

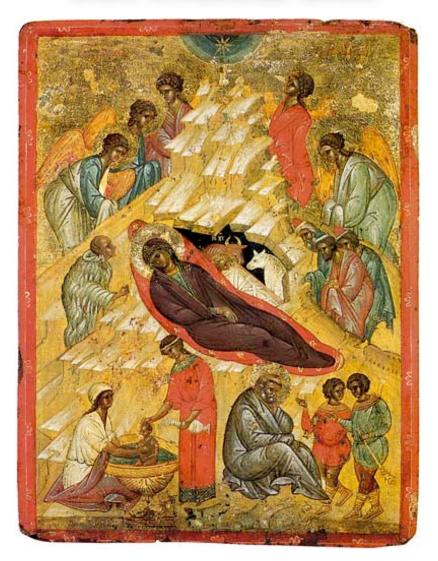
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Marietta, GA

DECEMBER 2016



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Christ is born! Glorify Him! Christ comes from heaven-meet Him. Christ is on earth-be exalted. Sing unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises in gladness, O you people, for He is glorified.

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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. Panayiotis' Message

December 2016

The Mystery of Humility - Birth in a Manger



The birth of Christ is a momentous event in the history of the world. It occurred at a time when humanity was at a desperate crossroads. The Roman Empire was at its glory, but the people of the Empire lived in the midst of wars, poverty, disease, uncertainty. Their gods to whom they turned for comfort were capricious, full of passions and mischief and provided no hope of transformation for the human person. On the contrary, turning to Zeus, or Poseidon, Mars or Aphrodite, provided no hope of deliverance from their human predicament because the lives of these gods were in many ways full of the same vices that plagued humanity.

On the side of the Jews, centuries had passed since Abraham and Moses and the promise of the prophets for deliverance of the Jewish

nation was nowhere in sight. The suffering of the people under the yoke of Roman occupation was growing more and more unbearable. Zealots, one after the other declaring themselves as the promised Messiah, turned to violent resistance against the Romans with the only outcome more bloodshed and further oppression for the people.

It was at such a time that God chose to come to earth as man in a humble manger, unknown by men, but revealed by the angels to simple shepherds. Nature stood still in awe as it beheld the miracle. The ineffable, incomprehensible Yahweh lying in a manger as a vulnerable baby. His mother knew what a great mystery this was, but could not comprehend why she was chosen to participate in it.

The shepherds, simple and faithful, their minds and hearts pure from the machinations of the intellect behold the angel and are filled with fear: *"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."* (Luke 2:10-12) And they rush to find Him and worship Him as a multitude of the heavenly host were praising God and saying, *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men."* (Luke 2:13-14)

He was born humbly, He lived and grew up humbly. He did not attend the great philosophical schools of his time. He lived and worshipped quietly in Nazareth until the time was right. Then, He revealed Himself fully. Since then there has been no prophet, teacher, miracle worker or moral paradigm that the world has seen who can match Him.

He brought a message of peace and hope, not only through the divine wisdom he imparted, but also through the personal example of humility, love and sacrifice that He showed. He gave us the potential to transform ourselves from fallen individuals, who are immersed in our passions and vices, to "sons of God" like Himself, perfected through the power of the *mystery of humility* revealed to the simple of heart at the manger.

J.Fr. Panayistis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

December 2016

December 1, Thursday. Blessing of the water 11:00 am

Evening: Great Vespers for Feast of St. Porphyrios 6:00 pm.
December 2, Friday. Feast of St. Porphyrios. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
December 3, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm.
December 4, Sunday. Tenth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Barbara the Great Martyr. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 5, Monday. Great Vespers for Feast of St. Nicholas 6:00 pm.

December 6, Tuesday. Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra of Lycia. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 10, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

December 11, Sunday. Eleventh Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Evening: Great Vespers for Feast of St. Spyridon 5:00 pm

December 12, Monday. Feast of St. Spyridon of Trimythus. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 17, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

December 18, Sunday before Christmas. Feast of all the Righteous people from Adam to Joseph, the betrothed to the Most Holy Theotokos. Feast of St. Dionysios Archbishop of Aegina the

Wonderworker (moved from December 17). Feast of St. Modestos.

