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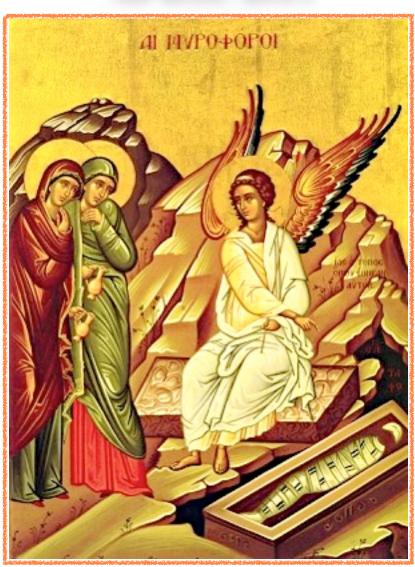
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Marietta, GA

APRIL 2017



CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid: Do you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: *He is Risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.*" (Mark 16:16)

"The Lord is Risen indeed" (Luke 24:34)

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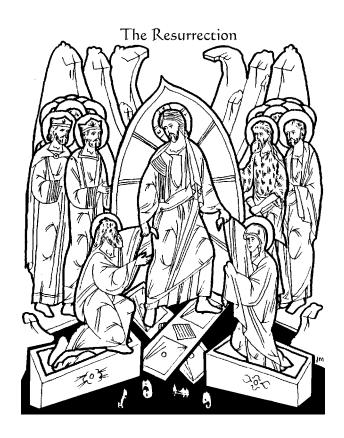
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Truly He is Risen!

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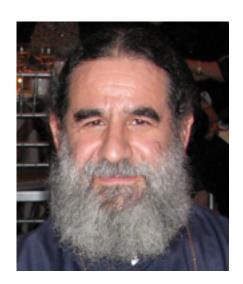


May the Light of the Risen Christ shine in your life always!

The Christian Orthodox Community of Holy Transfiguration, Marietta, GA

April 2017

Let no one fear death!



The early Christian Fathers of the Church, following in the footsteps of St. Paul, pointed out frequently that sin is the result of our fear of death. Since our Fall from communion with God and from His Grace, we became slaves to sin and to the devil because of this fear (Heb. 2:15): We cling to earthly things, we become egocentric, we become greedy, we seek power and honor on this earth, thinking that we will overcome death this way. In the end we immerse ourselves in sin and become miserable. For centuries we wondered around waiting for redemption crying out as St. Paul: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24)

No one on earth could save us from sin. None of the angels could free us from this bondage to death. The only way for humanity to be

released from the bondage of sin, death and slavery to the devil was for death to be removed; death had to be destroyed.

And then there was the Good News: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." (1Cor. 15:21) And this man who brings about the resurrection is our Lord Jesus Christ. Being God and equal to the Father, He lowered Himself and took up our fallen nature that He might heal it. He died on the Cross in His humanity so that He might raise it up again and defeat our enemy - death; for having defeated sin through His sinlessness, the last enemy remaining that had to be destroyed was death. (cf. 1Cor. 15:26)

Pascha is the celebration of the destruction of death and the release of humanity from this bondage. Pascha is the greatest miracle on behalf of humanity. Pascha is a time to rejoice, for humanity (with God's help) has become victorious. "Death is swallowed up in victory." (1Cor. 15:54)

St. Chrysostom declares in his Paschal Homily: "Let no one fear death; for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled Hades when he descended thereto. He vexed it even as it tasted of his flesh."

This is what Pascha is about; it is a victory of humanity over death.

"Hades took a body, and, lo! it discovered God. It took earth, and, behold! it encountered Heaven. It took what it was, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? (1Cor. 15:55) Christ is risen, and you are annihilated. Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down. Christ is risen, and the Angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the first-fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen" (Paschal Homily of St. *Chrysostom)*

Join us, brothers and sisters, to celebrate the destruction of death and our liberation from it. Join us, that you may share in this joy! J. Fr. Pameyistis

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 2017

April 1, Saturday.

Blessing of the Water today at 9:00 am. **District Oratorical Festival 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Evening:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 2, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

April 5, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:30 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 6, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 3, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 7, Friday, Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 6:00 pm

April 8, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus

Orthros 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Making of the palm crosses and Confession for children follows the Divine Liturgy.

Evening: Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm

April 9, Palm Sunday. The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

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

For Services from Palm Sunday Evening to the Sunday of Pascha (April 16), please see the Holy Week Services Schedule provided in a special flyer.

April 16, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day).

Noon: Great Vespers of Love 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Paschal Picnic follows!

April 17, Renewal Monday, Orthros 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

April 22, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 23, Sunday of Thomas, Feast of St. George the Great Martyr and Trophy Bearer Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

April 29, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 30, Sunday, Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women

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



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Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2017

April 9, Sunday. Palm Sunday. Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων.

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 10, Holy and Great Monday. ΄Αγία καί Μεγάλη Δευτέρα.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 11, Holy and Great Tuesday. ΄Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τοίτη.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. 'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 12, Holy and Great Wednesday. ΄Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τετάρτη.

