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THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - SEPTEMBER 8

Your birth, O Theotokos, has brought joy to all the inhabited earth: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He has loosed us from the curse and given the blessing; He has made death of no effect, and bestowed on us eternal life.

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

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WHO CAN I RELY ON DURING MY NEED?



The need for comfort and consolation arises in our lives sooner or later. That's when we call upon our family, our friends, our church community, our priest, looking for their presence, their love and their caring.

But more than anyone else, we should turn to God in our time of need, just as the Psalmist in the Old Testament did:

O LORD, I have trusted in you since I was young. I have leaned on you since birth (Psalm 71:5-6).

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD. (Psalm 70:1)

You are my helper and my deliverer! O LORD, do not delay! (70:5)

This reliance on God is something I witnessed quite early in my own life. I watched my parents turn to God for help in everything. I remember my mother praying at every turn of the day about all things and for all of our needs. We didn't have much (by modern American standards), but we never lacked anything and never feared that we ever would.

And then, the test of time came: The Turkish invasion of Cyprus and our uprooting from our homes and ancestral land. This was the time when the words of the Psalmist made a lot more sense. This is when all the training in prayer of the years past came in handy. We had no one to turn to because everyone we knew was also uprooted and fleeing for their lives. God was our only consolation. He was our only source of strength. The prayer "make haste, O God, to deliver us; make haste to help us, O Lord," became a constant offering from our lips.

Great strength comes to those who learn to turn to God early on in their lives. They learn not to rely on their own abilities alone but rather on the power and protection of God that always hovers over them. They become humble as they realize that "all good things come from above" and nothing can be taken for granted.

Here, at Holy Transfiguration, we have had many blessings over the last 29 years of the life of the parish. God's abundant Grace has been poured over us. Perhaps we don't feel the need to ask for His deliverance from anything right now, but we still need to teach the younger generations to rely on the Lord. Training the youth to pray and depend on God will help them find the strength, wisdom and guidance in their life when the need arises, when the test of time arrives. Teaching them to trust in God will give them patience and comfort when they find themselves in trouble. It will help pull them out of any difficulty, no matter how grave.

Please bring your children to church **on time** for the services.

Please help them learn to immerse themselves in prayer.

Please teach them humility and reliance on God. I assure you that you will live to see and enjoy the benefits!!!

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

September 2017

August 31, Thursday Evening, Great Vespers 6:00 pm

September 1, Friday, Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year

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

September 2, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 3, Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

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

September 4, Monday, Feast of Moses the Prophet

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

September 7, Thursday Evening, Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

September 8, Friday, The Nativity of the Theotokos

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

September 9, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 10, Sunday, Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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

September 13, Wednesday Evening, Great Vespers for Elevation of Holy Cross 6:00 pm

September 14, Thursday, The Universal Elevation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross

Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. *Today we hold a Strict Fast*

September 16, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 17, Sunday, Sunday after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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

September 19, Tuesday, Great Vespers for Feast of St. Eustathios 6:00 pm

September 20, Wednesday, Feast of St. Eustathios and those with him

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

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

September 23, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 24, Sunday, First Sunday of Luke

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

Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

September 25, Monday Evening: Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist 6:00 pm

September 26, Tuesday, The Assumption of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian

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

September 29, Friday, Great Vespers for Feast of St. Gregory 6:00 pm

September 30, Saturday, Feast of St. Gregory the Illuminator of Georgia

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

The Birth of the Virgin Mary the Blessed Theotokos **Celebrated on September 8**

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of Mary the Virgin Theotokos, the one who gave birth to our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is an important feast of the Church because the birth of the Virgin marks the beginning of our salvation. She was chosen by God among all women to bear His Son, and thus participate in the process of salvation of all humanity. She was chosen from among all women because of her faith and obedience to God. She has become an example for all of us to follow. This is one of the reasons she is honored by the Church and raised up for us to see. She is Blessed among women because the fruit of her womb is blessed.

HYMN OF THE FEAST

Your birth, O Theotokos, has brought joy to all the inhabited earth: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He has loosed us from the curse and given the blessing; He has made death of no effect, and bestowed on us eternal life.



The Birth of the Theotokos

The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Celebrated on September 14

On September 14th, Orthodox Christians throughout the world commemorate the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross.

This feast commemorates the discovery of the Holy Cross of Christ by St. Helena in 325 A.D. and also the recovery of it in 628 A.D. by Emperor Heraclius after it was stolen by the Persians when they plundered Jerusalem in 614.

