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OF THE

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Marietta, GA

APRIL-MAY 2018



THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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Directions to our Parish:

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

<http://www.holytransfiguration.info/directions/>



Our Hope in the Resurrection

The “Christ Event”, the power of the Resurrection, the transformation offered by the Resurrection continues to provide hope and comfort in the face of the tribulations of humanity and our ultimate physical death. We are reassured by this intervention of God that life does not end with the death of our bodies. Our spirit, our conscience, our soul lives on in the hands of God who has power over death and offers us eternal life “in a place where there is no pain, sorrow and suffering”, but life everlasting!

Christ is Risen, brothers and sisters, offering hope to the whole world!

Truly He is Risen, offering Life Eternal to all who seek Him!

Hymn for Pascha

It is the day of the Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival, and also embrace one another. Brethren, let us say even to those who hate us, “Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection.” And thus let us cry aloud, “Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.”

Power, Wisdom & Knowledge available to us!



Over the forty days following His resurrection and prior to His Ascension Jesus appeared at different times to his disciples speaking to them about the "Kingdom of Heaven" preparing them for the birth of the Christian Church and their responsibility for the continuation of the work He had begun on earth.

Although they had already received their commission "to go and teach all nations", they were still unable to comprehend the mission which the Lord had given them because they had not yet received the Holy Spirit. They lacked *the power, the wisdom and the knowledge*.

Forty days after the resurrection He took them to the Mount of Olives, where they usually went to pray, and while He was speaking to them and giving them advice, promising them the Holy Spirit, He was lifted up in a cloud and ascended into heaven. Two angels stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10-11) He will come again in Glory to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end.

Ten days later on the day of Pentecost, as they were all assembled in the upper room, "suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4) The Holy Spirit filled their hearts and enlightened their minds. They went out with boldness speaking to the different people gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost in their own tongues. Peter took the lead and spoke to the people about the Risen Messiah and "those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles." (Acts 2:41-43)

Since then, the Jewish feast of Pentecost has become the feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit has been poured out and fills the world with *power, wisdom and knowledge* about God. The Holy Spirit establishes the Church and sanctifies the believers. The Holy Spirit creates saints and grants gifts unutterable and incomprehensible. Glory and adoration are due to the Holy Spirit for He is God, the third person of the Holy Trinity. On the Monday after Pentecost we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit, honoring and worshiping the third person of the Holy Trinity.

Christ is Risen, brothers and sisters, pouring out the power of God





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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April - May 2018

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

April 14, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 15, Sunday. Sunday of Thomas.

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

April 21, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 22, Sunday. Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women

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

April 23, Monday. Feast of St. George the Great Martyr and Trophy Bearer

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

April 28, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 29, Sunday. Sunday, Sunday of the Paralytic

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

May 1, Tuesday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

May 5, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 6, Sunday, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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

May 7, Monday, Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist 6:00 pm

May 8, Tuesday, St. John the Evangelist and Theologian

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

May 12, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 13, Sunday, Sunday of the Blind Man.

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

May 16, Wednesday, Great Vespers - Feast of Ascension 6:00 pm

May 17. Thursday, Ascension of the Lord.

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

May 18-20, Friday-Sunday, Greek Festival - Lectures and Tours of the Church

May 20, Sunday, Sunday of the 318 Holy Fathers of First Ecumenical Council

Orthros 8:15 am and Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

Note: Festival Sunday - The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 am

May 21, Monday, Feast of Sts Constantine & Helen

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

Schedule of Services - April - May 2018

May 26, Saturday, Saturday of the Souls. Ψυχοσάββατο.

Orthros 9:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

This service will be held at the *Green Lawn Cemetery* where we have been given space for an Orthodox Cemetery. A memorial has been built in the center, which we use as a chapel.

Afternoon: Great Vespers 5:00 pm (at the church)

May 27, Sunday of Holy Pentecost. Κυριακή τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς.

Orthros 8:30 am and **Divine Liturgy 9:45 am.** The Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit will follow the Divine Liturgy.

During this week (including Wednesday and Friday) we may eat all things - NO FASTING.

