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Marietta, GA

MARCH 2018



O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems
as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me,
so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

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

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

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family - The Womb of our future



The family has been the nucleus of every society ever since the beginning of time. And yet, if one were to look closely on our society today, one would notice that this nucleus of the society is shaking at its very foundation. Is this something to be concerned about? Certainly!

Stalin once said, "if we are to turn this country (the Soviet Union) into a purely Communist state we need to dissolve the family as the Russians know it, and recreate it." In contemporary secular America we are already dissolving and redefining the family without the guidance of Stalin and not cognizant of the repercussions of our indifference. Stalin was trying to abolish the traditional values of the Russian family and create a family obedient to the laws of the state and its secular ideology.

The United States of America is today faced with a similar situation. A secular ideology, into which most of us have bought unknowingly, is shaping the culture and taking away the ability of the family to nurture.

The moral standards have been lowered. The ethical standards are being questioned. Spiritual standards are being mocked. And the traditional family, as we have known it, is slowly being eroded. The results are devastating for the younger generations. Young people grow up without guidance, in a void of ideals and morals, confused about right and wrong. They are led by a nonsensical legalistic system, where the heroes are those who are able to beat it, or get around it, not the ones who strive for virtue and excellence.

Laws can only make sense if they are guided by human moral standards. When those are being questioned and formally pushed aside, laws are only there to serve a heartless system. What today is illegal, tomorrow may become legal. Marriage has already been redefined by new forms of legal arrangements for heterosexuals as well as the more recent legalization of homosexual marriage. Our children are encouraged to engage in every possible sexual adventure with the result that scores of them are confused about even their sexual identity while thousands of babies are being born to a single mother with a multitude of dire consequences. At the same time, drug abuse is at an all-time high with the result that tens of thousand of people die from overdoses.

These are developments showing how devoid our society is of moral and spiritual reasoning; results of the loss of human sensitivity to the spiritual dimension and our connection to God. The chemical effects of drugs on the brain are sought to give people a false *ecstasis*, because people we have lost our contact with God, whose presence in our lives brings the real heavenly *ecstasis*.

The holy men and women of the Church, who reached spiritual heights through the centuries, found an abundance of spiritual joy through the help of the Holy Spirit. They kept their bodies and minds pure of all outside effects and focused their hearts on the love of God. They thus brought the highest and perfect reality of the Kingdom of God down to earth even in the here and now. They broke the boundaries between heaven and earth by utilizing the power of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

This is the *ecstasis* we should offer to our children and not chemical drugs which fry the brain, or sexual adventures which destroy the soul. Let us offer them the faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Then even the strongest of drugs or the greatest pleasures of the flesh will not be appealing to them, for they will be able to enjoy true and heavenly *ecstasis*: their personal experience of the Divine.

Our families, strengthened and supported by the Church, bear this responsibility to nurture, guide and protect the young ones and lead them to the *highest good*, the Kingdom of God.

May God be with us on this noble but difficult Journey!

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 1 - April 1, 2018

March 1, Second Thursday of Great Lent.

Blessing of the Water 11:00 am Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 2, Friday. Second Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Δεύτεροι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ

March 3, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 4, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas.

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

March 5, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 7, Third Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm.

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

March 8, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 9, Friday, Third Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 10, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 11, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

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

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

March 12, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 14, Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

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

March 15, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 16, Friday. Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τέταρτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 17, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 18, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, St. John of Climacus.

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

March 19, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

Schedule of Services - March 1 - April 1, 2018

March 21, Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

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

March 22, Thursday. The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:00 pm

March 23, Friday, The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

March 24, Saturday, Great Vespers of the Annunciation of the Theotokos 5:00 pm.

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

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

March 26, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 28, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

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

March 29, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 30, Friday, Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 6:00 pm

March 31, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus

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

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

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

April 1, Palm Sunday. The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

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

For Services from Palm Sunday Evening to the Sunday of Pascha (April 8), please see the Holy Week Services Schedule provided in a special flyer.

The Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem

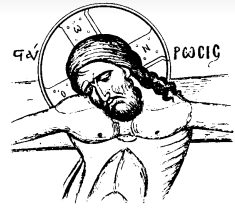
Hymn of the Feast of Palm Sunday (First Tone)

“To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.”





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Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2018

April 1, Sunday. Palm Sunday. Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων.

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 2, Holy and Great Monday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Δευτέρα.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 3, Holy and Great Tuesday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Τρίτη.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου 7:00 μμ.

April 4, Holy and Great Wednesday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Τετάρτη.

Morning: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:00 am. Λειτ. Προηγιασμένων Δώρων 9:00 πμ

Afternoon: Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 3:00 pm. Ἀκολουθία τοῦ Ἁγίου Εὐχελαίου 3:00 μμ.

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

April 5, Holy and Great Thursday, Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Πέμπτη.

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

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

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

April 6, Holy and Great Friday. Ἀγία καί Μεγάλη Παρασκευή.

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

Morning: The Great Hours 9:00 am, Μεγάλες Ὡρες 9:00 πμ.

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

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

April 7, Holy and Great Saturday. Μέγα Σάββατο. Θ. Λειτουργία Μεγ. Βασιλείου 9:30πμ

Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am. The Descent of Christ into Hades.