This is a very solemn day as we remember the sacrifice of the Lord for us. This is why we keep a **strict fast on this day**. This is the second most solemn day of the Church calendar after Holy Friday.

HYMN OF THE FEAST

“Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.”



The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross



The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian

Commemorated on September 26

This Apostle John was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was the son of Zebedee and Salome, the brother of James the elder and the nephew of our Savior, since his mother was the daughter of St Joseph the Betrothed. First a fisherman by trade, he became an Apostle and the beloved Disciple of Christ. The behavior of the two brothers, John and James, revealed their fiery nature, strong zeal and great faith for which they earned the name from Christ "Boanerges" that is "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). Only John of all the disciples followed Christ even to the Cross, and was entrusted with the care of our Savior's Mother. After this, he preached throughout Asia Minor, especially in Ephesus. When the second persecution against the Christians began in the year 96 during the reign of Domitian, he was taken in bonds to Rome, and there was cast into a vat filled with boiling oil. Emerging unharmed, he was then exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. He returned again to Ephesus after the death of the tyrant, and wrote his Gospel (after the other Evangelists had already written theirs) and his three Epistles. He instructed the Christians to guard against false teachers and their erroneous teachings. He called for all Christians to love the Lord and one another, and by this to fulfill the commands of Christ. The Church calls St John the "Apostle of Love", since he constantly taught that without love man cannot come near to God. When he was well advanced in years he used to be carried to the gatherings of the believers and only gave them very short sermons saying, "My children, love one another."

When it was time for his departure, he went out beyond the city limits of Ephesus with his disciples and their families. He bade them prepare for him a cross-shaped grave telling his disciples that they should cover him over with the soil. The disciples tearfully kissed their beloved teacher, and not wanting to be disobedient, they fulfilled his bidding. They covered the face of the saint with a cloth and filled in the grave. Learning of this, other disciples of St John came to the place of his burial, but when they opened the grave, they found it empty. In all, he lived ninety five years and fell asleep in the Lord during the reign of Trajan in the year 100.

He was called the Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son of the Word of God the Father. An eagle is depicted in his icon, for it is the symbol of the lofty heights of his theological thought and is one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).

Apolytikion in the Second Tone

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a people without defense. He who permitted you to recline upon His bosom, accepts you on bended knee before Him. Beseech Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of nations, asking for us peace and great mercy.



Exploring the Richness of the Christian Faith

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

Presented by The School of Christian Spiritual Formation



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

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

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

PRESENTERS

Dr. Ken Boa, Reflections Ministries,
Atlanta (www.kenboa.org)
Dr. Robin Darling-Young, Catholic Univ.,
Washington, DC
Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Holy
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Friday, Sep 22nd
through
Sunday, Sep 24th

FRIDAY 7 PM - 9 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

Continental Breakfast and Lunch served on Saturday!

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\$10 SATURDAY and \$5 SUNDAY**

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Conference Schedule

Friday, September 22

- 7:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 7:15 pm How Did We Get Here? A Review of How We Arrived at the Current State of Western Culture and the Rejection of the Christian Faith - Ken Boa
- 8:15 pm Break
- 8:30 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Ken Boa, Robin-Darling Young

Saturday, September 23

- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 am Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 9:00 am Patristic Era: The Theology of St. Ignatius of Antioch - Robin Darling-Young
- 10:00 am Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Christian Theology from Justin Martyr to Origen - Robin Darling-Young
- 11:45 am Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Science: An Enemy of Religion? - Ken Boa
- 2:00 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Christian Spiritual Formation: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant Perspectives - Ken Boa
- 3:45 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 4:15 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis
- 5:00 pm Vespers (Optional)

Sunday, September 24

- 1:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 1:15 pm The Cappadocian Fathers and the Christianization of the Roman Society - Robin Darling-Young
- 2:15 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm Living a Christian Life Today - Ken Boa
- 4:00 pm Q & A's; Discusson - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin-Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 4:45 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis
- 5:00 pm Vespers (Optional)

Ken Boa is a writer, teacher, speaker, and mentor working largely with business and professional people in the Atlanta area, throughout the country, and around the world. He is President of Reflections Ministries. His website, KenBoa.org, has an abundance of free resources. Ken holds a BS from Case Institute of Technology, a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary, a PhD from New York University, and a DPhil from the University of Oxford in England.