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

Blessing of the Animals, 3:00 pm.

December 23, Friday before Christmas. The Great Hours of Christmas, 9:30 am

DECEMBER 24, SATURDAY EVENING: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST EVENING CHRISTMAS LITURGY 5:30 pm, *Divine Liturgy* of St. John Chrysostom A Christmas Reception will follow the Divine Services at the Parish Hall.

DECEMBER 25, SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST The Birth of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ according to the flesh. Ἡ κατά Σάρκα Γέννησις τοῦ Κυρίου καί Θεοῦ καί Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 10:00 am.

December 26, Monday. Great Vespers 6:00 pm

December 27, Tuesday. Feast of St. Stephen the First Martyr. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

December 31, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm - Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great.

Introduction to the Orthodox Church

The "Intro to Orthodoxy" Class, is held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in St. Basil's Conference Room.

The new cycle of the class began on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Please call the church office and register with Anne.

This class is not only for those who are entering the Orthodox Church, but is also beneficial to everyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Faith and continue to learn new things.

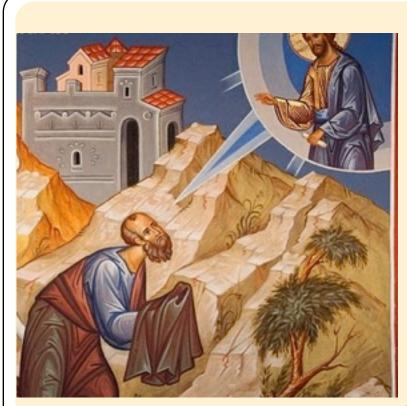
Topics addressed in the Class:

- 1. Sources of the Christian Faith Our roots
- 2. History of Christianity Our path of Faith
- 3. Holy Sacraments Tapping into Divine Grace
- 4. Orthodox Spirituality The Mystical Life
- 5. Holy Icons Windows into Heaven
- 6. Orthodox Worship Divine Liturgy

For any further questions, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.



Where the Kingdom of God is made manifest!



St. Paul on the road to Damascus

Bible Study: The Epistle to the Hebrews Every Wednesday 10:00 am Started September 21, 2016

Join us in **St. Basil's Conference Room.** Read and discuss the Word of God from an Orthodox Patristic Perspective!

We use the Orthodox Study Bible, available at our Bookstore.

Supplemental Readings will also be suggested during the course of the study.

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!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - DECEMBER