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

12:00 Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Ἡ ἈΝΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ

12:30 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha. Ὁρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία Ἀναστάσεως

April 8, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day). Τό Ἅγιον Πάσχα.

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

April 9, Renewal Monday, Orthros 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Entering the Great Fast - Great Lent

"The arena of virtues is open. Let all who are willing to compete enter, girding themselves. For those who genuinely compete will be deservedly crowned. Let us do battle with the enemy. Let us take on the armor of the Cross, having Faith as an invincible rampart, prayer as our breastplate, and charity as our helmet."

Fasting through the centuries:

All the righteous before Christ fasted. Fasting was precursory to meeting with God or to a revelation. Moses climbed up Mount Sinai after forty days of non-eating and then spoke with God. The New Testament is not at all different, it begins with a fastener - John the Baptist. Even Christ Himself fasted for forty days before beginning His earthly ministry.

All the holy men and women of the church fasted on a regular basis. Christians have been fasting for the last 2,000 years. We fast every Wednesday remembering the betrayal of Christ and every Friday remembering His crucifixion. We fast during Great Lent, the Lent of Christmas and the Lent of August. By doing so we honor Christ and also exercise control over our passions.

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

Celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy














Hymn of the Feast

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

A celebration of the Restoration of the Holy Icons, which happened on March 11, 843. On that year, this was the First Sunday of Great Lent. Since that time, we commemorate this event every year on the First Sunday of Great Lent.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2018

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 28th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 4th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 11th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgment Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 18th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25th		<i>GREAT FAST BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 4th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 11th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 18th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Reading: Hebrews: 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 25th		ST MARY of EGYPT Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 & Heb 2:11-18 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45 & LK 1:24-38	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! April 1st GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 6th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 8th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

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

Let's make Holy Week truly Holy this year

It so happens that this year Spring Break for the Cobb County Schools (and other Counties') as well as Kennesaw State University coincide with our Holy Week!

Hence, I would like to ask all parents (and our college students) to take this opportunity to expose themselves and their children to Holy Week and Pascha by a full immersion in the daily Services of the Church. For almost 2000 years, Orthodox Christians have immersed themselves in Holy Week and Pascha, thus receiving a deeper understanding and appreciation of the events that led to the Cross and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These services are filled with hymns and theology explaining from many perspectives the Salvific Act of Redemption through Christ's life, death and Resurrection. A full immersion for the whole week in these services will have a transformational effect on the young people in particular. These kinds of experiences shape the soul and provide powerful antibodies to the damaging effects of the secular and messed-up world in which we live. These blessed experiences will enhance the possibilities that our children will stay close to the Church and retain their Faith as they are confronted by the challenges of the world.

I cannot emphasize enough how critical it is that we focus our children on Holy Week this year.

Hence, as you begin your planning for the next school break, please keep these thoughts in your mind.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Panayiotis

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MARCH

3/01/2018	Thursday:	Isaiah 6:1-12	Genesis 5:1-24	Proverbs 6:3-20
3/02/2018	Friday:	Isaiah 7:1-14	Genesis 5:32-6:8	Proverbs 6:20-7:1
3/03/2018	Saturday:	Hebrews 3:12-16	Mark 1:35-44	
3/04/2018	Sunday:	Luke 24:36-53	Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3	Mark 2:1-12
3/05/2018	Monday:	Isaiah 8:13-9:7	Genesis 6:9-22	Proverbs 8:1-21
3/06/2018	Tuesday:	Isaiah 9:9-10:4	Genesis 7:1-5	Proverbs 8:32-9:11
3/07/2018	Wednesday:	Isaiah 10:12-20	Genesis 7:6-9	Proverbs 9:12-18
3/08/2018	Thursday:	Isaiah 11:10-12:2	Genesis 7:11-8:3	Proverbs 10:1-22
3/09/2018	Friday:	Luke 21:12-19	Hebrews 12:1-10	Matthew 20:1-16
3/10/2018	Saturday:	Hebrews 10:32-38	Mark 2:14-17	
3/11/2018	Sunday:	John 10:1-10	Hebrews 4:14-16;5:1-6	Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
3/12/2018	Monday:	Isaiah 14:24-32	Genesis 8:21-9:7	Proverbs 11:19-12:6
3/13/2018	Tuesday:	Isaiah 25:1-9	Genesis 9:8-17	Proverbs 12:8-22
3/14/2018	Wednesday:	Isaiah 26:21-27:9	Genesis 9:18-10:1	Proverbs 12:23-13:9
3/15/2018	Thursday:	Isaiah 28:14-22	Genesis 10:32-11:9	Proverbs 13:19-14:6
3/16/2018	Friday:	Isaiah 29:13-23	Genesis 12:1-7	Proverbs 14:15-26
3/17/2018	Saturday:	Hebrews 6:9-12	Mark 7:31-37	
3/18/2018	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	Hebrews 6:13-20	Mark 9:17-31
3/19/2018	Monday:	Isaiah 37:33-38:6	Genesis 13:12-18	Proverbs 14:27-15:4
3/20/2018	Tuesday:	Isaiah 40:18-31	Genesis 15:1-15	Proverbs 15:7-19
3/21/2018	Wednesday:	Isaiah 41:4-14	Genesis 17:1-9	Proverbs 15:20-16:9
3/22/2018	Thursday:	Isaiah 42:5-16	Genesis 18:20-33	Proverbs 16:17-17:17
3/23/2018	Friday:	Isaiah 45:11-17	Genesis 22:1-18	Proverbs 17:17-18:5
3/24/2018	Saturday:	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 1:39-49, 56	
3/25/2018	Sunday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56	Hebrews 1:11-18	Luke 1:24-38
3/26/2018	Monday:	Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Genesis 27:1-41	Proverbs 19:16-25
3/27/2018	Tuesday:	Isaiah 49:6-10	Genesis 31:3-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
3/28/2018	Wednesday:	Isaiah 58:1-11	Genesis 43:26-31;45:1-16	Proverbs 21:23-22:4
3/29/2018	Thursday:	Isaiah 65:8-16	Genesis 46:1-7	Proverbs 23:15-24:5
3/30/2018	Friday:	Isaiah 66:10-24	Genesis 49:33-50:26	Proverbs 31:8-31
3/31/2018	Saturday:	Hebrews 12:28-29;13:1-8	John 11:1-45	

