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### THE MONTHLY BULLETIN

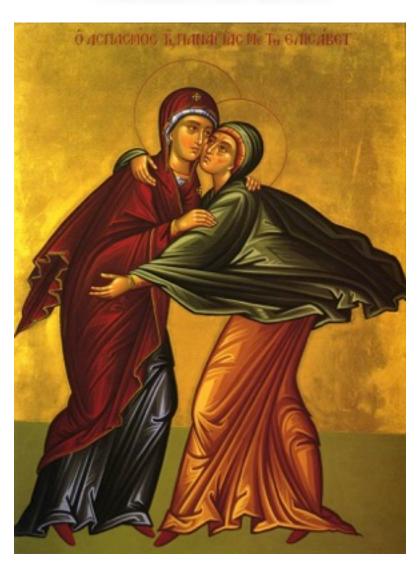
OF THE

### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Marietta, GA

### **MARCH 2017**



**The Greeting of Mary and Elizabeth:** "And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:41-42)

### HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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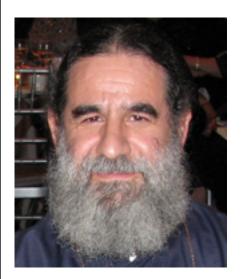
### **Directions to our Parish:**

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

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### Fr. Panapiotis' Message

### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATION



"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

We are entering once again the period of Great Lent. This is a special time of spiritual exercise for the cleansing of our souls and bodies. This is a really wonderful opportunity afforded us by the Church to consider seriously our spiritual condition. The hymns of the Church sung in the services, the readings from the Bible, the prayers offered on a daily basis, are all designed to help us bring about a renewal in our soul and heart and a regeneration of our whole being in the Holy Spirit.

We are invited by the Church to attend the extra services and immerse ourselves in the spirit of this sacred time. We are invited to cultivate our virtues and take control over our passions. We are invited to forgive those

around us and receive forgiveness and peace in our hearts. We are encouraged to extend ourselves outwards in philanthropy and show love and compassion to those who need it.

We are invited and encouraged to do all of these things during this time, not because we shouldn't be doing it throughout the year, but because it is possible that the many concerns about other things during the year might curtail our efforts to care for our souls. And then again, this time is very special - we are preparing to experience the Passion, Crucifixion and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

This experiential approach offered to us by the Orthodox Church differs greatly from the one offered by movies. Movies are made with the purpose to appeal to our emotions. The directors seek to shock the viewer by the realistic violence. They seek to evoke strong emotions by presenting vividly events and conversations in a way which engages the viewer totally in the present taking him/her on an emotional high ride, but, in the end, dropping him/her back to where they started in a matter of minutes, as the movie concludes.

I do not want to claim that there is no value in such movie experiences, but in God's wisdom given to the Church over the centuries, Great Lent and Holy Week can actually bring a complete transformation of the person who immerses himself/herself spiritually in this sacred time. Emotions come and go, but spiritual experiences remain. The purpose of Great Lent and Holy Week is not just to touch our hearts and minds but to cleanse us from sin, purify our hearts and minds, so that the Holy Spirit may be able to dwell in us. Great Lent is forty days long and then one more week is added until Pascha. The span of this time is designed to help us build good and spiritually profitable habits of virtue. One and a half hour of movie watching cannot be enough to change a person's way of being. But a daily watchful and prayerful existence of fifty days can build for us a meaningful new life, acquired by a conscious decision and personal effort that transforms our being and makes us more sensitive to the Grace of God and aware of the presence of Holy Spirit in our lives.

Let us use this time, my brothers and sisters, for our personal spiritual benefit. Let us tap into this inexhaustible well of the Church called Great Lent and Holy Week and taste of God's Grace and Wisdom. Let us approach humbly and prayerfully. Let us offer ourselves to God in Faith and Trust so that He may share with us the Joy of the Resurrection!

Come, let us taste Heaven together in the here and now during this Great Lent!

In Christ's Love,

J. Fr. Pamayistis



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# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES March - April 2017

### March 1, First Wednesday of Great Lent.

Blessing of the Water 11:00 am

Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Presentation and Discussion.

March 2, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 3, Friday. First Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Ποῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ

March 4, Saturday. Divine Liturgy. Miracle of St. Theodore with the Kollyva

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

### March 5, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριακή τῆς 'Ορθοδοξίας.

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

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the procession of the Holy Icons.