12/1/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:18	Gospel: Luke 20:9-18			
12/2/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:9-	Gospel: Luke 20:19-26			
12/3/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:1	Gospel: Luke 12:32-40			
12/4/2016	Matins: Mark 16:1-8 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5				
12/5/2016	Matins: Luke 6:17-23Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30				
12/6/2016	Matins: John 10:1-9 Gospel: Luke 6:17-23Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21				
12/7/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-12 Gospel: Luke 21:5-8, 10-11, 20-24				
12/8/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2	:13-17; 3:1-5	Gospel: Luke 21:28-33		
12/9/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27	Gospel: Luke	<u>e 8:16-21</u>		
12/10/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:3-10	Gospel: Luke	<u>e 13:19-29</u>		
12/11/2016	Matins: Mark 16:9-20 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24	the Colossians	<u>s 3:4-11</u>		
12/12/2016	Matins: John 10:1-9Epistle: St. Paul's Letter toGospel: John 10:9-16	the Ephesians	5:8-19		
12/13/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:8-14	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 8:22-26</u>		
12/14/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-	<u>15</u>	Gospel: Mark 8:30-34		
12/15/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 1:8-18	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 2:23-28; 3:1-5</u>		
12/16/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:4-8, 16	Gospel: Marl	<u>< 9:33-41</u>		
12/17/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:3	<u>L-2</u>	Gospel: <u>Luke 14:1-11</u>		
12/18/2016	Matins: Luke 24:1-12Epistle: St. Paul's Letter toGospel: Matthew 1:1-25	the Hebrews I	<u>11:9-10; 32-40</u>		
12/19/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:1-10	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 9:42-50; 10:1</u>		
12/20/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 9:33-41</u>		
12/21/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 5:22-25; 6:1-	<u>11</u>	Gospel: <u>Mark 10:11-16</u>		
12/22/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 6:17-21	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 10:17-27</u>		
12/23/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 1:1-2; 8-18	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 10:24-32</u>		
12/24/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:8-12	Gospel: Luke	<u>e 13:19-29</u>		
12/25/2016	Matins: <u>Matthew 1:18-25</u> Epistle: <u>St. Paul's Letter to</u> Gospel: <u>Matthew 2:1-12</u>	the Galatians	4:4-7		
12/26/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18	Gospel: Matt	hew 2:13-23		
12/27/2016	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60	Gospel: Matt	hew 21:33-42		
12/28/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:9-22	Gospel: Luke	<u>e 14:25-35</u>		
12/29/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18	Gospel: Matt	hew 2:13-23		
12/30/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 1:15-16; 2:1-10	Gospel: Mark	<u>< 12:1-12</u>		
12/31/2016	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 6:11-16	Gospel: Matt	hew 12:15-21		

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 ἐκ τῶν Σῶν, Σοὶ πϱοσφέϱομεν κατὰ πάντα καὶ διὰ πάντα. Ta 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.

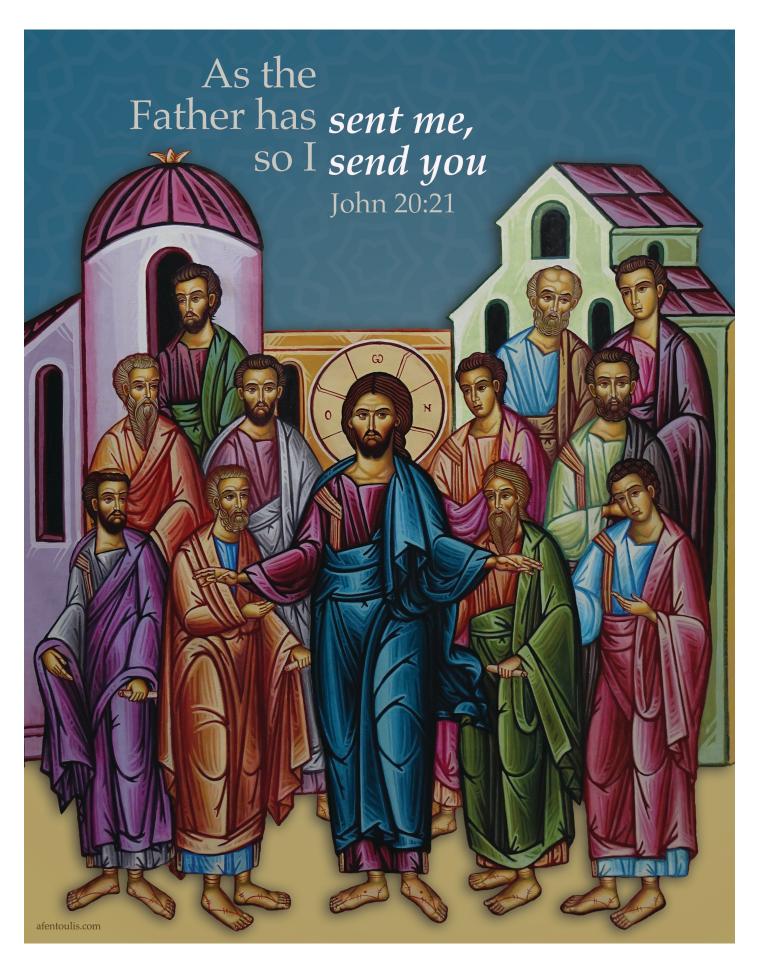
The Old Testament laid down the standard by asking for a percentage of one's income. This provides for us the principle that giving should be in proportion to our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church for the current year.

