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Marietta, GA

# APRIL 2013



### The Consecration of the Temple in Jerusalem The Ark of the Covenant is brought into the Temple

"In early times, while the temple was consecrated, Solomon offered to the Lord sacrifices of animals and holocausts. When you were pleased in us O Savior, to forgo the formalities and let the Truth be known, the whole world offers to You the bloodless sacrifices to Your glory, because You are the Lord of all things and make everything holy through Your Holy Spirit."

From the Service of the Consecration

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<u>SUNDAY SERVICES</u> Orthros...... 8:30 am Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 am

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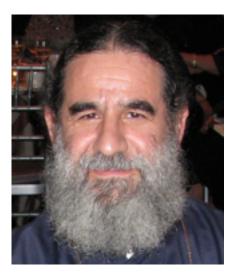
### **Directions to our Parish:**

FROM I-75 Exit at 267-A. At 1st light, turn right (Sandy Plains Road). Continue for 3-4 miles until you see a CVS Pharmacy on your left. At that light turn left onto Trickum Rd. Proceed Approx 1/2 mile. Church will be on your left. Can't miss it!

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

## Fr. Panayiotis' Message

### **April 2013**



### It is Time for Consecration!

We are preparing to bring renewal to our sanctuary by dedicating it to God through the holy sacrament of the Consecration ( $\epsilon\gamma\kappa\alpha(\nu)$ ). Of course, this is also a good time to renew and consecrate ourselves, as well. This is the time to become a new creation. This is the time to re-dedicate our bodies as Temples of the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit of God cannot dwell in filthy stables. We need to direct the rivers of repentance through our soul to wash away the refuse of our sins.

For this reason, we have set aside a whole week in April - April 15-20 - for Personal Spiritual Renewal. Priests will be available to receive you for Confession. You can also sanctify yourself through prayer during the day, even if you are working, by repeating the "Jesus Prayer" 100 times during the day. You can immerse

yourself in worship during the services provided every day. And you may also enlighten your mind and heart by studying the Word of God and attending the Lenten Spiritual Lectures.

This is a very special time that can be both memorable and transformative for each one of us. We are becoming the true Body of Christ again as we come together to dedicate the earthly structures and re-dedicate ourselves. This is the Baptism of our Parish and a re-affirmation of our personal baptism.

Obviously, the Consecration of the Sanctuary is not just about the building; it is primarily about those who will enter this building; it is about those who will confess their Faith in the Risen Lord. Just like the holy martyrs, who will be forever buried in the Altar of this sanctuary, who through their confession received the "Kingdom", so also we will be enabled to become citizens of the "Kingdom" through the dedication of ourselves to God.

We are also called to become "martyrs" (literally "witnesses") of the Faith in the True God, the Father, His Son Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit. We are called to "let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven". (Cf. Matthew 5:16) In this way we will make this sanctuary the springboard of "Good Works" that please and glorify God. We can make it the platform of the proclamation that the Kingdom of God has come to earth. Through this building we will be able to offer the spiritual treasure of the Orthodox Faith, which gives eternal life, to those seeking it. This Treasure will be mystically as well as intellectually available to those who step onto these hallowed grounds. This building will forever be an ark of salvation for those who enter it.

It is time for Consecration - a once in a lifetime opportunity for personal transformation!

Join us this month, my friends, for the refreshing of the temples of our souls along with the dedication of our sanctuary building.

May the Love and Mercy of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ be with you, always.

J.Fr. Panayistis

Amen!



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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES April 2013

- **April 1, Monday,** Blessing of the Water 11:00 am at Chapel **Evening:** Great Compline 6:00 pm
- **April 3, Third Wednesday of Great Lent.** Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Lecture and Discussion**.
- April 4, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm
- April 5, Friday, Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ
- April 6, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm
- **April 7, Third Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.** Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will hold the procession of the Holy Cross.
- April 8, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm
- **April 10, Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent.** Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion.
- April 11, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm
- **April 12, Friday:** Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τέταρτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ.
- April 13, Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm
- **April 14, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent,** St. John of Climacus Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- April 15, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm
- April 17, Wednesday, Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent
- Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!
- April 18, Thursday, Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:00 pm
- April 19, Friday, Evening: The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm
- April 20, Saturday. Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm
- **April 21, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent.** St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

April 22, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

### April 24, Wednesday, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent.

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Lecture and Discussion. Join us!

April 25, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 26, Friday. Resurrection of St. Lazarus - Consecration Great Vespers 7:00 pm The Holy Relics of the Saints, Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer, Kyrikos the Martyr, and the Holy Fathers martyred at the Monastery of St. Savvas, will be brought to our Sanctuary by Metropolitan Alexios.

- April 27, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus Consecration of our Sanctuary Orthros 8:00 am and Consecration Service 9:00 am followed by the First Divine Liturgy in the Newly Consecrated Sanctuary 10:00 am Saturday Evening: Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm
- **April 28, Palm Sunday.** The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

# Week of Personal Spiritual Renewal

We hereby declare the week of April 15 - 20 A time of Personal Spiritual Renewal This is a time to clean our souls This is a time to mend our relationships This is a time to regain our Baptism This is a time to prepare ourselves for God's Grace and Love to fill us

### Ways to Personal Renewal

**Confession of Sins** - Fr. Panayiotis, Fr. George and Fr. Christodoulos will be available during the week to receive you for Confession Please call the office to make your appointments

Prayer and Study - During this week we ask that you pray the Jesus Prayer 100 times every day Attend at least one of the evening services

Study the Word of God and attend the Wednesday Evening Lecture on "Spiritual Renewal"

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

To be used throughout the Great and Holy Lent

Lord and Master of my life grant me not a spirit of slothfulness, meddling, ambition, and vain talk. (*Prostration*)

