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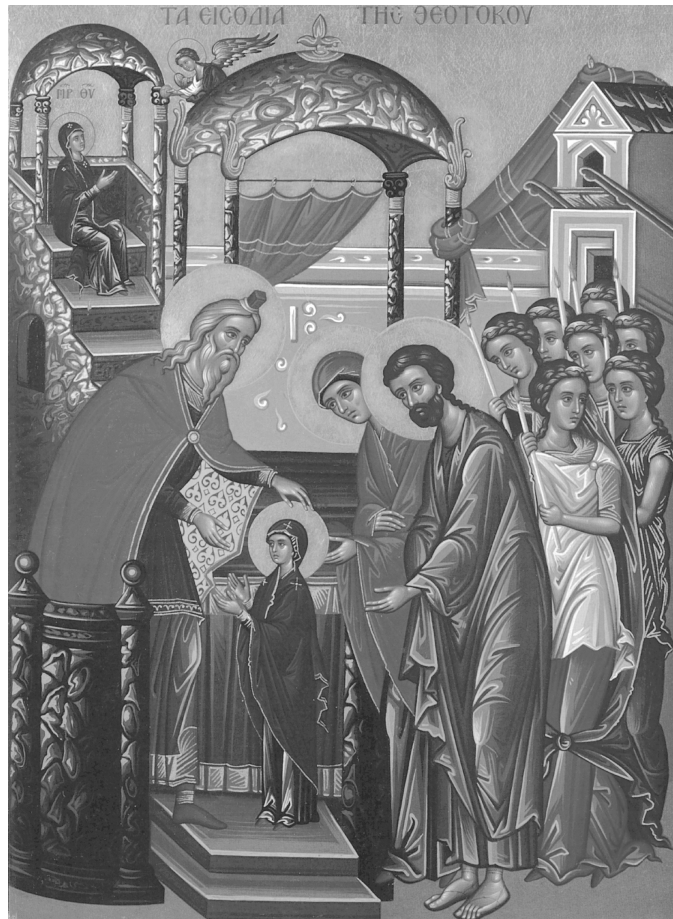
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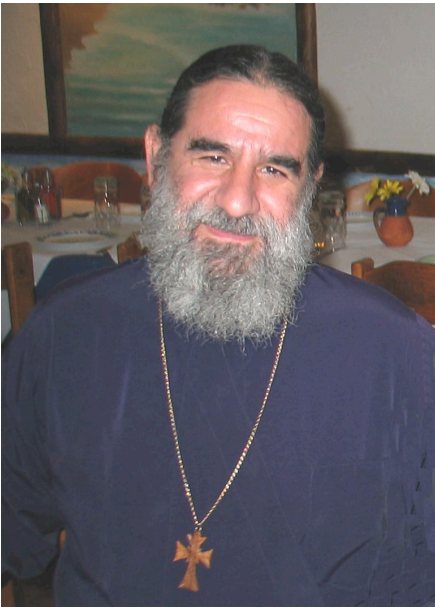
HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ

**NOVEMBER 2007**

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**ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS**



## Fr. Panayiotis' Message

### Taking Inventory of our Investments

Every day that goes by is either an opportunity lost or an opportunity we have taken seriously and benefited from.

Spiritual giants of the Orthodox Faith have always advised that at the end of every day we should take inventory of what we have done with our lives. We should be ready at any moment, so that if God were to call us in, we would be able to give "a good account of ourselves before the awesome judgement seat of Christ."

The same applies with regard to our families and also our Parish. We need to stop occasionally and take inventory of our accomplishments, but also of our failures. I assume, we already do that with our material accomplishments; we check our holdings, we repair our homes and other buildings, we make sure our investments are in good hands and are yielding profits. We try to secure the future of our children by purchasing insurance, investing in various ways and saving for their education and subsequent needs, so that they may never find themselves in want. We even hire experienced people (at a substantial cost) who help us make those decisions as to how we may invest wisely.

The question arises: What about our spiritual life? What about our spiritual investments? Are we even making any investments at all? What about the spiritual state of our children? Are we securing their spiritual future in any way? And the more difficult question of all is, how will we be able to accomplish this? How can we secure our children from the possible spiritual "market crash" of the future? And finally, who can help us make these important decisions?

I would like to offer three short answers to the above: First, we need to begin a serious effort to connect with God in prayer on a daily and even hourly basis. This is the most valuable investment we can ever make. God's strength, wisdom and other gifts will only come to us through prayer. Just showing up for church on a Sunday (whenever we can!) will not cut it. Second, with regard to our children, we need to instill in them "faith security"; we need to anchor them in the Orthodox Faith in such ways that they will never even consider an alternative place to be. Third, we need to seek out the experienced people, the "elders" of the Church, the spiritual fathers, who will guide us in our quest for His Kingdom, who will teach us how to pray, who will help us make the best possible investment of our time on this earth.

And they will not even charge us anything. It is all free!

God Bless You,

*Fr. Panayiotis*



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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **November 2007**

**November 1, Thursday,** Blessing of the water 10:00 am. Ἀγιασμός 10:00 πμ

**November 4, Sunday,** Fifth Sunday of Luke, 5η Κυριακή Λουκᾶ.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

**November 7, Wednesday Evening:** Great Vespers - Feast of Holy Archangels, 6:00 pm

**November 8, Thursday,** Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Heavenly Hosts

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία

**Thursday Evening:** Great Vespers for Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina, 6:00 pm

**November 9, Friday,** Divine Liturgy: Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina, bishop of Pentapolis

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

**November 11, Sunday,** Eighth Sunday of Luke, 8η Κυριακή Λουκᾶ.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

**November 15, Thursday,** Beginning of Christmas Fast-- Ἀρχή Νηστείας Χριστουγέννων

**November 17, Saturday,** Great Vespers 6:00 pm

**November 18, Sunday,** Ninth Sunday of Luke, 9η Κυριακή Λουκᾶ.

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

**November 20, Tuesday Evening,** Great Vespers: Presentation of the Virgin Mary, 6:00pm

**November 21, Wednesday,** The Presentation of the Virgin Mary. Εἰσόδια τῆς Θεοτόκου

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

**November 25, Sunday,** 13th Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Catherine. 13η Κυριακή Λουκᾶ

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.

**November 29, Thursday Evening:** Great Vespers-Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 6:00 pm

**November 30, Friday,** Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, the First Called,

Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. Ὅρθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία.





# SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOMOS

## *the Golden Mouth*

**Celebrated On November 13**

**Saint John Chrysostomos, Archbishop of Constantinople**, one of the Three Hierarchs [Comm. 30 January], was born at Antioch in about the year 347 into the family of a military-commander. His father, Secundus, died soon after his birth. His mother, Anthusa, widowed at twenty years of age, did not seek to remarry but rather devoted all her efforts to the raising of her son in the dictates of Christian piety. The youth studied under the finest philosophers and rhetoricians. But, scorning the vain disciplines of pagan knowledge, he turned himself to the profound study of Holy Scripture and prayerful contemplation. Saint Meletios, Bishop of Antioch (Comm. 12 February), loved John like a son, guided him in the

faith, and in the year 367 baptized him. After three years John was made a church-reader. Later on, he began to study under the experienced instructors of ascetic life, the presbyters Flavian and Diodore of Tarsus. After his mother's death, John entered the monastic life, which he called the "true philosophy" "the angelic life". He lived as an ascetic in the caves overlooking Antioch for two years dedicating himself to the study of the scriptures and prayer, but had to return to the city on account of his health.

In the year 381 the bishop of Antioch Saint Meletios ordained young John a deacon. The years following were devoted to organizing the philanthropic efforts of the Church of Antioch. The widows and the orphans were his main concern, while he also embarked on his major writings and commentaries of the Bible.

In the year 386 Saint John was ordained presbyter by the bishop of Antioch Flavian and was given the duty to preach the Word of God. Saint John was a splendid preacher, which eventually gained him the title the "Golden-Mouth" (Grk. "Chrysostomos"). For twelve years he preached in church amidst a crowded throng of people, deeply stirring the hearts of his listeners, usually twice a week, but sometimes daily.

Most of his sermons, still extant, are works of commentaries on entire books of the Bible (Genesis, the Psalter, the Gospels of Matthew and John, the Epistles of the Apostle Paul). Saint John as presbyter zealously promoted the care for the needy: under him the Antioch Church each day provided sustenance to as many as 3,000 orphans and widows, as well as the shut-ins, wanderers and the sick.

The fame of the golden-mouthed preacher grew, and in the year 397, he was summoned from Antioch, against his will and the will of his flock, to become the Archbishop of Constantinople. At the capital, he was not able to preach as often as he had at Antioch. Many other matters awaited to be resolved, and he began with the most important -- the spiritual perfection of the priesthood. And in this he himself was the best example. His love for the poor, however, was not lessened; the financial means apportioned for the archbishop were channelled by the saint into the upkeep of several hospices for the sick and two hostels for pilgrims. He himself sufficed on scant food, and refused invitations to public banquets. The zeal of the saint in affirming the Christian faith spread not only to the inhabitants of Constantinople, but also to Thrace -- to include Slavs and Goths, and to Asia Minor and the Pontine region. He established a bishop for the Bosphorus Church, situated in the Crimea. Saint John sent off zealous missionaries to Phoenicia, to Persia, and to the Skyths, to convert pagans to Christ. He also wrote missives to Syria to bring back the Marcionites into the Church, and was able to accomplish this.

Preserving the oneness of the Church, the saint would not permit a powerful Gothic military-commander, who was dictating terms to the emperor, to open an Arian church at Constantinople. He also left an indelible mark on the Liturgical Life of the Church reflected in the Divine Liturgy bearing his name. He also introduced antiphonal singing for the all-night vigil, and wrote several prayers for the sacramental rite of anointing the sick with oil.

The dissolute morals of people in the capital, especially at the imperial court, found in the person of the saintly hierarch its denunciation. When the empress Eudoxia connived at the confiscation of the last properties of the widow and children of a disgraced dignitary, the saint rose to their defense. The arrogant empress did not concede and nursed a grudge against the saintly bishop. The hatred of Eudoxia against him blazed forth anew, when malefactors told her, that apparently the saint had her particularly in mind in his instruction on women of vanity.

An enraged empress connived again to have the Archbishop removed. In this she found support from disgruntled clergymen, that Chrysostom had disciplined in the past.

This court of judgement declared Saint John deposed. The emperor Arcadius, urged by his wife Eudoxia, signed the order for the banishment of the Archbishop.

At the church surged an angry crowd, resolved to defend their pastor. The saint, in order to avoid a riot, gave himself over into the hands of the authorities. That very night at Constantinople there occurred an earthquake. The court was shuddered. The terrified Eudoxia urgently besought the emperor to bring back the saint and promptly dispatched a letter to the banished pastor, beseeching him to return. And anew, in the capital church, the saint in a short talk praised the Lord, "For All His Ways". The slanderers fled to Alexandria. But already after a mere two months a new sermon by the archbishop provoked the wrath of Eudoxia.

In March of the year 404 a new council brought together by the empress decided again the exile of Saint John. Reluctantly, the emperor Arcadius gave in to the wrath of his wife. The archbishop, once again, was on his way to exile escorted by soldiers in the middle of the night. The next morning, as the news of his banishment spread through the capital, riots broke out. A conflagration reduced to ashes the temple of Saint Sophia and the Senate edifice. Devastating barbarian incursions soon followed, and on October 6th 404 the young and proud empress Eudoxia died a sudden death. Four young children wept at the bier of their unfortunate mother. Even pagans saw in these events Heavenly chastisement for the unjust judgement rendered against the saint of God.

In the meantime, the saint was banished to the area of Caucasus Armenia. He had to endure the trip on foot, despite his weak health. From his exile in Armenia, he strove all the more to encourage his spiritual children. In numerous letters (245 are preserved) to bishops in Asia, Africa, Europe and particularly to his friends in Constantinople, Saint John consoled the suffering, guiding and giving support to his followers. In the Winter of 406 his health was failing and he was confined to his bed with sickness. But his enemies were not to be appeased.

From the capital came new orders to transfer Saint John to desolate Pityus (in Abkhazia) at the foot of the Caucasus. Worn out by sickness, under accompanying military escort and traveling on foot for three months in the rain and frost, the saint made his final transferral, -- at Comana his powers failed him. On the 14th of September 407, at the crypt of Saint Basiliskos (Comm. 22 May), comforted by a vision of the martyr ("Despair not, brother John! Tomorrow we shall be together"), and having communed the Holy Mysteries, the Ecumenical hierarch with the words, "Glory be to God for all things! Amen", surrendered his soul to the Lord, whom he so much loved and served. He was buried there in Comana until his holy relics were solemnly transferred to Constantinople in the year 438. His memory was set by the Church to be commemorated not on September 14, the day of his death, but on November 13, so that it may not be overshadowed by the great feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.