Morning: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:00 am. Λειτ. Ποοηγιασμένων Δώρων 9:00 πμ

Afternoon: Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 3:00 pm. ἀλολουθία τοῦ ἀλγίου Εὐχελαίου 3:00 μμ.

Evening: Small Compline 6:45 pm, Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 7:00 pm. ᾿Ακολουθία τοῦ ʿΑγίου Εὐχελαίου 7:00 μμ.

April 13, Holy and Great Thursday, `Αγία 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 Λειτουογία Μ. Βασιλείου 9:00 πμ

Evening: The Service of the Passion of Christ 7:00 pm. ἀκολουθία τῶν Παθῶν 7:00 μμ

April 14, Holy and Great Friday. Αγία καί Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ. Ἡ Σταύρωσις καί Ταφή τοῦ Κυρίου

Morning: The Great Hours 9:00 am, Μεγάλες "Ωρες 9:00 πμ.

Afternoon: The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial 3:00 pm. ᾿Αποκαθήλωσις τοῦ Κυρίου 3:00 μμ.

Evening: The Burial of Christ--Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios) 7:00 pm, followed by Procession of the Tomb of Christ. Επιτάφιος Θοῆνος 7:00 μμ.

April 15, Holy and Great Saturday. Μέγα Σάββατο. Θ. Λειτουργία Μεγ. Βασιλείου 9:30πμ **Morning:** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am. The Descent of Christ into Hades.

Midnight Resurrection Services: 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. Θεθφος, Θεία Λειτουργία 'Αναστάσεως

April 16, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day). Τό Ἅγιον Πάσχα.

Noon: Great Vespers of Love 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Paschal Picnic follows!

April 17, Renewal Monday, Orthros 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Understanding the need for Orthodox Christian Classical Education in the modern world

The following article is useful in the effort to understand the need for Orthodox Christian Education for our children and the next generations of Orthodox Christians, as it presents a perspective rarely seen in the public debate on the subject. The author of this article focuses on the Western Church, but what he is presenting was actually what happened in the Eastern Roman Empire, as Christianity became the favored religion of the Empire after Constantine the Great. The Great Fathers of the Church, Sts. Athanasius the Great, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, Gregory of Nyssa, John Chrysostom, Cyril of Alexandria and all those who followed in their footsteps in subsequent centuries were products of the now transformed Classical World into a Christian World through the synthesis of the Biblical Message and the Classics - a new educational system, which enabled them to become great thinkers and scientists, but also great Christian leaders. This would also be the goal of Orthodox Christian Education in our times and in our Parish.

Fr. Panayiotis

A strategy for Christians in a post-Christian world

By Rod Dreher Published March 13, 2017 FoxNews.com

Editor's note: The following is adapted from the author's new book, "The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation" Sentinel (March 14, 2017).

The future of Christianity in the post-Christian West hangs in the balance. If the faith is going to survive within churches and communities, then Christians are going to have to become far more serious and intentional about education.

"Education has to be at the core of Christian survival—as it always was," says Michael Hanby, a professor of religion and philosophy of science at Washington's Pontifical John Paul II Institute.

"The point of monasticism was not simply to retreat from a corrupt world to survive, though in various iterations that might have been a dimension of it," he continues. "But at the heart of it was a quest for God. It was that quest that mandated the preservation of classical learning and the pagan tradition by the monks, because they loved what was true and what was beautiful wherever they found it."

One of the most important pieces of the Benedict Option movement is the spread of classical Christian schools. Rather than letting their children spend forty hours a week learning "facts" with a few hours of worldview education slapped on top, parents need to pull them from public schools and provide them with an education that is rightly ordered—that is, one based on the premise that there is a God-given, unified structure to reality and that it is discoverable. They need to teach them Scripture and history.

Building schools that can educate properly will require churches, parents, peer groups, and fellow traveler Christians to work together. It will be costly, but it will be worth it.

For serious Christian parents, education cannot be simply a matter of building their child's transcript to boost her chance of making it into the lvy League. If this is the model your family follows (perhaps with a sprinkle of God on top for seasoning), you will be hard-pressed to form countercultural Christian adults capable of resisting the disorders of our time.

The kind of schooling that will build a more resilient, mature faith in young Christians is one that imbues them with a sense of order, meaning, and continuity. It's one that integrates knowledge into a harmonious vision of the whole, one that unites all things that are, were, and ever will be in God.

Every educational model presupposes an anthropology: an idea of what a human being is. In general, the mainstream model is geared toward equipping students to succeed in the workforce, to provide a pleasant, secure life for themselves and their future families, and ideally, to fulfill their personal goals—whatever those goals might be. The standard Christian educational model today takes this model and adds religion classes and prayer services.

But from a traditional Christian perspective, the model is based on a flawed anthropology. In traditional Christianity, the ultimate goal is to love and serve God with all one's heart, soul, and mind, to achieve unity with Him in eternity. To prepare for eternal life, we must join ourselves to Christ and strive to live in harmony with the divine will.

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To be fully human is to be fully conformed to that reality—as C. S. Lewis would say, to the things that are—through cooperating with God's freely given grace. To be humanized is to grow—by contemplation and action, and through faith and reason—in the love of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. These are all reflections of the Triune God, in Whom we live and move and have our being.