Bestow upon me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. (*Prostration*) Yea, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own sins, and not judge my brother, for you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. (*Prostration*)



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### Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2013

<b>April 28, Sunday. Palm Sunday.</b> Κυφιακή τῶν Βαΐων. Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Today we eat fish. Σήμεφα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος. <b>Evening:</b> Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. ἀΑκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.
<b>April 29, Holy and Great Monday.</b> ΄Αγία καί Μεγάλη Δευτέρα. <b>Evening:</b> Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.
<b>April 30, Holy and Great Tuesday.</b> ᠂Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τοίτη. <b>Evening:</b> Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. ᠂Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.
<ul> <li>May 1, Holy and Great Wednesday. ᾿Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τετάρτη.</li> <li>Morning: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:00 am. Λειτ. Προηγιασμένων Δώρων 9:00 πμ</li> <li>Afternoon: Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 3:00 pm. ᾿Ακολουθία τοῦ ˁΑγίου</li> <li>Εὐχελαίου 3:00 μμ.</li> <li>Evening: Small Compline 6:45 pm, Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 7:00</li> <li>pm. ᾿Ακολουθία τοῦ ʿΑγίου Εὐχελαίου 7:00 μμ.</li> </ul>
May 2, Holy and Great Thursday, ʿΑγία καί Μεγάλη Πέμπτη. Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 am. Θεία Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου 9:00 πμ Evening: The Service of the Passion of Christ 7:00 pm. ἀΑκολουθία τῶν Παθῶν 7:00 μμ
<ul> <li>May 3, Holy and Great Friday. ᾿Αγία καί Μεγάλη Παρασκευή. The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ. Ἡ Σταύρωσις καί Ταφή τοῦ Κυρίου</li> <li>Morning: The Great Hours 9:00 am, Μεγάλες Ὅρες 9:00 πμ.</li> <li>Afternoon: The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His</li> <li>Burial 3:00 pm. ἘΑποκαθήλωσις τοῦ Κυρίου 3:00 μμ.</li> <li>Evening: The Burial of ChristLamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios) 7:00 pm,</li> <li>followed by Procession of the Tomb of Christ. Ἐπιτάφιος Θρῆνος 7:00 μμ.</li> </ul>
<b>May 4, Holy and Great Saturday.</b> Μέγα Σάββατο. Θ. Λειτουργία Μεγ. Βασιλείου 9:30πμ <b>Morning:</b> Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am. The Descent of Christ into Hades.
<b>Midnight Resurrection Services:</b> The Canon of Easter 11:00 pm, 12:00 Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Η ΔΝΑCΤΑCIC 12:30 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha. Ὅϱθϱος, Θεία Λειτουϱγία ἀΑναστάσεως
May 5, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day). Τό Ἄγιον Πάσχα. Noon: Great Vespers of Love 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Paschal Picnic follows!

May 6, Renewal Monday and Feast of St. George, Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am



### Please join us for...

### THE CONSECRATION OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HOLY MARTYRS WHOSE RELICS WILL BE PLACED IN THE ALTAR TABLE:

St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer St. Kyrikos the Martyr The Holy Fathers martyred in the Holy Monastery of St. Savas in Jerusalem

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

7:00pm Arrival and veneration of the Holy Relics Great Vespers followed by a Lenten Reception

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

8:00am	Orthros
9:00am	Consecration followed by the first Divine Liturgy on the newly consecrated altar
12:30pm	Consecration Luncheon

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

8:30am Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy First Palm Sunday in our newly consecrated sanctuary Palm Sunday Reception

The cost of the Consecration Luncheon is:

\$20 per adult; children 10 and under are free - \$60 family maximum.

Invitations have been mailed and your response is requested by **April 12**<sup>th</sup>. Please return the reply card with your check made payable to "Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church" and include "Consecration Luncheon" in the memo portion of your check. Your early response is appreciated.

If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend the luncheon, please contact the church office.

### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Consecration Service Overview

In the early years of Christianity, Christians were persecuted and killed for their faith in Christ. In those days, the Christians met in underground burial places and celebrated the Eucharist on the graves of the martyred Saints. When the persecutions ended, and the Church was allowed to exist, the custom of celebrating the Eucharist over the graves of Martyrs continued by placing Holy Relics in the Altar at the time of the Consecration of the new houses of worship. *In this manner, every Christian Church is built on the Blood of the Martyrs and founded on their faith in the Lord for Whom they died.* 

We celebrated the opening of the doors of our new sanctuary in January of 2004. In these past eight years since then we have been abundantly blessed and have made wonderful strides towards the beautification of our Church both in iconography and furnishings. Unlike the "Opening of the Doors" ceremony, however, which focused on the Great Doors of the Church, <u>the Consecration Service on April</u> 27, 2013 will be centered around the Holy Altar Table. The Holy Altar Table is the center of the celebration of all the Sacraments and divine services of the Church, most especially the Holy Eucharist which takes place every Sunday (the Lord's Day) and on other Feast-days of the Church.

The Bishop will consecrate the Holy Table and the walls of the church by anointing them with Holy Myrrh and asking for God's Grace to come upon the structure as well as the people to renew and sanctify us.

Once a building is consecrated and dedicated to God it becomes *holy ground* and *holy space* where God dwells and meets with His people. Hence, a consecrated church building cannot be used for any other purpose except for the worship of God.

What exactly takes place during the ancient rite of the Consecration of an Orthodox Church?

The Service of the Consecration of a house of worship is one of the <u>major</u> Sacraments of the Orthodox Church. Prayers are offered to bring God's Grace to the people. Certain actions are also taken.

The following sanctifying actions take place:

**1.** The Three Processions around the Church Building with prayers offered at every side of the building thus establishing the grounds of the church as *sacred*.

