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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST FEAST OF OUR PARISH - AUGUST 6

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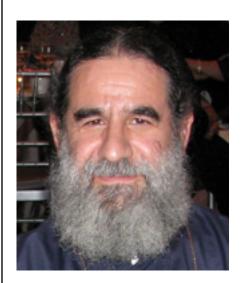
Directions to our Parish:

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. You can't miss it!

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Fr. Panapiotis' Message





The Summer is coming to an end and we are all returning! We are returning from vacation, from trips overseas, visits to relatives in other states. We may be returning to school, returning to classes, and of course, we are also returning to church!

Personally, I am returning from three weeks of silence after the procedure on my vocal cords.

Each of these returns has something special associated with it: *The experience which we have accumulated.*

If we are returning from a trip overseas, we may be bringing back memories of new places, new friendships and new knowledge. My return from silence has been a unique experience for me, since I have never remained mute for this long before in my life.

I have already been asked by people to describe what this was like, so I would like to share with you some of my thoughts on this experience.

Of course, not to be able to speak because your mouth is firmly shut by bandages or because you have a tube down your throat is one experience and challenge, but to intentionally try to avoid speaking so that you may not harm your vocal cords, which are severely wounded, is another kind of challenge. Mine was the second and at times I wished I could have put bandages on my mouth.

We are rational, λογικά (logical (from the term "logos")) beings and we have the need to express our thoughts through the logos, the word. Hence, I prepared myself with all the technological gadgets I have in order to overcome my predicament. I quickly found out, however, that nothing can replace the logos as it is conveyed through the mouth with the use of our vocal cords. I fully realized during this time that our ability to speak our thoughts in the way we usually do is not only one of the few unique aspects which set us apart from other living beings, but also such a precious one. I also realized how frustrating it can be to try to hold a conversation with someone through writing down my thoughts (whether on paper or my iPad tablet). I finally reached the apex of my frustration during a committee meeting two weeks ago when the conversation kept moving on and leaving me behind before I was able to scribble down my thoughts for others to see.

But not all was negative. In some ways, this time of silence became a very precious gift for me. It gave me a chance to withdraw from unnecessary daily conversations and exchanges of opinions on trivial things and enabled me to silently reflect on my life, the parish, the Church and the world at large. It gave me the opportunity of a "desert" experience, where I was alone with God in internal prayer with no other interruptions, no phone calls, no appointments, no arguments, no discussions; just silence! I did not realize how much I needed this silent time, until I was immersed in it! Hence, my silent time was also very good.

The ancient Greeks used to say "ουδέν κακόν αμιγές καλού" (there is nothing bad which is not mixed with the good). Silence was it for me!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

August 2017

August 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

Beginning of the Fast of August. Oil and wine is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays. Fish is allowed on August 6 for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Savior.

Tuesday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 2, 3, 4, Wednesday-Friday, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 5, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers - the Transfiguration of the Savior **Great Vespers begins at 6:00 pm** -- Feast-Day of our Parish begins. Reception to follow the Great Vespers in our Parish Hall.

August 6, Sunday. The Transfiguration of the Savior. Parish Feast-Day.

Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am, followed by coffee and social time in our church hall - *Today we eat fish*.

Sunday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 5:00 pm

August 7-11, Monday-Friday. Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 12, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 13, Sunday. Tenth Sunday of Matthew. Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 5:00 pm

August 14, Monday. Evening: Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 15, Tuesday. Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

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

August 19, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 20, Sunday. Eleventh Sunday of Matthew. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 26, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 27, Sunday. Twelfth Sunday of Matthew. Feast of St. Phanourios. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 28, Monday. Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner

August 29, Tuesday. Remembrance of the Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner (the Baptist) Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. *This is a day of strict fasting*.

FEAST OF OUR PARISH AUGUST 6



Please join us at the **Festal Vespers**

for the Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

on Saturday, August 5 at 6:00 pm

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

and on Sunday morning, August 6

The Festal Divine Liturgy

Orthros at 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am Fish Luncheon to follow the Divine Liturgy (free-will offering)

You were transfigured upon the mountain,
O Christ our God,
showing to Your disciples,
Your glory as much as they could bear.
Do also in us, sinners though we may be,
shine Your everlasting light,
by the intercessions of the Theotokos,
O Giver of Light, glory to You.