To compartmentalize education, separating it from the life of the church, is to create a false distinction. Saint Benedict, in his Rule, called the monastery "a school for the service of the Lord." This was no mere figure of speech.

In the Benedictine tradition, learning is wholly integrated into the life of prayer and work. Today our education system fills students' heads with facts, with no higher aspiration than success in worldly endeavor. Since the High Middle Ages, the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake has been slowly separated from the pursuit of virtue. Today the break is clean.

Educator Martin Cothran, a national leader in the classical Christian school movement, says that many Christians today don't realize how the nature of education has changed over the past hundred years. The progressivism of the 1920s involved using schools to change the culture. The vocationalism of the 1940s and 1950s tried to use schools to conform children to the culture. But the traditional way of education, which reigned from the Greco-Roman period until the modern era, was about passing on a culture and one culture in particular: the culture of the West, and for most of that time, the Christian West.

"The classical education of the pagans that was transformed by the church attempted to inculcate in each new generation an idea of what a human being should be, through constantly having examples of ideal humanity set in front of it, and by studying the great deeds of great men," Cothran told me. "This was a culture with a definite and distinctive goal: to pass on the wisdom of the past and to produce another generation with the same ideals and values—ideals and values based on its vision of what a human being was.

"That's what education was for over two millennia," he continued. "It is now something that retains the old label, but is not the same thing. It is not even the same kind of thing. It has been abandoned in the modern school—including many Christian ones. Even many Christian parents who do not accept the political correctness of today's schools have completely bought into the utilitarian concept of education."

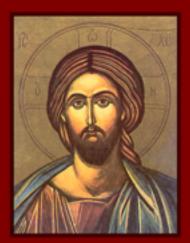
To be sure, there is nothing wrong in principle with learning something useful or achieving excellence in science, the arts, literature, or any other field of the intellect. But mastery of facts and their application is not the same thing as education, any more than an advanced degree in systematic theology makes one a saint. The separation of learning from virtue creates a society that esteems people for their success in manipulating science, law, money, images, words, and so forth. Whether or not their accomplishments are morally worthy is a secondary question, one that will seem naïve to many if it occurs to them at all.

If a Christian way of living isn't integrated in with students' intellectual and spiritual lives, they'll be at risk of falling away through no fault of their own. As John Mark Reynolds, who recently founded Houston's Saint Constantine School, puts it, Christian young people who have had a personal, life-changing encounter with Christ, and who know Christian apologetics but have not integrated them into their lives, are more vulnerable than they think. They have to learn how to translate the conversion experience and intellectual knowledge of the faith into a Christian way of living—or their faith will remain fragile.

If it's true that a simplistic, anti-intellectual Christian faith is a thin reed in the gale of academic life, it is also true that faith that's primarily intellectual—that is, a matter of mastering information—is deceptively fragile. Equipping Christian students to thrive in a highly secularized, even hostile environment is not a matter of giving them a protective shell. The shell may crack under pressure or be discarded. Rather, it must be about building internal strength of mind and heart.

http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/03/13/rod-dreher-wake-up-call-for-christians-before-coming-darkage.html

FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Mission Statement of our Parish

Our Parish is the local eucharistic community of the Church in this locality;

The aims and purposes of our Parish are to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled.

The diakonia (ministry) of the Parish includes proclaiming and teaching the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the other sacraments; enhancing its parishioners' spiritual life; and adding to the numbers of the faithful by receiving persons into the Church through instruction, Baptism and/or Chrismation. In addition, the Parish has established educational and philanthropic activities to foster the aims and mission of the Parish and to edify its parishioners in the Faith and ethos of the Church.

The ultimate goal of our Parish is to lead its members into the Kingdom of God.

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

The Practice of "Confession" In the Bible

Old Testament

"He shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong." Num. 5:7

"Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners, and they stood and confessed their sins and the guilt of their fathers. While they stood in their places, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day and spent another fourth of the day in confession and worship of the LORD their God." Nehemiah 9:2-3

New Testament

"Confessing their sins, they were baptized by John in the Jordan River." Matthew 3:6

"And there went out unto John all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized by him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins." Mark 1:5