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Christian Stewardship is about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. God has given each of us special and unique gifts. And through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan from God. He lends everything to us, and reminds us that one day he will ask us to give a detailed accounting of what we have done with the gifts He has given us. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania has noted that “we find ourselves by offering ourselves.” Have we learned the blessedness of generously giving of all we have?

In 2017, we received a total of 363 pledges. Thank you to those who pledged in 2017 for your generosity!

In 2018, we have received 256 pledges. Thank you to the families who have submitted their 2018 Membership/Stewardship Pledge.

Our 2018 Membership/Stewardship goal is to receive 400 Membership/Stewardship Pledges. We have a long way to go to reach this goal and need everyone's support. We are currently 144 pledges behind our 2018 goal. Please turn in your 2018 Pledge card as soon as possible. Remember – Stewardship is offering back to GOD from the gifts he has given all of us.



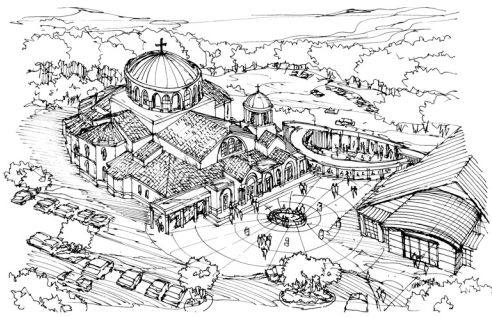
The Necessity of Stewardship

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.



MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2018

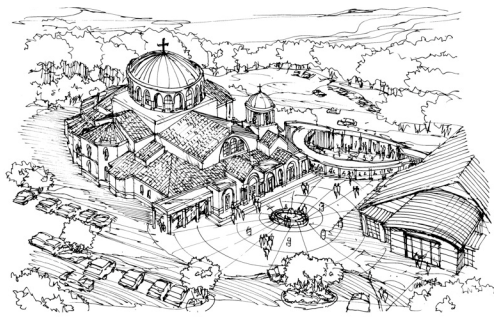
THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE
SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2018!

*(If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2018, please
do so; your personal commitment of time, talent and treasure
is so important, and so appreciated.)*

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Agne
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Alberts
Mr. Panayiotis Antoniadis
Ms. Toula Argentis
Mr. & Mrs. John Asimakos
Mr. & Mrs. John Asprakis
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Azimzadeh
Ms. Eleni Bafas
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Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Buchan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bundros
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke
Ms. Melina Burke
Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Bylos
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Mr. & Mrs. John Dymond
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Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gavalas
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Georgacopoulos
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Mr. & Mrs. Tanyo Gospodinov
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hammond
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Mr. & Mrs. George Haritatos
Mr. Patrick Hartnett
Mrs. Ann Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hendrix
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Herbert
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Hondras
Ms. Diana Honey

Mr. Troy Horton
Ms. Sheila Howington
Mrs. Tina Isaac
Miss Katie Jacobs
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Mr. & Mrs. Manolis Kipreos
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kipreos
Mr. Phil Kiritsy
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Klementzos
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Knuchel
Mr. & Mrs. Lazaros Kochilas
Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Kollias
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Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Koutouzis
Ms. Christine Lavey
Mrs. Elyse Lawson
Ms. Anna Lerios
Mr. & Mrs. Stamatis Levantis
Mr. & Mrs. Smith Levenson
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lilly
Mr. & Mrs. David Linebaugh
Miss Maria Linebaugh
Miss Sophia Linebaugh
Mr. Drew Logothetis
Mr. & Mrs. George Lopos
Mr. & Mrs. David Lukens
Fr. Paul Lundberg
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios
Lymberopoulos
Dr. & Mrs. Allen Macris
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Macris
Mr. & Mrs. Panagiotis Maniatis



MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2018

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE
SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2018!