2. The Placing of, and Sealing of, the Holy Relics in the Altar Table.

**3.** The Washing and Anointing of the Altar Table with the Holy Myrrh.

**4.** The placing of the four Icons of the Evangelists at the four corners of the Holy Table, from where the proclamation of the Gospel begins.

**5.** The covering of the Holy Altar with the savano (katasarkion) (a white cloth symbolizing the shroud with which the body of Christ was wrapped before placed in the tomb).

6. The Placing of the new Altar Coverings and other Holy Articles on the Holy Table.

7. The Lighting of the Unwaning Light (the oil lamb that burns on the Holy Altar all the time).

**8.** The anointing of the walls of the church with Holy Myrrh.

Once these actions have taken place, the holy sanctuary of the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will be Baptized, Chrismated, Sanctified, Consecrated, and dedicated to God for <u>eternal use</u> as an Orthodox Christian House of Worship.



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

### LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY

### This is to certify that the relics to be deposited in the Holy Altar of the **Holy Transfiguration Church**

IN Marietta, Georgia,

### DURING THE CONSECRATION SERVICES TO BE CELEBRATED BY HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS OF ATLANTA

on Saturday, April 27, 2013,

ARE THOSE OF ST. PANTELEIMON THE GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER

(JULY 27)

### ST. KYRIKOS THE MARTYR (JULY 15)

AND THE

### HOLY FATHERS MARTYRED IN THE MONASTERY OF

ST. SAVAS IN JERUSALEM (MARCH 20).

In New York City, on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Bishop Andonios of Phasiane Chancellor Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



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### St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer (July 27)



This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an pagan, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in Christian piety, and still later. he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"). because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "allmerciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the

eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of God's truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them.

http://www.goarch.org/special/panteleimon/index\_html

See also: http://www.saintpanteleimon.org/life.html

### Holy Martyrs Kyrikos and Julitta (July 15)



The Holy Martyrs Julitta and Kyrikos lived in the city of Iconium in the province of Lykaoneia in Asia Minor. St Julitta was descended from an illustrious family and was a Christian. Widowed early on, she raised her three-year old-son Kyrikos (Quiricus). During the time of the persecution against Christians initiated by the emperor Diocletian (284-305 AD), St Julitta with her son and two trustworthy servants departed the city, leaving behind her home, property, and servants.

Concealing her noble rank, she hid out first at Seleucia, and then at Tarsus. There around the year 305 AD she was recognized, arrested and brought to trial before governor Alexander. Strengthened by the Lord, she fearlessly answered the judge's questions, and she firmly confessed her faith in Christ. The governor gave orders to beat the Saint with rods. During her torments, St Julitta kept repeating, "I am a Christian, and will not offer sacrifice to demons".

The little boy Kyrikos cried, seeing his mother being tortured, and wanted to go to her. The governor Alexander tried to sit him on his lap, but the boy broke free and shouted, "Let me go to my mother, I am a Christian". The governor flung the boy from the high tribunal and kicked him down the stone steps. The boy struck his head on the sharp edges and died. The mother, seeing her lacerated son, gave thanks to God that He had permitted her child to be perfected before her, and to receive the unfading crown of martyrdom. After many cruel tortures, they beheaded St Julitta with a sword.

The relics of Sts Kyrikos and Julitta were uncovered during the reign of St Constantine the Great

(commemorated. May 21). In honour of these holy martyrs a monastery was built near Constantinople, and not far from Jerusalem a church was built. In popular custom, Sts Kyrikos and Julitta are prayed to for family happiness, and the restoring of sick children to health.

### **Dismissal Hymn (Fourth Tone)**

Blessed Julitta, Christ God's rational ewe-lamb, with holy Kyrikos, her three-year-old child, stood at the judgment seat and with authority and great boldness they proclaimed the true Faith of the Christians. In no wise were they afraid of the threats of the tyrants; and now in Heaven, wearing precious crowns, they both rejoice as they stand before Christ our God.

### Kontakion (Fourth Tone)

As the Martyr of Christ God, the chaste Julitta, in her arms bare Kyrikos, she cried out in the stadium with manful courage and boundless joy: You are the strength of the Martyrs, O Christ my God.

### Holy Fathers Slain at the Monastery of St. Savvas (March 20)



Saints John, Sergius, Patrick and others were slain in the Monastery of Saint Savva by the Saracens (Muslim Arabs). During the eighth century the area around Jerusalem was subjected to frequent incursions of the Saracens. The monastery of St Chariton was devastated and fell into ruin. Twice the Saracens tried to plunder the Lavra of St Savva the Sanctified, but God's Providence protected the monastery. The monks would have been able to escape the barbarians by going to Jerusalem, but they decided not to forsake the place where they had sought salvation for so many years.

On March 13, the Saracens broke into the monastery and demanded all the valuables. The monks told them that there was nothing in the monastery but a meager supply of food and old clothing. Then the Saracens began to shoot arrows at the monks.

Thirteen men were killed and many wounded, and monastery cells were set afire. The Saracens intended also to torch the monastery church, but seeing a throng of people in the distance, they mistook this for an army sent from Jerusalem. The Saracens managed to get away, carrying off the little they were able to plunder. After the enemy fled, Father Thomas, an experienced physician, began to help those who remained alive.

On Great Thursday, March 20, the Saracens again descended upon the Lavra with a larger force and began to beat up the monks. The survivors were driven into the church, where they were tortured in order to force them to reveal where any

treasure might be hidden. The monastery was surrounded, so no

one could save himself by fleeing. The barbarians seized St John, a young monk, who had cared for vagrants. They beat him fiercely, then they cut the sinews of his hands and feet and dragged him over stones by his feet, which tore the skin from the martyr's back.