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

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

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - APRIL

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04/01/2017	Saturday:	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 1:39-49, 56	
04/02/2017	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 10:32-45
04/03/2017	Monday:	Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Genesis 27:1-41	Proverbs 19:16-25
04/04/2017	Tuesday:	Isaiah 49:6-10	Genesis 31:3-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
04/05/2017	Wednesday:	Isaiah 58:1-11 Genesis 4	3:26-31; 45:1-16	Proverbs 21:23-22:4
04/06/2017	Thursday:	Isaiah 65:8-16	Genesis 46:1-7	Proverbs 23:15-24:5
04/07/2017	Friday:	Isaiah 66:10-24 Genesis 4	9:33-50:26	Proverbs 31:8-31
04/08/2017	Saturday:	Hebrews 12:28-29;13:1-8	John 11:1-45	
04/09/2017	Sunday:	Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17	Philippians 4:4-9	John 12:1-18
04/10/2017	Monday:	Matthew 21:18-43	Matthew 24:3-35	
04/11/2017	Tuesday:	Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39	Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-4	-6; 26:1-2
04/12/2017	Wednesday:	John 12:17-50	Matthew 26:6-16	
04/13/2017	Thursday:	Luke 22:1-39 1 Corinthian Matthew 26:21-39 Luke 22		
04/14/2017	Friday:	1 Corinthians 5:6-8	Matthew 27:62-66	
04/15/2017	Saturday:	Matthew 27:62-66	Romans 6:3-11	Matthew 28:1-20
04/16/2017	Sunday:	Acts 1:1-8	John 1:1-17	
04/17/2017	Monday:	Acts 1:12-17, 21-26	John 1:18-28	
04/18/2017	Tuesday:	Acts 2:14-21	Luke 24:12-35	
04/19/2017	Wednesday:	Acts 2:22-38	John 1:35-52	
04/20/2017	Thursday:	Acts 2:38-43	John 3:1-15	
04/21/2017	Friday:	Acts 3:1-8	John 2:12-22	
04/22/2017	Saturday:	Acts 3:11-16	John 3:22-33	
04/23//2017	' Sunday:	Matthew 28:16-20	Acts 12:1-11	John 20:19-31
04/24/2017	Monday:	Acts 3:19-26	John 2:1-11	
04/25/2017	Tuesday:	1 Peter 5:6-14	Luke 10:16-21	
04/26/2017	Wednesday:	Acts 4:13-22	John 5:17-24	
04/27/2017	Thursday:	Acts 4:23-31	John 5:24-30	
04/28/2017	Friday:	Acts 5:1-11	John 5:30-47; 6:1-2	
04/29/2017	Saturday:	Acts 5:21-32	John 6:14-27	
04/30/2017	Sunday:	Luke 24:1-12	Acts 6:1-7	Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

Christ is asking for your Stewardship toward His Church

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



"Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You, in behalf of all, and for all." Τὰ Σὰ ἐχ τῶν Σῶν, Σοὶ προσφέρομεν κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα.
Τα sa ek ton Son, Si prosferomen kata panta ke dia panta.

From the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy

We offer ourselves and all creation to the Lord at every Divine Liturgy with the words, "Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto 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 Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."

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

Proportionate giving: This involves two things; Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that our giving is an offer of thanksgiving for His blessings.

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 the current year.

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 Gifts, of what is Yours, 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 Bylaws.



MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2017

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2017!

(If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2017, please do so; your personal commitment of time, talent and treasure is so important, and so appreciated.)

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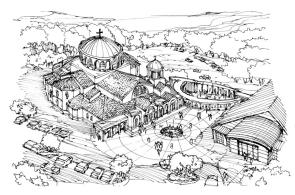
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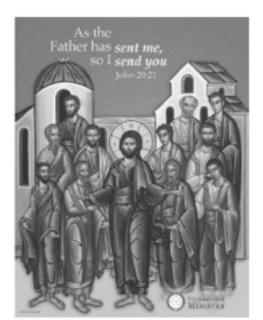
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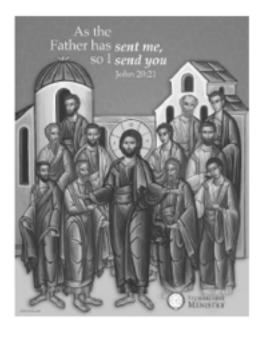
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"Feeding the Children Sunday" was a great Success: 20,244 meals prepared





Congratulations to Philoptochos for their initiative and to the team which executed the project!

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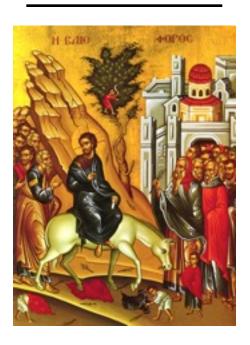


<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

SOUP KITCHEN:

On February 23, we fed 69 people at Must Ministries. Thank you to the ladies of HTGOC who helped prepare the food and serve the meals: Ellen Linebaugh, Evelyn Bilson, Isabelle Dymond, Kally Niarchos, Lee Nichols, Rosemary Peppas, Penny Miltiades, Becky Valagohar, Justina Schumacher, Dorothy Macris, Pat Koutouzis, Ioanna Michaels, Kathleen Nash, Athena Burke.

If you would like to help out with soup kitchen by cooking, serving, or donating funds, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net .



Palm Sunday Luncheon - April 9th

Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Holy Transfiguration Choir

Grilled Tilapia, Green Beans, Greek Salad, Potatoes, Dessert

Adults - \$12 Children - \$6 (under 10 yrs.) Maximum per Family - \$40

No prepaid tickets; tickets will be sold at the door.

All monies benefit the Capital Building Fund Campaign

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHO WANTS TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL?

Monday evenings*, from 7-8:30 pm, the gym will be available for community volleyball. This is open to anyone who would like to play. Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Water only is permitted in the gym.

See you all there!

*No game on Holy Monday, April 10th.