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. Stewardship 2017 - You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World



STEWARDSHIP 2017

With Christmas almost upon us, we are truly thankful to God for you and your family here at Holy Transfiguration. You are a vital part of our parish.

Please take a few minutes to review and complete the 2017 Stewardship membership form in support of our parish ministries. If you have not received a form, you can pick one up at the parish office or in the narthex. You can return your completed form in the mail, at the parish office, or in church to any parish council member. Father Panayiotis will be blessing the forms in church on Sunday, December 18th, 2016.

Kindly consider this reminder during this season of joy and good will. Your stewardship commitment ensures the success of the programs undertaken for the spiritual needs of the families entrusted to our care. Remember that your Stewardship provides the foundation of our parish ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's word and our Orthodox faith.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Giving is not a substitute for commitment - it is an expression of our commitment.

May the grace of our Lord bless you and your loved ones to experience the joy of Christ's birth through the joy of giving.

Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

And a heartfelt thank you to all those who shared their gifts generously with us during our recent 2017 Stewardship Drive and Thanksgiving luncheon on November 20, 2016:

Those who spoke from their hearts on stewardship in the sanctuary...... Those who helped Athan prepare the special Lenten Thanksgiving meal...... Those who decorated our beautiful Parish Center for the event...... Those who cleaned up after all of us enjoyed the Thanksgiving luncheon......

You all know who you are, including those I have forgotten to include. Your time and willingness to help means so much to me, the Stewardship Ministry, and our entire parish family.

In His service,

Becky Gess Valagohar



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Total: 388

OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE Update

The Capital Campaign for HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Become a part of the "Our Faith, Our Future" building fund campaign in 2016! The walls are rising up, built on the strong foundation of our Faith!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Ariana Hantzios - October 22, 2016 daughter of George & Smita Hantzios (Correction)

Benjamin Koozer - November 5, 2016 son of Matthew & Christina Koozer (Tzortzinakis)

Charles, Paula, Diana & Sarah Agne (Chrismation) - Nov. 6, 2016

Gabriel Rosser - November 26, 2016 Son of Benjamin & Nomiki Rosser (Lisgaris)



Dee Nichols - November 10, 2016 Mother of Mary Miltiades and Chris and Marc Nichols

ACTIVITIES COORDINATION COMMITTEE

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE SUCH AN AWESOME ADDITION TO OUR FACILITIES...CLASSROOMS, ADMINISTRATION, GYMNASIUM/SOCIAL HALL. A NEW COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY BEEN FORMED TO FURTHER THE USE OF OUR NEW BUILDING...THERE ARE SO MANY POSSIBILITIES.

The purpose of this committee is to:

Field, generate, and discuss new ideas for ministry offerings that use parish facilities. Develop guidelines and procedures for facility scheduling and use. Resolve conflicts involving ministries use of parish facilities.

If you have ideas for new projects, activities and ministries for the facilities, please contact one of the Board Members.

Christian Education

SHARF

Chairman--Mary Miltiades--404/626-5111-- <u>marymiltiades@gmail.com</u> Scheduling-Anne Willcocks

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Home Blessings



Home Blessing Form

Name: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Availability: please write an "X" below to indicate the times when you are generally <u>not</u> available, or use a checkmark ($\sqrt{}$) to indicate when you generally <u>are</u> available.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Х						
Afternoon							
Evening							

Please send this completed form (or a copy of it) to the parish office as soon as possible. We will be in touch with you to schedule home blessings, which will begin on January 6th.



an athletic and social event for middle school youth



Schedule:

<u>Sunday, January 1st</u> 2-3pm: Check-in 3-6pm: Parish vs. parish basketball 6-9pm: Vespers, dinner, fellowship, and fun

Monday, January 2nd 9-10am: Check-in 10am-12pm: Coed volleyball 12-1pm: Lunch 1-5pm: Mixed team basketball & championship game 5pm: Closing Prayer

Where: Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church 3431 Trickum Road NE Marietta, Georgia

To register:

Complete online registration at https://goo.gl/forms/ YRIdozOW9sjFBtxm2

Then, send a check for \$20 per player, made out to "Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church" to the church address. Please write "Basil Bowl" in the memo line. Your check reserves your place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mimi Pohlman at mimipohlman@gmail.com or (404) 990-2122.