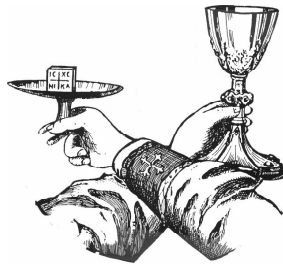
On January 27, 438, Constantinople was overtaken by a religious fervor. Their late Patriarch John was to be returned to the Imperial seat and given his due honors. He was to be received as a martyr and a saint. He had been declared the Golden Mouth of the Church (Chrysostomos). Half of the city were on their knees. Today a spiritual conqueror was making his entrance. Justice had finally prevailed. The exiled was coming home.

Emperor Theodosius II, son of Eudoxia and Arcadius, urged by his pious sister Pulcheria and the new Patriarch Proclus, had given the command for the relics of the saint, banished by his parents, to be transferred from his far-off tomb in Pontus to the Imperial city of Constantinople and be given a burial with honors of a martyr and saint in the Church of the Holy Apostles next to other Patriarchs and saints.

The people of Constantinople paid their respects to a man who stood larger than life both in life and in death.

# ***Christ is asking for your Stewardship toward His Church***

## **WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**



We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, "Your own gifts, of Your own, we offer to You." We acknowledge that everything we offer to God is a gift from Him. We take what God has given to us and we return it to Him as an act of our thanksgiving and praise.

As stewards of God's gifts, we return to Him a portion of our time, talents and treasures for Christ's work on earth through His Church.

The Christian Stewardship Program is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love by perpetuating His ministry through the Church. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us. Let us offer then from the goods He has given us back to Him: "Your own gifts, of Your own, we offer to You."

***Our Church needs our financial support.  
Let us offer from the gifts God has given us.***

***How much should I offer to the Church  
in order to support the work of God?***

Proportionate giving involves two things. Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that giving out of thanks will involve sharing a portion of that income for God's work.

We should ask ourselves "what is a worthy level to determine my Stewardship?" The Bible gives much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and His work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability.

The Old Testament laid down the standard by asking for a percentage of one's income. This provides for us the principle that giving should be in proportion to our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church for 2005.

We should consider what we spend on cable television, holidays, pets, dining out, sports events, vacations and so on. How do these compare with our giving for God's work?

We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: "Your own gifts, from Your own gifts, we offer unto you?"

Offer your Stewardship each Sunday. Family members over 18 years of age, who are employed, should make their own Stewardship Commitment.

Participation in the Christian Stewardship Program allows each Greek Orthodox Steward to vote and to seek elective office in the administration of the parish as provided in the Archdiocesan and Parish By-laws.

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP



Christian Stewardship is a life-style, which acknowledges accountability and responsibility before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love, to respond by participating and supporting His plan of salvation and the ministries of the Church, which make salvation possible for them and for others.

In the Bible, the Steward is depicted as a person who is given the responsibility of managing something that belongs to the Owner, God. The Steward as the manager is thus accountable to the Owner for all that he possesses and is responsible to return to the Lord his or her fair share in gratitude and thanksgiving. As God has been generous to us, He expects us to be generous toward the work of Christ and His Church. Our Stewardship Commitment is the tool of ministry, salvation and healing for us and for others. Christian Stewardship is the privilege and honor of directly supporting God's work on earth through the Church.

A flourishing parish Christian Stewardship Program can be compared to a river, which overflows into many tributaries and reaches out in many directions to share with others our rich and profound spiritual inheritance. Success on the local level emanates to greater support and outreach on all levels of ministry: local, national and international. Christian Stewardship offers each person the means to become an active proponent in disseminating the Orthodox Faith through fair and generous giving to support the Parish, Metropolis and Archdiocesan or National Ministries.

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

Saint Paul instructed the Corinthians to offer their support for the Church of Jerusalem on a regular and consistent schedule.

Our Parish has been operating on the Stewardship System for a number of years. We would like all of our parishioners to understand that the success of the work of the Church is dependent upon them and fully participate in Stewardship. God has endowed all of us with many gifts. We are now called to offer back to Him in proportion to what He has given us. We are asked to offer back from our Time, Talent and Treasure, each according to the extend of our blessings. If we have more time we must give more in time, if we have a special talent we should give of our talent and if have been blessed more with treasure we should give back from our treasure.

All the Ministries of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese depend upon our Stewardship. Let's fulfill our responsibility toward God, our Church and our fellow men. Let us offer back to God from the Gifts He has given us!

## DAILY BIBLE READING-NOVEMBER

11/1/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 10:1, 5-8</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8</a>
11/2/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:2-12</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:14-20</a>
11/3/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 9:1-6</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5</a>
11/4/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 16:19-31</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10</a>
11/5/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:13-15, 22-31</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:20-3:8</a>
11/6/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:8-12</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 8:1-6</a>
11/7/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:48-59</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:1-12</a>
11/8/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:16-21</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10</a>
11/9/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 13:31-35</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:9-13;5:24-28</a>
11/10/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 9:37-43</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>
11/11/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:25-37</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15</a>
11/12/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 14:1, 12-15</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11</a>
11/13/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">John 10:9-16</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2</a>
11/14/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:43-51</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>
11/15/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 16:1-9</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:13-17; 3:1-5</a>
11/16/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Matthew 9:9-13</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2</a>
11/17/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 9:57-62</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:7-11</a>
11/18/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 12:16-21</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7</a>
11/19/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:20-25</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:1-7</a>
11/20/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 17:26-37; 18:8</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:8-14</a>
11/21/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7</a>
11/22/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 18:31-34</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to Philemon 1:1-25</a>
11/23/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:12-28</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:1-13</a>
11/24/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 10:19-21</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3</a>
11/25/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 18:18-27</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5</a>
11/26/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:37-44</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:1-10</a>
11/27/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 19:45-48</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:11-21</a>
11/28/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 20:1-8</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:22-25;6:1-11</a>
11/29/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">Luke 20:9-18</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 6:17-21</a>
11/30/2007	Gospel: <a href="#">John 1:35-52</a>	Epistle: <a href="#">St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16</a>

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Fellow Parishioners,

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. We all have many things to be thankful for. We should be thankful for our health, our family, our church, and our jobs, to list a few. I am certainly thankful for all of these and much more.

I am thankful for you, my fellow parishioners. I appreciate how we all work together supporting our church and each other. In the next two months, we will be asked to show support for our church by completing a pledge card. This card consists of our pledge for time, talent and treasure. We should pray about this and do all we can to support our church. Without us, our church cannot sustain its growth and ability to serve the faithful.