*(If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2018, please
do so; your personal commitment of time, talent and treasure
is so important, and so appreciated.)*

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Marianos
Mr. Bobis Markatos
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Markley
Mrs. Xanthippe Marsico
Miss Alexandra Matthews
Mr. George Matthews
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mavromatidis
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mayk
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Mr. & Mrs. George Nakos
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Papadimitriou
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Papageorgiou
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Dr. Maria Paradisis
Mr. & Mrs. Casey Pater
Mr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Patrikakis

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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Spanos
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Mr. & Mrs. Brett Strauch
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Taouschiani
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Tassopoulos
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Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Vacratsas
Mr. Gregory Vassilious
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Vattelana
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Mr. & Mrs. Danny Vlahiotis
Mr. Tim Voulopos
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Waggoner
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Westmoreland
Mr. Benjamin Whitener
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Xanthakis
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Ms. Elefteria (Rita) Young
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mrs. Angela Ziros

TOTAL: 257



Parishioners,

With the coming of the new year comes a new Parish Council to serve our Parish in 2018. Please welcome our new members – Mike Jacobs, Zack Kollias, Dennis Koutouzis and Harry Mavromatidis. And, thank you to the outgoing members – Jim Burke, Alex Miltiades, Steve Steffas and Becky Valagohar – for their service to the Parish over the past several years. They will be very difficult to replace.

The new Parish Council has met, elected its officers, and assigned ministry responsibilities for 2018, as follows:

<u>Executive Board:</u>	President	Steve Tingas
	Vice President	Ellen Linebaugh
	Secretary	Paul Markley
	Treasurer	Danny Vlahiotis
	Assistant Treasurer	Zack Kollias

Ministry Liaisons

**Parish Life – Ellen Linebaugh, Dennis
Christopher & Harry Mavromatidis**

Events sponsored by Parish Council
Festival
Coffee Hour
General Assembly
Agape Picnic
Christmas Eve
Transfiguration Name Day
Lenten Dinners
Misc.- Metropolitan Visits, Clergy Name Days, etc.

Facilities – Dennis Koutouzis
Facility Maintenance & Repairs
Rental Committee
Rental Property Management

Stewardship – Mike Jacobs
General Fund
Building Fund
Capital Campaign
Pledge of Time & Talent

Outreach & Welcoming – Jon Papastrat

Community Outreach
Homecoming Picnic
Sunday Greeters

Education, Youth & Culture – Ken Bilson

Catechism
Hellenic Studies
Youth Activities
Hellenic Culture
Dance

Philanthropy – Terry Bliss

Jacob's Garden
Food Pantry
Reverse Offerings
Philoptochos

Liturgical – Paul Markley

Church Services
Ushers
Narthex Duty Scheduling
Religious Supply Procurement

Feel free to contact any of the Parish Council Members/Ministry Liaisons directly if you have questions or input, or would like to volunteer your time and talent. I anticipate that this will be another exciting year for our Parish. I look forward to speaking with many of you about our plans and progress toward our goals for the community throughout the year. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Tingas
Parish Council President
770-845-5045

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cobb County Police Department "Personal Safety and Active Shooter Program" presentation.

In conjunction with the upcoming Council of Ministries, **Tuesday, March 13th** a representative of the Cobb County Police Department will present a Personal Safety and Active Shooter program. The presentation by CCPD is OPEN to all Parishioners, and will start at **6:30 pm**, preceding the Council of Ministries meeting.

Topics covered in the approximate one-hour session will include information on the following:

- Cobb County Emergency Communications Center
- Home Safety
- General Safety While Out in Public
- Workplace Safety (to include Active Shooter response)

There will be a brief question-and-answer period at the conclusion of the presentation. Please plan on attending, and we will be providing a Lenten Meal.

Please contact Paul Markley, 770-337-7858 or at paul_eliza@me.com with any questions.

AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—December 2017

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



Upcoming Events -- Block your Calendar

March 3 Adopt-A- Mile; please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am

April 14 AHEPA Main Scholarship Fundraising Event - 6:00 pm

Location: 1582 Terrell Mill Rd., Marietta, GA 30067

All proceeds to benefit the Marietta AHEPA Chapter #519 College Scholarship Fund.

Everyone is welcome!!

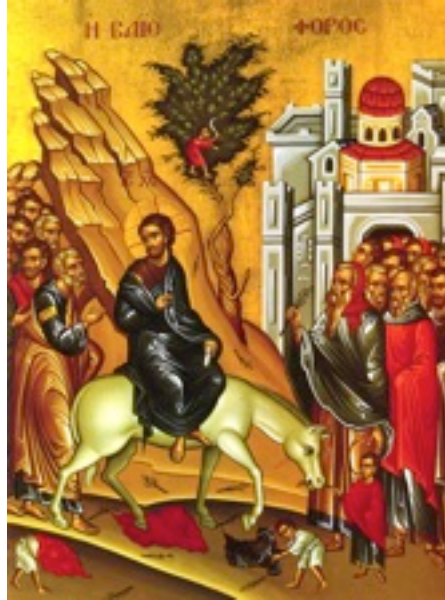


Donation from Three Hierarchs Sunday given to Eleni Clement for a Hellenic Studies Scholarship.

AHEPA Chapter Scholarships: The AHEPA chapter scholarship application for 2018-19 is now available on-line at www.ahepaatlsscholarship.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2018; if you need any additional information on the scholarship program, please contact: Ron Sprouse, Zack Kollias or Keath Paxten.