—Dismissal Hymn of the Feast

The Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor

Celebrated on August 6

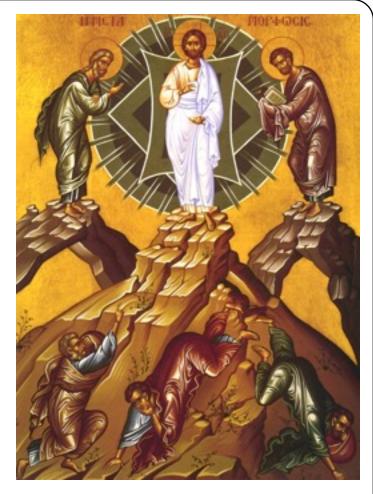
Hymn of the Feast

Apolytikion of the feast (Grave Tone)

"You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples, Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You."

Commentary:

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that



which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

The Commentary is courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA The Apolytikion is courtesy of Narthex Press, Northridge, CA http://www.goarch.org/en/chapel/saints.asp?contentid=155

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Celebrated on August 15
On August 15 we celebrate the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Virgin Mary the Theotokos, the one who gave birth to our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Hymn of the Feast

Apolytikion of the feast First Tone

"In giving birth, O Theotokos, you have retained your virginity, and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world. You who are the Mother of Life have passed over into life, and by your prayers you do deliver our souls from death."

Hymns from the Vespers Service

From the Lity. Tone Plagal of the First Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

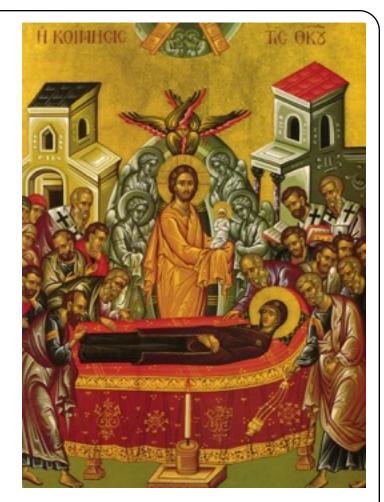
Come, O gathering of those who love to keep the feasts, come and let us form a choir. Come, let us crown the Church with songs, as the Ark of God goes to her rest. For today is heaven opened wide as it receives the Mother of Him who cannot be contained. The earth, as it yields up the Source of life, is robed in blessing and majesty. The hosts of angels, present with the fellowship of the apostles, gaze in great fear at her who bore the Cause of life, now that she is translated from life to life. Let us all venerate and implore her: Forget not, O Lady, your ties of kinship with those who commemorate in faith the feast of your all-holy Dormition.

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Sing, O ye people, sing ye the praises of the Mother of our God: for today she delivers her soul, full of light, into the immaculate hands of Him who was made incarnate of her without seed. And she entreats Him without ceasing to grant the inhabited earth peace and great mercy.

From the Aposticha. Fourth Tone.

Come, O ye people, and let us sing the praises of the pure and most holy Virgin, from whom the Word of the Father ineffably came forth incarnate. Let us cry aloud and say: Blessed are you among women and blessed is your womb that held Christ. Having delivered your soul into His holy hands, do you, O most pure, entreat Him for the salvation of our souls.



From the Aposticha.

Tone Plagal of the 4th (by Sergios of the Holy City) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

At your departing, O Virgin Theotokos, to Him who was ineffably born of you, James the first bishop and brother of the Lord was there, and so was Peter, the honored leader and chief of the disciples, and the whole sacred fellowship of the apostles. In discourses that showed forth heavenly things they sang the praises of the divine and amazing mystery of the dispensation of Christ our God; and they rejoiced, O far-famed Virgin, as they buried your body, the origin of the Life and holder of God. On high the most holy and venerable of the angelic powers bowed in wonder before this marvel, and said one to another: 'Open wide your gates and receive her who bore the Creator of heaven and earth. With songs of praise let us glorify her precious and holy body, dwellingplace of the Lord on whom we may not gaze.' Therefore we too, as we keep your feast, cry out to you, O far-famed Lady: Raise up the Christian horn and save our souls.