I want to thank you for last month's General Assembly Meeting. We have come a long way from the days when we argued and fought with each other. Our budget will be challenging but will be achieved if we all step up to the plate financially.

The approval of an Activities Director position is a major step in the growth of our parish. I appreciate the overwhelming support of the general assembly. It was not a unanimous approval, and I certainly respect those who have reservations. I pray that the few who did not support the position will eventually see the long term benefit. If anyone needs further explanation, feel free to contact Father or myself.

In the beginning of December, we will be asked to vote for new parish council members. Please take this election process seriously and vote for the candidates you feel will represent our parish the best.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and I pray we all continue to live our faith.

In His Service,

Alex Miltiades  
Parish Council President

# STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2007



THANK YOU TO THE  
FAITHFUL STEWARDS  
WHO HAVE  
SUBMITTED PLEDGE  
CARDS FOR THE  
2007 PLEDGE YEAR!

PIN	Name	PIN	Name	PIN	Name	PIN	Name
0002.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Adamson	0096.01	Mr. & Mrs. Read Davis	0207.01	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kipreos		
0001.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Alberts	0099.01	Dr. & Mrs. Evangelos Demestihias	0208.01	Mrs. Irene Kipreos		
0010.01	Dr. & Mrs. George Andros	0661.01	Ms. Eleni Dodys	0682.01	Mr. Manolis Kipreos		
0669.01	Ms. Alexandra Aperges	0641.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Donkar	0209.01	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kipreos		
0523.01	Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Basto	0644.01	Mr. George Dracos	0684.01	Mr. Steve Kipreos		
0014.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Asimakos	0106.01	Dr. & Mrs. Robert Driscoll	0610.01	Mr. Gregory Kirbabas		
0017.01	Mrs. Irene Athanas	0108.04	Miss Alayna Dunkerly	0211.01	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kirtsy		
0019.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Azimzadeh	0108.01	Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Dunkerly	0213.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Klementzos		
0022.01	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bafas	0109.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Duvlaris	0215.01	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Knuchel		
0023.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Bakatsas	0113.01	Dr. Marjorie Economopoulos	0216.01	Miss Constance Kollias		
0026.01	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Barke	0598.01	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Elias	0585.01	Mr. & Mrs. Zacharias Kollias		
0030.01	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bates	0294.01	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farina	0219.01	Ms. Natalie Konstadinidis		
0616.01	Ms. Andrea Beneda	0565.01	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Farrey	0222.01	Mrs. Athena Kontrafouris		
0033.01	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Bennett	0675.01	Miss Kate E. Ferguson	0221.01	Mr. James Kontrafouris		
0034.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Bilson	0541.01	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fernandez	0223.01	Ms. Marilyn Kontrafouris		
0035.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bilson	0121.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Fleshman	0648.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kopsias		
0036.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bilson	0125.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Frangis	0226.01	Dr. & Mrs. Michael Kostas		
0554.01	Ms. Miranda Black	0128.01	Mr. & Mrs. Stratton Frank	0227.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nikolas Kostopoulos		
0040.01	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Blasetti	0134.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ignatios Gaitanoglou	0674.01	Mr. George Koulouris		
0041.01	Mr. Terry & Dr. Irma Bliss	0561.01	Ms. Eva Gaitanoglou-Arp	0229.03	Miss Alexa Kourafas		
0042.01	Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Bond	0688.01	Mr. & Mrs. Majed Gebara	0229.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Kourafas		
0043.01	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Botni	0144.01	Mr. & Mrs. Evan Gekas	0232.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Koutouzis		
0612.01	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Bourgeois	0146.01	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Georgacopoulos	0664.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dionyssios Koutsoukali		
0611.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Brewer	0148.01	Mr. & Mrs. Leslie George	0233.01	Mr. & Mrs. Elias Kouvelas		
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0054.01	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bundros	0163.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dino Hadjikyriakou	0652.01	Mr. & Mrs. Walter S. Lewis		
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0572.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris A. Carlos	0170.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Harris, Jr.	0244.01	Mrs. Florence Lockmuller		
0063.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Carlos	0690.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hayes	0245.01	Mr. & Mrs. Elton Longshore		
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0070.01	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Catrakilis	0174.01	Mr. & Mrs. Christ Hondras	0248.01	Mr. David & Dr. Stephanie Lukens		
0570.01	Ms. Irene S. Ceisel	0175.01	Mrs. Diana Honey	0250.01	Dr. & Mrs. Allen Macris		
0683.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Christofil	0676.01	Mr. & Mrs. Serkan Hurioglu	0251.01	Dr. & Mrs. Bobby Macris		
0075.01	Mr. & Mrs. Sotir Christopher	0594.01	Mr. & Mrs. Constantin Hutanu	0252.01	Mrs. Catherine Macris		
0667.01	Mr. & Mrs. James E. Clement	0647.01	Mr. Romeo Ibrahim	0254.01	Mrs. Irene Macris		
0672.01	Mrs. Nancy Copeland	0656.01	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Isaac	0256.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Maduros		
0658.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Copses	0681.01	Ms. Anna L. Jackson	0259.01	Mr. Angelo Mallis		
0696.01	Mr. Arthur Costakis	0183.01	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jacobs	0263.01	Mrs. Xenia Mantgiaris		
0081.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Coundouriotis	0187.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Johnson	0267.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Marianos		
0087.01	Mr. Shawn & Dr. Despina Dalton	0188.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Johnston	0537.01	Mrs. Marjorie Marinou		
0089.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Danos	0663.01	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Jones	0691.01	Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Markley		
0094.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael T. Davino	0663.03	Mr. Richard Erik Jones Jr.	0501.01	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Markopoulos		
0621.01	Mr. Christopher Davis	0701.01	Ms. Maria Kalamas	0269.01	Mrs. Xanthippe Marsico		
		0194.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kandilakis	0272.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Matthews		
		0703.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Karacalidis	0273.01	Miss Michelle Matthews		
		0201.01	Mr. & Mrs. David Kay	0274.01	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mavridis		
		0637.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Kelivanov	0278.01	Mr. & Mrs. Frank McAteer		

# STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2007

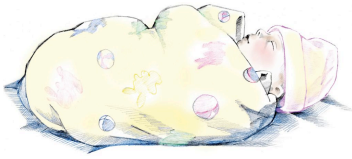


THANK YOU TO THE  
FAITHFUL STEWARDS  
WHO HAVE  
SUBMITTED PLEDGE  
CARDS FOR THE  
2007 PLEDGE YEAR!