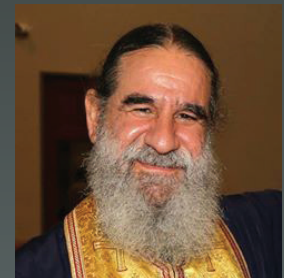


Robin-Darling Young is Associate Professor of Spirituality at Catholic University in Washington, DC. She has published and lectured widely on topics in the history of early Christianity and its thought, including the areas of scriptural

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

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

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



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

EVERYONE COULD USE AN *8th day* IN THE WEEK!



Sunday has been called the Eighth Day by the Church for almost 2000 years. It is the beginning of the New Creation. One not bound by time, nor the worries and cares of this world. If you are ready to set aside All Earthly Care, take some time this Sunday and join us, as we experience the Timeless beauty of our Faith.



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DAILY BIBLE READINGS - SEPTEMBER

09/01/2017	Friday:	I Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 4:16-22
09/02/2017	Saturday:	I Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 22:15-22
09/03/2017	Sunday:	Mark 16:9-20; Galatians 6:11-18	John 3:13-17
09/04/2017	Monday:	Galatians 2:11-16	John 12:19-36
09/05/2017	Tuesday:	II Corinthians 12:20-21; 13:1-2	Matthew 24:13-28
09/06/2017	Wednesday:	Hebrews 1:2-10	Luke 10:16-21
09/07/2017	Thursday:	Galatians 1:1-3, 20-24; 2:1-5	Mark 5:1-20
09/08/2017	Friday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56; Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
09/09/2017	Saturday:	I Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1
09/10/2017	Sunday:	Mark 16:9-20; Galatians 6:11-18	John 3:13-17
09/11/2017	Monday:	Galatians 2:11-16	John 12:19-36
09/12/2017	Tuesday:	Galatians 2:21, 3:1-7	John 11:47-54
09/13/2017	Wednesday:	Hebrews 3:1-4	John 12:25-36
09/14/2017	Thursday:	John 12:28-36; I Corinthians 1:18-24	John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30
09/15/2017	Friday:	Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1	Matthew 10:16-22
09/16/2017	Saturday:	II Corinthians 6:1-10	John 8:21-30
09/17/2017	Sunday:	Luke 24-1-12; Galatians 2:16-20	Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
09/18/2017	Monday:	Galatians 4:28-31; 1-10	Luke 3:19-22
09/19/2017	Tuesday:	Galatians 5:11-21	Luke 3:23-38, 4:1
09/20/2017	Wednesday:	Ephesians 6:10-17	Luke 21-12-19
09/21/2017	Thursday:	Ephesians 1:1-9	Luke 4:16-22
09/22/2017	Friday:	Ephesians 1:7-17	Luke 4:22-30
09/23//2017	Saturday:	Galatians 4:22-27	Luke 1:5-25
09/24/2017	Sunday:	Luke 24-13-35; II Timothy 3:10-15	Luke 5:1-11
09/25/2017	Monday:	Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:1-3	Luke 4:38-44
09/26/2017	Tuesday:	John 21:14-25; I John 4:12-19	John 19:25-27; 21:24-25
09/27/2017	Wednesday:	Ephesians 3:8-21	Luke 5:33-39
09/28/2017	Thursday:	II Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 6:17-23
09/29/2017	Friday:	Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Luke 6:17-23
09/30/2017	Saturday:	I Corinthians 16:13-24	Matthew 24:42-47

You Are a Member of the Church?

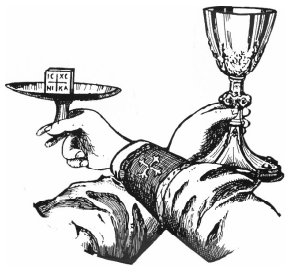
Are you a Steward also?

A question always asked by our parishioners is "How can I be a member of the Parish? I am already an Orthodox Christian. Isn't that enough?"

The answer to this is very simple: All people baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Church are automatically members of the Church, but it takes a little more to be "members in good standing" in the Orthodox Church and in the Parish. First, it is required that a person be married in the Church and live his/her life as an Orthodox Christian, participating in the Holy Sacraments, in order to be in good standing within the Orthodox Church. If one has been married outside the Orthodox Church or has gone through a civil divorce and has not obtained a Church divorce, he/she may not be in good standing with the Church. Please check with the priest of the parish in order to find out where you are.

How can one be a member of the Parish?