For those of you who are not members of AHEPA, consider joining our chapter. It's \$75 dollars a year and worth every cent in supporting our youth and the community. If you have any questions about AHEPA, please contact any of the following Board Members: Keath Paxten, Zack Kollias, Ron Sprouse, Jim Burke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Palm Sunday Luncheon - April 1st, Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Holy Transfiguration Choir

Grilled Tilapia, Green Beans, Greek Salad, Potatoes, Dessert

Adults - \$12

Children - \$6 (under 10 yrs.)

Maximum per Family - \$40

No prepaid tickets; tickets will be sold at the door.

All monies benefit the Capital Building Fund Campaign



A heartfelt thank you to Taka and Kathy Shoji for the donation of 2 Pickleball sets for our community to use. Also, we thank the Alpharetta YMCA Pickleball pals who have been so helpful in getting us organized to play.

Thanks for helping to keep us healthy while having fun!! Look for the Pickleball playing schedule and information in this Syndiakonia and in our upcoming Sunday handouts.



Introducing **Pickleball** !!

WHO can play?

YOU! And bring a friend, if you'd like!

WHAT is Pickelball?

pick·le·ball
/'pik(ə)l,bôl/
noun

1. a game resembling tennis in which players use paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball over a net.

WHERE is Pickelball being played?

Conveniently, in our gym!

WHEN is Pickelball? **

Saturday March 3 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Tuesday March 6 10 am – 12 pm

Saturday March 10 2 pm - 3:30 pm

** Keep an eye out for more dates to be published soon

WHY Pickelball?

Because it's a whole lot of fun while getting exercise. No prior experience necessary (we'll teach you), and great for all physical levels. And as always, please wear athletic shoes.

For more info, or for any questions, please contact:

Kathy Shoji 678-923-5232

kvshoji@bellsouth.net



Holy Week Flowers

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

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____
(Please Print)

or

For the Health of: _____
(Please Print)

Amount of Donation: _____

The names of donors and dedications will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, April 8th.



Luminaria

Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminary on Holy Friday, April 6th.

Luminaries are sponsored by the Dance Ministry; suggested donation is \$5.00 per luminary.

Your Name: _____

In Memory Of: _____

(Please Print - 1-2 names per luminary)

Please return this completed form with check (payable to HT Dance Ministry) in the tray during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or to the church office by **Wednesday, April 4th**.

Thank you for your support.

Save the Dates...



May 18 - 20, 2018

How can WE help?

The Festival Committee will be hosting coffee hour on March 18th, our Festival Kick-Off Day. Stop by the Festival table in the PLC on the 18th and each Sunday thereafter until Festival to:

- **Meet Festival Committee chairpersons**
- **Sign up to volunteer (no experience necessary)**
- **Buy Gift Cards at 20% discount to face value**
 - **Makes great gifts for teachers, friends and coworkers**
- **Become a Sponsor or Friend of Festival**
 - **A new twist to our Program Book**
 - **Replaced by a Visitor's Guide with various sponsorship levels – Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze, as well as Friends of Festival.**
 - **Sponsor Logos included on Website and Visitor's Guide**
 - **Tote bags distributed with platinum logo imprinted**
 - **All Sponsor marketing materials inside the tote bag**

Get the word out - Use the power of Email and Social Media...

- Spread the word using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or your favorite media
- Distribute the flyer to your friends and neighbors via email; invite them to come.
- Use free advertising through community website, school bulletins, etc.
- Solicit Sponsors

Sign up to work before, during and after the Festival...

- Go to Sign-Up Genius and fill as many slots as you are able, or complete a volunteer form. Invite your friends and family to help. It's fun!

Join us for Festival Cooking and Pastry Assembly....

No cooking experience necessary. You can join us for whatever time you have to commit. Invite your Friends (non-parishioners are welcome). We need many helping hands!!

Spanakopita (Spinach Pie)

Mon., 3/14 – Tues., 3/15

10AM-9PM

Dolmades (Stuffed Grape Leaves)

Wed., 4/11 – Thur., 4/12

4PM -9PM

Times are subject to change.

If you can offer your time and talent or would like to co-chair a booth or committee, please contact Eleni Nikolas at 630-854-2174 or enikolas68@gmail.com.

HELLENIC DANCE

Phoenix “dances” their way to a Bronze Medal at HDF 2018

by: Elaine Bilson

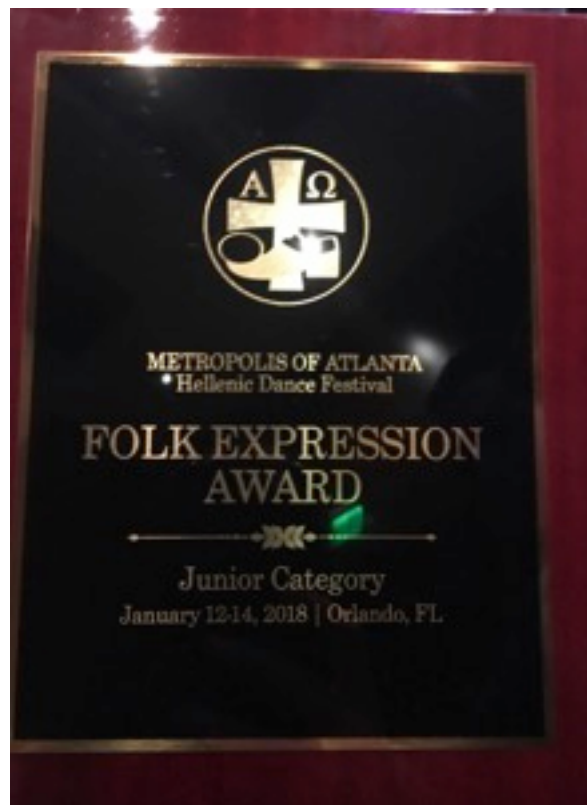
The Metropolis of Atlanta hosted its annual Hellenic Dance Festival in Orlando, Florida.