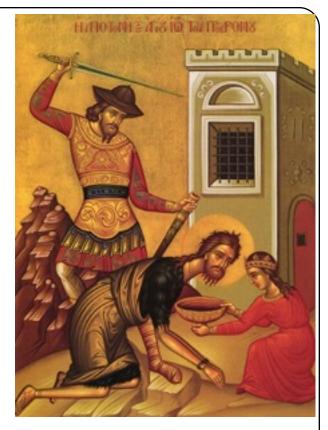
The Beheading of St. John the Forerunner and Baptist

Celebrated on August 29
Hymn of the Feast

Apolytikion of the feast (Second Tone)

"The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy."

Commentary: The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Esaias 40: 3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this

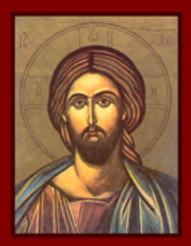


divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in II Cor. 11:32). Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that allvenerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29). Concerning the finding of his holy head, see February 24 and May 25.

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FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



IN THE 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 - AUGUST

		DAILY BIBLE REA	DINGS - AUGUST	
08/01/2017	Tuesday:	Hebrews 11:33-40;12:1-2	Matthew 10:16-22	
08/02/2017	Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5, 47-60	Mark 12:1-12	
08/03/2017	Thursday:	I Corinthians 14:6-19	Matthew: 20:17-28	
08/04/2017	Friday:	I Corinthians 14:26-40	Matthew: 21:12-14; 17-20	
08/05/2017	Saturday:	1 Peter 1:1-25;2:1-10	Matthew: 15:32-39	
08/06/2017	Sunday:	Luke 9:28-36	II Peter 1:10-19	Matthew 17:1-9
08/07/2017	Monday:	I Corinthians 15:12-19	Mark 9:2-9	
08/08/2017	Tuesday:	I Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27	
08/09/2017	Wednesday:	Acts 1:12-17, 21-26	Matthew 21:28-32	
08/10/2017	Thursday:	II Corinthians 1:1-7	Matthew 21:43-46	
08/11/2017	Friday:	II Corinthians 1:12-20	Matthew 22:23-33	
08/12/2017	Saturday:	Romans 15:30-33	Matthew 17:24-27;18:1-4	
08/13/2017	Sunday:	John 21:1-14	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 17:14-23
08/14/2017	Monday:	II Corinthians 2:3-15	Matthew 23:13-22	
08/15/2017	Tuesday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
08/16/2017	Wednesday:	I Timothy 3:13-16;4:1-5	Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:	22
08/17/2017	Thursday:	II Corinthians 4:1-12	Matthew 24:13-28	
08/18/2017	Friday:	II Corinthians 4:13-18	Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51	
08/19/2017	Saturday:	I Corinthians 1:3-9	Matthew 19:3-12	
08/20/2017	Sunday:	John 21:14-25	I Corinthians 9:2-12	Matthew 18:23-35
08/21/2017	Monday:	II Corinthians 5:10-15	Mark 3:13-21	
08/22/2017	Tuesday:	II Corinthians 5:15-21	Mark 1:16-22	
08/23//2017	Wednesday:	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	
08/24/2017	Thursday:	II Corinthians 7:1-10	Mark 1:29-35	
08/25/2017	Friday:	Titus 1:1-5;2:15,3:1-2,12-15	Matthew 5:14-19	
08/26/2017	Saturday:	Hebrews 6:9-12	Matthew 20:29-34	
08/27/2017	Sunday:	Matthew 28:16-20	I Corinthians 15:1-11	Matthew 19:16-26
08/28/2017	Monday:	II Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 3:6-12	
08/29/2017	Tuesday:	Matthew 14:1-13	Acts 13:25-33	Mark 6:14-30
08/30/2017	Wednesday:	II Corinthians 9:12-15;10:1-	7 Mark 3:20-27	
08/31/2017	Thursday:	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	

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.

Serious discussion on the value of money





The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation...

