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Marietta, GA

OCTOBER 2017



Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

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

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AN ECUMENICAL SYMPOSIUM



Our parish has just completed a three-day unique gathering of more than a hundred people from various Christian groups during which we tried to delve into the thought of the Ancient Church in order to understand where we came from and why we are in the situation we are today as Christians in the United States.

Our two outstanding guest speakers were Professor Robin Young of the Catholic University of America, who specializes in the history and theology of the Early Church and Dr. Ken Boa of Reflections Ministries of Atlanta who presented a contemporary American perspective as to the state of Christianity in our times and explained the apparent conflict between Faith and Science.

My role in this was to provide the Orthodox Christian perspective where necessary, which I did during the panel discussions.

This Symposium of theological encounter is unique in its effort to bring together people from the Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions, not in order to debate the many differences which are multiplying as we speak, but to seek the similarities which are found in the teachings of the Ancient Church and find ways to learn and grow spiritually from them.

Professor Robin Young, in her three presentations, provided an overview of the historical development of the New Testament in the life of the Early Church and the subsequent crystallization of the doctrines concerning Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. She also pointed out the centrality of the understanding of Jesus as the Son of God who became man and the Faith of the Early Church in His Crucifixion and Resurrection. She also explained how the Early Christian thinkers utilized the language, culture and philosophical thinking of their world to explain to the people around them the Christian Faith, thus ultimately transforming their society. This is the same challenge which we face today in our own so called "post-modern" world. We need to figure out how to re-introduce Christianity to the people of America in a language that will make sense to them and will be applicable and transformative in their lives.

Dr. Ken Boa gave an arresting presentation on the history of "how we got here" and an erudite overview of the present condition of American Christianity. His second presentation was an amazing exposition on Science and Faith. He also offered a comparison of different spiritualities and the effect of those on our daily lives.

Of course, as you may imagine, this is just the beginning of this conversation. Next year, the conference will address practical spirituality as proposed by the holy men and women of the Early Church and comparisons will be made with modern Christian behaviors.

My dear friends, our parish is becoming a serious center for adult spiritual development for many people. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn and expand our minds and hearts to bring Christ into our lives using the tried and successful methods of Christians who went before us, the saints of the Church.

These lectures will be made available in digital audio recordings. Please call the church office and ask for them.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

October 2017

October 1, Sunday. Second Sunday of Luke. Feast of all the Saints of Cyprus.

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

October 2, Monday Evening. Great Vespers for Feast of St. Dionysios the Areopagite 6:00 pm

October 3, Tuesday. Feast of St. Dionysios the Areopagite

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

October 7, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 8, Sunday, Third Sunday of Luke.

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

October 14, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 15, Sunday, Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD).

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

October 16, Monday, Great Vespers for Feast of Hosea the Prophet 6:00 pm

October 17, Tuesday, Feast of Hosea the Prophet.

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

September 18, Wednesday, Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

October 21, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 22, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Luke.

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

Evening: Great Vespers for Feast of St. James the Apostle 5:00 pm

Monday, October 23, St. James the Apostle, the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem.

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

October 25, Wednesday, Great Vespers for Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr 6:00 pm.

October 26, Thursday, Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr.

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

Name-day of Archbishop Demetrios of America.

October 28, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

October 29, Sunday. Seventh Sunday of Luke.

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

OXI Day Celebration. Doxology at the end of the Divine Liturgy. All Hellenic Studies students will attend this Service.

ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT (†1908 AD)

Celebrated on October 19



Father John of Kronstadt, one of the most well known Russian saints of recent history, possessed an evangelical fervor, and, above all, was 'flesh of the flesh' of the Orthodox tradition and of the faith and life of the Orthodox Church. Father John was an expressive and impressive preacher, an promoter of frequent communion, a man who moved the hearts of hardened sinners to repentance, a man with a great depth of love, and a spiritual healer. Huge crowds flocked to him from all parts of Orthodox Russia to hear him and to be healed by him (in body and soul).

Father John believed in indulging people with love. To indulgent people with love means not to judge, not to take revenge, and to endure and forgive. "Do not confuse man -this image of God - with the evil which is in him, because evil is only his accidental misfortune, a sickness, a devil's dream; but man's essence - the image of God - is always there". This recognition of God in others is the rule he used in relating to others. He also said, "As far as is it possible, be gentle, humble and simple to all, considering yourself, without hypocrisy, to be spiritually below everyone. Pride is the reason for a cold, pompous and insincere manner towards those whom are considered to be below us, or those from whom we hope to derive some benefit. When people speak ill of you and you feel resentment, it means that you are proud, and pride must be eliminated

from your heart by worldly dishonor. Therefore, do not resent and hate those who speak ill of you, but try to love them as you would love people who benefit you, and pray for them. Maintain a peaceful and loving disposition towards your brother even if he deprives you of your last shilling; show him that, above all, you love God's image in him. However most people are angry when they are deprived even of a very small part of their property!"

One of the basic aims of love is to see everyone saved, transformed and united to true, divine love. This is impeded by what he called "malicious joy" when he said, "Oh, how disgusted I am by this devilish malicious joy over the sins of one neighbor! People cast a slur on someone's whole life because of one sin that he has committed. They forget that love extenuates everything. A Christian must truly wish for himself and others, that God's name should be constantly glorified in both himself and others, that all should become Temples of God".

However, sobriety from evil is not enough. We should also seek to obtain inner peace, since "without inner peace and harmonious coexistence with others, one cannot have peace and harmony within oneself. In acquiring inner peace, let us also be peacemakers in relation to our fellowmen".