May 28, Monday, Memorial Day

May 29, Tuesday. Remembrance of the Fall of Constantinople - May 29, 1453 AD

Christ
is
Risen!

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid:
Do you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was
crucified: He is Risen; he is not here: behold
the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:16)
"The Lord is Risen indeed" (Luke 24:34)



A Call to Stewardship

Stewardship for 2018

If you have not yet handed in your Stewardship Card for the year 2018, please do so today. Let us offer back to God from His own Gifts to us!

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

Is action preferable to prayer? Just think of this

There is a trend in the Church today away from prayer and worship to taking action; away from contemplation to engagement in the needs and problems of humankind.

The need for such involvement in helping others, in the cause for justice and against injustice, in the fight for rights and freedoms -- and even in the effort to bring the Gospel to all men, although urgent and a crying need, still begs the question: Should prayer and worship be given up for it's sake?

On the contrary, **ONLY IN THE LIGHT** of prayer, in the presence of God, can man see himself clearly and make clear decisions. Only in this light can he clearly assess situations accurately and arrive at the answers to the problems that beset humanity. And only in prayer can man get the strength to do something effective about the problems of the world.

In addition, the more aware a man becomes of the vastness of the problems confronting him the more he will recognize his own smallness and turn to God in prayer for solutions. We need to realize that everything depends on God. We are merely His agents: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Ps. 126).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MAY

5/1/2018	Tuesday:	Acts 10:21-33	John 7:1-13	
5/2/2018	Wednesday:	Hebrews 13:7-16	John 7:14-30	
5/3/2018	Thursday:	Acts 10:34-43	John 8:12-20	
5/4/2018	Friday:	Acts 10:44-48;11:1-10	John 8:21-30	
5/5/2018	Saturday:	Acts 12:1-11	John 8:31-42	
5/6/2018	Sunday:	John 20:1-10	Acts 11:19-30	John 4:5-42
5/7/2018	Monday:	Acts 26:1, 12-20	John 8:42-51	
5/8/2018	Tuesday:	John 21:15-25	I John 1:1-7	John 19:25-28, 21:24-25
5/9/2018	Wednesday:	Acts 13:13-24	John 6:5-14	
5/10/2018	Thursday:	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Luke 6:12-19	
5/11/2018	Friday:	Acts 15:5-12	John 10:17-28	
5/12/2018	Saturday:	Acts 15:35-41	John 10:27-38	
5/13/2018	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	Acts 16:16-34	John 9:1-38
5/14/2018	Monday:	Acts 17:1-9	John 11:47-54	
5/15/2018	Tuesday:	Acts 17:19-28	John 12:19-36	
5/16/2018	Wednesday:	Acts 18:22-28	John 12:36-47	
5/17/2018	Thursday:	Mark 16:9-20	Acts 1:1-12	Luke 24:36-53
5/18/2018	Friday:	Acts 19:1-8	John 14:1-11	
5/19/2018	Saturday:	Acts 20:7-12	John 14:10-21	
5/20/2018	Sunday:	John 21:1-14	Acts 20:16-18	John 17:1-13
5/21/2018	Monday:	John 10:9-16	Acts 26:1, 12-20	John 10:1-9
5/22/2018	Tuesday:	Acts 21:26-32	John 16:2-13	
5/23/2018	Wednesday:	Acts 23:1-11	John 16:15-23	
5/24/2018	Thursday:	Acts 25:13-19	John 16:23-33	
5/25/2018	Friday:	Luke 7:17-30	II Corinthians 4:6-15	Matthew 11:2-15
5/26/2018	Saturday:	I Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 21:14-25	
5/27/2018	Sunday:	John 20:19-33	Acts 2:1-11	John 7:37-52; 8:12
5/28/2018	Monday:	Ephesians 5:8-19	Matthew 18:10-20	
5/29/2018	Tuesday:	Romans 1:1-7, 13-17	Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-13	
5/30/2018	Wednesday:	Romans 1:18-27	Matthew 5:20-26	
5/31/2018	Thursday:	Romans 1:28-32; 2:1-9	Matthew 5:27-32	

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 307 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 93 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.



