p.m. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Hall Doors Open 6:30 p.m. Dinner Served 7:30 p.m. Dancing 9:00 p.m. Raffle Begins

♦ TICKETS ♦

\$20/Goyans 12-18 years \$40/Adults

♦ SUPER RAFFLE ♦

\$50/Ticket for Surprise Weekend Getaway Karen Melissas (678)352-0525

♦ SILENT AUCTION ♦

♦ DANCING ♦



TO HOST A THEMED TABLE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Nikki Palamiotis (404)839-0297 or Kate Lewis (678)715-8664 Two or three couples may host a table together

PRESENTED BY:

The Ladies Philoptochos Society ~ Panagia Chapter

CO-CHAIRED BY:

Helen Carlos (770)645-0595 & Charlene Papadopoulos (770)992-8802

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

† Our Own Social Services

† Devereux Georgia

Devereux Georgia is a behavioral health treatment network for children and young adults suffering with severe emotional and psychological challenges. For children at-risk, Devereux provides stability, hope and the opportunity to re-build lives.

† Women for Women of Cobb

Women for Women of Cobb provides assistance for non-medical needs for women in Cobb County who have been diagnosed with cancer and who are in need of help. It is a volunteer group that provides support for shelter, rent, utilities, transportation, childcare, household needs as well as other services.

† The Diakonia Center

PRIMETIMERS BBQ

October 13th, 2007

4:00PM

\$10/person



Parish Life Center Patio Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

RSVP: Dorothy Botni 770.971.9956

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 Mary Stiakakis
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Oct. 7	Matthews/Miltiades	Team II	N. Gess/I. Fleshman	J. Orologas/T. Pallas
Oct. 14	Moustoukas/Paulson	Team I	C. Kollias/F. Tucker	M. Papadimitriou/R. Peppas
Oct. 21	Sarmir/Tingas	Team I	M. Alberts/K. Moustoukas	I. Steffas/M. Tingas
Oct. 28	Burke/Tucker	Team II	A. Burke/S. Kiritsy	F. Tucker/L. & A. Tyra

Acolyte Team I	Zach Blasetti (Captain), Nico Orologas (Captain), Strati Papageorgiou (Captain), George Caras, Nicholas Gekas, Alexander Georgacopoulos, Charlie Honey, Paul Jacobs, Michael Marianos, Zach Melissas, Stratton Paulson, Jonathan & Nicholas Radivoj, Giovanni Ray, Dylan Rogers, Matthew Shanahan, Chase Smith, Yianni Turner
Acolyte Team II	Cosmon Bylos (Captain), Arthur Tingas (Captain), Nicholas Azimzadeh, Daniel, Michael & Chris Bridgers, Nick Catrakilis, Alexander Elias, Jacob Harrah, Eli & Evans Nichols, Dean Papastrat, Lukas Porter, Michael Sarris, Nick & Michael Steffas, Luke & Nicholas Tassopoulos, Nicholas Zakreski

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