**Evening: Pan-Orthodox Vespers** at the Cathedral in Atlanta, 6:00 pm

March 6, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 8, Second Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.** 

March 9, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 10, Friday, Second Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Δεύτεφοι Χαιφετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 11, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 12, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas.

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

March 13, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

**March 15, Third Wednesday of Great Lent.** Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion** 

March 16, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

**March 17, Friday.** Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τοίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 18, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

### **Schedule of Services - March - April 2017**

March 19, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

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

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will hold the procession of the Holy Cross. We have a piece of the Original Cross of Christ that people will have a chance to venerate.

March 20, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 22, Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Presentation and Discussion.

March 23, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

**March 24, Friday, Great Vespers** of the Annunciation **and** Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm.

March 25, Saturday, Annunciation of the Theotokos. Εὐαγγελισμός τῆς Θεοτόκου.

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

**Evening:** Great Vespers, Apodosis of the Feast of the Annunciation 5:00 pm

March 26, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, St. John of Climacus.

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

March 27, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 29, Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a Presentation and Discussion.

March 30, Thursday, Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 5:30 pm

March 31, Friday, The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

April 1, Saturday.

NO Blessing of the Water today Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 2, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt

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

April 3, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

**April 5, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent.** Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.** 

April 6, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

### **Schedule of Services - March - April 2017**

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

April 8, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus

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

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

**Evening:** Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm

**April 9, Palm Sunday.** The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

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

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

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

April 22, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

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

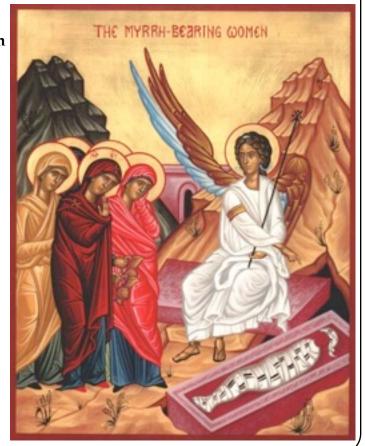
April 29, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**April 30, Sunday, Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women**Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.



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

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





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### Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2017

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

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Morning:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:00 am. Λειτ. Προηγιασμένων Δώρων 9:00  $\pi\mu$ 

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

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

April 13, Holy and Great Thursday, `Αγία καί Μεγάλη Πέμπτη.

Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 am. Θεία Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου 9:00 πμ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Midnight Resurrection Services: The Canon of Easter 11:00 pm,

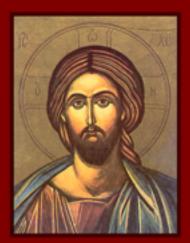
**12:00 Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,** Η ΔΝΑCΤΑCIC **12:30 am,** Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha. Θρθος, Θεία Λειτουργία 'Αναστάσεως