<u>Syndiakonia Changes</u>



Beginning with the January 2017 issue, we will no longer be mailing the monthly Syndiakonia. It will be available by email only. Hard copies of the Syndikonia will be in the Narthex of the church as well as in the Parish Hall and Atrium. If a member of your family needs to have the magazine mailed to them because of some hardship, please make your request through the parish office, 770.924.8080, or holytrans@comcast.net.

HELLENIC DANCE NEWS



CHANGE IN DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE!!!!

Please note that ALL practices will be on SUNDAYS! Please check the times. We will let everyone know the exact location of practice in January!

Be sure you get the emails. If you are not on the email list, please let Dorian know: <u>mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com</u>

<u>SUNDAYS</u>

Pitsirikia - Pre-K - 12:30-1:00 pm Palamakia - K & 1 - 12:30-1:00 pm Asteria - 2 & 3 - 1:00-1:45 pm Petaloudes - 4 & 5 - 1:00-1:45 pm Phoenix - Middle School - 1:30-2:30 pm Eleftheria - High school - 1:30-3:30 pm

Hellenic Studies December Announcements...

Thank you to everyone who helped support our **Fall Bake Sale** on November 6th...your support of our program is *greatly* appreciated!

Coming this month...

On **Sunday, December 11th –** the children of our program will serenade parishioners with traditional Greek *kalanta*...<u>beautiful carols</u>...immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Please support us by staying to enjoy this brief musical program.

On **Tuesday, December 20th –** parents of our program are invited to take part in our holiday Christmas celebration, from 5:30-7:00pm (during normal class time). The children will sing traditional *kalanta*, and light refreshments will be served.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10th

Our Ministry's end of year statement:

There is no <u>end</u> to education. It is not the case that you read a book, pass an exam, and finish with learning. The whole of our lives (from the moment we are born to the moment we die) is a process of learning. The Hellenic Studies Ministry will continue to do the very best we know how, the very best we can. With Christian Faith and continuous devotion we will strive to further our mission --- a focused commitment and dedication to the lifelong pursuit of learning!

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Christmas Remembrance

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia to decorate the church this holiday season, please contact Anne in the Church office, <u>holytrans@comcast.net</u> or 770.924.8080 or fill out this form and put it in the mail or offering tray. (NOTE: Please Print!)

Name:

In Memory of: _____

or



For the Health of: _____

Amount of Donation: \$_____

The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th.



If you would like for your name to be included in our Community Christmas Card, please complete the form below and return it along with your free-will donation to the Church Office or drop it in the offering tray during Church services no later than Sunday, November 27th. Thank you!

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

(PLEASE PRINT)

Amount Enclosed _____

Please make your check payable to: HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOC

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



"CALLING ALL HOLY TRANSFIGURATION PARISH FAMILIES !!"

Your ideas and talents are very important to us! Please sign up for one of our committees and indicate as to whether or not you would like to play a leadership role on that committee or just be a member. Prime Timers, Parents of Elementary and Middle School Students, College Students, High School Students.... We want to hear from all of you and need you all!!

Festival Committees Operations, Food & Beverage, Entertainment, Communications

> Please call or email Eleni Nikolas 630.854.2174 enikolas68@gmail.com

We need your help to make our 2017 Festival a most memorable one!