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—April 2017

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

AHEPA Chapter 519 held its most successful fundraiser on February 25. Fifty-five parishioners and friends, young and old, men and women had a fun evening of food and entertainment. All proceeds from this event went directly to AHEPA Chapter 519's scholarship fund. OPA!

AHEPA Chapter also served the Marietta Community and the parish neighborhood at 8:30 am on a Saturday. Ten AHEPA brothers picked up several bags of trash along the Chapter's Adopt-A-Mile path on Trickum Road between Shallowford and Sandy Plains.

Nothing is too fancy or too plain for AHEPA Chapter 519 when it comes to service!

JUNE 4, 2017 AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

OUR LOCAL CHAPTER #519 will host families from the Cathedral and our Parish for the 2017 AHEPA DISTRICT Scholarship awards at our Parish on June 4, 2017. More information to follow.





Holy Week Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers that will decorate the church and its icons as well as the Epitaphio, please contact Anne in the church office, 770.924.8080, holytrans@comcast.net or fill out this form and put it in the offering tray.

Name:	
In Memory of:	(Please Print)
	(110000 111110)
	or
For the Health of:	
	(Please Print)
Amount of Donation:	
The names of donors	and dedications will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, April 16th.
	Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminary on Holy Friday, April 14th.
Lungingonio	Luminaries are sponsored by the Dance Ministry; suggested donation is \$5.00 per luminary.
Luminaria	
Your Name:	
In Memory Of:	
	(Please Print - 1-2 names per luminary)

Please return this completed form with check (payable to HT Dance Ministry) in the tray during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or to the church office by **Wednesday**, **April 12th**.

Invitation to The AGAPE Picnic

On the Bright Sunday of the Resurrection at Holy Transfiguration



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

You are Invited to the Agape Picnic on Pascha Sunday, April 16, 2017 following *the Great Vespers of Love, 12:00 noon at*

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Sponsored by the Parish Life Ministry in the Parish Hall and on Church grounds.

Delicious Buffet Menu:

Roasted Leg of Lamb or Chicken, Roasted Greek Potatoes, Oven Roasted Vegetables, Village Salad

Wine, Beer, Tea, Lemonade, Sodas and Galactoboureko (Custard Pastry), Chocolate Torte, and other Yummy Sweets.



Adults: \$15.00 Children (12 and under): \$5.00 (Children's menu same as above)



Music, Easter Egg Hunt

Tickets will be available on Sunday in the Parish Hall during coffee/fellowship hour

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON THE GREAT AND HOLY SUNDAY OF PASCHA (THE BRIGHT DAY).





Your Game © © Your Friendships Your Love Your Faith

THROUGH ATHLETICS, PHILANTHROPY, AND SOCIAL TIME

BECAUSE LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE TOGETHER!

Who: Middle school youth

Where: Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Marietta, Georgia

When: Saturday, September 9, 2017

10am - 5pm

For more information, call Mimi at (404) 990-2122 Registration information coming soon!

GOYA 2017 Calendar

(UPDATED)

MARCH

LEADERSHIP MEETING: Sunday, March 26th Immediately after catechism classes

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, March 29th 2017/2018 Leadership Team Nominations

APRIL

LEADERSHIP MEETING: April's meeting is pushed back to March due to Spring Break

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, April 26th 2017/2018 Leadership Team Elections/Voting

OUTING: Stone Mountain – Saturday, April 29th 4:00-10pm

MAY

LEADERSHIP MEETING: Sunday, May 7th 1:00pm

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, May 31st- End of the Year Party/Welcome and Farewell

OUTING: Pool Party/Bilson Pool -Wednesday, May 31st 6:30-9:30

JUNE

LEADERSHIP MEETING: TBD- Planning for 2017-2018 calendar

GENERAL MEETING:-NONE

OUTING: Tubing in Helen- Saturday, June 10th

JULY

LEADERSHIP MEETING: TBD- Planning for 2017-2018 calendar

GENERAL MEETING: - NONE

OUTING: Rafting Trip – Saturday, July 15th

SAVE THE DATE!!

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

Dance Schedule:

Group	Grade	Day	Time	Teacher	Location
Pitsirikia	Pre-K	Sunday	12:30-1:00	Paulina/Alex Matthews	Pre-K Classroom
Palamakia	K & 1	Sunday	12:30-1:00	Eleni/Andrew	K&1 Classroom
Asteria	2 & 3	Sunday	1:00-1:45	Peggy/Karen	2nd & 3rd grade Classroom
Petaloudes	4 & 5	Sunday	1:00-1:45	Andrew/Maria	Atrium area in basement
Phoenix	Middle	Sunday	1:30-2:30	Ted/Elaine	PLC
Eleftheria	High	Sunday	1:30-3:30	Paulina/Demetra	Gym

Spring break and Easter weeks mean NO practice! Please try to make all practices after Easter! We will only have 4 weeks to prepare for festival!