The keeper of the church vessels, St Sergius, hid the church vessels and attempted to flee, but he was captured and beheaded. Several of the monks nevertheless managed to hide themselves outside the monastery in a cave, but they were spotted by a sentry on a hill, and they ordered everyone to come out. Inside the cave St Patrick whispered to the brethren huddled with him, "Fear not, I will go alone and meet my death. Meanwhile, sit and pray."

The Saracens asked whether there was anyone else in the cave, and Patrick said that he was alone. They led him to the Lavra, where the captives awaited their fate. The Saracens demanded of them a ransom of 4,000 gold pieces and the sacred vessels. The monks were not able to give such a ransom. Then they led them into the cave of St Savva inside the monastery walls. They lit a fire on which they piled up dung in front of the entrance to the cave, hoping to suffocate the monks with the poisonous fumes. Eighteen men perished in the cave, among whom were Sts John and Patrick. The Saracens continued to torture those who were still alive, but got nothing out of them. Finally, they left the monastery.

Later, on the night of Great Friday, the monks hidden in the hills returned to the Lavra, they took up the bodies of the murdered Fathers to the church and buried them there.

http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2010/03/holy-fathers-slain-at-monastery-of-st.html

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS - APRIL

4/1/2013Orthros OT: Isaiah 8:13-9:7Vespers OT1: Genesis 6:9-22Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:1-21
4/2/2013Orthros OT: Isaiah 9:9-10:4Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:1-5Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:32-9:11
4/3/2013Orthros OT: Isaiah 10:12-20Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:6-9Vespers OT2: Proverbs 9:12-18
4/4/2013 Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 11:10-12:2</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 7:11-8:3</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 10:1-22</u>
4/5/2013Orthros OT: Isaiah 13:2-13Vespers OT1: Genesis 8:4-21Vespers OT2: Proverbs 10:31-11:12
4/6/2013Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38Gospel: Mark 2:14-17
4/7/2013 Matins: John 21:14-25 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6</u>
4/8/2013 Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 14:24-32</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 8:21-9:7</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 11:19-12:6</u>
4/9/2013Orthros OT: Isaiah 25:1-9Vespers OT1: Genesis 9:8-17Vespers OT2: Proverbs 12:8-22
4/10/2013 Orthros OT: Isaiah 26:21-27:9 Vespers OT1: Genesis 9:18-10:1 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 12:23-13:9
4/11/2013 Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 28:14-22</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 10:32-11:9</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 13:19-14:6</u>
4/12/2013 Orthros OT: Isaiah 29:13-23 Vespers OT1: Genesis 12:1-7 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 14:15-26
4/13/2013Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
4/14/2013 Matins: Matthew 28:16-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20
4/15/2013 Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 37:33-38:6</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 14:27-15:4</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 13:12-18</u>
4/16/2013 Orthros OT: Isaiah 40:18-31 Vespers OT1: Genesis 15:1-15 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 15:7-19
4/17/2013 Orthros OT: Isaiah 41:4-14 Vespers OT1: Genesis 17:1-9 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 15:20-16:9
4/18/2013 Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 42:5-16</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 18:20-33</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 16:17-17:17</u>
4/19/2013 Orthros OT: <u>Isaiah 45:11-17</u> Vespers OT1: <u>Genesis 22:1-18</u> Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 17:17-18:5</u>
4/20/2013Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7Gospel: Luke 1:39-49, 56
4/21/2013Matins: Mark 16:1-8 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14
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4/27/2013 Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8</u> Gospel: <u>John 11:1-45</u>
4/28/2013 Matins: <u>Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9</u> Gospel: <u>John 12:1-18</u>
4/29/2013 Gospel: <u>Matthew 21:18-43</u> Gospel: <u>Matthew 24:3-35</u>
4/30/2013 Gospel: <u>Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39</u> Gospel: <u>Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46;</u>

# Stewardship Ministry Corner

### LARRY GESS, CHAIR

This year (2013) is a very important year for our parish from the monetary point of view. It is the first time in many years that our parish is trying to adequately finance the various ministries, especially the youth ministries. As a result, the total budgeted income from the parishioners' donations to the General Fund (i.e., stewardship donations) was increased about 8.6% to \$478,500. (A portion of this increase was also due to the annual inflation that has been experienced every year since 1989.) This means that we all need to donate monthly about \$40,000 collectively to the General Fund if the parish is to meet its 2013 budget. So far, our collective donations have been slightly less than \$30,000 per month – thereby limiting the Parish Council's ability to implement the ministry programs that were approved by the February General Assembly.

We kindly request that each of us do the following as it applies:

- (1) If you have not yet done so (and if Holy Transfiguration is your parish), please complete and return a Membership/ Stewardship Form as soon as possible;
- (2) If at all possible, please donate monthly at least one-twelfth of what you indicated you will donate to the General Fund so that the parish may meet its obligations;
- (3) If at all possible, please donate at least one-quarter of what you indicated you will by the end of March; and
- (4) Please donate even more than you planned each month if God' blessing allows you to do so, thereby enabling the parish to fully support its ministries this year.

Please know that God and His servant leaders in our parish greatly appreciate your expression of love and thanksgiving to Him through your unselfish donation of time, talents, and treasures to continue His work here on earth through His Church.

### FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

God's blessings come to each us for two reasons: (1) to address our basic needs, and (2) to provide a surplus so we can help others in addressing their needs. Out of our love for God and in thanksgiving to him, we donate a portion of these extra blessings to continue His work through Christ's living body -- the Church -- here on earth (which our parish is an important part of).