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic

City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean "

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

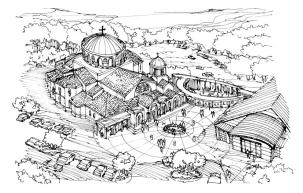
The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church . . . especially the Greek Orthodox Church!"

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

The Shrinking Value of the Dollar

The CPI inflation calculator uses the average Consumer Price Index for a given calendar year. This data represents changes in prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households. This index value has been calculated every year since 1913. For the current year, the latest monthly index value is used. In 2008, for example, it took \$21.57 to buy what \$1 bought in 1913. Note that in 1920, it cost \$2.02, and declined in 1925 and through the 1930s, illustrating the effect of the Great Depression, when prices slumped. Prices did not pass \$2 again until 1950. Since then the dollar has taken a downward trend. Yet, some people continue to offer just one dollar to their church. Even coffee is more than two dollars nowadays. *Your church needs your financial support. Please, increase your giving as you are able. Help the Church attain her mission!!!!!*

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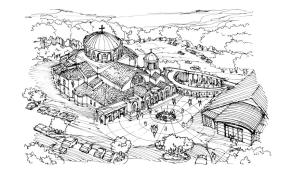
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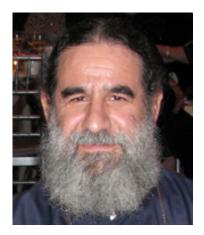
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Why we would like to establish an Orthodox Christian School at Holy Transfiguration



Here are some thoughts behind the effort to establish an Orthodox Christian School on our parish campus at Holy Transfiguration:

We have known for a while that our youth disconnect from the Church after they finish high school. There are many reasons for that:

The pull of the secular world is very strong. We live in a multi-cultural and multi-religious society. The public schools have become very secular and even anti-Christian. The media bombard us on a daily basis with messages that are contrary to everything Christ has taught.

Families have a hard time transmitting their Orthodox Christian values to their children because both parents are working and they do not have enough time to spend with their kids, or because they

themselves never received an adequate education in Orthodox Christianity and need help.

Many young people do not have a strong allegiance to the Church because the Church has not given them enough opportunities to know the Faith and the Orthodox way of life. The Church is failing to answer their existential questions, not because we do not have the answers, but because we do not have enough access to the young people. They are being shaped by others while we lament their loss. It is time to do something about this.

Many parents (Orthodox and non-Orthodox) seeking to raise their children in a Christian environment enroll them in Protestant or Roman Catholic schools. We would like to provide our parishioners and the families that live around our church with an Orthodox Christian educational option. As Orthodox Christians, we have a two thousand year educational tradition informed by our Hellenic civilization and shaped by Christian thought and Biblical Tradition. We would like to make this Classical educational approach available to the world around us. We have a very unique perspective of theology and life as Orthodox Christians and we owe it to the Lord to present it to others, as well.

We would like to give to our youth a greater exposure and a deeper experience of our Christian principles by immersing them in an environment that will offer them the opportunity to be shaped by this unique perspective of the Orthodox Church. An Orthodox Christian School will help the parents to better transmit their Orthodox values to their children. The school will teach the Orthodox Faith and values along with the normal academic program. It will also provide spiritual formation and guidance that will last a lifetime.

This effort is primarily about the future generations. This is about making a difference in the society around us. This is about shaping the souls and hearts of young people to love Christ and His Church. This is about creating future leaders that will have an Orthodox Christian foundation; creating future teachers, priests, presvyteres, monastics, council members and ministry leaders for the decades ahead. Our campus will be buzzing with life seven days a week shaping hearts and minds to love Christ, preparing people for the Kingdom of God!

May God be our guide and helper for we do all this for His Glory! In Christ's Love,

J. Fr. Panagiotis



HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

3431 Trickum Road • Marietta, GA 30066-4660

Dear Holy Transfiguration parishioners,

The Education Development Committee of our church has been working on the research and development of a day school. This letter is to update you on our efforts and provide some background for the steps we have taken over the last couple of years. Most recently, at the Parish Assembly in February 2017, we presented a slideshow that outlined the committee's work and what we envision for our parish's future. That information is summarized below:

The current committee grew from the Council of Ministries workshop that took place in December 2012. During this meeting, leaders from all parish ministries gathered to discuss the strategic vision for the parish —which included the expansion of our campus that has recently been accomplished in the newly-expanded building we occupy today. We also began a discussion about the possibility of a parish school on our campus, which led to the establishment of the Education Development Committee, which formally began its work and research the following year.