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21 11AM-6PM



Philoptochos

Thank you to the following parishioners who have joined Philoptochos:

Maria Alberts Liz Azimzadeh Dorian Bafas Lois Bafas Faye Bakatsas Nancy Barke Christy Bell Elaine Bilson Evanthia Bilson Evelyn Bilson Irma Bliss Dorothy Botni Elizabeth Brewer Andrew Bourgeois Christina Bourgeois Athena Burke Melina Burke Kathy Bylos Helen A. Carlos Helen S. Carlos Mary Chiotellis Paula Christopher Eleni Clement Maria Comsudes Nancy Copeland Cathy Costarides Despina Dalton **Christine Demakis** Marty Driscoll Katina Dunkerly Peggy Dunkerly

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Ellen Linebaugh George Lopos Linda Lopos Stephanie Lukens Eliana Lundberg **Dorothy Macris** Eftichia Macris **Bobis Markatos** Xanthippe Marsico Despina Mavromatides Sandra McAteer Dena McCollum Lukia McLean Artemis Michael Ioanna Michaels Mary Miltiades Penny Miltiades Anthe Modenos Patricia Morris Kim Moustoukas Costa Neocleous Maroulla Neocleous Kally Niarchos Eleni Nikolas Georgia O'Brien Julie Orologas Fr. George Pallas Pres. Toula Pallas Mary Papadimitriou Cathy Papadopoulos Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou

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We currently have 123 members (we ended last year with 122 members!). Don't see your name? Perhaps you forgot to renew your membership. Perhaps you have never been a member. Why join Philoptochos? Membership in Philoptochos is:

- **Philanthropy**: Experience something larger than yourself
- Fellowship: Philoptochos offers the opportunity to meet wonderful people, meet new friends
- Faith in Action: Philoptochos offers the opportunity to serve the Church while working alongside your sisters and brothers in Christ

It's not too late to join! Stop by the Philoptochos table in the Parish Hall on Sunday after the Liturgy and pick up/ complete a membership form. Or, you can download the form at the address below and mail/return it to the church office at your convenience. Go to: <u>http://www.holytransfiguration.info/wp-content/uploads/2007/08/2015-Philoptochos-Membership-Form.pdf</u>.

Thank you to all who participated in our annual fall fundraiser featuring the comedy of *Basile!* And a special thank you to those who donated for and purchased items from our Silent Auction. We had a very successful event.



Philoptochos Christmas Party

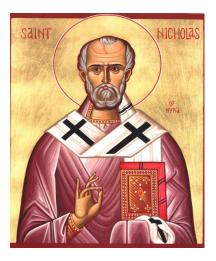
Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 6:30 P.M., Holy Transfiguration Parish Hall

Come join us for an evening of fellowship and Christmas cheer!

Bring a Lenten dish to share: A-F: Appetizer G-L: Main Dish M-R: Side Dish or Salad S-Z: Dessert

Please bring a donation (check written to Philoptochos) for us to purchase prepaid phone cards for our deployed service men and women.

RSV19 by Dec. 4: Linda Lopos: 678-492-5818 or llopos624@gmail.com



St Nicholas Christmas Holiday Market

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, noon - 4 pm

Shop a variety of unique Gifts and Holiday Foods Absolutely something for Everyone on your list!

Greatly-anticipated returning "favorite" Vendors plus introducing new Vendors and Items Ellen Linebaugh . . . Gourmet Baking Gifts, Holiday Food Gifts, and More Mary Duvlaris . . . Jewelry plus Variety of Greek Food & Pastries Tina Vamvakias . . . Hand-crafted Pottery Lee Nichols . . . Handmade Jewelry Mary Miltiades . . . Spanakopita/Pastitsio Joanna Frangos . . . Jewelry Toula Brotsis . . . Gluten-free speciality Baked Goods Peter Sklikas . . . Gold Crosses and Icons Claudia Radu . . . Christmas stockings, kids Christmas PJ's, Ornaments Kim Conner . . . Fairywood Thicket Farm upscale Jellies Jennifer Frankel . . . All kinds of Tupperware Angie Davenport . . . LuLaRoe Kids and Adult Clothing (Still time to sign up! If you or a friend are a Vendor, please JOIN US!)