NO PRAC			
Sunday			
Spring Break	April 2	NO PRACTICE	
Holy Week	April 9	NO PRACTICE	
Easter	April 16	NO PRACTICE	
Greek Festival	May 19-21st		

COSTUME FI	TTING DATES
6th & up	April 23
6th & up	April 30

- If you missed (or will miss) the costume fitting dates, please let us know so we can make sure to fit you at another time!
- Please make sure you are receiving emails from Dorian. If you are NOT receiving emails, please email her at: mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com We will be sending packets of information via email when it comes closer to festival!



rain \mathcal{OR} shine!

"COBB COUNTY'S MOST DELICIOUS FESTIVAL"

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FRIDAY, MAY 19 3PM-11PM SATURDAY, MAY 20 10AM-11PM SUNDAY, MAY 21 11AM-7PM

- SAVOR Authentic Homemade Greek Food & Pastries
- ENJOY Live Greek Music & Dance Performances
- GUIDED TOURS of our Byzantine Sanctuary & Chapel
- LEARN about Greek Culture & Traditions
- SHOP for Imported Greek Gifts & Jewelry
- FUN FOR THE FAMILY in our Kid Art & Play Area



ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS & OUTDOOR GREEK AMPHITHEATER HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta GA 30066 (Between Sandy Plains & Shallowford Rds.)

VISIT: WWW.MARIETTAGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG

PHONE: 770.924.8080

FREE Parking & Shuttle Bus Service is Available at:

- Simpson Middle School, Trickum Rd. (After 5pm Friday & All Day Saturday & Sunday)
- Church of Latter Day Saints, Trickum Rd. (All Day Friday & Saturday, Except Sunday)
- Lassiter High School, Shallowford Rd. (After 4pm Friday & All Day Saturday & Sunday)

Please, no animals permitted, except services pets

2017 Festival Cooking Dates

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE THIS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS THIS YEAR!

If you would like to help with food prep or donating pastries, please call or email Eleni Nikolas @ enikolas68@gmail.com * 630.854.2174

3 .	-10am-9pm -10am-9pm -10am-9pm	Spanakopita- Spanakopita- Spanakopita-
Thursday, March-16	-10am-9pm	-Keftedes
Thursday, March-23 Friday, March-24	1	Dolmades Dolmades
Wednesday, April 19	10am-9pm	Tyropita
Thursday, April 20	10am-9pm	Tyropita
Wednesday, April 26	10am-9pm	Packaging Pastries
Thursday, April 27	10am-9pm	Packaging Pastries
Tuesday, May 2	10am-9pm	Pastichio
Wednesday, May 3	10am-9pm	Pastichio
Thursday, May 4	10am-9pm	Packaging Pastries
Friday, May 5	10am-9pm	Packaging Pastries
Thursday, May 11	10am-9pm	Packaging Pastries
Friday, May 12	10am -9pm	Packaging Pastries



Ladies Philoptochos Society Panagia Chapter News

We thank everyone who participated in and/or donated to our Feeding Children Everywhere project. We thank, especially, Isabelle and John Dymond for chairing this event! Together, we assembled and packaged 20,244 meals (exceeding our goal of 20,000 meals), which were delivered to the Atlanta Food Bank to feed hungry children and their families in the Metro Atlanta area! The cost to Philoptochos for sponsoring this event was \$7,944.80: meal cost was \$5,000 and shipping and logistics \$2,944.80. We were blessed with a \$5,000 unrestricted anonymous donation at the end of 2016, and when contacted, the donor overwhelmingly supported using the money toward sponsoring this event. Additional donations from parishioners and proceeds from our "Souperbowl" Sunday Luncheon and Godparents' Luncheon brought in just over \$2,000. Additional support for this event will also come from proceeds from our **Pastitsio Luncheon** on **Sunday, April** 23. Mark your calendars and join us for this delicious luncheon in our Parish Hall.

We enjoyed presentations given by B.J. Spanos ("Ways We Deal with Grief") and Fr. John Brown ("Women in Prisons") at our annual Panagia Chapter Lenten Retreat. Throughout Lent, we encourage you all to attend as many services as possible. On **Sunday, April 2**, we will begin distributing egg dying kits (including instructions) to anyone who wishes to boil and dye red eggs for Pascha. We also need volunteers to **donate koulourakia** and help with the following:

- Friday, April 14, 8:30 A.M.: Decorate Kouvouklion (Chapel and Narthex)
- Friday, April 14, 1:00 P.M.: Prepare glass bowls to hold parishioners' candles after Resurrection Service; wash and chop vegetables for soups to be served at Resurrection Meal
- Saturday/Sunday, April 15/16: Help to serve at Resurrection Meal; stay for clean-up

Please contact Linda Lopos at <u>llopos624@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help.

We thank the following people who have either joined or renewed their membership in Philoptochos for 2017.