In March 2016, we administered a survey to the Holy Transfiguration community, the feedback of which was overwhelmingly positive and favorable toward the idea of a school. One month later, we held a Q&A session in the chapel, welcoming parishioners to ask questions and learn more about the committee's work.

In the summer of 2016, after many meetings and a *visioning* workshop, the committee conducted a survey which led to **Holy Transfiguration Academy** as the name of the future school. We also developed its mission and vision statements. Later in the fall, Holy Transfiguration Academy, LLC was established and organized. A first draft of bylaws is currently being reviewed and finalized. We also sent committee representatives to attend a workshop held by the Association of Classical Christian Schools, to conduct research into the Classical model of education, which we have chosen to implement in our future school.

Throughout the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017, committee members have been researching and visiting other private/parochial schools. Two committee members attended a workshop given by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, which is a key step in the process of establishing a school. We have been preparing a budget that we will share with the community at a later date. We are also working toward submitting our application for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, which will establish the school as a tax-exempt entity.

Currently, our school development plan is to open a high quality, preschool Program (for ages 3 and 4), which we hope to begin in the fall of 2018. The long-term vision is to grow the program into an elementary, and then later, a full K-8 program, utilizing our new classroom wing in the Parish Life Center.

Our next step (in the short term) will be to commission a feasibility study by an independent third party to verify that our community *can* sustain a day school. We will ask the support of the Parish Council and community in this endeavor, and will inform the community of the results of the study in a future General Assembly. We will also keep the community updated on our progress through future communications such as this. If you have questions or comments about this effort, please contact me, Tasia Kipreos, at 704-340-0026, or Fr. Panayiotis, at the church office.

Sincerely,

Tasia Kipreos Education Development Committee Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—August 2017

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

AHEPA Family District #1 Educational Foundation awarded \$46,000 to thirty-nine students for the 2017-2018 school year. We are especially proud that six of our own students received scholarships:

Christos Costarides University of Georgia
Niko Gekas Georgetown University
Athanasios (Tommy) Kollias University of Florida

Alexandra Lilly Emory University School of Law

Luke Tassopoulos University of Virginia Nicholas Tassopoulos Northwestern University

We congratulate our students and wish them success in their studies and campus life.

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!

Hellenic Dance

Thank you for a wonderful Festival!! The dancers all did an amazing job bringing entertainment and smiles to our guests! Thank you to our teachers and many dance mom and dads that helped from costumes to clean up. We could not have done it without you!

We will have a Costume Closet Clean up and Inventory day on Saturday, August 5th (all day). Please let us know if you can stop by to help. Many hands make for lighter work!

There will be a Travel Group meeting on August 13th for any dancers who would like to dance in the travel group this fall. Please mark your calendars!

Exploring the Richness of the Christian Faith Back to the Sources: Moving Forward by Drawing from the Past Presented by The School of Christian Spiritual Formation



You're invited to Explore the Richness of the Christian Faith and become reacquainted with its core tenets, especially with Jesus Christ, as Lord and teacher, and with the apostles and saints who laid down their lives for Him.

This second annual conference, *Back to the Sources: Moving Forward by Drawing from the Past*, examines the rejection of the Christian faith in favor of secularism and rationalism. The conference also explores the lessons we can learn from the early Christian church in discerning how to respond to the challenges of how to live a fullly Christian life in a secular culture.

Come hear three prominent theologians and spiritual directors, representing the Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian perspectives. They bring diverse experience and much spiritual depth. Please join us!

PRESENTERS

Dr. Ken Boa, Reflections Ministries,
Atlanta (www.kenboa.org)
Dr. Robin Darling-Young, Catholic Univ.,
Washington, DC

Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Friday, Sep 22nd through Sunday, Sep 24th

FRIDAY 7 PM - 9 PM
SATURDAY 9 AM - 4:30 PM
SUNDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

Continental Breakfast and Lunch served on Saturday!