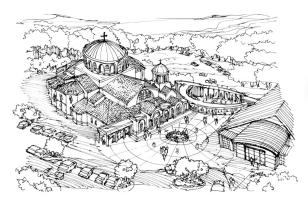
One of the most important blessings that we should return to Him is a portion of our time that has been given to us day-by-day. Below are four very simple examples of how we need to return a portion of our time to Him while serving His Church:

- We can read the letters and e-mails that have been sent to us from the parish;
- We can respond to the letters and e-mail when we have been requested to do so;
- We can respond in a timely fashion, rather than putting off the response for several days or even weeks; and

• We could return the annual Membership/Stewardship Form when we first receive it, rather than wait until we have been contacted several times.

Please, keep in mind that many of our parish faithful freely donate their time and talents to serve us all by leading the parish ministries, planning and executing parish activities, and endeavoring to keep us informed. When we ignore these communications or delay our responses, we are making it more difficult for these volunteers. As we enter this Great Lenten Period of self renewal, let's all commit to make our parish's culture more loving by becoming dedicated to promptly read and respond to the communications from the parish and its ministry leaders.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this personal change. If you think this undertaking is worthy of spiritual self renewal during this Lenten Period, please ask someone else to read this article.



### Love One Another

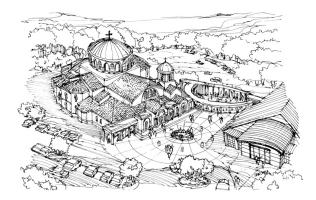
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Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala

### **Total Members: 284**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

George Nicholas Pallas - March 2, 2013 Leo Miltiades - March 9, 2013 Anna (Samantha) Sermeno - March 16, 2013

Penelope Louise Gavrielides - Dec. 20, 2012 Nikolas Brotsis - March 23, 2013 Terry Chiotellis - March 23, 2013 Ronnie (Urania) Kopsias - March 24, 2013

May Their Memory Be Be Eternal!



WANTED for Pascha 2014

Philoptochos is seeking an individual or a team of people to be in charge of the adornment of Christ's tomb. Diane Lozier has been leading a large group of volunteers for many years and is now ready to "pass the flower trimmers". Diane will be happy to train you this year. This is work, but what a labor of love!!

Please contact Christine Sprouse if you are interested in learning more. <u>cpsprouse@gmail.com</u> or 770-565-5212



Each year on Cheesefare Sunday, the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) distributes mission coin boxes through Catechetical schools across the country. This is designated annually as Missions Sunday. The program shows students that from within their own community they can become actively involved in missions. The Bible verse on each coin box reads: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) We are called to do this at all ages, and one way for children to help is by placing spare change in their mission boxes during Great Lent. These boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday. Please discuss with your children the importance of mission work. Please also pray with them for those who are serving Christ's Church around the world.



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

Upcoming Event--BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday April 9 – Monthly meeting to be held at Marietta Fish Market @ 6:30 pm.

Questions about AHEPA? Interested in being a member of this great organization? Please contact any Board Member.

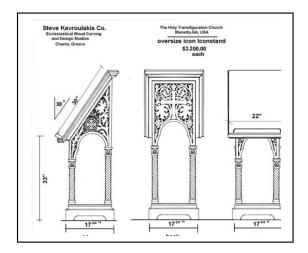
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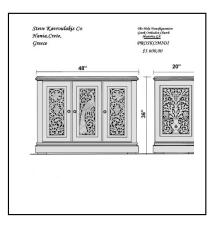
# Renewing, Sanctifying and Beautifying Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

### Furnishings/ Religious Items and Iconography Donation Update

### The Furnishings have arrived!

The furnishings (i.e., Icon Stands Pankari tables, Proskomidi table, etc.) have arrived, and were paid for from the Building Fund in order that they arrive in time for the Consecration. Donations are still being accepted towards the furnishings and will replenish the Building Fund. Please consider making a partial or full pledge towards any of these items





In addition to the furnishings, there are several Consecration and Iconography items still available for donation through the catalogue. Please visit the church's website to download the pledge form at:

### http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Renewing-Sanctifying-Final1.pdf

Payment installments are welcome along with partial donations towards any item. If the item you would like to donate is unavailable, you will have the option to apply our donation towards any other item.

Paper copies are also available in the Narthex or the Church office. For questions about the items available or to discuss your pledge, please contact Father Panayiotis or Maria Alberts.

### 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 \$2,900. 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.

An additional benefit provided by Dignity Funeral Home is a reduced price Pre-need Funeral package of \$7,500 available during 2013.









### MAY 17, 18, @ 19

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those of you who have stepped up and volunteered your time and talents in preparation for the 2013 Marietta Greek Festival, scheduled for May 17-19. We have had an outpouring of support from parishioners who have volunteered to chair a committee, have helped cook food and pastries, have sold Visitor's Guide ads, have helped clean and spruce up our church grounds, and on and on and on. But it's still not too late to get involved. The Festival is our church's largest and most profitable fundraiser and requires everyone's service and sacrifice. And, although it can get tiring at times, working in preparation for, and at, the Festival is a great way to make new friends and enhance old relationships. Working for a common goal tends to do that.

Please include the church, and more specifically the Festival, in your schedule over the next few weeks. Please come and help cook at one or more of the cooking sessions, as shown below, or take some time off from work and help set up during the week preceding the Festival. And, of course, sign up to work as many shifts as you possibly can during the Festival. If you would like to contribute financially toward the preparation for the Festival, Carol Adamson is in charge of our Festival Giving Tree, which gives parishioners the opportunity to fund the purchase of specific items needed at the Festival. Please contact Carol at 404-388-2218 for details.

We expect approximately 18,000 attendees at this year's Festival and need everyone's participation in order to make a good impression. Thank you again to those of you who have already helped and thank you, in advance, to those of you who are planning to help between now and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Steve Tingas Festival Chairman

Festival Baking/ Cooking

Fri. April 12 April 16 Tues. Wed. April 17 Fri. April 19 May 13 Mon. May 14 Tues. Tues. May 14 Wed. May 15

May 15

May 16

Wed.