HDF (as it is commonly referred to) is the vision of his Eminence Archbishop Alexios who wanted to perpetuate our Greek culture through dance, maintaining our traditions as well as our identities as Hellenes. The Festival is a yearly event that takes place over the MLK Jr. weekend. Greek dance groups of various age levels compete and are scored by professional judges from the US and Greece on a variety of criteria.

Phoenix (our Middle School group) comprised of 7 dancers ranging in age from 11-13 made the commitment to participate and represent Holy Transfiguration in this years competition. The group prepared two suites of dances from the island of Naxos and received a Bronze Medal for their overall performance. In addition, the kids learned about the history, meaning and nuances of the dances and incorporated that knowledge into their performance which resulted in their second award for Folk Expression.

The kids were challenged in new and different ways as a performance group and they exceeded all expectations. Congratulations go out to: Evanthia Bilson, Carmella Bruce, Jacob Mavromatidis, Niko Tiller, Stefano Vacratsas, Nadia Zoheir and Sophia Zoheir on a job well done. They represented our parish with respect and humility. A very special thank you goes out to their parents who supported us through the entire process, we couldn't have done it without you.

Elaine Bilson & Ted Gormanos, Directors.



Please join and *support* the...

HELLENIC STUDIES PROGRAM

of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, March 25, 2018

GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

and Commemoration of the

ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Time: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
(Approximately 12:30pm)

Place: Parish Life Center – 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta

Main Event: Luncheon and Hellenic Studies Program,
featuring the children of our community

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

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

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



MARCH PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

The Philoptochos Panagia Chapter is starting the month of March with 81 members. Membership forms for 2018 are available in the weekly bulletin on the back of the current flyer or in the Syndiakonia.

February commitments include:

- Social Services: \$740
- National Autism Assistance: \$250
- St. Photios Shrine: \$125

The February 4th "Souper Bowl" Luncheon made a profit of \$587. Thank you to all who supported Philoptochos. The \$587 is allocated to social services.

Philoptochos, HOPE and JOY had a joint meeting/service day on Feb. 18. HOPE and JOY provided a delicious Lenten lunch. Nineteen no sew blankets and food pantry hygiene packets were completed. It was a fun day with all ages helping, including the 3 year olds collecting the scraps of fabric and creating "forts" under the tables! Anna Lerios took all the squares and will sew a quilt for a needy family.

On February 22 Philoptochos served 74 meals of chicken, rice and salad at Must Ministries. Thank you to the following ladies and "gents" who helped prepared and serve the food. Tina Vamvakias, Mary Miltiades, Isabelle Dymond, Thea Blalock, Evelyn Bilson, Annette Jacobs, Pat Koutouzis, Dorothy and Bobby Macris, Michael Gavalas and Athena Burke. Philoptochos serves soup kitchen the fourth Thursday of the month. If you would like to serve, cook, or donate for the March 22 soup kitchen, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net



This year Philoptochos will do a **Mother's Day Card**, much like our parish Christmas Card. Look for information and details during the next few weeks on how you can honor the memory or the health of your mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, or a special woman in your life. This Mother's Day card will be sent to the whole parish in May during Mother's Day week.

The Philoptochos Visitation committee has been very active. Niki Gess has a committee to visit those who are shut-ins, have limited mobility or unable to attend church due to illness, (nothing contagious!) Please contact Niki Gess at n.gess@comast.net, if you know of someone in this situation.

Philoptochos will begin the month of March with the Panagia Chapter Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 9 am. Please see flyer for details.

The Metropolis Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat will be held at the Diakonia Center March 16-18. Father Mark Leondis of St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, Florida will be presenting. The theme is: Reaching IN to Reach OUT- Preparing our Lives for Philanthropy. Please contact Marty Driscoll at martydriscoll@bellsouth.net for details and registration.

As we approach Pascha, there is much to be done:

- The Easter Egg Dyeing kits will be distributed on Sunday, March 25.
- On April 6, Holy Friday, decorating the Epitaphion will begin at 8:30 am.
- On Saturday, April 7, helpers are needed to set up for the Resurrection Supper.