Maria Alberts	ria Alberts Cathy Costarides		Radmica Nikolas
Stephanie Alberts	ie Alberts Margaret Csonka		Georgia O'Brien
Amir Azarvan	Despina Dalton	Gerre Klementzos	Julie Orologas
Dorian Bafas	Christine Demakis	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Fr. George Pallas
Lois Bafas	Beth Doulgerakis	Loretta (Lori) Kollias	Pres. Toula Pallas
Christy Macris-Bell	Marty Driscoll	Ginny Kosttulakos	Mary Papadimitriou
Sophia Bethune	Katina Dunkerly	Pat Koutouzis	Jeannie Paxten
Evelyn Bilson	Peggy Dunkerly	Anna Lerios	Rosemary Peppas
Dorothy Botni	John Dymond	Ellen Linebaugh	Polyxeni Potter
Christina Bourgeois	Isabelle Clodaras Dymond	George Lopos	Paula Rogers
Rosalie Bourgeois	Niki Gess	Linda Lopos	Randy Rogers
Elizabeth Brewer	Stephanie Gianaris	Stephanie Lukens	Dina Rury
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Maria Caras	Leslie Hansard	Ioanna Michaels	Mary Stiakakis
Helen S. Carlos	Rosemary Hendrix	Mary Miltiades	Irene Steffas
Eleni Catrakilis	Sheila Howington	Patricia Morris	Irina Sugarliev
Mary Chiotellis	Annette Jacobs	Costa Neocleous	Steve Tingas
Paula Christopher	Mike Jacobs	Maro Neocleous	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
Eleni Clement	Victoria Jansma	Kally Niarchos	Rita Young
Maria Comsudes	Thomasena "Tomi" Johnson	Eleni Nikolas	

Only members in good standing (dues paid for 2017) will be able to vote in the May 7 Election of New Board Members. If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership, please try to do so by the end of March! Stop by the Philoptochos table in the Parish Hall any Sunday, or complete the attached membership form and mail or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for supporting Philoptochos!



Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society Panagia Chapter #5070 2017 Membership Form Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

3431 Trickum Road,, Marietta 30066-4660 Tel. 770-924-8080 Fax. 770-924-3030

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
EMAIL:	
In gratitude for God's blessings, I pledge the following f donation will be allocated to Local, Metropolis, and Nat	
1. Panagia Chapter (Local Philoptochos Stewardship)	
PLEASE CIRCLE: \$10 \$15 \$20 OTHER	\$ LOCAL CHAPTER
2. National donation per member:	\$15.00 NATIONAL
3. Metropolis donation per member:	\$ 7.00 METROPOLIS
My total Philoptochos donation (total all three lines):	
*tax deductible (501c3)	\$TOTAL
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I would like to offer MY TALENTS to assist the following Philoptochos efforts (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Soup Kitchen: 4" Thurs. each month (Please circle Prepare food / Donate / Serve at MUST ministries
Visit homebound
Prepare meals for sick
Help with Makaria (prepare and serve meal in PLC
Baking (Please circle)
Koulouria Paximadia Vasilopita
Calling Committee (Call members for meetings)

Godparents Luncheon (Please circle)									
Co-chair food prep set-up clean-up									
Easter Egg Dying									
Decorate Kouvouklion for Epitaphion									
Resurrection Supper (food prep)									
Fall Fundraiser (Please circle)									
Co-chair serve on committee									
Provide snacks/beverages for general meetings									



Congratulations to Philoptochos for a job well done. WOW! 22,244 bags packaged in an afternoon after church. FEED THE CHILDREN project was lucky to have Philoptochos from our church to be in charge of the event. It was so rewarding to see our church congregation, young and old working side by side.

Prime Timers has been teaching some of our members a new brain game. It is fun, but the "parea" is even better. Tentatively, we even named this group "Dedicated Fun Seekers". Basically, the plan is to get together to learn new games, but mainly just to relax, enjoy each other's company and keep your brain working. Anyone and everyone is invited to join this fun group. Right now we meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 11:00 am. Both men and women are invited. Try it and you'll see how much fun it is. Our next scheduled get together will be April 3 in the Parish Hall. Please enter through the new building and take the elevator to the second floor. Hope you decide to come. Everyone is invited, not just Prime Timers.

Our next general meeting will be held at "Come 'N Get It" at 11:30 am on April 29. Prime Timers will furnish the dessert. We plan to play Bunco after the meeting. Please join us for our 2nd general meeting.

Our quote for the day: "A good laugh is sunshine in a home." TRY IT!!

In Christ's name,

Your Prime Timers Board

HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

To support the Parish library, an Amazon Wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1BH2YD0S1TZ1H/ref=cm_sw_su_w has been created. The list is composed of newer titles that will complete the Parish Library. The list will be kept updated!

Please have the book/s sent as a gift to: HTGOC attn Library

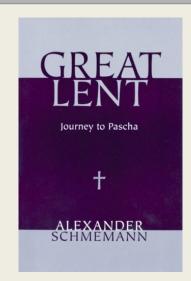
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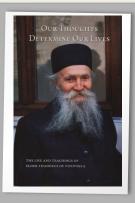
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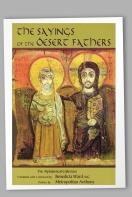


GREAT LENT: THE JOURNEY
TO PASCHA

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.







Transfiguration Gardens Orthodox Cemetery at Green Lawn Cemetery, Roswell, GA



Our Parish owns a large selection of burial plots, which we are making available to our parishioners at a price of \$3,200.00, which includes one plot and a vault.

Our parish is blessed to be able to provide a resting place for our people - a place where you can have an upright 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.