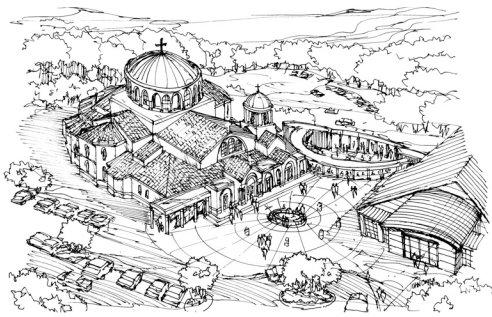
The Necessity of Stewardship

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

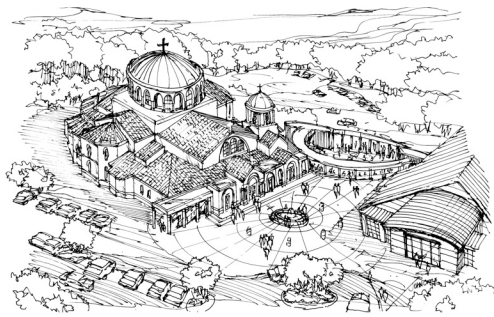
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



*May His Memory
Be Eternal!*

Memory Eternal - Αιώνια η Μνήμη

Dr. Allen Macris - 11/12/1927 to 03/14/2018

Our Parish is mourning the departure of a giant of a man, Dr. Allen Macris, a founder and champion of our parish.

Dr. Macris lived an honorable life as a good physician, husband, father and grandfather. Above all, he shone with his faith in God and his dedication to his Greek heritage.

May the Lord grant him rest and number him among His saints!



Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere where you have access to the Internet.

Please note: If you set up a PROFILE, your online giving will be credited towards your Stewardship. If you do not create a profile, it may not be credited. Also, Online Giving is just another method to donate to the Church; we will continue to accept Checks and Cash.

Instructions on how to manage your giving online. Simply follow these easy steps:

Church Website

1. Visit our church's website Online Giving Webpage – **Online Giving** tab
2. Click on the Create Profile button(very important to create a profile), then
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one time contributions

Smart Phone (Give+ App) by: Vanco Services

In addition to online giving through the website you can also download the Give+ app on your cell phone.

1. Select Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta, Georgia
2. Create an Account Profile and log in to the app.
3. Select the kind of donations you would like to make from the “+” in the upper right hand corner of the app.

You can make multiple selections.

Please see Mike Jacobs-Stewardship Chair, Danny Vlahiotis-Finance Chair, or a Parish Council representative if you have any questions.

Church Garden is Springing



Church Library is Expanding



Can you guess how many items are part of the Church Library in the St Basil Conference Room? Thanks to the generous contributions of Paula Christopher, Jo Kastner, Laura Kwiatkowski, and Demetrius Lymberopoulos, the collection now has 1381 cataloged records. Some items are web pages, some CDs, but most are books that you may borrow.

This link takes you to our Church Library catalog <http://htgoc.phoebe.opalsinfo.net/bin/home> The center column has information on how you could contribute a new book to the Library in honor of a Birthday, Name Day, Baptism, Chrismation, Anniversary – any event where you would give a gift.

Just below those directions is the link to the new items added to the Library catalog. It's interesting to see what has been added to the collection! Browse through the catalog <http://htgoc.phoebe.opalsinfo.net/bin/home> to see what you might like to read.

The library is open for self service when the office is open. Volunteers are available on Sunday after Divine Liturgy to help you find and check out just the right book.

Holy Week 2018



MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL



HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

RAIN OR
SHINE!