PIN	Name	PIN	Name	PIN	Name
0279.01	Mr. & Mrs. John McCarty	0367.01	Dr. & Mrs. Dorel Radivoj	0467.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis
0631.01	Mr. & Mrs. Sam R. McClurd II	0371.01	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Richards	0469.03	Miss Maria Vatzakas
0281.01	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn McCollum	0372.01	Dr. & Mrs. Lambros Rigas	0702.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas
0283.01	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Melissas	0376.01	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Rogers	0640.01	Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Voelker
0284.01	Mrs. Krystalia Metropoulos	0383.01	Miss Christina Sampanes	0475.01	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Voulopos
0286.01	Dr. & Mrs. Kyriakos Michaelides	0384.01	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Sampanes	0476.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Wagner
0289.01	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Miltiades	0386.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sarmir	0666.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael R. Wilborn
0290.01	Mr. Charles Miltiades	0387.01	Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Sarris	0665.01	Mr. & Mrs. Barry Williams
0291.01	Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Miltiades	0388.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Sarris	0484.01	Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden
0292.01	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Miltiades	0392.01	Mr. & Mrs. Marc Schaub	0486.01	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young
0293.01	Mr. & Mrs. Leo Modenos	0689.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Scherer	0493.01	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
0650.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Moraitakis	0536.01	Mr. and Mrs. Gheorghe Schipor	0185.01	Mr. and Mrs. Marco Zavala
0301.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Moustoukas	0394.01	Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Seraphim		
0301.03	Mr. Michael Moustoukas	0396.03	Miss Mari Shoji		
0304.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Nakos	0396.01	Mr. & Mrs. Takanori Shoji		
0692.01	Mr. James Nakos	0400.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Sigalos		
0706.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Nasr	0620.01	Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Skarpelis		
0633.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Niarchos	0410.01	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Slocum		
0307.01	Mr. & Mrs. Iancu Nica	0411.01	Mr. & Mrs. Francis Smith		
0308.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Nichols	0412.02	Mr. James Smith		
0309.01	Dr. & Mrs. Evans Nichols	0412.01	Mrs. Mary C. Smith		
0311.01	Mr. & Mrs. Marc Nichols	0607.01	Mr. & Mrs. George Soublis		
0313.01	Mr. & Mrs. Caryl Nielsen	0416.01	Mr. & Mrs. Elias Sparagis		
0318.01	Mr. Nick Nixon	0700.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jon Spivey		
0320.01	Mr. & Mrs. William O'Connor	0420.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sprouse		
0679.01	Mr. George Olympiadis	0422.01	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Starks		
0323.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nick G. Olympiadis	0423.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Stathis		
0324.01	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Orolagos	0426.01	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas		
0678.01	Ms. Nikki Palamiotis	0428.01	Mrs. Mary Stiakakis		
0326.01	Mr. Dean Pallas	0627.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Strakes		
0327.01	Rev. & Mrs. George Pallas	0558.01	Mrs. Constance Stratigos		
0328.01	Mr. Tasi Pallas	0685.01	Mr. & Mrs. Zacharias Taoushiani		
0331.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jon Papadimitriou	0435.01	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Tassopoulos		
0332.01	Mr. & Mrs. Konstantine Papadimitr	0698.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Teodorescu		
0333.01	Mr. Spyros Papadimitriou	0438.01	Mrs. Betty G. Thomas		
0335.01	Mr. & Mrs. Aristotle Papadopoulos	0506.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Thomas		
0657.01	Rev. & Mrs. Panayiotis Papageorgi	0439.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas		
0339.01	Mr. & Mrs. Jon Papastrat	0441.01	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thompson		
0341.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Pappleacos	0445.01	Mrs. Helen J. Tiliacos		
0639.01	Dr. Maria Paradisis	0446.01	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Tiliacos		
0344.01	Mr. & Mrs. Casey Pater	0447.01	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tiller		
0646.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Patterson	0448.04	Mr. Arthur Tingas		
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0351.01	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Paulson	0453.01	Mr. & Mrs. Athan Tsarouhas		
0352.01	Mr. & Mrs. Keath Paxten	0668.01	Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Tselios		
0528.01	Mr. & Mrs. John Peppas	0455.01	Mrs. Maria Tsifopoulos		
0354.01	Mr. & Mrs. Arestedes Petaros	0507.01	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas		
0677.01	Ms. Sophia Philippopoulou	0458.01	Mr. & Mrs. James Tucker		
0357.01	Mrs. Athena Pickett	0460.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Turner		
0358.01	Mr. James Pickett	0461.01	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Tyra		
0361.01	Mr. & Mrs. William Porter	0694.01	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos		
0584.01	Mrs. Katherine Prattes	0465.01	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Valagohar		
0364.01	Ms. Vickye Prattes	0466.01	Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias		

278 Pledges received

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### New Baby!

Congratulations to Chris & Kim Karacalidis  
on the birth of a baby girl, Payton  
Alexandra, on Saturday, October 20th!

### *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](mailto:tina@thegiftedpan.com) if you plan to  
attend. Thank you.



The **Mommy & Me** play group had our first  
meeting on October 11th, and it was well  
attended. The ages of the children range from  
0-5 years. Our regular meeting place will be in the  
Parish Life Center twice a month from  
10-11:30am. We have a planned schedule  
through January which includes an outing to the  
park and a performance of *Winnie-the-Pooh*  
at The Center for Puppetry Arts.

Please join this enthusiastic group of mothers and  
children. For further information contact Kate  
Lewis at 678-715-8664 or [klgl@comcast.net](mailto:klgl@comcast.net). We  
look forward to meeting you!



### Mommy & Me

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please contact Larry Gess or the Church office.

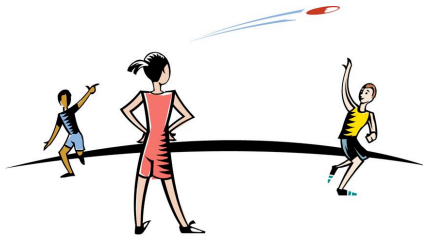
Many thanks to all who have chosen to serve Him by sponsoring a Coffee Hour!