It takes participation in the parish by supporting the operation and ministries of the parish to be a member in good standing. In order to do that, you have to fill out the Membership/Stewardship Form and indicate on it how you are going to participate in the Parish with your Time, Talents and Treasure. When you join the Parish in this way, you make a Pledge to God that you will support the work of the Church with the gifts He has given you so that the Gospel may be preached and people may be saved through the ministries of the Church. **Please join us at Holy Transfiguration and serve God with us!**



*"YOUR OWN GIFTS,
OF YOUR OWN,
WE OFFER UNTO YOU."*

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE PARISH'S STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY?

Most of the parishioners seem to think that the primary purpose of the Stewardship Ministry is to collect money for the operation of the parish. However that is not what Stewardship is about – the collection of funds is a secondary purpose of stewardship.

Stewardship is about our relationship with God and our desire to connect with Him. It is about our Love for God and His work of Salvation. It is about our salvation and the salvation others.

Stewardship is also about our sharing of what God has given us to spread the Gospel and help others to come to Him. We do this by donating our time and talents to serve His Church, but we also donate money to support the ministries of the Church for the salvation of all. Our Stewardship enables the Local as well as the Universal Church to do the work of salvation.

The Necessity of Stewardship

Our Parish depends on the Stewardship of its members. Our Parish is funded by us.

Let us offer to our Parish from the Gifts of God to us. Let us offer in proportion of His Gifts to us. Let us bring our offering with a joyful heart.

You will be Blessed greatly if you support the work of our Parish and the work of His Church.

Have you submitted your Stewardship Form? If not, please do so today.

Question Concerning Stewardship

By Dr. Larry Gess, Stewardship Committee Chairman

I have been asked many times why people do not respond quickly in filling out and returning their Stewardship Forms to the parish. As I pondered the question over time I have come up with four main reasons:

1. Many of our parishioners (even long-time members) tend to be procrastinators.
2. Others do not understand or refuse to accept that everything we have is a gift from God and we are merely stewards of His gifts on earth. Hence, they do not like to make a commitment to the work of the Lord until they need the church and her services.
3. Still others consider the Stewardship Form as a Pledge Card and hesitate to "pledge" out of fear that the church may demand from them what they have pledged if they are unable to fulfill this pledge.
4. And yet there are others who do not feel the close affiliation with the parish for reasons that may vary from case to case and stand back again until they need the services of the church.

All of the above situations can be rectified if the active core parishioners show more interest in helping all people who belong in the above four groups to become comfortable in the parish and overcome their specific difficulty.

1. We should gently and lovingly remind the procrastinators to step forward and return their Stewardship form by explaining again and again the need to do so for the welfare of the parish and its ministries.
2. We should kindly and lovingly explain the concept of Stewardship to those who do not understand it yet.
3. We should patiently and lovingly disperse the notion of "pledge" obligation from the minds of those who think that way and reassure them that no-one has ever been chased by the parish for his inability to fulfill their "faith estimate" they put on their Stewardship Form.
4. We should witness the true love of Christ to those who stand on the sidelines and embrace them as Christian brothers and sisters so that they may realize that they belong within the Christian family and join in.

Purpose and Meaning of *Free-Will Offerings*

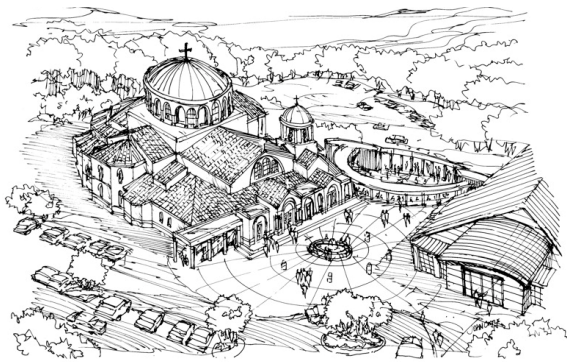
Some people may wonder whether a *free-will offering* means that the event or item being offered is free. Of course, there is a major difference between "free" and "free will".

Candles are a classic case of *free-will offering*: When we enter the Narthex of our church, even though there is no sign, we all know that the candles we light are not free. We place an offering in the basket because the candle is burned as an offering to God from us. We cannot place the responsibility of the purchase of this candle on someone else. It is our own offering, so we offer whatever we feel appropriate at that point.