To attain peace and love, and to preserve them, "Do not be put out of countenance when you are angry and when this anger prepares to manifest itself in worlds, command it to be silent. When you allow anger to express itself, it will pour out with great force and may overwhelm your defense". He continued, "Do not expose all your impurities, not to contaminate others with the breath of evil concealed in you. It is better to speak of your illness to your spiritual father or your friend in order that they may direct and restrain you".

On reproaching others of their evil he said, "It is better not to pass on reproachful words, but to keep silent about them or, even if it is not true, convey words of love and goodwill; then our spirits will be at peace" and, "if you wish to correct somebody's faults of your own accord, restrain yourself, because, usually, through our pride and irritability, we do more harm than good... Pray to God that He Himself will enlighten the mind and the hearts of men; if God sees that your prayer is full of love, He most certainly will grant your wish. An embittered person is ill; to cure him we must apply to his heart a plaster of Love", and finally, "Look at every human being as if he were unique in God's world, a great miracle of God's wisdom and grace, and do not let the fact that you are accustomed to him serve as a ground for neglect".

"Our Savior bids us to love our enemies which is extremely difficult; but for a heart which is reborn through grace, it is easy to do so because God helps the believer in everything".

The reader is referred to "The Life of Father John of Kronstadt" by Bishop Alexander, published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, as a good introduction to his life and as an outline of his spiritual message.

The feast day of St. John of Kronstadt is on October 19.

Pilgrimage to the Monastery and Tomb of St. John of Kronstadt-June 9, 2016
St. Petersburg, Russia



Venerating at the Tomb of St. John of Kronstadt



Sister Ioustina



Listening to Sister Ioustina speaking about the life of St. John of Kronstadt



The chapel at the Tomb of St. John of Kronstadt



Listening to Olga

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 - OCTOBER

10/01/2017	Sunday:	Luke 24:36-53	II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1	Luke 6:31-36
10/02/2017	Monday:	I Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 6:24-30	
10/03/2017	Tuesday:	Acts 17:16-34	Luke 6:37-45	
10/04/2017	Wednesday:	Ephesians 5:25-33	Luke 6:46-49,7:1	
10/05/2017	Thursday:	Ephesians 5:33;6:1-9	Luke 7:17-30	
10/06/2017	Friday:	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 20:19-31	
10/07/2017	Saturday:	I Corinthians 15:39-45	Luke 5:27-32	
10/08/2017	Sunday:	John 10:1-10	II Corinthians 9:6-11	Luke 7:11-16
10/09/2017	Monday:	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8	
10/10/2017	Tuesday:	Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 8:1-3	
10/11/2017	Wednesday:	Acts 8:26-39	Luke 8:22-25	
10/12/2017	Thursday:	Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 9:7-11	
10/13/2017	Friday:	Philippians 1:27-30;2:1-4	Luke 9:12-18	
10/14/2017	Saturday:	I Corinthians 15:58;16:1-3	Luke 6:1-10	
10/15/2017	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	Titus 3:8-15	Luke 8:5-15
10/16/2017	Monday:	Philippians 2:12-15	Matthew 27:33-54	
10/17/2017	Tuesday:	Romans 9:18-33	Luke 9:23-27	
10/18/2017	Wednesday:	Colossians 4:5-11,14-18	Luke 10:16-21	
10/19/2017	Thursday:	Acts 2:14-21	Luke 9:49-56	
10/20/2017	Friday:	II Timothy 2:1-10	Luke 10:1-15	
10/21/2017	Saturday:	II Corinthians 9:6-11	Luke 7:1-10	
10/22/2017	Sunday:	John 10:19-31	Galatians 1:11-19	Luke 8:26-39
10/23/2017	Monday:	Galatians 1:11-19	Matthew 13:54-58	
10/24/2017	Tuesday:	Colossians 1:1-3;7-11	Matthew 13:54-58	
10/25/2017	Wednesday:	Colossians 1:18-23	Luke 11:9-13	
10/26/2017	Thursday:	Luke 21:12-19	II Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-27;16:1-2
10/27/2017	Friday:	Colossians 2:1-7	Luke 11:23-26	
10/28/2017	Saturday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42,11:27-28
10/29/2017	Sunday:	John 21:1-14	Galatians 2:16-20	Luke 8:41-56
10/30/2017	Monday:	Colossians 2:13-20	Luke 11:29-33	
10/31/2017	Tuesday:	Romans 16:1-16	Luke 11:34-41	

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Colossians 3:23

Saint Phocas was a gardener and Saint Euphrosinos was a cook. They are not known as “Phocas the Great” or “Euphrosinos the Theologian.” Known instead by the work they did, they became saints of the Church. We know that service to God and His Church is sacred, and because of this we strive to serve and support the Church. But is it possible for our work to be sacred? Can we be Christian stewards of our work? According to Saint Porphyrios, “At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love.”

In the second chapter of the Old Testament Book of Genesis we read, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it”(Genesis 2:15). God put man in the garden to *work*. It is part of God’s plan for us that we work. In Exodus we read, “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest....” The world has changed. Very few of us are called to work the land and our work week may not be six days. Yet we are created and called by God to work, and we can serve him through our work.

Some are blessed to follow a career path to a life’s work bringing satisfaction. Others may work in a position that may not appear to be spiritually or emotionally fulfilling. In whatever type of work we find ourselves, our work can become sacred when we dedicate it to God. In the words of Mother Theresa, “Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it.”

Life on earth is a gift. The work we do is also a gift if we see it as an opportunity to serve God and others. Saint Paul instructs us, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men....” (Colossians 3:23). When we see our work in this way, we are able to become Christian stewards of our work.