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSOR</u></b>	<b><u>OCCASION</u></b>
Sun.	Nov. 4	NO COFFEE HOUR	Stewardship Sunday
Sun.	Nov. 11	Tingas Family	Heather/Arthur Birthdays
Sun.	Nov. 18	Markley Family	In memory of Calin
Sun.	Nov. 25	<hr/>	
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	Klementzos/McCollum/Tarabicos	
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/Kourafas	
Sun.	Mar. 16	Fleshman/Alberts	
Sun.	Mar. 23	NO COFFEE HOUR	Hellenic Studies Luncheon
Sun.	Mar. 30	Paulson/Smith families	
Sun.	Apr. 6	AHEPA	
Sun.	Apr. 13	Lewis/Miltiades	Dora's & Alaina's birthdays
Sat.	Apr. 19	Gess Family	Larry's Name Day
Sun.	Apr. 20	NO COFFEE HOUR	Palm Sunday Luncheon
Sun.	Apr. 27	NO COFFEE HOUR	Easter
Sun.	May 4	George & Tori Matthews	In honor of St. George
Sun.	May 11	GOYA	Mother's Day
Sun.	May 18	NO COFFEE HOUR	Festival
Sun.	May 25	<hr/>	

## GOYA

Congratulations to our new officers:

Liz Rogers, President, Angela Skarpelis, Vice president, Maria Linebaugh, Treasurer, Alexa Sarmir, Assistant Treasurer, Ted Papeacos, Secretary, Sophia Linebaugh, Assistant Secretary, Olympia Papageorgiou, Historian, Strati Papageorgiou, Assistant Historian and Christine Cassimus- Activities Coordinator.



**GOYA**  
**Connections**

Upcoming Goya events are the Advent Retreat November 2-4 and the Winter Youth Rally December 26-29th. Weekly Wednesday Goya meetings will continue. Check weekly e-mails for more information.

### “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)

**When: December 26 – December 29, Wednesday evening through Saturday afternoon**

**Where: Atlanta Century Marriott Hotel**

**Volunteers Needed before & during the Rally:**

- ❖ Help @ Registration on the 26<sup>th</sup>!
- ❖ Help setting up Hotel dinning hall !
- ❖ Help serving dinner on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>!
- ❖ 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



2007 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD  
SUPPORT OUR GOYA TO WISH EVERYONE  
IN THE PARISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*If you would like for your name to be included in our Community Christmas Card, please complete the form below and return along with your free-will donation to the Church Office or drop off at the GOYA table in the PLC after Church no later than Wednesday, November 28th! Thank you!*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to: HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOYA*

**Mail to:** Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
3431 Trickum Road  
Marietta, GA 30066



*May the true  
meaning of  
Christmas  
be with you  
always!!!*



# GREEK FOOD TO GO

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

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

Pick-up 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates: 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 GreekFoodToGo@comcast.net: 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 9:00 a.m. THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

MENU ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	SPECIAL REQUESTS	PRICE (tax included)	SUBTOTAL
<b>GYRO</b>	Pita stuffed with seasoned lamb and beef slices, tomatoes, lettuce, onions & tzatziki sauce			<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>CHICKEN IN A PITA</b>	Pita stuffed with marinated, grilled chicken tenders, tomatoes, lettuce, onions & tzatziki sauce			<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>LARGE GREEK SALAD</b>	Fresh lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onions, feta cheese, Greek olives and salad dressing			<b>\$6.00</b>	
<b>SMALL GREEK SALAD</b>	Smaller portion of our large salad - perfect on its own or with a gyro			<b>\$3.00</b>	
<b>LARGE GREEK SALAD W/CHICKEN</b>	Large Greek Salad (as described above) topped with marinated, grilled chicken tenders			<b>\$8.00</b>	
<b>SOUVLAKI DINNER</b>	Pork tenderloin chunks marinated, skewered, grilled and served with rice pilaf, green beans, spanakopita & a small Greek Salad			<b>\$9.00</b>	
<b>CHICKEN DINNER</b>	Baked Greek-style Chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, spanakopita and a small Greek salad (In "Special Requests" please check either LEG & THIGH OR BREAST & indicate number if ordering more than one dinner)		<input type="checkbox"/> LEG & THIGH <input type="checkbox"/> BREAST	<b>\$8.00</b>	
<b>SPANAKOPITA</b>	Spinach, onions, feta cheese and herbs layered between buttered filo sheets & baked to perfection			<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>BAKLAVA</b>	Pecans & walnuts tossed in cinnamon, sugar and spices, layered in buttered filo sheets, then baked and drizzled with honey syrup			<b>\$2.00</b>	
<b>BEVERAGE</b>	Cold 12 oz. size - either soda cans or bottled water			<b>\$1.00</b>	
<b>Family Style Chicken Meal</b> (feeds between 4-6 people)	Family Style Dinner includes 6 pieces (mix of white and dark--or all white add \$4.00) of Greek Style Chicken, generous servings of rice pilaf and green beans, and one Large Greek Salad			<b>\$40.00</b>	
<b>Baklava by the Dozen</b>	12 large pieces - great for guests, parties, and meetings or for holiday gift giving			<b>\$18.00</b>	
Note: We accept Cash and with proper ID personal checks, Visa & Mastercard.				<b>TOTAL</b>	

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

TIME OF PICK UP

PHONE

NAME (Please use this name at pick-up)

E-MAIL

## HELLENIC DANCE



### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

*Phoenix: 1:00 – 2:30*

*Eleftheria: 2:00 – 4:00*

#### **NOVEMBER**

4, 11, and 18

#### **DECEMBER**

2, 9, and 16

*\*More Practices in November and December may be called to prepare for HDF\**

*Preparations for next year have begun....K through 5<sup>th</sup> Dance Groups will begin  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008 - STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION***

#### **Special THANK YOU to the following Dancers:**

#### **OCTOBER 12-14 AUGUSTA GREEK FESTIVAL:**

Thanos Caras, Christine Cassimus, Eleni Davino, Alexa Jacobs, Alex Matthews, Karen Melissas, Strati Papageorgiou, Ted Pappleacos, Liz Rogers, Angela Skarpelis, Mari Shoji, Jimmy Smith, Arthur Tingas, Allan Vatzakas, and Paulina Vastakis

#### **AND ALL WHO PERFORMED OCTOBER 21 & 22 at the CUMMING GREEK FESTIVAL**

#### **In the Spirit of Stewardship Month, we offer the Hellenic Dance Lesson on Stewardship:**

For the past 3 years, we have been teaching our dancers lessons about stewardship through the talent of Greek Dance. We not only perform to raise money for our costumes, but to donate money to sister communities. We have included a chart below of the value of our stewardship donations. As a rule, the general going rate for hiring a professional dance troupe for performances is \$500 for a full day's worth of performing. Youth Ministries can see that time and talent really do have great value...