Our parish organizes many events, e.g., coffee hours, luncheons, special dinners with a *free-will offering* request. There are two reasons for doing so:

- The parish leadership decided that these events should not be used as fundraisers because we know that when we "nickel and dime" the parishioners through many fundraisers they in turn are unwilling or unable to support properly the Operational Fund (General Fund) of the parish. We, hence, request that each person offer whatever they are willing and able at these *free-will offering* events.
- From both the Old and New Testaments we learn that God wants us to practice 'proportional giving' - "*The more a person is blessed with, the more he is expected to offer back for God's work.*"

Thus, a *free-will offering* request from the parish allows a person with a higher income to donate much more for a luncheon than a person who depends on his/hers Social Security check and/or small pension. It also allows a family with four or five children to stay for a luncheon by donating whatever they are able to per person rather than having to pay a fixed higher price. In summary, *free-will offerings* allow everyone to participate in every parish event without putting a financial stress on the family.



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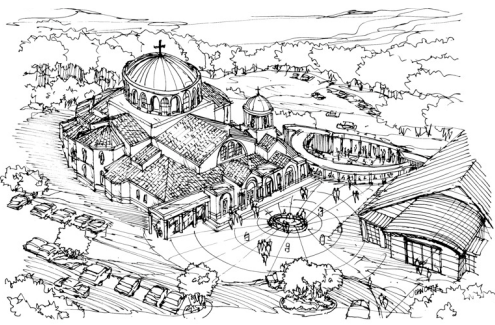
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Introduction to the Orthodox Church

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

PARISH LIFE would like to thank all of the parishioners who helped to prepare our church for our Name Day Celebration. Set up, food prep, serving, and clean up were all made easier because of your help. And a special thank you to Zach and Theresa Taoushiani for chairing the Sunday luncheon. It was delicious!

Stay tuned for more information to come on our November 4th "FUNraiser". An evening of fun and games for the whole family.

If you have any suggested Parish Life event ideas, please send them along to Ellen Linebaugh at thelinebaughs@bellsouth.net or call at 770-509-2517.

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!

Hellenic Dance

Registration:

Registration for 2018 Greek Festival has started. Come by church office to fill out paper or send an email to MariettaHellenicDance@gmail.com to ensure that you are added to our email distribution list for all important announcements. Dancers can start at age 3 (must be 3 by Jan 1, 2018) and must be potty trained.

We start these practices late January 2018 but will have important information emailed before then. Please make sure you are on our list!

Travel Group Starts!!

Contact Despina Chryssopoulos if interested at chryssopoulos.despina@gmail.com

We have been invited to dance at the following festivals. We will have a couple of practices to get the dancers ready. Middle school and High school dancers are needed! Please let us know if you are able to help with any of the festivals!

Athens, GA - Sept 16
Asheville, NC - Sept 24 & 25
Macon, GA - Oct 14 & 15

Come out and support dancers & sister parishes!

Hellenic Dance Festival:

We will have an informational parent meeting for all interested dancers during coffee hour on **Sunday, Sept 10th**. Contact Paulina, paulinasox3@att.net, with any questions. We'll plan to start practicing **Sept 16th**, and every Sunday thereafter from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Any young adults interested in dancing in the HDF adult group, contact Mike Steffas or Athena Vlamis.

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 .



Hellenic Studies registration is open!

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

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

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

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

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

2017-2018 Tuition

YOUTH PROGRAM

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

→ ADULT PROGRAM (MODERN & BIBLICAL GREEK)

Members - \$325
Nonmembers - \$350

Youth / Adult registration form:

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

Biblical Greek registration form:

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/our-culture/hellenic-studies/new-testament-greek-class/>



PHILOPTOCHOS SEPTEMBER NEWS

Philoptochos began the fall season with our Welcome Back Luncheon in the Atrium on August 21. After a delicious lunch catered by "It's Greek to Us", fellowship, and a brief business meeting, we had a presentation by our speaker, Eleni Bafas, an attorney. She explained about estate planning and health directives; i.e., guardianships, health care agents, powers of attorney, and treatment options. Father Panagiotis provided the Orthodox church views on this subject. She did an excellent job of covering many important and pertinent topics in such a short period of time.