Ladies Philtochos Society Panagia Chapter

2018 Lenten Retreat

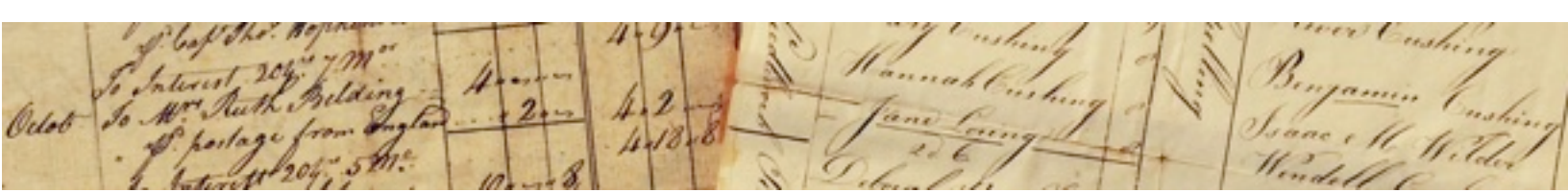
March 3, 2018

9AM – 1PM

- 9:00 AM - Prayers in the Chapel
- 9:30 AM - Break
- 9:45 AM- 10:45 AM - Presentation by Fr. Panayiotis
"Two women 'friends of the poor' who stand out in history".
- 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM - Presentation by Harvey Lawson
The Freedom of Forgiveness
- 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM – Lunch
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM - "Q&A with Fr. Panayiotis"
**Please send questions to Pat Koutouzis prior to retreat*

**Please RSVP & email questions to: koutouzisjd@comcast.net*





The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

**Granted to our parish a Certificate of Award
for flying the American Flag at our Church**



The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

DAR members volunteer millions of service hours annually in their local communities including supporting active duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients, awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships and financial aid each year to students, and supporting schools for underserved children with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.



Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
Panagia Chapter #5070
2018 Membership Form
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox
Church

3431 Trickum Road,, Marietta 30066-4660

Tel. 770-924-8080 Fax. 770-924-3030

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
EMAIL:	

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:	\$ 10.00 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: 4th Thurs. each month (Please circle) Prepare food / Donate / Serve at MUST ministries
	Visit homebound
	Prepare meals for sick
	Help with Makaria (prepare and serve meal in PLC)
	Baking (Please circle) Koulouria Paximadia Vasilopita
	Calling Committee (Call members for meetings)

	Godparents Luncheon (Please circle) Co-chair food prep set-up clean-up
	Easter Egg Dyeing
	Prepare the Epitaphion for Holy Friday
	Provide Desserts for Parish Events
	Fall Fundraiser (Please circle) Co-chair serve on committee
	Provide snacks/beverages for general meetings



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Over 20 members attended our Valentine Party on February 3 and thanks to Mary Ellen, who did a great job, we all had a grand time. We ate sandwiches from Subway, chips, and dipped cake and fruit into a chocolate fountain. We played games and many went home with nice prizes. Just being together was fun! We discussed movie nights and tried to make some decisions for the best time and day to show movies.

Our first movie night will be held on March 15 at 4:00 pm. The feature will be MAMMA MIA. We plan to serve popcorn during the movie; we have not yet decided whether to cook or go out to eat after it is over. The next movie night will be held on April 19 and we are so pleased that Phil Kiritsy has offered to cook dinner for us! The movie scheduled is BUCKET LIST.

As we stated in the previous Syndiakonia, we were planning to have coffee hour and celebrate Children's Day on March 4. That has been moved to April 15. Please mark your calendars and bring your children and grandchildren (age 10 and under). This is the 3rd year Prime Timers is sponsoring this event. It is so much fun for the little ones, and we hope we have a large crowd as we have a tremendous amount of games, stuffed animals, and books to give away. It is truly a fun time for everyone.

Next we have a fun day for the adults. On Monday, March 12 at 11:00 we are inviting ladies and gents to give your brain a workout. A new brain game, HAND & FOOT, is a new exciting intriguing game, we started playing last year. We serve light snacks and if we have enough participants we can even order pizza (after Easter, of course). Please try it; come join our group.

PLEASE JOIN PRIME TIMERS. DUES ARE JUST \$15.

THANK YOU!!!

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!!!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS/CARE GIVER'S MINISTRY

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PARISH FAMILIES WHO BROUGHT IN FOOD, VARIOUS HYGENE AND PAPER PRODUCTS IN FEBRUARY!!! We had 11 families to participate on Distribution Day last month and 4 more we opened the food pantry to or we delivered food too. We could not have done it without your generosity. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We need your HELP! We have come to realize our Food Pantry should have a patron saint to be named after; we would like to have all of you, our Parish family weigh in on this big decision. More to come on this in the next couple of weeks.

We have changed our time for distribution days. Starting in March and through August, we will open our doors at 5:30 pm and close at 6:30 pm. March's date is Monday, the 19th. We need 5 volunteers. Please reach out to Isabelle and let her know if you would like to help out this month.

The Care Giver's Ministry plans to meet in the upper level of the Food Pantry, on Saturday, March 24th, at 2:00 pm if we have parishioners interested in attending.

Please notify Isabelle by Thursday, March 22, if you plan to attend. Cell: (404)-502-8343

Thank you



SAVE THE DATE

Summer Camp at Holy Transfiguration is coming **JUNE 4-8th**
We will accept rising Kindergartners - 5th graders
Responsible GOYANs can be Volunteers!!

Drop off at 9:00 am and Pick up at 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided.
More details to come.

We need your help and commitment to make this event a success!
Volunteers, please contact Hazel at hazolen@gmail.com or 757-870-5977 to pre-register your child.

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.





METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PHILOPTOCHOS

presents

Christ the Good Shepherd

Family
Camp for
Special
Needs



Created for
families with
children on the
**Autism
Spectrum**

What is Family Camp?

The Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos is excited to offer our fourth family camp for special needs focusing on Autism. We are providing a faith based camp helping children with Autism grow in their relationship with God. We will have a 1:1 ratio of trained counselors for each special needs child. Families will stay in cabins and experience all that our beautiful retreat center has to offer: recreation, art programs, special parent seminars, bonding opportunities with other families, and spiritual nourishment.

This is our fourth Special Needs Camp and we are limiting the session to 10 families to accommodate the physical, social/emotional, spiritual and dietary needs of all.

Check out our video!

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Schedule includes:

- ▶ Inclusion church services
- ▶ Breakfast
- ▶ Engaging camp activities
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Free time
- ▶ Recreational activities outside/family session
- ▶ Dinner & evening activities

When: June 1-3, 2018

**Where: Diakonia Retreat Center
Salem, South Carolina**

Who: Families with children on the Autism Spectrum (ages 9-15). Siblings / parents included. Additional special Parent Seminars

**Cost: \$100 donation/family
Remainder of cost is a gift to our families with special needs**

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday of Great Lent—Orthodox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy—Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & Petaloudes (4th & 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 1:30 PM Eleftheria (High 1:30 PM Phoenix (Middle 6:00 PM Pan—Orthodox 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Kefteades) 10:00 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Meeting 6:30 PM Parish Council 7:00 PM College Ministry Meeting 	28 Second Wednesday of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Feast of St. Cassian; Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Advanced Course 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Festival Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Second Salutation to the Theotokos 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Philoptochos Lenten Retreat 2:00 PM Pickleball 5:00 PM Great Vespers
4 Second Sunday of Great Lent—Gregory Palamas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 11:40 AM A one year 11:45 AM A nine year 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & Petaloudes (4th & 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 1:30 PM Phoenix (Middle 6:00 PM Pan—Orthodox 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Pickleball 10:30 AM Prime Timers Board Meeting 10:45 AM Kafenion 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	7 Third Wednesday of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Advanced Course 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Advanced Course 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Festival Board Meeting 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Third Salutation to the Theotokos 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers
11 Daylight Saving Time starts Third Sunday of Great Lent—John the Baptist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & Petaloudes (4th & 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 1:30 PM Phoenix (Middle 6:00 PM Pan—Orthodox 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 11:00 AM Prime Timers Game Event 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Council of Ministries—Active Shooter Presentation 	14 Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita) 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Spanakopita) 4:00 PM Prime Timers' Movie Night 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Advanced Course 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Metropolitan Philoptochos Retreat 7:00 PM Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Metropolitan Philoptochos Retreat 9:00 AM Parish Oratorical Festival 5:00 PM Great Vespers
18 Fourth Sunday of Great Lent—John Climacus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... Metropolitan Philoptochos 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 11:40 AM A 15 year 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & Petaloudes (4th & 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 1:30 PM Phoenix (Middle 6:00 PM Pan—Orthodox 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Youth Education and Culture Committee 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmelades of Atlanta 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 	21 Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 5:30 PM The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Advanced Course 7:00 PM Festival Board Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Philoptochos Book 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM The Akathist Hymn 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Altar Server Workshop 5:00 PM Great Vespers
25 Annunciation of the Theotokos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Greek Independence Day 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & Petaloudes (4th & 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 1:30 PM Phoenix (Middle 6:00 PM Pan—Orthodox 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:30 PM Coed Volleyball Night 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 	28 Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Romeos Lunch 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Advanced Course 6:00 PM Great Compline 7:00 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers—The Resurrection of St. Lazarus 	31 The Resurrection of St. Lazarus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Lazarus Saturday Breakfast; Making of palm crosses. 3:30 PM Baptism of Reid family 5:00 PM Great Vespers for Palm Sunday

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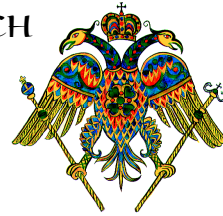
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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO	USHERS
3/4	E. Linebaugh/S. Tingas	St. John	D. Poradzisz/V. Worden	P. Miltiades/M. Neocleous/K. Niarchos	T. Argentis/D. Botni/K. Johnson/A. Reale
3/11	K. Bilson/Z. Kollias	St. Peter	S. Gianaris/J. Schumacher	K. Panov/C. Smith/F. Tucker	E. Nikolas/R. Peppas B. Reid/M. Strakes
3/18	T. Bliss/D. Koutouzis	St. James	P. Dunkerly/P. Koutouzis	I. Steffas/S. Tidwell/M. Tingas	P. Bilson/S. Kargas
3/25	D. Christopher/D. Vlahiotis	St. John	M. Alberts/S. Lukens	C. Sprouse/T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson	A. Lilly/K. Lilly/S. Kargas/M. Zavala

St. James Altar Servers: Captain-Gabriel Mavromatidis

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, 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: Captain-Morgan Lilly

Zach Bethune, Hal Bradford, III, Brody Brooks, Yianni Costarides, Nicholas Demakis, Manuel Frangis, Stephen Harrah, Zayne Isaac, 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.