#### **2004-2005 YEAR**

*Peachtree City Greek Festival, May 2005-\$500*

*Marietta Greek Festival, May 2005-\$1500*

***TOTAL - \$2000***

#### **2006-2007 YEAR**

*Cumming Greek Festival, October 2006 - \$1000*

*Marietta Greek Festival, May 2007 - \$1500*

***TOTAL - \$2500***

#### **2005-2006 YEAR**

*Augusta Greek Festival, October 2005 - \$1500*

*Cumming Greek Festival, October 2005 - \$1000*

*Peachtree City Festival, May 2006 - \$500*

*Marietta Greek Festival, May 2006 - \$1500*

***TOTAL - \$4500***

#### **2007-2008 YEAR**

*Augusta Greek Festival, October 2007 - \$1500*

*Cumming Greek Festival, October 2007 - \$1000*

*Peachtree City Greek Festival, May 2008 - \$500*

*Marietta Greek Festival, May 2008 - \$1500*

***TOTAL - \$4500***

**GRAND TOTAL of \$13,500 worth of talent given to 4 churches over 3 years.**

**Dancers be proud of your contributions!**

## HELLENIC DANCE

### Calendars for our Upcoming Performances



January 12 - *Asheville-Karpenisi Sister Cities, New Year's Celebration, Asheville, NC*

January 19 – *HDF Performance, Winston Salem, NC*  
May TBA – *Peachtree City Greek Night*

#### HDF ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL 2008 WILL BE HELD IN WINSTON SALEM, NC ON JANUARY 18 - 21, 2008**

**\*\*\*HDF FORMS DUE\*\*\***

**HDF Registration Forms ARE DUE NOVEMBER 10TH. Contact Carol Sarmir for more information - 770-998-6404 or [nurch@aol.com](mailto:nurch@aol.com)**



## HELLENIC STUDIES

We have gotten our school year off to a great start. With over 50 students registered this year, our teachers are staying pretty busy. Our new Teen class is doing well, and we still have space for more students if anyone would like to join. The Teen class is for ages 12 - 18.

A note to all Hellenic Studies parents: school will not be in session **November 20**, the week of Thanksgiving.

\* Just a friendly reminder, we are still collecting registration fees. If we have not yet received your child's registration fee, please submit it to Isabelle Fleshman or Carol Sarmir.

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## 2007-2009 Philoptochos Board



<b>President:</b>	<b>Frances Mavridis</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b>	<b>Xanthippe Marsico</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>	<b>Annette Jacobs</b>
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	<b>Christine Sprouse</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	<b>Dorothy Macris</b>
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<b>Asst. Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dorothy Botni</b>
<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>Marty Driscoll</b>
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>Evelyn Bilson</b>
	<b>Kate Lewis</b>
<b>Board Members:</b>	
<b>Shirley Kiritsy</b>	
<b>Niki Gess</b>	
<b>Nikki Palamiotis</b>	
<b>Connie Stratigos</b>	
<b>Athena Burke</b>	
<b>Mary Smith.</b>	

November and December provide many opportunities for you to become involved with Philoptochos: whether it is to help plan your Thanksgiving and Christmas meal, buy treats for friends and family, learn how to prepare a delicious spanakopita, or enjoy warm fellowship during the busy upcoming season.

**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.

**Spanakopita sales for Thanksgiving:** Pre-sales beginning **Nov. 4-Nov. 11**. Pick-up on Sunday, **Nov. 18**; \$20 for 9"x13" pan. See attached forms or stop by the Philoptochos table on Sundays. **Spanakopita cooking** will be **Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Thursday, Nov. 15** at **4:00pm** at PLC.

**Sweets and Treats/Spanakopita Sales for Christmas:** Pre-sales starting **Nov. 4-Dec. 2**. Pick-up on **Dec. 9**. Stop by the Philoptochos table for information and forms. Packing will be on **Sat., Dec. 8** in PLC at 9:00am.

**General Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 14.** Come for a fun evening with a spanakopita cooking demonstration and dinner.

4:00 Preparation  
6:00 Spanakopita Demonstration  
6:30 Dinner  
7:00 Meeting  
7:30 Demonstration

**Soup Kitchen:** No Soup kitchen in November. Many thanks to our helpers/servers for Sept.27: Kally Niarchos, Mary Longshore, Margaret Kollias, Kate Lewis, Elaine Paulson, Annette Jacobs, Lisa Moraitakis, and Athena Burke.

## PHILOPTOCHOS

**Book Club:** No book club in November. Next meeting will be **Dec. 6** at the home of Tina Vamvakias. We will be reading A Poisoned Season by Tasha Alexander.

**Save the Date: Philoptochos Christmas Party:** **Dec. 3** at the home of Michelle Cassimus. Look for more information during the next few weeks!

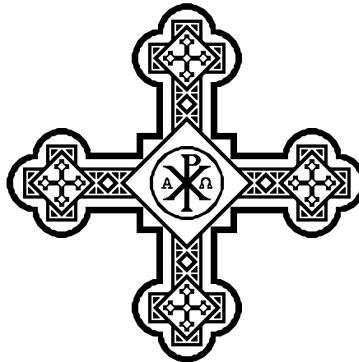
Special thanks to **Steve and Maria Tingas** for their most generous donation of \$10,000 to Philoptochos social services. These funds are designated to help needy individuals and families.

Our first **Mommy and Me** group was a great success. There will be two group meetings in November. Contact Kate Lewis at 678-715-8664 for more information.

**PROJECT 2008** - Since July, Panayia Chapter has been actively involved in reaching out into the Cobb County community and working with a volunteer organization, Women for Women of Cobb. This volunteer organization offers non-medical assistance to women in need who have been diagnosed with cancer; it helps these women and their families while they undergo treatment and recovery in fighting cancer. Motivated by the challenge from National Philoptochos to enhance community outreach, Panayia chapter chose to support this organization in its philanthropic work. Currently the chapter is helping a recovering cancer patient who has two daughters, one thirteen and one ten months. Assistance with food and utilities has been given along with help with some personal tasks. **If you would like to help and be part of this outreach, Philoptochos is asking for the following donations for this Cobb County family: size 14 clothing for middle school girl; chest of drawers, lamp, or “decorations” for baby’s room; bumper pad for baby crib; toys for baby. Any assistance for this outreach is appreciated; please contact Marty Driscoll (770.977.0467) or the Church Office.**

**Xanthippe Marsico** organized two groups to attend the Atlanta Greek Festival on Thursday and Saturday! There was much fun and camaraderie not only at the Festival, but during the trip as well!