Thurs.

2013 MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL BAKING/COOKING DATES

10 am - 4 pm	Pastry (Kourabiethes)
2 pm - 10 pm	Spanakopita
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10 am - 4 pm	Pastry (Kourabiethes)
10 am - 4 pm	Dipping Melomacarona
10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
2 pm - 10 pm	Pastitsio
10 am - 4 pm	Package Pastries
2 pm - 10 pm	Souvlakia
10 am - ????	Set-Up Pastry Booths



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<u>The Festival is one month away!</u> It is the largest fundraiser for our church building fund. Please come by and visit our Festival table during coffee hour every Sunday.

### Tell Everyone.

Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Tell or email everyone you know that the Festival is *May 17th, 18th and 19th...The Weekend after Mother's Day!!!* Please take flyers with you to hand out to friends, neighbors and businesses or forward an electronic version of the flyer to everyone on you email address book. Please contact the church office if you do not receive the flyer via email. A limited number of removable bumper stickers are also available.

### There are several ways for you to make the 2013 Festival a success!

• **Volunteer** - Sign up sheets will be available. We need lots of help. We also welcome students who require community service hours - this event qualifies.

• Buy Marietta Greek Festival Gift Cards - They make great gifts! \$8 for a \$10 card and \$20 for a \$25 card - these can be used at most church sponsored booths, including admission, and can be partially used through-out the Festival until the value is gone.

• Buy a Visitor's Guide Ad or turn in your sold ad - Visitor's Guide ads are due by April 1st.

- Become a Friend of the Festival by donating \$25 to the Visitor's Guide.
- Pick Up Flyers to distribute.
- Buy T-Shirts Buy last year's at a discount before the Festival.

• Donate to our Giving Tree - This is YOUR opportunity to donate money whether the amount is small or large to help defray the start up cost of the festival. Examples of items available for donation include milk, butter, feta, bus rental, etc. Visit the festival table during Coffee Hour to view the complete list of items for donation or contact Carol Adamson at <u>carol\_adamson@yahoo.com</u> or 404-388-2218.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Steve Tingas, 770.845.5045 or <u>tingasatl@gmail.com</u> We look forward to your participation in our groatest Eestival over

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Giving Tree

CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR FESTIVAL AND OUR CHURCH BUILDING FUND BY DONATING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING\*: [MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL]

<u>KAFENION</u> FRAPPES / \$200 COFFEE / \$50 GREEK COFFEE / \$125 SUGAR / \$75 LOUKOUMADES: FLOUR / \$200 EGGS / \$100 YEAST / \$40 HONEY / \$100 CINNAMON / \$25

<u>TAVERNA</u> HUMMUS / \$150 TZATZIKI / \$150

<u>PASTITSIO</u> ONIONS / \$100 SPICES / \$75 BUTTER / \$80 MILK / \$100 MACARONI / \$100

DOLMADES GRAPE LEAVES / \$60 PER CASE ONIONS / \$50 SPICES / \$50 GREEN ONIONS / \$150 OLIVE OIL / \$125

\*Partial Donations Accepted

<u>SPANAKOPITA</u> ONIONS / \$100 SPICES / \$75 GREEN ONIONS / \$200 EGGS / \$150

<u>KEFTEDES</u> ONIONS / \$125 SPICES / \$50

GYRO / \$70 PER CASE FETA CHEESE / \$75 PER BUCKET HOT DOGS FOR CHILDREN / \$500 SOUVLAKI ON A STICK / \$40 PER CASE PITA BREAD / \$25 PER CASE PEPPEROCINI FOR SALADS / \$300

PLATES / \$50 PER CASE BOWLS / \$40 PER CASE SILVERWARE PACKETS / \$20 PER CASE SKEWERS /\$75 FACE PAINTING SUPPLIES / \$45 CASH REGISTERS / \$250 EACH GAS FOR BUS / \$200 EACH BUS RENTAL / \$500 EACH STEAM TABLES / \$600 EACH

# Weekly GOYA Meetings in April

The mission of GOYA is to create a safe, friendly, and fun environment in which middle and high school youth can grow further into Orthodox Christian faith, piety, and life by developing deep, Christ-centered friendships with each other.

Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA) meets every Wednesday from 7-9pm



# Recent GOYA Wednesdays...and a Thursday



Clockwise from top left: Matina plays with HOPE/JOY children while their parents attend the presentation upstairs; Stephanie, Catherine, Tommy, and Mike at the cathedral's lock-in; Sophia guides a blindfolded youth; Teddy after an encounter with chocolate pudding.

# Holy Thursday Vigil & Lock-in May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

This annual event includes activities such as decorating the *kouvouklion* (bier of Christ) and praying the Royal Hours.

Contact Paul Lundberg for more information.

# Iconography at GOYA



Clockwise from top: Local iconographers Ari and Joann teach GOYA about the icon of St. John the Baptist; Marina, Eleni, Kiki, Evan, and Gabriel try their hands at eyes; Ari teaches by demonstration.

# Young Adult & Music Ministries

# Young Adult Gathering

All young adults are welcome to join us for a "world cafe" style conversation about the significance of St. Mary of Egypt's life for us in modern American society.

> Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-9pm Location to be Announced Contact Paul Lundberg for more details.



Check it out!

Check our website for recordings of hymns that you can practice and learn them at home. Then join us in singing them at church!



# **Byzantine Chant Class**



Anyone interested in learning the Byzantine chant of the Greek Orthodox Church is welcome to attend our class, held most Saturday afternoons at 4pm in the parish office building. For more information, please contact Paul Lundberg at the parish office.