FRIDAY MAY 18	3:00pm - 11:00pm
SATURDAY MAY 19	10:00am - 11:00pm
SUNDAY MAY 20	11:00am - 6:00pm

Greek Food & Pastries • Church Tours
Vendor Marketplace • Greek Dancing
Children's Activities • Live Greek Music
Cooking Demonstrations

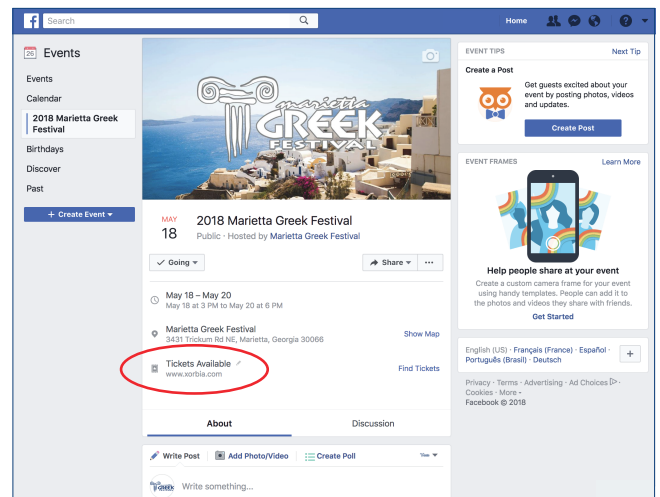
FREE PARKING & SHUTTLES ALL WEEKEND!
3431 TRICKUM ROAD, MARIETTA GA 30066
WWW.MARIETTAGREEKFESTIVAL.COM
770-924-8080

NEW THIS YEAR!

Presale Ticket Options Through Xorbia

Visit: www.xorbia.com & search “Marietta Greek Festival”

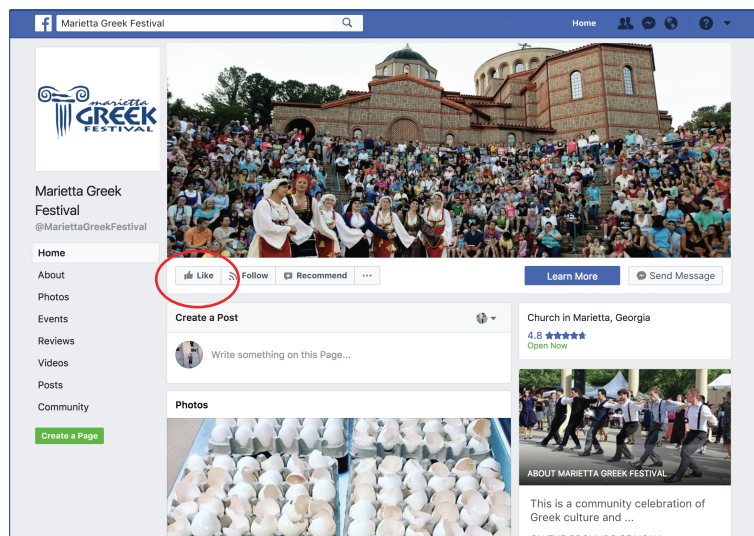
or click the link on our Facebook Event



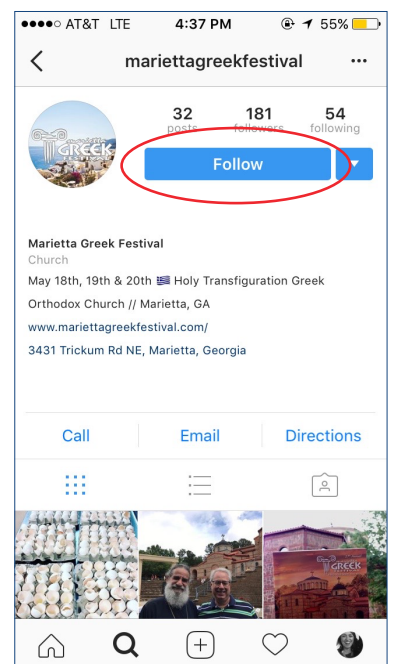
SOCIAL MEDIA

Help Promote the Festival on Social Media!