Some proceeds from the Eclectic Café have gone to the Georgia Devereux Treatment Center. Carla Lavender spoke at our October meeting. This program provides services for at-risk, under-served and severely impaired children through individualized treatment and specialized care.

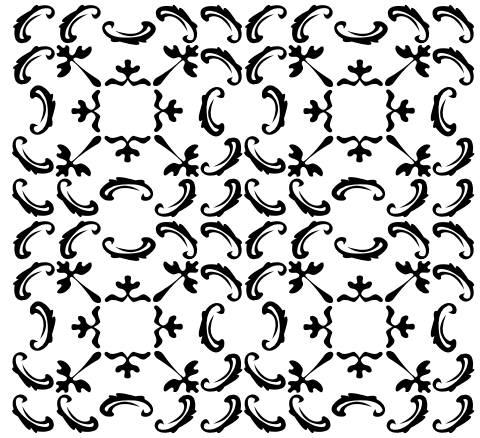


*December 9, 2007*

*Appetizers & Cocktails 5 P.M.*

*Dinner 6 P.M.*

*Dancing after dinner*



*Prime Timers*

*Christmas Dinner / Dance*

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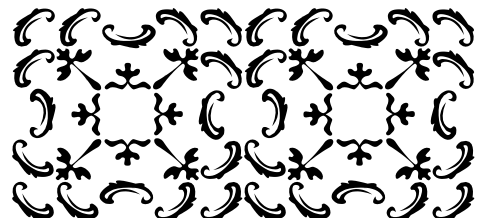
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## Mark Your Calendars - 2008 Marietta Greek Festival, May 16, 17 and 18, 2008

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2007 festival a huge success!

We need many hands and helpers during Festival weekend as well as the weeks and months leading up to the festival. If you can volunteer to head up a committee, please contact Maria Alberts, 770-578-6694 or [mariaalberts@comcast.net](mailto:mariaalberts@comcast.net).

Please help us make the 2008 festival another great event!

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## AHEPA

**BROTHERS,**

**Have we been BUSY!!**

On Saturday September 15, AHEPA Chapter #519 had the opportunity to participate in the **EAST COBBER PARADE & FESTIVAL**. Many members were traveling or not available...but no worry...our Brothers jumped in and pulled it off! A huge **THANK YOU** to **Athan Tsarouhas, David Lukens, Ted Sampanes, and Pat Garland** for giving up most of their Saturday to serve hamburgers, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, souvlaki, snow cones, frozen lemonade, and soft drinks to more than 200 customers. All proceeds were deposited to the scholarship fund. Thank you, Athan, David, Ted & Patrick!

\* On Sunday, October 14th, AHEPA Chapter 519 had their **AHEPA Fellowship/Initiation Dinner**. Our congratulations go out to those that were initiated: **John Moustoukas, Mike Davino, David Lukens, Randy Rogers, Jay Sarmir, and Plutarch Vamvakias**. We want to especially say **THANK YOU** to Ray Turner for the **GREAT COOKING**; it was delicious, and it was fun to have an end of season Bar-B-Que. The fabulous desserts were baked by Christine Sprouse. Thank you, Christine! This brings our Marietta Chapter #519 membership to 40 men. Please let one of the officers know if you are interested in joining our great group!

Here are a few activities to look forward to - **Please save the dates. We look forward to seeing you and sharing Christian fellowship in 2007/2008.**

**\* November 15th ... WING NIGHT ... 6:00 PM at Wild Wing Restaurant, 2145 Roswell Road, Marietta 770-509-9464**

**\* December ... AHEPA 519 Christmas Party**

**\* January 27, 2008, ... Greek Letter's Day/AHEPA Scholarship Luncheon**

**\* February 8-10, 2008, .. AHEPA Mid Winter Conference, hosted by Marietta Chapter 519**

**\* April 6 2008 ... Coffee Hour**

**\* May 16, 17,18, 2008 Marietta Greek Festival**

**\* June 15, 2008 ... Father's Day Luncheon, sponsored by AHEPA. Scholarship recipients will be announced.**

We need your input on other fellowship activities. What would you enjoy participating in? Give us your ideas!

Your officers,

Keath Paxten, President  
Ron Sprouse, Vice President  
David Lukens, Secretary  
Ray Turner, Treasurer



# November 2007

- Sacraments
- Social Events
- Divine Services
- Ministry Meetings
- Church Calendar
- Installation
- US Holidays

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<b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Eighth Sunday of Luke</b> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism 1:00 PM Phoenix Dance 2:00 PM New Event 2:00 PM Eleftheria Dance	12 Pilgrimage to the Monastery of St. Anthony 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	13 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy	14 4:00 PM Philoptochos Spanokopita Cooking 6:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	15 <b>Beginning of Christmas Fast</b> 4:00 PM Philoptochos Spanokopita Cooking Demo	16 1:00 PM Iconography	17 11:00 AM Sambunaris Baptism (Sofia) ... Iconography
<b>Ninth Sunday of Luke</b> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:15 AM Catechism ... Iconography ... Philoptochos Spanokopita 1:00 PM Phoenix Dance and 4 more...	19 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	20 6:00 PM Great Vespers: Presentation of the Virgin Mary 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy	21 <b>Feast of the ...e Virgin Mary</b> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	22 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	23 3:00 PM Johnston Baptism (Alexandros)	24 3:00 PM Johnston Baptism (Alexandros)
<b>13th Sunday... St. Catherine Youth Sunday</b> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 1:00 PM Girls Volleyball 2:00 PM Girls Basketball 3:00 PM Boys Basketball	26 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	27 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy	28 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM GOYA Meeting	29 6:00 PM Great Vespers - Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle 7:00 PM Bible Study	30 <b>Feast of St. A... First Called.</b> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	1 9:30 AM Tree Trimming 10:00 AM Parish Council Seminar 2:00 PM Nasr Baptism (Leah Alexandra)

DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	OUTREACH	PROSFORO
Nov. 4	Gess/Gormanos	Team I	C. Sprouse	N. Barke/T. Vamvakias
Nov. 11	Kourafas	Team II	D. Botni/T. Isaac	T. Blalock/A. Burke
Nov. 18	Matthews/Miltiades	Team I	I. Fleshman/C. Sprouse	M. Driscoll/L. Gormanos
Nov. 25	Moustoukas/Paulson	Team II	F. Tucker	E. Kay/F. Mavridis

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<b>Acolyte Team II</b>	Cosmon Bylos (Captain), Arthur Tingas (Captain), Nicholas Azimzadeh, Daniel, Michael & Chris Bridgers, Nick Catrakilis, Chase Eckerman, 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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