### **HELLENIC DANCE NEWS**

The Hellenic Dance Ministry will be selling *Luminaries* for Good Friday. If you wish to honor a loved one who has passed, this is a lovely way to do so. Please Contact Dorian Bafas for more information: (dorianbafas@yahoo.com) Also, please see our flyer in this issue of Syndiakonia.

### **\*\*\*APRIL PRACTICE SCHEDULE \*\*\***

Please note...

**NO** practice during SPRING BREAK (March 30 - April 7) **NO** practice during HOLY WEEK (April 28 – May 5)

### Tuesday, April 16 –

4:30-5:15pm – "Asteria" in the PLC 4:45-5:15pm - "Pitsirikia" in the downstairs classroom 4:45-5:15pm – "Palamakia" in PLC Foyer 7:15-8:00pm – "Petaloudes" in the PLC

### Sunday, April 21 -

1:00-2:30 – "Phoenix" in the Platea (or PLC Foyer) 1:00-3:30 – "Eleftheria" in the Amphitheater (or PLC)

### Tuesday, April 23 –

4:30-5:15pm – "Asteria" in the PLC 4:45-5:15pm – "Pitsirikia" in the downstairs classroom 4:45-5:15pm - "Palamakia" in PLC Foyer 7:15-8:00pm – "Petaloudes" in the PLC

### Special note to parents:

From now until the festival there will be lots of baking going on in the PLC kitchen, especially during the hours the children are practicing. Please, if you are on hand waiting for your child to finish – consider helping out in the kitchen while you wait. The volunteers who are cooking and baking will very much appreciate the help!

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LIBRARY NE Reading To	Father Alexander Schmemann's Lenten classic examines the meaning of Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the Prayer of St Ephraim the Syrian, the Canon of St Andrew of Crete and other treasures of Lenten worship. Schmemann draws on the Church's sacramental and liturgical tradition to suggest the meaning of Lent in our life. The Lenten season is meant to kindle a 'bright sadness' within our hearts. Its aim is precisely the remembrance of Christ, a longing for a relationship with God that has been lost. Lent offers the time and place for recovery of this relationship. The darkness of Lent allows the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn within our hearts until we are led to the brilliance of the Resurrection.	<image/> <image/>
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### PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at 7pm in the OCR.

April 25 – Soup Kitchen at 11:30 am. Anyone who would like to help prepare, serve food or make a monetary donation, please contact Athena Burke at <u>ibgreek@bellsouth.net</u> or 770.973.3111.

Thank you to everyone who helped cook, serve, or donated to the Must Ministries Soup Kitchen. We served 82 meals to the homeless last month. Those who contributed were **Donnis Gavalas, Basile Zafiroulis, Mike Gavalas, Dorothy Macris, Kally Niarchos, Ellen Linebaugh, Pam Starks, Linda Lopos, Niki Gess, Nicole Sigalos, Mary Wysmierski, Dimitra Bournias and Jim Burke.** 

See you all at the Consecration of our Church on April 27!

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Parish... if you have not yet joined Philoptochos for 2013, please do so now! We realize that many of our members will be "financial support only", but we need all of you to join forces with us to help those in need. Please stop by the bookstore for a membership form and join us today! God bless you and have a blessed Lent.

Ladies of Philoptochos – please consider giving your time and talents to join the Philoptochos Board.

During Holy Week and Pascha, ladies save some of your time for helping with all the events that make this time special.

### WANTED for Pascha 2014...

Philoptochos is seeking an individual or team of people to be in charge of the adornment of Christ's tomb. Diane Lozier has been leading a large group of volunteers for many years and is now ready to "pass the flower trimmers". Diane will be happy to train you this year. This is work, but what a labor of love!

Please contact Christine Sprouse if you are interested in learning more: <u>cpsprouse@gmail.com</u> or 770-565-5212.



### <u>TREASURERS' CORNER</u>

Welcome to the Treasurer's Corner, your monthly update on Holy Transfiguration's finances. The Parish Council thanks you for your generous support of the parish. We encourage you to keep your donations current so that cash flow obligations can be met.

As of 3/13/2013	General Fund Budget	General Fund Actual	Percent of Budget
Total Income	\$124,193	\$82,163	66%
Total Expenditures	\$135,215	\$93,198	69%

Amount Members Indicated They Would Donate to General Fund in 2013: \$323,594

Total Individuals/Couples Making This Indication: 277

As of 3/13/2013	<b>Building Fund Budget</b>	<b>Building Fund Actual</b>	Percent of Budget
Total Income	\$91,371	\$189,775	48%
Total Expenditures	\$58,464	\$217,906	27%

Amount Members Indicated They Would Donate to Building Fund in 2013: \$153,908

Total Individuals/Couples Making This Indication: 145

Amount Members Indicated They Would Donate to Iconography Fund in 2013: \$ 37,306

Total Individuals/Couples Making This Indication: 102

### Reminders

When making your donations, please write a separate check for each church fund to which you donate (i.e. General, Building, Iconography, etc.). In the memo section of each check, please indicate the fund you are donating to along with your church PIN (e.g., General Fund PIN 234).

You can monitor your donations online through the IconCMO system. To get your PIN and setup your account, ask Anne (770-924-8080, holytrans@comcast.com), and she will send you an email from the IconCMO website which will provide your PIN and a temporary password which you can use to setup your IconCMO account.