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

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

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

# FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



# ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# The Mission Statement of our Parish

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

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

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

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

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

### The Practice of "Confession" In the Bible

### Old Testament

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

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

### **New Testament**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MARCH

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3/1/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 2:3-11 Vespers OT1: Genesis 1:24-2:3
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3/2/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 2:11-21 Vespers OT1: Genesis 2:4-19
                                                                           Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:1-18
3/3/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 3:1-14
                                        Vespers OT1: Genesis 2:20-3:20
                                                                           Vespers OT2: Proverbs 3:19-34
             Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
3/4/2017
                                                                           Gospel: Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5
3/5/2017
             Matins: <u>Luke 24:1-12</u>
                                         Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40
             Gospel: John 1:43-51
3/6/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 4:2-5:7 Vespers OT1: Genesis 3:21-4:7
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3/7/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 5:7-16
                                         Vespers OT1: Genesis 4:8-15
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3/8/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 5:16-25 Vespers OT1: Genesis 4:16-26
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3/9/2017
             Matins: Luke 21:12-19
                                         Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10
             Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
3/10/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 7:1-14
                                         Vespers OT1: Genesis 5:32-6:8
                                                                           Vespers OT2: Proverbs 6:20-7:1
3/11/2017
             Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:12-16
                                                                           Gospel: Mark 1:35-44
3/12/2017
             Matins: <u>Luke 24:13-35</u>
                                         Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3
             Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 8:13-9:7
                                           Vespers OT1: Genesis 6:9-22
3/13/2017
                                                                            Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:1-21
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 9:9-10:4
3/14/2017
                                           Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:1-5
                                                                           Vespers OT2: Proverbs 8:32-9:11
3/15/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 10:12-20
                                           Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:6-9
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3/16/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 11:10-12:2 Vespers OT1: Genesis 7:11-8:3 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 10:1-22
3/17/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 13:2-13 Vespers OT1: Genesis 8:4-21
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3/18/2017
             Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38
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3/19/2017
             Matins: <u>Luke 24:36-53</u>
                                         Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6
             Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
3/20/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 14:24-32 Vespers OT1: Genesis 8:21-9:7 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 11:19-12:6
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 25:1-9
3/21/2017
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3/22/2017
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             Vespers OT2: Proverbs 12:23-13:9
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 28:14-22
3/23/2017
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             Vespers OT2: Proverbs 13:19-14:6
3/24/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 29:13-23
                                           Vespers OT1: Genesis 12:1-7
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3/25/2017
             Matins: <u>Luke 1:39-49, 56</u>
                                         Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18
             Gospel: Luke 1:24-38
             Matins: John 20:1-10
3/26/2017
                                         Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20
             Gospel: Mark 9:17-31
3/27/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 37:33-38:6
                                                Vespers OT1: Genesis 13:12-18
             Vespers OT2: Proverbs 14:27-15:4
3/28/2017
             Orthros OT: Isaiah 40:18-31
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3/29/2017
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             Orthros OT: Isaiah 42:5-16
3/30/2017
                                         Vespers OT1: Genesis 18:20-33
             Vespers OT2: <u>Proverbs 16:17-17:17</u>
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Orthros OT: Isaiah 45:11-17 Vespers OT1: Genesis 22:1-18 Vespers OT2: Proverbs 17:17-18:5

3/31/2017

### 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."

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

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

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

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

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

We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: "Your Gifts, of what is Yours, we offer unto You."

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

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



### MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2017

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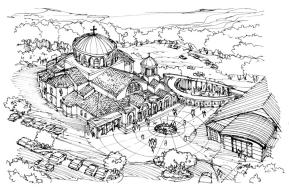
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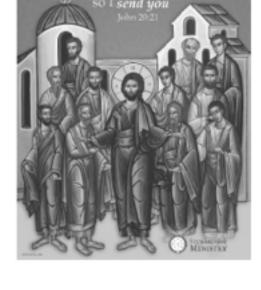
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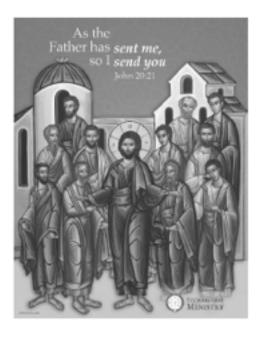
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**Total: 258** 

### <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

### **SOUP KITCHEN:**

On January 26, we served 76 meals at MUST Ministries. Thank you to the following ladies who prepared the meals: Mary Miltiades, Fran Tucker, Mary Ellen Knuchel, Dorothy Botni, Niki Gess, Elaine Paulson, Marty Driscoll, Justina Schumacher, Dorothy and Bobby Macris, Pat Koutouzis, Athena Burke, Stephanie Gianaris, Ioanna Michaels, Kathleen Nash.

If you would like to help out with soup kitchen by cooking, serving, or donating funds, please contact Athena Burke at <a href="mailto:ibgreek@bellsouth.net">ibgreek@bellsouth.net</a>.





### **Holy Week Flowers**

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

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

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

Thank you for your support.

### Middle & High School Youth Group (GOYA)

GOYA exists to develop Orthodox Christian faith, life, and friendship among parish youth by engaging them in fun and meaningful experiences.

We gather every Sunday—the Lord's Day—to worship God and reconnect with each other. We gather every Wednesday evening to build up our faith, life, and friendships. And now... We will begin gathering every month for outings organized by GOYA parents!

That's a lot of opportunities for faith and fellowship—so save the dates!

Saturday, March 4th, 6:30pm—outing to Stars & Strikes in Woodstock
Saturday, April 29th 4-10pm—outing to Stone Mountain
Wednesday, May 31st 6:30-9:30pm—start of summer pool party, hosted by Celeste Bilson
Saturday, June 10th—tubing in Helen, Georgia
Saturday, July 8th—whitewater rafting trip

Below: A group of our youth stop for dinner on their pilgrimage to the St. Photios Shrine in St. Augustine, Florida.