Stewardship of work teaches us that we don’t *own* our work, our position, our title. We are only stewards of a position for a period of time. We are responsible to fulfill our duties and also to prepare it for the person that will follow us in that position. We may also have the opportunity to mentor the person that will assume our position when we move on, empowering them to apply their particular gifts and talents to take the position to the next level.

Christian stewardship of work also teaches us that we are responsible to those with whom we work and those that may be served by our work. We are called to reflect the light of Christ in their lives, encourage them, support them and even *love* them. We are also stewards of our co-workers inasmuch as we cooperate and support them in their efforts for the good of all.



Saint Phocas the Gardener lived in the late 3rd Century, in the ancient region of Paphlagonia (now northern Turkey). Phocas lived humbly on the sale of fruits and vegetables he would grow in his garden. Through his work, Phocas fed the hungry and gave shelter to those in need. Because of his dedication to his work and his generosity to those in need, he became a Christian example to others. Even the non-believers treated him with respect, and by his Christ-like manner, many were drawn to the Christian Faith.

Saint Euphrosynos worked as cook in a monastery in Palestine, serving the brother monks humbly and faithfully. The others were not aware of the depth of his spiritual growth until it was revealed in a dream to a priest-monk of the monastery and then related to the brother monks. Euphrosynos is known to us by his humble work – Saint Euphrosynos the Cook.

In times of trouble or worry, especially over our career, we call upon God to strengthen us, to provide opportunity and to bring us success. When we achieve some measure of worldly success, it is easy to say to ourselves as we read in the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy (8:17), “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But the next verse quickly reminds us, “Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the “first fruits” of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what it left after everything else has been taken care of.

In whatever work we do, we are called to give glory to God for the abilities and opportunities he provides. We do this by caring for the work we do, applying our God-given abilities to our work, and by respecting the responsibilities with which we have been entrusted. We do our best and give the glory to God.

For further reflection...

Jesus said, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

He did not say, “Well *said*.”

He did not say, “Well *planned*.”

He did not say, “Well *thought*.”

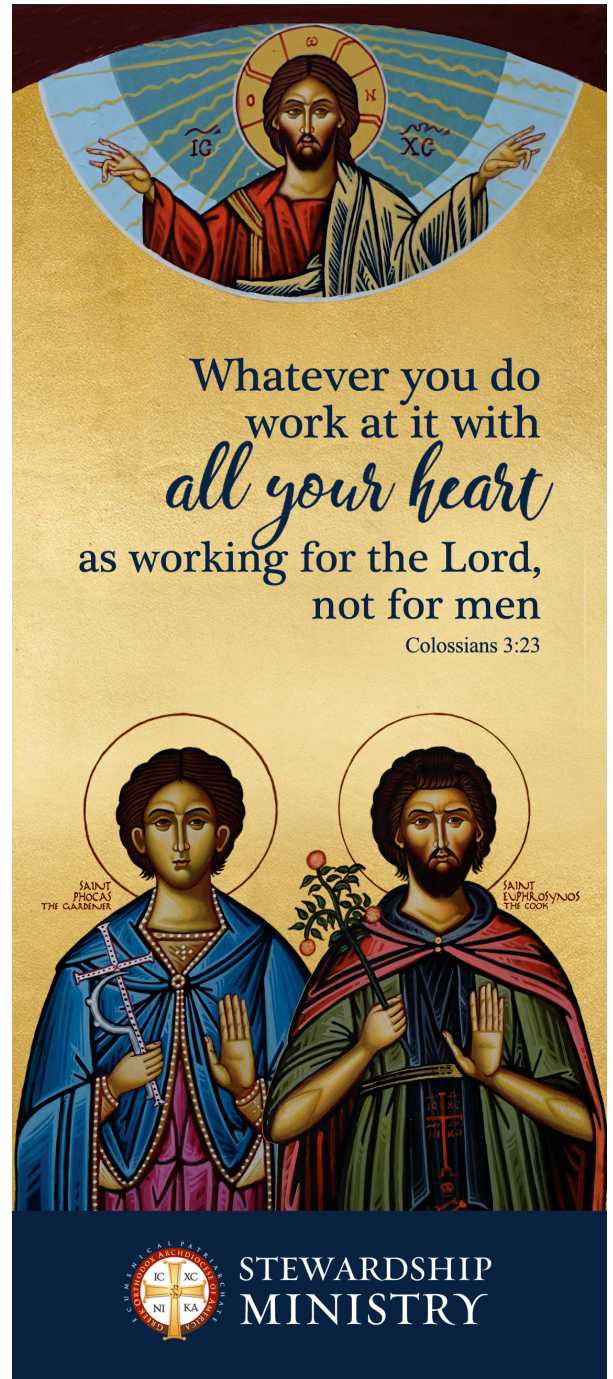
And He did not say, “Well *intended*.”

But He said, “Well *DONE*, good and faithful servant.”

The emphasis for us as Christians is in *doing*.

We are called to give the best we have and to do the best we can to promote God’s Kingdom on earth.

Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris



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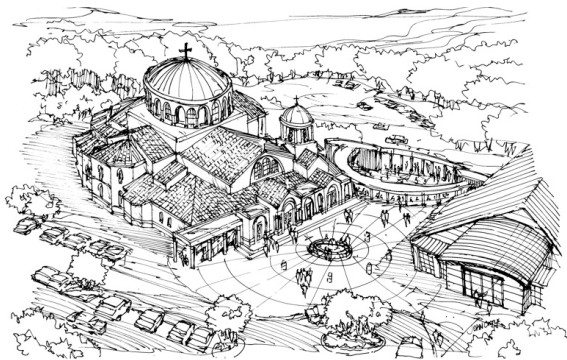
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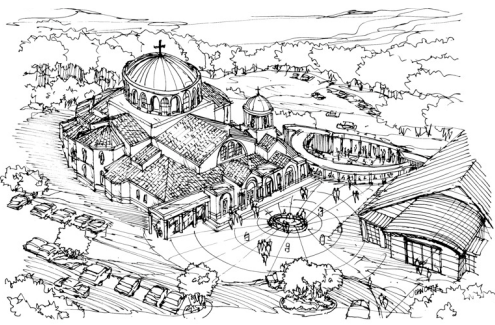
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THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE
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*(If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2017, please
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Total: 350

Introduction to the Orthodox Church

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

The new cycle of the class will begin on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 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 Epistles to the Corinthians

*Every Wednesday at 10:00 am
and 7:00 pm*

Starting September 27, 2017

Join us in

St. Basil's Conference Room.

*Read and discuss the Word of God
from an Early Christian Patristic
Perspective!*

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

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

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB



Do you

- Enjoy reading spiritual books about the Orthodox Faith?
- Like talking about what you have read?
- Want to expand your knowledge about our faith?

If so, You are invited to join our Church's very own

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

- We meet **once a month**, on a Sunday afternoon (see announcement).
- Time** : 6.30pm till 8.30pm
- Where**: At the Atrium of our new building.
- Light refreshments and soft drinks will be served, as well as coffee and dessert. Members can contribute to refreshments if they so wish.

Meeting Format

- Food and fellowship for the first half hour, followed by reading and discussion.
- The discussion leader is Fr. Panayiotis, but other people present and propose themes and topics.
- Each participant should try to read as much of the assigned book as possible and bring their questions/topics or a favorite passage to talk about.

Currently

- The Book: ***The Scent of Holiness: Lessons from a Women's Monastery*** by Constantina R. Palmer (*Available at our Bookstore*).
- **The Date of the next meeting**: Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Atrium of our new building.

Under the guidance of a spiritual father, spiritual book clubs are a great way to enhance one's spiritual growth, challenge oneself to examine new ideas, and get to know others on a journey where deeply personal ideas are shared and explored together.

Any questions can be directed to Fr. Panayiotis at fr.panayiotis@comcast.net.

About the Book:

The Scent of Holiness: Lessons from a Women's Monastery

Every monastery exudes the scent of holiness, but women's monasteries have their own special flavor. Join Constantina Palmer as she makes frequent pilgrimages to a women's monastery in Greece and absorbs the nuns' particular approach to their spiritual life. If you're a woman who's read of Mount Athos and longed to partake of its grace-filled atmosphere, this book is for you. Men who wish to understand how women's spirituality differs from their own will find it a fascinating read as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—August 2017

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

On October 3, AHEPA will hold its "Kick Off Dinner" 6:30 pm, at the Cherokee Cattle Company, 2710 Canton Road, Marietta, GA. All men of the parish are welcome!

WHO WANTS TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL?

Monday evenings, from 7:30-9:00 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!



Are you beginning to think about Christmas gifts for people who may have everything? Consider giving a book to the Church Library in their honor. We will send you a card that you can wrap in a big box, mail to them, or place in a stocking to let them know you were thinking of them.

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:

**Holy Transfiguration GOC Library
3431 Trickum Rd, NE
Marietta, GA 30066-4660**

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.

Parish Life Center & Kitchen Use – Reminders and Tips

Our church family has been blessed with awesome gathering spaces and kitchen facilities. It is important to remember that we are all responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of these facilities.

Although there is a professional cleaning service that comes in twice a week, there is no paid staff to tidy up after us. We are ALL responsible for making sure the facilities are left clean and in good shape for the next group to use. Your fellow parishioners would be grateful if we could all be mindful of our shared spaces and pay attention to the following:

- 1) You are welcome to use the paper supplies and kitchen equipment, however, please return clean or unused items to the appropriate area. This will help with maintaining and controlling inventory.
- 2) Use the shopping list whiteboard (located on the kitchen pantry closet) if you see that we are running low on any item so that we can replenish. Michael Gavalas is responsible for re-ordering kitchen & bathroom supplies.
- 3) If you are storing food items for an event, we ask that you label these items for the event or ministry and store for no more than 1 week ahead of the event.
- 4) Please do not leave leftover food or drink in the refrigerators after an event. There is no one to throw it out. It will go to waste and, worse yet, spoil and smell.
- 5) Make sure to wipe down all tables after use and re-arrange tables and chairs as necessary.
- 6) Please vacuum up and treat stains on carpets immediately so as not to cause permanent marks. Vacuums are located in the Family Room closet and the kitchen.
- 7) Discard garbage into outside dumpster and return re-lined garbage cans into the PLC or kitchen where you found them. DO NOT empty full garbage bags on the PLC carpet.
- 8) Please place Lost & Found items in the bin located in the kitchen or to the church office.
- 9) Please report anything that is broken or missing to Michael Gavalas.
- 10) Look for signage and schematics displayed in the kitchen regarding guidelines, where to store items, how to make coffee, etc.