Ellen Linebaugh introduced our new **fall fundraiser**, a mystery dinner theater: **Death by Dessert** by Nathan Hartswick; produced by special arrangement with Brooklyn Publishers LLC. Those who have attended the plays and shows Ellen has directed in the past know how much fun **Oct. 21, 2017** will be. The evening will begin at 6 pm with a silent auction, which will include baskets from our ministries and a cash bar. The "mystery play" begins at 7 with dinner between the scenes. Our own Mary Miltiades will be catering the dinner. Tickets for evening will be \$50 and sales will begin in September. We are looking for many volunteers in different area of the production. Please see the following list and see how you can volunteer your talents:

Photographer (s): take headshot of the performers for the display board.

Set builders and Set dressers

Prop Masters

Lighting and Sound effects

Costume person

Wait staff-in costume

Playbill person

Bartender

Signup sheets with detailed explanations of these jobs will be available in the PLC after Divine Liturgy or contact Ellen Linebaugh at: thelinebaughs@bellsouth.net, Pat Koutouzis at: koutouzisjd@comcast.net or Dorothy Macris at: dorothymmacris@gmail.com

Our Mystery Theater: **Death by Dessert** profits will send donations to St. Nicholas Shrine in New York and Live Safe Resources of Cobb County, which provides services for victims of domestic violence and elderly abuse.



We had a great response for our **Back to School Backpack Program**. This was in conjunction with FOCUS, which is Fellowship or Orthodox Christians United to Serve. Twenty seven Backpacks were filled with school supplies and donated to the Marietta Sixth Grade Academy to help disadvantaged children start off the new school year.



On Sept 17, Philoptochos will celebrate **St. Phanourios**, the martyr and miracle worker. The tradition is to bake a Phanouropita to ask St. Phanourios to help you find something that is lost. Statistics show that 60% of our youth leave the church after high school. By baking the Phanouropita, the Metropolis is hoping that we will "find" our lost youth. On that Sunday Philoptochos will be baking Phanouripites and passing a 2nd tray to support our youth programs. Please be generous.

Philoptochos will have an artoclasia for St. Euphemia, patron saint of the Metropolis Philoptochos, on Sept. 24.

Soup Kitchen: On July 27 we served 79 meals at Must Ministries. Thank you to the following ladies and gentlemen who helped prepared and/or serve the meals. Isabelle Dymond, Elena Kay, Thea Blalock, Christine Sprouse, Cathy Costarides, Ellen Linebaugh, Marty Driscoll, Dorothy and Bobby Macris, Pat and Dennis Koutouzis, and Athena Burke.

If you would like to help donate, cook or serve for soup kitchen, please contact Athena Burke at: ibgreek@bellsouth.net

Holy Transfiguration has a very special opportunity to participate in building a home with **Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat is a Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing worldwide. A special thank you to the Marietta Greek Festival, Philoptochos and BrandMortgage for providing the funds. Our day will be **Oct. 14, 2017** from 7:45 to 4:00 at Chestnut Hill Drive in Marietta. We need 30 volunteers onsite, ages 16 and up. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers will be working with the family that is purchasing the home. The work for that is first coat paint on interior surfaces and shutters. Volunteers can sign up online. Please follow the instructions on the flyer. We look forward to a very rewarding and exciting day.

Philoptochos has 110 members for 2017! Thank you to all at Holy Transfiguration who support the projects of Philoptochos.

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



Philotochos



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: First coat paint on interior surfaces and shutters.
- 🔨 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!!

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

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

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
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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:

1. Panagia Chapter (Local Philoptochos Stewardship) PLEASE CIRCLE: \$10 \$15 \$20 OTHER _____	\$ _____ LOCAL CHAPTER
2. National donation per member:	\$15.00 NATIONAL
3. Metropolis donation per member:	\$ 7.00 METROPOLIS
My total Philoptochos donation (total all three lines): *tax deductible (501c3)	\$ _____ TOTAL

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

Soup Kitchen: 4 th Thurs. each month (Please circle) Prepare food / Donate / Serve at MUST ministries	Godparents Luncheon (Please circle) 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) Koulouria Paximadia Vasilopita	Fall Fundraiser (Please circle) Co-chair serve on committee
Calling Committee (Call members for meetings)	Provide snacks/beverages for general meetings



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

On August 20, Prime Timers sponsored coffee hour after church. Most of the time was spent with the little children of our community. Each child was given a ticket; if his or her ticket was drawn there were over 30 prizes from which to choose. Everyone had a fun time and went home happily satisfied. Our refreshments were simple, and we thank all our kind members for bringing donuts. Philoptochos Welcome Back luncheon was held afterward which was the reason we kept refreshments simple.