\$20 FOR FULL WEEKEND
DAILY RATES: \$5 FRIDAY,
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REGISTER ONLINE AT

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Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/schoolofChristianSpiritualFormation/

Conference Schedule

Friday, September 22

7:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer

7:15 pm How Did We Get Here? A Review of How We Arrived at the Current State of Western Culture and the Rejection of the Christian

Faith - Ken Boa

8:15 pm Break

8:30 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Ken Boa, Robin-Darling Young

Saturday, September 23

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:45 am Welcome, Opening Prayer

9:00 am Patristic Era: The Theology of St. Ignatius

of Antioch - Robin Darling-Young

10:00 am Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Christian Theology from Justin Martyr to Origen - Robin Darling-Young

11:45 am Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa

12:15 pm Lunch

1:00 pm | Science: An Enemy of Religion? - Ken Boa

2:00 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Christian Spiritual Formation: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant Perspectives - Ken Boa

3:45 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa

4:15 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis

5:00 pm | Vespers (Optional)

Sunday, September 24

1:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer

1:15 pm The Cappadocian Fathers and the Christianization of the Roman Society - Robin Darling-Young

2:15 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Living a Christian Life Today - Ken Boa

4:00 pm | Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa

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Kenneth Boa is a writer, teacher, speaker, and mentor working largely with business and professional people in the Atlanta area, throughout the country, and around the world. He is President of Reflections Ministries. His website, KenBoa.org, has an abundance of free



resources. Ken holds a BS from Case Institute of Technology, a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary, a PhD from New York University, and a DPhil from the University of Oxford in England.

Robin-Darling Young

is Associate Professor of Spirituality at Catholic University in Washington, DC. She has published and lectured widely on topics in the history of early Christianity and its thought, including the areas of scriptural

interpretation, the history of asceticism and monastic thought, and the Christian cultures of ancient Syria and Armenia. She holds a BA from Mary Washington College, and a MA, PhD from the University of Chicago.

The Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou was

born on the island of Cyprus. He has served as a priest in the US and Cyprus and taught Orthodox Theology and Spirituality in Cyprus, Jerusalem, Canada and the US. Presently, he



serves as pastor of Holy Transfiguration Greek
Orthodox Church, in Marietta, Georgia. He holds a
Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from
City College, New York, a Master of Science in
Chemical Engineering from the University of Notre
Dame, a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA and
a PhD in Early Christian Studies from the Catholic
University of America in Washington, D.C.



Hellenic Studies registration is open!

The 2017-2018 academic year begins on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017.

Classes are offered on Tuesday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm.

We offer classes for youth and adults in **Modern (conversational) Greek**, as well as our *highly popular* **Biblical Greek** course for our adult students. (Registration forms are available on our website.)

Although registration typically takes place on the first night of classes, we are offering a **special incentive** to our students this year:

Submit your registration form and payment of the tuition IN FULL by September 1st, and save \$25!

2017-2018 Tuition

YOUTH PROGRAM

Members - \$300 (1st child), \$275 (2nd child), \$250 (3rd child, etc) Nonmembers - \$325 (1st child), \$300 (2nd child), \$275 (3rd child, etc)

→ ADULT PROGRAM (MODERN & BIBLICAL GREEK)

Members - \$325 Nonmembers - \$350

Youth / Adult registration form:

http://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/

Biblical Greek registration form:

http://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/new-testamentgreek-class/



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ATLANTA | OCTOBER 6-8

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The CONNECT Conference is a new event for Orthodox Christian young adults in their 20s and 30s. Planned by young adults for young adults, this conference offers an opportunity to retreat, recharge, and reconnect with Christ, the Church, and other Orthodox Christians. Attendees will engage with clergy and Orthodox professionals who will speak to the

theme of this year's conference: "Finding Christ in Every Day Life." They will meet and make friends with young adults from other parishes during shared meals, worship, and an exciting evening out in Atlanta.