Use of Facility Check List

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| ★ Take trash out to dumpster | ★ Clean appliances |
| ★ Clean all counters/stainless steel tables | ★ Clean all utensils and dishes used; return to storage closet |
| ★ Sweep floors | ★ Wipe any spills in hall, kitchen and rest rooms |
| ★ Tables and chairs cleaned and arranged; return extras to storage closet | ★ Turn all faucets off |
| ★ Vacuum carpet | ★ Turn all lights off |
| ★ Clean sinks | |

For questions, comments and to help, please contact us below:

Parish Life Ministry Leads	Name	Phone	Email
Coffee Hour-Scheduling & Guidelines	Stephanie Lukens	678-230-8412	dsclukens@gmail.com
Supplies Re-ordering & Maintenance	Michael Gavalas	404-917-5709	mgavalas70@gmail.com
Events & Kitchen Organization	Maria Alberts	404-966-6694	maria.alberts@alliant.com
	George Lopus	678-492-5819	glopos96@gmail.com
Parish Council Liaison- Parish Life	Ellen Linebaugh	770-846-4640	thelinebaughs@bellsouth.net
	Dennis Christopher	770-942-8794	dcsaintdennis@gmail.com

To schedule an event or to check availability of the Parish Life facilities, please contact Anne at the Parish Office- 770-924-8080 or holytrans@comcast.net .

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will have its First Opportunity to Build a 2017 Home with Habitat for Humanity of NW Metro Atlanta!



Philoptochos



Saturday, October 14, 2017
7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

715 & 721 Chestnut Hill Dr., Marietta, GA. 30064

- 🔨 **NEEDED!!** 30 Volunteers, Ages 16 and up.
- 🔨 Lunch & water bottles will be provided.
- 🔨 Tools, work gloves, etc. will be provided.
- 🔨 **Only** the following personal items can be brought on site:
Work gloves, hammers, nails, aprons, tape measures, utility knives. *Please label with your name.*
- 🔨 Holy T. volunteers will be working with the family purchasing the house.
- 🔨 Work that day: **We will be doing outside siding and inside insulation.**
- 🔨 Parking at the work site will be limited, *please plan to carpool.*

All are invited to the dedication of the completed home on November 18, 2017 at 11:00 am.

Sign up online:

- Create a **Volunteer Profile**: <http://nwmetroatlantahabitat.org/get-involved/sign-up-to-volunteer/>
- Click box at bottom, *"I have read, understand and accept the Liability/Medical Waiver"*
- A temporary password will be emailed to you.
- Use that password to log in and create your own personal password.
- Access your account on: <http://nwmetroatlantahabitat.org/get-involved/upcoming-volunteer-opportunities/>
- Find the event: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**
- Enter the event code: **HTGOC17**
- You should receive an email confirming your date.
 - *If you are unable to work on the construction site on October 14, volunteers are needed to help prepare and deliver lunch for those working on site.*

Technical Issues? cchandler@nwmetroatlantahabitat.org

We want to make this the First of Future Opportunities to BUILD HOMES for those in Need!!

Special Thanks
to our Sponsors:



Questions?
dorothymmacris@gmail.com
678-428-2407

HELLENIC DANCE

Travel Group Events:

THANK YOU to our traveling group!! The Athens Greek Festival was wonderful and everyone appreciated your time and talent!



Please come and support our sister parish in Macon. Holy Cross GOC will have their 11th annual Greek festival October 13-15. Our Marietta Dancers will again be their entertaining dance troupe; come out support our dancers too!

Hellenic Dance Festival: HDF practices for Middle and High School groups are underway! Meet us every Sunday 1:30-3:30 in the amphitheater (classroom downstairs if weather is bad). If you have any questions please contact Paulina.

Donations to our Dance Closet: Donations for our school displays and our dance closet are still needed:

- Joann's Gift cards
- Hangers (velvet non-slip)
- Hangers – DESPERATE NEED FOR THE CLIP/PANT HANGERS - WOODEN ONLY PLEASE!
- Any old vintage 1940's dresses, headscarves, and other clothing from that time period
- Table top items: vases, glasses, folding tables and chairs, old Greek wine or oil jugs, anything for the table that is from Greece or Cyprus
- Don't need those old dance shoes anymore? Donate them to our dance closet for younger dancers that need them!

A special announcement from Hellenic Studies...

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a fantastic start! We are excited to announce that enrollment in our program continues to grow, and we look forward to another exiting year of learning!

It is not too late to enroll... if you are interested in enrolling in Youth, Adult, or Adult (Biblical) Greek classes – please contact Eleni Clement:

eleni@mindspring.com



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Sunday, October 29th

Please join us for our annual celebration
and luncheon in honor of “OXI Day”

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At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy,  
Fr. Panayiotis will offer a special **Doxology**,  
and then we will proceed to the Parish Hall, where  
the children will give a brief presentation of songs  
and poems. **Please join us in commemorating  
a significant day in the history of our homeland!**

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### Don't forget to check in with us online!

Visit our page

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

“Like” us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HellenicStudiesofHolyT>

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### Important Dates in November:

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Fall Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – No classes – Thanksgiving Break





## OCTOBER PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

**Soup Kitchen:** On August 24th, we served 95 meals at Must Ministries. The following volunteers helped prepare and/or serve meals: Dorothy Botni, Bobby and Dorothy Macris, Mary Miltiades, Tina Vamvakias, Irene Steffas, Isabelle Dymond, Mark and Thea Blalock, Niki Gess, Elena Kay, Annette Jacobs, Pat Koutouzis and Melina and Athena Burke. If you would like to help support this worthwhile ministry, please contact Athena Burke at [ibgreek@bellsouth.net](mailto:ibgreek@bellsouth.net).



**YOU'RE INVITED**

**MYSTERY DINNER THEATER**

**DEATH BY DESSERT**

BY: NATHAN HARTSWICK  
(produced by special arrangement with Brooklyn Publishers, LLC)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017**

DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM • PERFORMANCE BEGINS @ 7 PM

**Tickets: \$50**

- Includes Dinner by Magnolia Moments
- Cash Bar
- Silent Auction

Profits Support: LiveSafe Marietta, St. Nicholas Shrine in New York & Panagla Chapter Social Services.