### HELLENIC DANCE NEWS

### Dance Schedule:

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

### Remember, NO Practice:

NO PRAC		
Sunday		
Spring Break	April 2	NO PRACTICE
Holy Week	April 9	NO PRACTICE
Easter	April 16	NO PRACTICE

Costume Fitting Dates (Please make one day or else arrange with your teacher another time):

Costume Fitting Dates				
5th & under	March 12			
5th & under	March 19			
6th & up	April 23			
6th & up	April 30			

We are still working on keeping a new organized dance closet. We would appreciate any donations: Fuzzy hangers (preferably with clips), Plastic Bins, 2 Milk crates, Garment Bags, collapsible hampers, Label Maker, painters tape, Dry erase markers (multi-color), Permanent markers, HUGE Dry erase Board and easel.

We also would appreciate any dance parents that would like to be more involved with the dance ministry to email us! We are looking for at least one dance parent per group as our "go to" parent.

Anyone who is NOT receiving email announcements from the dance ministry, please email us at: <a href="mailto:mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com">mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com</a>

### Please join and *support* the...

### HELLENIC STUDIES PROGRAM

of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, March 26, 2017

### GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

and Commemoration of the

### ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

<u>Time</u>: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy (Approximately 12:30pm)

<u>Place</u>: Parish Life Center – 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta

<u>Main Event</u>: Luncheon and Hellenic Studies Program, featuring the children of our community

> \$10 for adults \$5 for children (12 and under) Children 2 and under - FREE

Tickets available Sundays in March – in the PLC after the Divine Liturgy

For more information/tickets, contact Eleni Clement at 404.783.5103 / eleni@mindspring.com Or contact the church office (Anne) – 770.924.8080 / holytrans@comcast.net



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### "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

### 2017 Festival Cooking Dates

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

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

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





### **Ladies Philoptochos Society**

### **Panagia Chapter News**

We thank everyone who attended our "Souper Bowl" and Godparents Luncheons! Proceeds from these fundraisers, in addition to your donations, help support our *Feeding Children Everyone* project, a parish-wide event that will occur on Sunday, March 12, in the Parish Hall, immediately following Divine Liturgy (see flyer for details). Additional support for this event will also come from proceeds from our **Pastitsio Luncheon** on **Sunday, April 23**. Mark your calendars and join us for this delicious luncheon in our Parish Hall.

As we begin our Lenten journey, Philoptochos encourages you to consider attending two very special events. The first is our annual Panagia Chapter Lenten Retreat (ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED) on Saturday, March 11, which begins at 9:00 A.M. in our Chapel and concludes at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. (Please see flyer for details.) The second is the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos 11<sup>th</sup> annual Spiritual Retreat (for women) on March 17-19 at our beautiful Diakonia Center. Registration deadline for this retreat is March 1. Please go to <a href="https://atlantametropolisphiloptochos.org/news-events/2017-spiritual-retreat-registration/">https://atlantametropolisphiloptochos.org/news-events/2017-spiritual-retreat-registration/</a> for more information.

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

Maria Alberts	Eleni Clement	Thomasena "Tomi" Johnson	Kally Niarchos
Stephanie Alberts	Maria Comsudes	Josephine (Jo) Kastner	Eleni Nikolas
Amir Azarvan	Cathy Costarides	Irene Kipreos	Radmica Nikolas
Dorian Bafas	Margaret Csonka	Gerre Klementzos	Georgia O'Brien
Lois Bafas	Despina Dalton	Mary Ellen Knuchel	Fr. George Pallas
Christy Macris-Bell	Christine Demakis	Loretta (Lori) Kollias	Pres. Toula Pallas
Sophia Bethune	Beth Doulgerakis	Ginny Kosttulakos	Mary Papadimitriou
Evelyn Bilson	Marty Driscoll	Pat Koutouzis	Rosemary Peppas
Dorothy Botni	Katina Dunkerly	Anna Lerios	Polyxeni Potter
Christina Bourgeois	Peggy Dunkerly	Ellen Linebaugh	Paula Rogers
Rosalie Bourgeois	John Dymond	George Lopos	Randy Rogers
Elizabeth Brewer	Isabelle Clodaras Dymond	Linda Lopos	Dina Rury
Toula Argentis Brotsis	Niki Gess	Stephanie Lukens	Kathy Shoji
Patrice Brown	Stephanie Gianaris	Dorothy Macris	Kate Sklikas
Athena Burke	Martha Gingles	Bobis Markatos	Peter Sklikas
Kathy Bylos	Lea Gormanos	Xanthippe Marsico	Mary Stiakakis
Maria Caras	Irene Hammond	Dena McCollum	Irina Sugarliev
Helen S. Carlos	Rosemary Hendrix	Ioanna Michaels	Steve Tingas
Eleni Catrakilis	Sheila Howington	Mary Miltiades	Mary Beth Tsoukalas
Mary Chiotellis	Annette Jacobs	Patricia Morris	Rita Young
Paula Christopher	Mike Jacobs	Maro Neocleous	