Mark your calendar for October 6-8 (Friday through Sunday), and visit connectorthodoxy.org to register.



Ladies Philoptochos Society Panagia Chapter News

Happy Summer! Congratulations to our newly elected Panagia Chapter officers and board of directors:

President: Pat Koutouzis Board Members: Evelyn Bilson 1st Vice Pres.: Dorothy Macris Dorothy Botni 2nd Vice Pres.: Peggy Dunkerly Athena Burke Isabelle Dymond Treas.: Marty Driscoll Asst. Treas,: Annette Jacobs Niki Gess Rec. Sec.: Stephanie Gianaris Leslie Hansard Corres. Sec.: Christy Macris Bell Ioanna Michaels Advisor: Linda Lopos Eleni Nikolas Irene Steffas

We had a very good attendance at our annual "Summer Send-off" luncheon, which took place on June 11 at Alpha Soda Restaurant in Alpharetta. During the event, we recognized our Festival charity recipients: Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army, and Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos, Panagia Chapter President Pat Koutouzis also presented Niki Gess a beautiful Philoptochos 50-year pin for her many years of service to Philoptochos. Congratulations, Niki!

We now have 105 Philoptochos stewards in our chapter! The following people have either joined or renewed their memberships:

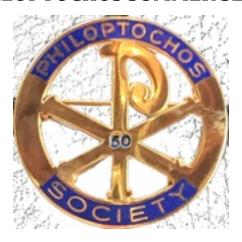
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Dorothy Botni	Isabelle Clodaras Dymond	George Lopos	Polyxeni Potter
Christina Bourgeois	Niki Gess	Linda Lopos	Paula Rogers
Rosalie Bourgeois	Stephanie Gianaris	Stephanie Lukens	Randy Rogers
Elizabeth Brewer	Martha Gingles	Dorothy Macris	Dina Rury
Toula Argentis Brotsis	Lea Gormanos	Bobis Markatos	Kathy Shoji
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Maria Caras	Mildred (Sis) Hondras	Mary Miltiades	Mary Stiakakis
Helen S. Carlos	Sheila Howington	Penny Miltiades	Connie Stratigos
Eleni Catrakilis	Annette Jacobs	Patricia Morris	Irina Sugarliev
Mary Chiotellis	Mike Jacobs	Costa Neocleous	Theresa Taoushiani
Paula Christopher	Victoria Jansma	Maro Neocleous	Zach Taoushiani
Eleni Clement	Thomasena "Tomi" Johnson	Kally Niarchos	Steve Tingas
Maria Comsudes	Josephine (Jo) Kastner	Eleni Nikolas	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
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Don't see your name above? It is never too late to join Philoptochos. Whether you join in January or November, your financial support ("dues") makes a difference in the lives of others! Through the continued support of Philoptochos members across the USA, the Society disbursed \$2,057,690 in 2016 to help those in need! This does not include the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are donated directly by chapters and metropolises to local philanthropic ministries and to other outstanding projects, exemplifying the dedication, sacrifice and devotion of Philoptochos stewards. JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS! HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

HIGHLIGHTS OF PHILOPTOCHOS SUMMER SEND-OFF LUNCHEON





Congratulations Niki for your 50 years of service to the Philoptochos.

May God grant you many more!



Camille Cordak (right), representing Habitat for Humanity, accepted a check from Festival Chairperson and Philoptochos member Eleni Nikolas. Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos were this year's Festival charity recipients.

President Pat Koutouzis presented Niki Gess the Philoptochos Fifty-Year Pin in recognition of her longtime service to Philoptochos. Panagia chapter is very proud of Niki, and we feel blessed that she will continue to serve on our board.

Panagia Chapter Philoptochos is participating with FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) in a Back to School Backpack Program.

Individuals, families or groups can purchase school supplies from the attached list for a needy elementary child.

Philoptochos will have a table set up on Sundays in the PLC to collect supplies and/or donations. The collections will occur on July 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20th.

Our goal is to complete 25 packs, which will be delivered to disadvantaged children in our community.

Sunday, August 20, 2017: **Philoptochos Welcome Back Luncheon,** 1:00 in the Atrium. Please come for a delicious lunch, fellowship and help prepare the backpacks for distribution.