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Philoptochos' largest fundraiser of the year will be a mystery dinner theater on **Saturday, October 21, 2017 - *Death by Dessert*** by Nathan Hartwick (Produced by special arrangement by Brooklyn Publishers LLC). Ellen Linebaugh will direct performers who are part of our parish. Dinner will be catered by Mary Miltiades' Magnolia Moments. Cocktail hour with a cash bar and silent auction will be from 6-7. The performance starts at 7. Come for a fun filled evening of mystery and entertainment. Tickets will be on sale every Sunday through Oct. 18 or at the church office. Seating will be limited, so purchase your tickets early!

**A portion of the proceeds will be donated to:**

**LiveSAFE Resources** which is located in Cobb County, is committed to providing services that increase the awareness and reduce the occurrence of domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse. They offer counseling, housing (immediate and transitional), legal advocacy, a 24/7 crisis line and other services, all focused on helping the community and their families live safe.

**St. Nicholas National Shrine in New York City:** This shrine will replace the original St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, which was destroyed on September 11, 2001 when the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed. It will contain a meditation/bereavement space and a Community room, housed in the upper levels above the Narthex, "to welcome visitors and faithful." The terrorist attacks affected our entire nation and the whole world – "St. Nicholas would welcome all and be a House of Prayer for all people."

**Panagia Chapter of Marietta Social Services:** Our local chapter supports many National and Metropolis commitments. During the month of August-September Philoptochos social services supported three local families with a total amount of \$1,940.95 for rent, gas cards, and utilities. Food was provided from our food pantry, which is sponsored by the Philanthropic Ministry of Holy Transfiguration.

**Habitat for Humanity Update: Our Habitat for Humanity Build will take place on its original date of Saturday, October 14th.** The only change will be that we will be working on outside siding and inside insulation. Volunteer at: <http://nwmetroatlantahabitat.org/get-involved/sign-up-to-volunteer/> Event code: HTGOC17

#### *Letter from the family*

"My name is Samuel Mpiani Osei. I come from Ghana in West Africa. I am the fourth born of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Osei. I like dancing at my church and playing soccer. I am 33 years of age. I married Rosemary in October of 2011. I have two daughters with Mrs. Rosemary, named Mariam and Judith, who love singing.

Rosemary and I moved to the United States in 2012 and we currently live in Marietta. My family and I are full members of the church of Pentecost. I am an elder at my church. I heard about Habitat through a friend who is a member of my church. I am excited for the opportunity to be able to provide a safe and secure home for my family.

Sincerely, Samuel Osei"



Philoptochos and FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) donated 27 backpacks filled with school supplies to Marietta Sixth Grade Academy. Receiving the backpacks is Victoria Hunter Barrau, parent liaison of the Academy.

#### **Philoptochos Expenses: 8/20-9/14**

Social Services (local) \$1940.95

Focus: \$250

National Philoptochos: \$1350.00

#### **October Calendar:**

October 21: Saturday, 6:00 pm Parish Hall; Mystery Dinner Theater: Death by Dessert

October 26: Thursday, 11:30 am, Soup Kitchen - MUST Ministry

October 26: Thursday, Book Club, Atrium, 6:30 pm



## Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Food Pantry

Our new location is up and running! And when We say “our” new food pantry we are including you, our parish family. We had our first food distribution day out of our new location on Monday, September 25th and it was a great success! Our families and their children gave us lots of positive feedback on how roomy, cozy and welcoming it is.

A special **THANK YOU** to all our Food Pantry Ministry volunteers for their hard work and dedication, especially the last few months in helping to get the new location cleaned up and prepared, packing up the old pantry and setting up the new one! All this would not have been possible without your hard work and dedication! **Marcy Smith, George and Linda Lopos, Marty Driscoll, Bobby and Dorothy Macris, Maria Alberts, Dennis and Pat Koutouzis, Dennis Christopher, Terry and Irma Bliss.**

Special mention: **Father John, Father Paul, Anne Willcocks, for your behind the scenes assistance, our GOYA members who volunteered and helped us out on a Wednesday evening. Many thanks to all of you for your assistance!**

### **REVERSE OFFERING PROJECT:**

**GOD BLESSES ABUNDANTLY!! We are so blessed to have such a giving parish. A big“THANK YOU” to all of our parish family members who participated in our reverse offering last month! It was a huge success!!**

Your donations filled almost every shelf in our new food pantry. We are so grateful to all of you for your generosity! If you did not have a chance to donate one of the suggested food packages, you still have time. We will continue to accept donations throughout the month of October. We will have a table set up in the PLC on Sundays. You can drop off before or after church services.

Our next Food Pantry Distribution day will take place on Monday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30–7:00 PM.

**We need 5-6 volunteers total to assist on that day. If you would like to volunteer your time, please notify Isabelle at [icdymond1@gmail.com](mailto:icdymond1@gmail.com) by Friday, October 13.**

**Next Project:** We have had many requests from our food pantry families for easy recipes that can be prepared in 30 minutes or less. We would like to put some easy healthy recipes together for these families. One suggestion was easy Mediterranean recipes. Most do not know how to cook, but would like to make healthy meals for their children/grandchildren.

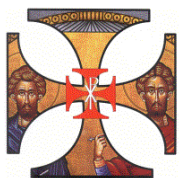
Needed: 1).a volunteer to chair this project and 2). several volunteers to assist with gathering healthy & simple recipes and then putting these recipes on index cards. If anyone is interested in volunteering your time and talent for this project, please contact Isabelle at 404-502-8343 or you may email her at [icdymond1@gmail.com](mailto:icdymond1@gmail.com) .