Our goal is to either meet or exceed our 2016 membership (124) by the end of March. This year we will be electing a new Board of Directors, and our total number of members determines the number of Board members we elect. So, if you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership, it is VERY important to do this before the end of March! Stop by the Philoptochos table in the Parish Hall any Sunday, or complete the attached membership form and mail or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for supporting Philoptochos!



# Ladíes Phíloptochos Society Panagía Chapter

### Invites you to

## 2017 Lenten Retreat

March 11, 2017 9:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

9:00 Prayer Service in Chapel

9:30 Light Breakfast in Parish Hall

10:00 B.J. Spanos
"How Do We Find God During
Difficult Times?" (Perspectives on
Bereavement)

11:00 Fr. John
"Ministry in Women's Prisons"

12:00 Fr. Panayiotis: Q and A Session

1:00 Closing Prayer



Parish-Wide Event

# Sunday, March 12, 2017 Parish Hall

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY



# WANTED!! MANY HANDS!!

- Who: Adults & Older Youth (Invite your Friends!)
- What: Assemble & Package 20,000 Meals
- For Whom: Needy Children & Their Families
  - **Sign-up at Philoptochos Table in Parish Hall** 
    - **Ministries Encouraged to Form Teams** 
      - **1 Individuals Invited to Participate**

For more information, contact llopos624@gmail.com



**Hosted by: PHILOPTOCHOS** 



### **NEWS YOU CAN USE!**

This year our Prime Timers board will be meeting the 4th Monday of each month. Any member is welcome to come and observe. Not many seniors have joined so far this year. We hope to have a board member stationed after church in the Parish Hall to collect your 2017 dues - only \$15.

We would like to remind everyone of our only fundraiser this year which will be a garage sale. On September 15, we will receive any donations except clothing or old computers and TVs. We will accept children's clothing in good condition and, of course, clean. It was suggested at our general meeting that we invite outside vendors interested in purchasing display space to sell merchandise in conjunction with our garage sale, and/or having a bake sale at the same with the thought that offering a variety of purchasing options would attract a larger customer base. PLEASE COLLECT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS ON SEPTEMBER 16!!!

Our next general meeting will be held at "COME AND GET IT." We hope to introduce a new card game - a fun brain game for seniors. Of course, Bunco will always be available. Please join us on April 29 at 11:30 am. Prime Timers will furnish dessert.

Again thank you for your support!! Let's make 2017 a great year!! THANK YOU!

**Your Prime Timers Board** 

### HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

To support the Parish library, an Amazon Wish list:

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

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

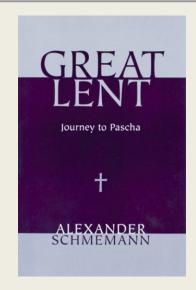
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In the gift card section note the book/s are for the Library from yourself. If the book is being given in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of someone, please note that on the gift card. This information will be added in the gift section of the book record with your name listed as the donor.

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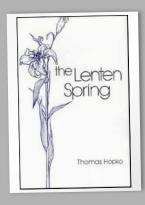
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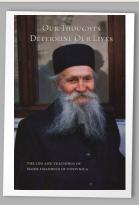
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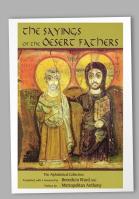


GREAT LENT: THE JOURNEY
TO PASCHA

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







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



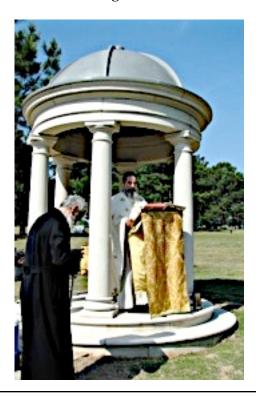
Our Parish owns a large selection of burial plots, which we are making available to our parishioners at a price of \$3,200.00, which includes one plot and a vault.