If you ever have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ,

Christopher Hansard Athan Tsarouhas Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Larry Gess Stewardship Ministry Chair



# April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday of Story Palamas 8:30 AM Orthros 8:30 AM Orthros 11:15 AM Catechism 11:35 AM A 40 day Memo- 11:40 AM A one year 11:45 AM A Memorial Ser- and 2 more	April Fools Day         April Fools Day         #11:00 AM Blessing of the Water         #Si00 PM Great Compline	2 10:30 AM Prime Timers' Bard Meting 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Choir Practice	Third Wednesday in Lent 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presantified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Lecture	6:00 PM Great Compline	<ul> <li>7:00 PM Third Salutation to the Theotokos</li> </ul>	6 10:30 AM New Testament Greek Class 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
7 Sunday of the Holy Cross = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:15 AM Catechism	6:00 PM Great Compline	9 = 6:30 PM Festival Meeting - 7:00 PM Choir Practice	10 Fourth Wednesday in Lent 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presantified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Lecture	6:00 PM Great Compline	<ul> <li>7:00 PM Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos</li> </ul>	13 3:45 PM Brooks Chrisma- tion/Chandler Baptism/ Brooks Wedding 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers
14 Sunday of St. John Climatus = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:15 AM Catechism = 12:00 PM Hellenic Studies Spring Bake Sale = 1:00 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria Dance Practice	15 Tax Day = 6:00 PM Great Compline = 7:00 PM PC Meeting Board Meeting	16 2:00 PM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita) 4:30 PM Pitsirikia Dance Practice 2:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (X & 1st) 7:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance	17 Fifth Wednesday in Lent 2:00 PM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita) 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presantified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Lecture	18 = 9:00 AM Great Canon of St. Andrew = 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Stewardship Meet- ing	The Akathist 19 The Akathist 19 The Akathist 19	20 = 11:30 AM Panayotopoulos Baptism = 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class = 5:00 PM Great Vespers
21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 11:15 AM Catechism Grad- uation = 1:00 PM Phoenix/Eleftheria Dance Practice = 7:00 PM Young Adult Gath- ering	22 Earth Day 6:00 PM Great Compline 6:30 PM Festival Meeting	23 4:30 PM Asteria Dance Practice (2nd & 3rd) Practice (2nd & 3rd) Practice (2nd M ance Practice (1 & 1st) 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Petaloudes Dance Practice (4th & 5th)	24 Sixth Wednesday in Lent 5.45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presantified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Lecture	<ul> <li>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen</li> <li>6:00 PM Great Compline</li> </ul>	7:00 PM Consecration Great Vespers	27 The Resurrecur Sanctuary 8:00 AM Orthros 9:00 AM Consecration Ser- vice 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Byzantine Chant Class 5:00 PM Great Vespers for Palm
28 Palm Sunday = 8:30 AM Orthros = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy = 7:00 PM Bridegroom Ser- vice	29 Holy and Great -7:00 PM Bridegroom Ser- vice	30 Holy and Great 7:00 PM Bridegroom Ser- vice	Holy and Great = 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Pre- = 3:00 PM Holy Unction (the astrotice of Holy Oil for Healing) = 6:45 PM Small Compline = 7:00 PM Holy Unction (the Service of Holy Oil for Healing)	Holy and Great 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 PM The Service of the Passion of Christ	<ul> <li>Holy and Great</li> <li>Holy and Great</li> <li>9:00 AM The Great Hours</li> <li>3:00 PM The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial</li> <li>7:00 PM The Burial of ChristLamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epi-taphios)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4</li> <li>Holy and Great</li> <li>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; the Descent of Christ into Hades.</li> <li>11:00 PM The Canon of Easter</li> </ul>

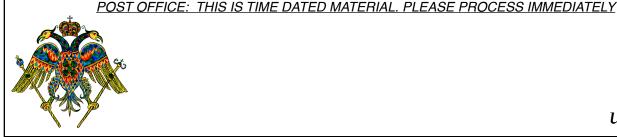
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DATE	PARISH COUNCIL DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO
Apr. 7, 2013	L. Gess/S. Steffas	Team II	D. Levine/P. Dunkerly	N. Kakissis/Tasia & Themis Kipreos
Apr. 14, 2013	A. Miltiades/S. Tingas	Team I	D. Bafas	A. Lerios/L. Lopos/F. Mavridis
Apr. 21, 2013	C. Hansard/J. Tidwell	Team II	B. Valagohar/C. Kollias	K. Melissas/S. Tidwell/K. Niarchos
Apr. 28, 2013	G. Lopos/S. Tingas	Team I	M. Alberts/P. Koutouzis	M. Papadimitriou/R. Peppas/ I. Steffas

**Team 1:** Chris Alberts, Matthew Azimzadeh, Nicholas Azimzadeh, Gabriel Beneda, Christopher Bilson, Evan Bilson, Alex Brewer, Nick Brewer, Chris Bridgers, Daniel Bridgers, Michael Bridgers, Anthony Bundros, Cole Foster, George Gavalas, Constantine Gavalas, Jacob Harrah, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, Paul Jacobs, Andrew Levine, Luke Melissas, Zach Melissas, Evan Papadopoulos, Lucas Porter, Matthew Shanahan, Mike Steffas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Yianni Turner, Nicholas Zakreski

<u>Team 2</u>: Theo Bliss, Matthew Buchan, Brody (Thomas) Brooks, Christos Costarides, Yianni Costarides, Chris Danos, Nick Danos, Leo Frangis, Manuel Frangis, Niko Gekas, Alex Gekas, Alexander Georgacopoulos, Yianni Gormanos, Morgan Lilly, Michael Marianos, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Eli Nichols, Angelo Nichols, Evans Nichols, Tommy O'Brien, Michael Papadimitriou, Dean Papastrat, Matthew Paulson, Alex Skarpelis, Mitchell Starks, Evan Strakes, Luke Tassopoulos, Nicholas Tassopoulos, Braden Thorne, Alex Thorne