To benefit Philoptochos Social Services and Projects FOR INFORMATION or if you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Marty Driscoll <u>martydriscoll@bellsouth.net</u> or 770–977–0467

Bring a gift card from Target or Walmart for the needy!

PRIME TIMERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, PARISH HALL

5:00 pm-6:30 pm: Movie-"Christmas with the Karountzoses"-and Popcorn

6:30 pm: Cocktail Hour with appetizers and complimentary wine

7:30 pm: Dinner by Magnolia Moments Catering:

<u>Appetizers</u> Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms Cheddar Cheese Ring with Strawberry Preserves Spanakopita/Tiropita

<u>Entree</u>

Pork Tenderloin with Raspberry Sauce & Toasted Almonds Chicken Marsala with Mushroom Sauce Grilled Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

Accompaniments Roasted Rosemary Red Potatoes Grilled Garden Vegetables or Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Red Beets, Parsnips & Carrots

<u>Salad & Bread</u> Mandarin Salad with Toasted Almonds

<u>Dessert</u> Raspberry Cheesecake with Dark Chocolate Crust

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be purchased during coffee hour. For further information, please contact Dorothy Botni, 770.971.9956 or Connie Stratigos, 770.992.9707.



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

HOW TIME FLIES! How many times have we said "the older I get, the faster time flies". Well it appears yet another year is about to close and are we satisfied with what we have accomplished? 2017 is knocking at our door. So let's plan to enjoy every minute this coming year. Enjoy our friends, our family and try to get together as much as possible.

In the next year our board will have some changes. We will be meeting the 4th Monday of each month. We will also be having some vacancies. Mary Ellen Knuchel will join us. More information will be available at our 1st general meeting to be held Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:30 am. Everyone enjoyed our last general meeting so much we decided to have a repeat performance with fried chicken with all the trimmings and then afterward play Bunco. Please mark your calendars.

We have not received much positive response concerning the 2 trips we chose to take next year. Some of our members suggested short weekend trips, maybe even a retreat. Please give us your opinion; what would you like?

As a ministry one requirement is that we have a fundraiser/year. This year we have decided to have a garage sale. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" so they say so please start collecting and give us your junk. Unfortunately, we will not accept clothes or old TVs. This year our fundraiser was very successful. We bought 8 card tables for our Parish Hall plus donated \$1000 to the Building Fund.

By the time you receive this publication our Christmas party will be over. Hope it was successful and everyone had a grand time. Prime Timers wish to thank everyone for your gracious support during the entire year. Come join our group. *Remember a day without laughter is a day wasted!* Let's have FUN in 2017 TOGETHER!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

YOUR PRIME TIMERS BOARD



TRANSFIGURATION GARDENS ORTHODOX CEMETERY AT GREEN LAWN CEMETERY, ROSWELL, GA



Our Parish has purchased an additional 105 plots, which we are making available 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.





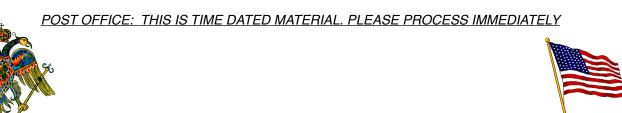
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December 4	A. Miltiades/B. Valagohar	St. John	P. Koutouzis/M. Pohlman	I. Steffas/S. Tidwell/ M. Tingas
December 11	D. Christopher/G. O'Brien	St. Peter	S. Linebaugh/B. Valagohar	F. Tucker/T. Vamvakias/ E. Bilson
December 18	C. Pater/A. Tsarouhas	St. James	L. Sampanes/M. Zavala	A. Burke/P. Christopher/ C. Costarides
December 25	J. Burke/M. Nichols	St. John	Open for anyone who is in church	M. Driscoll/I. Dymond M. Eleftheriou

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.

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