Saturday, September 30, is when our third general meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. We will try a new form of exercise known as "sittercize". It is fun and also healthy. More information will follow concerning what our menu will be.

We are planning to have a movie night during the week in the late afternoon and afterward have a light dinner. Hope we can do this in the next month. More to follow about this.

Saturday, November 4, we are very fortunate to have representatives from Viking Cruises come to our Parish Hall to introduce their cruise line and what each trip has to offer. They will be furnishing lunch and will distribute all kinds of information concerning their trips. They will also offer prizes. Please do not miss this terrific opportunity to learn first hand about ocean and river cruises. Everyone is invited not just members, so please sign up. The number attending is essential so there will be enough food and pamphlets for everyone. To reserve your place, please call Connie at 770-992 9707 or Dorothy 770-971-9956 before October 20. We will have sign up sheets during coffee hour through October.

Thank you for your support.

May God Bless you and your family.



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CONNECT CONFERENCE FOR ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS

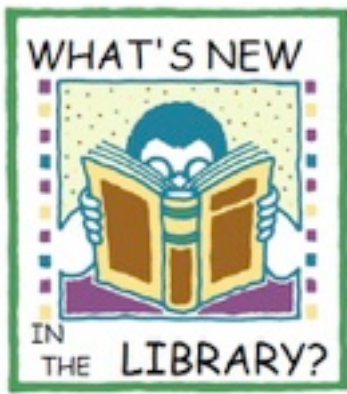
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The CONNECT Conference is a new event for Orthodox Christian young adults in their 20s and 30s. Planned by young adults for young adults, this conference offers an opportunity to retreat, recharge, and reconnect with Christ, the Church, and other Orthodox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



A book that we are talking about this month is “Icon, A Novel” by Georgia Briggs. Check out the review by Bev Cooke (from Behind the Scenes, Ancient Faith Ministries blog) reprinted below.

There are times when a book feels so right and so true that it takes a place not just in your heart, but insinuates itself into your entire being. That is [Icon: A Novel](#), by [Georgia Briggs](#).

One of the major attractions of the book was how normal and thrilling it felt to be reading a book of fiction and seeing little pieces of my life in it. I can read about Orthodox lives and people, yes, but the books are generally from another nation and another time – and in the day-to-day lives of the book’s characters, there is little that resonates with my cultural touchstones and routines. I can read secular fiction and feel at home in the secular world the characters inhabit – I know the books they read, I’m familiar with the TV shows and top ten songs on the radio, but even if religion is mentioned, it’s not MY faith and that faith doesn’t intersect the everyday world of the characters the way our faith intersects our everyday lives. In *Icon*, I not only get the references to Lois Lowry’s *The Giver*, and *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson, and the references to MacDonalds and Egg McMuffins, and to the secular Christmas that we all complain about every year, but, joy of joys, I get the references to fasting and how good meat tastes on Pascha. When the hymns are sung, I hear the melodies in my head, because I sing those at Liturgy, too! It felt as though finally, someone saw the world the way I did, and wrote about it. It felt like my world, my reality, my life.

That was the tip of the iceberg. Then it got better.

On one level, *Icon* can be read as a mid-grade/young adult dystopian novel. It’s slightly futuristic (but at the same time, it feels very much a story of right here and right now), with an all-too-plausible premise in which our current culture combines the worst of that “feel good, be tolerant and accepting of everything” mentality with the equally strong intolerance and suspicion of the “other,” with predictable results. As long as you’re completely secular and keep your religion so private nobody knows about it, you’re fine. Those who insist on believing, who stand apart from the bland lip service of “acceptance” and “tolerance,” are sacrificed on the altar of that intolerant tolerance.

It’s the combination of the two cultures – secular and Orthodox – that is part of the strength and the power of this book. Euphrosyne, or Hillary as she is called in the new world order, is off balance and isn’t sure what is truth and what are lies. All she knows is that in one horrific moment, she lost her family and her reality, and the rest of the book is her groping to find or return to something true and real.

This book brings home, in a visceral way, the experience of today’s martyrs. By marrying the reality of our lives in our culture with the slightly futuristic world in which religion is the only sin, *Icon* makes the modern Christian persecution real in a way none of the pictures on TV and social media can. We can see the images, watch the videos, and agonize as our brothers and sisters in faith are blown up, gunned down, and beheaded because they will not proclaim Allah, they will not burn the incense, and they will not say all religions are a private and personal matter, to be kept only in our minds and hearts and never shared with anyone. But Georgia brings the pain, the blood, and the sacrifice home to us, to our neighborhoods and to our living rooms: from the broken figure of Jesus in a thrown-away Christmas creche to a hurried and paranoid Paschal breakfast in a MacDonald’s drive-through, while covered in the blood of your martyred family.