Our parish is blessed to be able to provide a resting place for our people - a place where you can have an upright headstone with a cross and the names of the deceased; and where the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on a regular basis and our people will be commemorated for centuries to come.

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

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





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# March 2017

Saturday	MiradeoStTheodorewitthekoliya  = 9:00 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 10:00 AM Rental: Mary Miltiades  = 12:30 PM Altar Server Workshop  = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  = 5:00 PM Great Vespers	9:00 AM Philoptochos Lenten Retreat/General Meeting — 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal — 5:00 PM Great Vespers — 6:00 PM Natalie Doulger— akis-Preparation for Chris- mation	18	Annunciation of the Theotokos  = 8:30 AM Orthros  = 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  = 2:00 PM Regas Baptism  = 4:00 PM Syzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal  = 5:00 PM Great Vespers	April Fools' Day  = 9:00 AM Conference Oratorical Festival = 4:00 PM Byzantine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal = 5:00 PM Great Vespers
Friday	3 (Spanakopita) 7:00 PM First Salutation to the Theotokos	10 PM Second Salutation to the Theotokos	17 Saint Patrick's Day 7:00 PM Third Salutation to the Theotokos	24  10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Dolmades)  7:00 PM Grest Vespers of the Annunciation & Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos	31  10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Tropita)  7:00 PM The Akathist Hymn
Thursday	2  10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita)  6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Meris Recreational Basketball 7:15 PM Holy Transfiguration Academy Meeting	9  10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita)  6:00 PM Great Compline  7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball  7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	16 (Keftedes) (Keftedes) = 6:00 PM Great Compline = 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball	23  10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Dolmades)  11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)  6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Philoptochos Book Club	30  2:00 PM Rental: NE Cobb Business Assoc. 6:00 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 7:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball
Wednesday	First Wednesday of Great Lent  11:30 AM Blessing of the Water 5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Presentation/Discussion	8 Second Wednesday of Great Lent = 5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanc- tified Gifts = 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Presentation/Discussion	Third Wednesday of Great Lent  = 5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanc- tified Gifts  - 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Presentation/Discussion	FourthWednesday of Great Lent  5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanc- tifled Gifts  7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ Presentation/Discussion	Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent  = 5:30 PM Liturgy of Presanc- tified Gifts  - 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner / Presentation/Discussion
Tuesday	Feast of St. Cassian  = 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts-Feast of St. Cassian  = 10:45 AM Kafenin Studies  5:30 PM Hellenic Studies  7:00 PM Choir Practice	7 = 10:00 AM Kafenion = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies = 7:00 PM Education, Youth & Culture	14  10:00 AM Kafenion  5:30 PM Hellenic Studies  7:00 PM Festival Board  Meeting  7:00 PM AHEPA Meeting  7:00 PM Choir Practice	21  10:00 AM Kafenion  4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmitons of Atlanta  5:30 PM Hellenic Studies  7:00 PM Choir Practice	28 = 10:00 AM Kafenion = 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies = 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Monday	CleanMonday–GreatLentbegins.  10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Coed Volleyball Night	6 Playdate 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Coed Volleyball Night	13 Playdate F:00 PM Great Compline F:00 PM Parish Council Meeting F:00 PM Coed Volleyball Night	20 = 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate = 6:00 PM Great Compline = 7:00 PM Coed Volleyball Night	27 = 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate = 6:00 PM Great Compline = 7:00 PM Coed Volleyball Night
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March 12	T. Bliss/B. Valagohar	St. James	S. Gianaris/ J. Schumacher	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/ K. Niarchos
March 19	D. Christopher/G. O'Brien	St. John	P. Dunkerly/K. Johnson	K. Panov/R. Peppas/ C. Smith
March 26	P. Markley/S. Tingas	St. Peter	M. Alberts/S. Lukens	C. Sprouse/I. Steffas/ M. Tingas

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