Habitat for Humanity: Marietta Greek Festival, BrandMortgage and Philoptochos are sponsoring a house building through Habitat for Humanity. Holy Transfiguration will have its own "build" day on **Saturday**, **October 14, 2017.** Volunteers 16 years old and up are needed for the worthwhile project. Volunteers will get to meet and work with the family who is purchasing this house. Look for information on how you can be a part of this special project in the next few weeks.

St. Phanourios: Sunday, August 27. Philoptochos will pass a second tray for Metropolis youth followed by St. Phanourios cake.

Save the Date for the Philoptochos Fall Fundraiser: Oct. 21, 2017!



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

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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):	
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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						



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Again, summer has almost passed. The weather is still warm or we should say hot!! And school is about to start again. Also, all the activities related to school and church which ended in May are now starting up again. Our children and grandchildren are so fortunate to live in a beautiful free country where they ride the school bus without fear, where less fortunate children are fed at school. Philoptochos is sponsoring "BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM" in which everyone contributes school supplies for the disadvantaged elementary school children. GREAT IDEA!! These children are tomorrow's adults. Hope we all participate.

Even though many of our members have been out of town for the summer, we were lucky to have over 30 members at our patriotic picnic. The BBQ was delicious and the brain game winners went home with prizes. Our next get together will be a general meeting, the 3rd one of the year. We also plan to have "sittercise" so members can enjoy some senior exercise. Date to be announced. Meanwhile, it was suggested that we have our 1st movie night in St. Basil's Conference Room in the new Parish Life Center. More information to follow.

On August 20, Prime Timers will sponsor coffee hour. A special opportunity to welcome the little children in our parish back to school. Some of our children will be starting school and this is our way of wishing them good luck. We have been collecting games, books, stuffed animals and DVDs. Each child under 12 will receive a ticket and after coffee hour (around 12:15) there will be a drawing for prizes. Please bring your children and grandchildren to join in the fun.

Many parishioners have signed up to attend a presentation offered by Viking River Cruises. Please watch for our announcement when we establish a satisfactory date.

Remember: A good laugh is sunshine in the home!

YOUR PRIME TIMERS BOARD





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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!

Metropolis Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Conference Raleigh, NC - June 21-23, 2017



Ordination of Fr. Zacharias Thornbury Raleigh, NC - June 24, 2017



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.





August 2017

Saturday	= 4:00 PM Altar Server Work-shop = 6:00 PM Great Vespers-The Transfiguration of the Savior (Feast Day of our parish) = 7:30 PM Feast Day Reception	12 — 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal — 5:00 PM Great Vespers	19 - 8:30 AM Catechism Teacher Workshop - 9:00 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy - 3:00 PM Rental: Augustin Wedding Reception - 3:45 PM Boothe Baptism (Alexis) - 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal	26 1:30 PM Hamilton/Boothe Wedding 2:00 PM Rental: Hamilton/Boothe Wedding Reception 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers	2 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers
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Wednesday	2 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	9 6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)	16 (GOYA)	23 	30 (GOYA)
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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO	USHERS
8/6	J. Papastrat/S. Steffas	St. John	D. Poradzisz/S. Linebaugh	E. Bilson/A. Burke/ P. Christopher	D. Botni/K. Johnson/Z. Kollias/G. Sarris
8/13	J. Burke/E. Linebaugh	St. Peter	S. Gianaris/M. Pohlman	C. Costarides/M. Driscoll/I. Dymond	J. Dymond/S. Frank/P. Jacobs/D. Lukens
8/20	K. Bilson/J. Papastrat	St. James	M. Alberts/E. Markley	M. Eleftheriou/S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis	P. Bilson/S. Kargas/R. Peppas/C. Sprouse
8/27	T. Bliss/B. Valagohar	St. John	P. Koutouzis/V. Worden	E. Kay/P. Koutouzis/ M. Miltiades	T. Argentis/J. Alberts/ G. Caras/H. Mavromatidis

Next Altar Server Workshop is Saturday, August 5th, 4:00 pm!

St. James Altar Servers:

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:

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:

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.