And it got deeper, and still more compelling.

On another level, this book is about being an icon of Christ, of standing as firm as the hardwood upon which our icons are written. It's about being the salt and the beacon, even if we aren't aware that's what we're doing. It's about seeing that saints are made of the same stuff we are, and are as weak, as doubting, and as broken as every single one of us, and that sometimes, what makes a saint isn't their incredible faith and strength, but their confusion, their doubt and their stumbling through the dark toward a distant, faint light with no assurance that it's not just another train barreling down the tracks toward them.

I don't think this book could have been written by anyone but an Orthodox Christian. The power and strength of **Icon** is the effortless way Georgia Briggs combines all three of those threads: the culture of our faith with secular culture and the power and true meaning of an icon. The cultural clashes could be done by anyone. It's just a matter of knowing a religious culture and a secular culture. Plenty of people know that. But it's only the Orthodox who understand what those wooden paintings really mean, and what stands behind each and every one of them. And it's the combination of those three threads that gives **Icon** the strength and the power it has to not just take a place in your heart, but to insinuate itself into the very fiber of your being. This is not a book that can be forgotten easily. It's a book that will widen and deepen your world.



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:

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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.

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.



September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Twelfth Sunday of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:20 AM Catechism Year begins 11:30 AM Library Open 12:00 PM Homecoming Picnic 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Blessing of St. John the Fore-Runner 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance of the Holy Spirit 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:45 AM Kafention 7:00 PM College Outreach Mtg 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade) 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecclesiastical New Year 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Rental: Mary Miliades 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thirtieth Sunday of Matthew 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Library Open 11:30 AM 40 day Blessing of Irene Baleno and her son, Luke John. 12:30 PM Recreational Play or Practice for Winter Youth Rally Athletic Teams 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor Day Feast of Moses the Prophet 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:45 AM Kafention 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies begins 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nativity of Our Lady 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday before Holy Cross 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Library Open 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Recreational Play or Practice for Winter Youth Rally Athletic Teams 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM EYC Committee Meeting 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade) 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forefeast of the Holy Cross 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Elevation of the Holy Cross 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Elevation of the Holy Cross 8:45 AM Orthros—Elevation of the Holy Cross 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers 5:45 PM Chrismation of Tim Rury and Judith Davis
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday after Holy Cross 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Philoptochos St. Pananourios Celebration 11:30 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Prime Timers' Coffee/Luncheon 12:30 PM Recreational Play or Practice for Winter Youth 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmontons of Atlanta 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Eustathios 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade) 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. Eustathios 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Supplication Service to the Theotokos 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Spiritual Formation Conference 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Spiritual Formation Conference 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 11:45 AM Philoptochos Artokelesia for St. Euphemia, Patron Saint of the Metropolis 1:00 PM Spiritual Formation Conference 5:00 PM Great Vespers 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Assumption of the Virgin Mary 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM WYR Boys' Basketball Practice (8-12 grade) 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St. Basil the Great 9:00 AM Orthros for St. Gregory 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory 11:30 AM Prime Timers' General Meeting 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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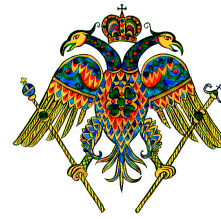
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9/3	D. Christopher/P. Markley	St. Peter	B. Valagohar/M. Zavala	I. Michaels/P. Miltiades/M. Neocleous	D. Botni/K. Johnson/ Z. Kollias/G. Sarris
9/10	S. Tingas/D. Vlahiotis	St. James	K. Johnson/S. Lukens	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/K. Niarchos	T. Argentis/P. Bilson/ G. Caras/J. Dymond
9/17	J. Papastrat/S. Steffas	St. John	S. Gianaris/P. Koutouzis	K. Panov/R. Peppas/ C. Smith	S. Kargas/R. Peppas/ C. Sprouse
9/24	J. Burke/E. Linebaugh	St. Peter	M. Alberts/ J. Schumacher	C. Sprouse/I. Steffas/M. Tingas	J. Alberts/ H. Mavromatidis/ A. Zakreski

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.

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

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