We can always use donations for the food pantry, if you would like to assist the food pantry ministry but do not have the time or the energy to get out and go grocery shopping, feel free to drop off a check in our donation box which is located in the PLC on our Food Pantry offering table.

In his name,

Isabelle and John Dymond





**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 for Christ's work as a Philoptochos member. My donation will be allocated to Local, Metropolis, and National Philoptochos as follows:

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| <b>3. Metropolis donation per member:</b>                                                                         | \$ 7.00 METROPOLIS     |
| <b>My total Philoptochos donation (total all three lines):</b><br>*tax deductible (501c3)                         | \$ _____ <b>TOTAL</b>  |

I would like to offer MY TALENTS to assist the following Philoptochos efforts (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

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| Soup Kitchen: 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. each month (Please circle)<br>Prepare food / Donate / Serve at MUST ministries | Godparents Luncheon (Please circle)<br>Co-chair   food prep   set-up   clean-up |
| Visit homebound                                                                                                     | Easter Egg Dying                                                                |
| Prepare meals for sick                                                                                              | Decorate Kouvouklion for Epitaphion                                             |
| Help with Makaria (prepare and serve meal in PLC)                                                                   | Resurrection Supper (food prep)                                                 |
| Baking (Please circle)<br>Koulouria   Paximadia   Vasilopita                                                        | Fall Fundraiser (Please circle)<br>Co-chair   serve on committee                |
| Calling Committee (Call members for meetings)                                                                       | Provide snacks/beverages for general meetings                                   |



## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

**Our parishioners are so lucky that we have such an active group of ministries. Prime Timers offers so much for its members and anyone who wishes to participate. Our board meets faithfully the first Tuesday of every month. Recently, we have started to communicate by email to all our members to inform them of upcoming activities in our ministry. We encourage participating in brain games and also simple healthy physical activities. Come out and join us!**

**On Thursday, October 12, we are featuring a MOVIE NIGHT to be held in St. Basil's Conference Room at 4:00 pm. Our feature which was recommended by one of our members is "Shirley Valentine"- an oldie but a goodie. After the movie, we will serve a light supper with all the trimmings (something different). We love to surprise!! Cost: \$8 per person.**

**On Saturday, November 4, at 11:30 am, we are lucky to have a presentation from Viking Cruises. Everyone in our church is invited to attend not just Prime Timers. It will be very informative, and they are serving lunch and bringing prizes. So please tell everyone to sign up. We have several parishioners sign up already but we will continue to have sign up sheets during coffee hour. Cost: free**

**Your board is planning a trip to Blue Willow Inn. Just a day trip with possible side trip to visit some homes in Madison GA. More information to follow.**

**Our Christmas party this year will be at North Point Diner, Sunday, December 3. More information to follow. Fun games and prizes are included. Please mark your calendars.**

**Our year is almost over. This board has been here for 5 years. We feel that Prime Timers is a very important part of our beloved church. It is time for a new president and hopefully someone will step forward to take over. We will offer all our help that is needed. Please volunteer!!!**



# connect 2017

## CONNECT CONFERENCE FOR ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS

ATLANTA | OCTOBER 6-8

**REGISTER AT:**  
**CONNECTORTHODOXY.ORG**

**FOLLOW AT:**  
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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.





NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

# FALL GARDEN PARTY

## CROCKPOT CHALLENGE

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**SATURDAY IN THE GARDEN**

**BONFIRE, FOOD, LEAVES, FELLOWSHIP**

3:00 TO DARK

THE CHURCH GARDEN

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Bring your best crockpot dish to share, chairs, a cooler and join us in the Garden for an afternoon of Fall Fun. This is a great time to come and celebrate our wonderful wooden wonderland that we are so blessed to have right here. No garden work today, just time to play and enjoy in food, fellowship and a campfire.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MARLA HENDRIX @ 678-773-6155

# CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2017

Back to the Sources: Moving Forward by Drawing from the Past



Professor Robin Young,  
Catholic University



Dr. Ken Boa,  
Reflections Ministries





# CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2017

Discussion, Debate and exchange of knowledge and faith





## 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.



# October 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                            | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>Atlanta Greek Festival</b><br><b>Second Sunday of the Holy Spirit</b><br>8:30 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Library Open<br>11:30 AM Catechism<br>12:30 PM WYR Volleyball Practice<br>2:00 PM WYR Girls Basketball Practice                           | <b>2</b><br>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate<br>6:00 PM Great Vespers for Feast of St. Dionysios the Areopagite<br>7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night                      | <b>3</b><br><b>Feast of St. Dionysios the Areopagite</b><br>9:00 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>10:30 AM Prime Timers' Board Meeting<br>10:45 AM Kafetion<br>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br>7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade)<br>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy | <b>4</b><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting<br>7:00 PM Bible Study (GOYA)<br>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)                                                                                             | <b>5</b><br>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>6</b><br><b>Connect 2017 Conference</b><br>9:00 AM Rental: Chick-fil-A Meeting | <b>7</b><br>3:00 PM Saratiosis Baptism (Fr. John Stefero)<br>4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers                                                                                |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Connect 2017 Conference</b><br><b>Third Sunday of Luke</b><br>8:30 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Catechism<br>12:30 PM Tentative Luncheon for Connect Conference<br>12:30 PM WYR Volleyball Practice<br>2:00 PM WYR Girls Basketball                  | <b>9</b><br><b>Columbus Day (regional holiday)</b><br>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate<br>6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting<br>7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night             | <b>10</b><br>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Class<br>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy<br>7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade)                                                                                                                                                     | <b>11</b><br>10:00 AM NO Bible Study<br>7:00 PM NO Bible Study (GOYA)<br>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)                                                                                                                           | <b>12</b><br>4:00 PM Prime Timers' Movie Night<br>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball                                                                                                                                      | <b>13</b><br>                                                                     | <b>14</b><br><b>Habitat for Humanity Build</b><br>10:30 AM Cacavias Baptism (James)<br>4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson<br>4:00 PM Rental: Zambarov Wedding Reception<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers        |
| <b>15</b><br><b>Sundaphne (The Ascension)</b><br>8:30 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Catechism<br>... Rental: Zambarov Wedding Reception<br>12:30 PM WYR Volleyball Practice<br>2:00 PM WYR Girls Basketball Practice                                                 | <b>16</b><br>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate<br>5:30 PM Pantry Distribution<br>6:00 PM Great Vespers for Feast of Hosea the Prophet<br>7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night | <b>17</b><br><b>Great Vespers for the Ascension</b><br>9:00 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmitons of Atlanta<br>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies<br>7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade)<br>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy Class                 | <b>18</b><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00 PM Service of Supplication to the Theotokos<br>7:00 PM Potluck Dinner<br>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)<br>7:30 PM Presentation on 500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation          | <b>19</b><br>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball<br>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting                                                                                                                                     | <b>20</b><br><b>Cumming Greek Festival Philoptochos Fundraiser Set-Up</b>         | <b>21</b><br><b>Philoptochos Fall Fundraiser</b><br>8:45 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy<br>4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers<br>6:00 PM Philoptochos Fundraiser-Death by Dessert |
| <b>22</b><br><b>Cumming Greek Festival</b><br><b>Sixth Sunday of Luke</b><br>8:30 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Catechism<br>12:00 PM Parish Assembly<br>12:30 PM WYR Volleyball<br>2:00 PM WYR Girls Basketball<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers for Feast of St. James the | <b>23</b><br><b>Feast of James the Apostle</b><br>9:00 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night     | <b>24</b><br>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Class<br>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy<br>7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade)                                                                                                                                                     | <b>25</b><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00 PM Great Vespers-St. Demetrios the Great Martyr<br>6:45 PM Potluck Dinner<br>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)<br>7:30 PM Presentation No 2 on 500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation | <b>26</b><br><b>Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr</b><br>8:45 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos)<br>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball<br>6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club | <b>27</b><br>                                                                     | <b>28</b><br><b>Facilities Clean-Up/Storage</b><br>11:00 AM Rental: Sprayberry Athletic Gala<br>4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers                                             |
| <b>29</b><br><b>Seventh Sunday of Luke</b><br>8:30 AM Orthros<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Catechism<br>12:00 PM OXI Day Luncheon<br>12:30 PM WYR Volleyball Practice<br>2:00 PM WYR Girls Basketball<br>6:30 PM Spiritual Book                                                | <b>30</b><br>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate<br>7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night                                                                                        | <b>31</b><br><b>Halloween</b><br>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Class<br>7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade)<br>7:00 PM Intro to Orthodoxy Class                                                                                                                           | <b>1</b><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters<br>7:00 PM Bible Study (GOYA)<br>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)                                                                                  | <b>2</b><br>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>3</b><br>                                                                      | <b>4</b><br>8:30 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 AM Prime Timers' General Meeting<br>4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson<br>5:00 PM Great Vespers                                                   |

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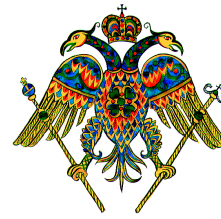
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| DATE  | PC DUTY                        | ACOLYTES  | GREETERS                    | PROSFORO                                    | USHERS                                                |
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| 10/1  | A. Miltiades/J.<br>Papastrat   | St. James | P. Dunkerly/D.<br>Poradzisz | F. Tucker/T.<br>Vamvakias/E. Bilson         | J. Alberts/E. Nikolas/<br>H. Mavromatidis/A.<br>Reale |
| 10/8  | J. Burke/S. Tingas             | St. John  | J. & I. Dymond              | A. Burke/P.<br>Christopher/C.<br>Costarides | T. Argentis/P. Bilson/N.<br>Gavalas/M. Zavala         |
| 10/15 | D. Christopher/D.<br>Vlahiotis | St. Peter | S. Linebaugh/E. Markley     | M. Driscoll/I.<br>Dymond/S. Gianaris        | D. Botni/K. Johnson/K.<br>& A. Lilly                  |
| 10/22 | P. Markley/B. Valagohar        | St. James | P. Koutouzis/V. Worden      | N. Kakissis/E. Kay/<br>P. Koutouzis         | R. Peppas/B. Reid/G.<br>Sarris/M. Strakes             |
| 10/29 | K. Bilson/S. Steffas           | St. John  | B. Valagohar/M. Zavala      | L. Lopos/I. Michaels/<br>P. Miltiades       | J. & I. Dymond/H.<br>Mavromatidis/C.<br>Sprouse       |

## **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:** Captain-Matthew Azimzadeh

Christopher Alberts, Steven Ardagna, Andrew Bass, Theo Bliss, Anthony Bundros, Christian Coleman, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Alex Gekas, Kaleb Hotnog, William Jansma, 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, Leo Tzavaras, Ted Tzavaras, Gianni Vacratsas, Stefano Vacratsas, Michael Vastakis, Panayiotis Vlachos.

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