The family of Betty & Tikie Paulson (Paulson & Jacobs families) has contributed a monument in the center of this Orthodox Cemetery, providing an Altar for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

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





April 2017

Saturday	April Fools' Day = 9:00 AM Conference Oratorical Festival = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 5:00 PM Great Vespers	The Resurrection of St. Lazarus 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Lazarus Saturday 3:45 PM Prayers for Chris- 3:45 PM Baptism of Susan 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy 5:00 PM Great Vespers for	15 Holy and Great Saturday	 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—Metropolitan Alexios Presiding 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 11:00 PM The Canon of Easter 	Earth Day = 9:00 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy = 11:00 AM Rental: Bulgarian Luncheon = 3:00 PM Rental: Penson/ = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy = 5:00 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Great Vespers = 10:00 AM Festival: Packaging Pastries = 11:30 AM Prime Timers' General Meeting = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 5:00 PM Great Vespers = 6:30 PM Morin Wedding Reception	= 10:30 AM Rental: Lassiter Choral Fundraiser = 3:00 PM Rental: Jean-Felix Wedding Reception = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal
Friday	31 = 10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Tiropita) = 7:00 PM The Akathist Hymn	6:00 PM Great Vespers; Resurrection of St. Lazarus	14 Holy and Great Friday	 8:30 AM Philoptochos—Decorate Epitaphio 9:00 AM The Great Hours 3:00 PM The Iowering of the Body of the Lord from 7:00 PM The Burial of Christ-Lamentations at the 	= 1:00 PM Penson/Smith Reception Set-Up 28 = 10:00 AM Morin Wedding Reception Set-Up	= 10:00 AM Festival: Packag- ing Pastries
Thursday	30 Eusiness Assoc. 5:30 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 7:00 PM Philoptochos Book Club 7:00 PM Parish Life Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Recreational	6:00 PM Great Compline 	13 Holy and Great Thursday	9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil7:00 PM The Service of the Passion of Christ	10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Tyropta) 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Finance Committee 10:00 AM Festival: Packaging Pastries 10:00 AM Festival: Packaging Pastries 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club	4 = 10:00 AM Festival: Packaging Pastries = 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball = 7:00 PM Greeter Training
Wednesday	Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent = 5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts = 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Presentation/Discussion = 7:30 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent 4:30 PM Confession-Susan Purcell 5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Presentation/Discussion 7:30 PM Youth Group	12 Holy and Great Wednesday	= 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Pre= = 3:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Heal- = 6:30 PM Small Compline; Holy Unction (the service of = 7:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Heal-	= 10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Tyropita) = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) ing Pastries ing Pastries = 7:00 PM Greeter Training = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	= 10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Pastichio) = 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)
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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO	USHERS
4/2	J. Papastrat/S. Steffas	St. James	D. Bafas/P. Koutouzis	F. Tucker/ T. Vamvakias/ E. Bilson	H. Mavromatidis/ J. Alberts/T. Argentis/ G. Caras
4/9	J. Burke/E. Linebaugh Palm Sunday	St. John	I. & J. Dymond	A. Burke/ P. Christopher/ C. Costarides	D. Botni/A. Nichols/ K. Johnson/G. Sarris
4/16	All-Pascha	St. Peter	Pascha-Vespers of Love Service & Picnic	M. Driscoll/ I. Dymond/ M. Eleftheriou	Pascha-Vespers of Love Service & Picnic
4/23	T. Bliss/B. Valagohar	St. James	S. Linebaugh/M. Pohlman	S. Gianaris/ N. Kakissis/ E. Kay	S. Frank/S. Kargas/ R. Peppas/A. Zakreski
4/30	D. Christopher/D. Vlahiotis	St. John	P. Dunkerly/S. Gianaris	P. Koutouzis/ L. Lopos/ I. Michaels	P. Bilson/J. Dymond/ D. Lukens/C. Sprouse

St. James Altar Servers: Alexander Skarpelis, Captain

Chris Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Andrew Bourgeois, Aaron Brown, Matthew Buchan, Constantine Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Jack Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Kris Kollias, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Gabriel Mavromatidis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Matthew Paulson, Angelos Powell, Mitchell Starks, Niko Tiller.

St. John Altar Servers: Niko Gekas, Captain

Christopher Alberts, Steven Ardagna, Matthew Azimzadeh, Andrew Bass, Theo Bliss, Anthony Bundros, Christian Coleman, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Kaleb Hotnog, William Jansma, Angelo Makris, Alexander Morgan, Tommy O'Brien, Evan Papadopoulos, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Csaba Wagner, Romeo Wagner

St. Peter Altar Servers: Christos Costarides, Captain

Zach Bethune, Hal Bradford, III, Brody Brooks, Yianni Costarides, Nicholas Demakis, Manuel Frangis, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, Morgan Lilly, Luke Melissas, Alek Nikolich, Matthew Shanahan, Evan Strakes, Michael Tsogas, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Leo Tzavaras, Ted Tzavaras, Jianni Vacratsas, Stefano Vacratsas, Michael Vastakis, Panayiotis Vlachos, Nikolas Wiegand.

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