LIKE
the “Marietta
Greek Festival”
PAGE on Facebook

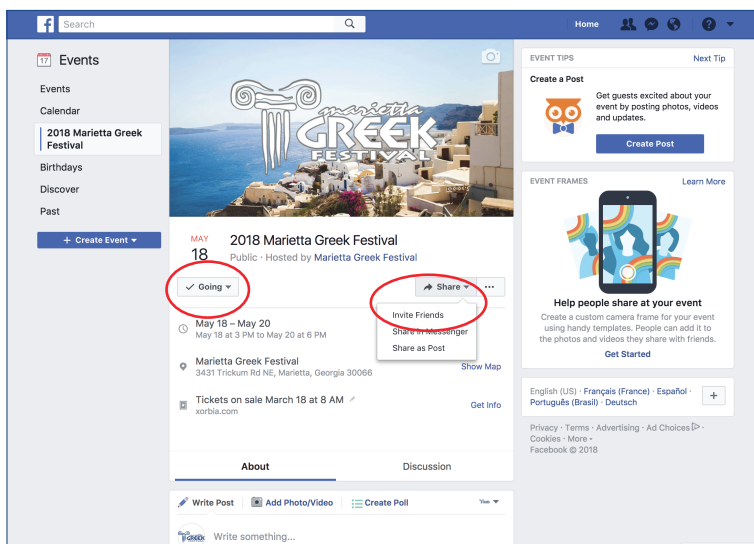


FOLLOW
@mariettagreekfestival
on Instagram



RSVP
to the “2018 Marietta
Greek Festival”
EVENT on Facebook

&
INVITE
all your friends!





May 18 - 20, 2018

We need everyone! Visit our Festival table during Coffee Hour...

- Sign up to volunteer (no experience necessary)
- Buy Gift Cards at 20% discount to face value
 - Makes great gifts for teachers, friends and coworkers
- Get the word out
 - Pick up flyers and social media instructions

Become a Sponsor or Friend of Festival

- **NEW** - Replacing the Program Book with a Visitor's Guide
- **Help solicit sponsors – Why become a sponsor?**
 - Sponsor Logos appear on Website and Visitor's Guide
 - Access to 15,000+ visitors
 - Sponsor materials included inside complementary Festival bag
 - Many, many more perks

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!!*

<u>Dolmades (Stuffed Grape Leaves)</u>	Wed., 4/11 – Thur., 4/12	4PM -9PM
<u>Pastitsio</u>	Thur., 5/3	10AM-9PM
<u>Pastry Packing</u> (no baking)	Tues., 5/8 – Fri., 5/12	10AM-9PM
<u>Souvlaki Prep</u>	Mon., 5/14 - Thur., 5/17	10AM-9PM
<u>Salad Prep</u>	Thur., 5/17	10AM-9PM

Times are subject to change.

For more information, please contact Eleni Nikolas at 630-854-2174 or enikolas68@gmail.com.



2018 Sponsorship Opportunities

***Platinum Sponsor *** (Limit 3 Sponsors)

- Largest size Logo on Visitor Guide and prominent placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website with link to your website
- Your exclusive logo on the custom Marietta Greek Festival tote bag per sponsor
- Your flyer in the tote bag
- 10x10 Prime Booth Space – See guidelines
- 8 Weekend Admission Passes; \$200 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsor Promotional announcements all 3 days (8 times per day)..... \$4,000

***Gold Sponsor *** (Limit 8 Sponsors)

- Large size Logo on Visitor Guide and placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website with link to your website
- Your flyer in the tote bag
- 10x10 Prime Booth Space
- 4 Weekend Passes; \$100 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsor Promotional announcements all 3 days (4 times per day)..... \$2,500

**Silver Sponsor **

- Medium size Logo on Visitor Guide and placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website
- Your flyer in the tote bag
- 2 Weekend Passes; \$50 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsor Promotional announcements all 3 days (2 times per day).....\$1,000

*Bronze Sponsor *

- Any monetary Donation from \$250 up to \$1,000
- Your business cards in tote bags
- Your business name listed in Bronze section of the Program Guide\$250 - \$999

Friends of the Festival

- Any monetary donation from \$25 up to \$250
- Your name listed in the Friends of Festival section of the Visitor Guide
- Donations will help offset expenses for the Festival, such as food, shuttles, band, and tents

Logos may be submitted as camera-ready art or as electronic files. Acceptable electronic files should all be at least 300 dpi in the following formats: PDF, JPEG, TIFF, or EPS. All Logos are displayed in full color.

Questions? Contact

Maria Alberts	678-381-4163	maria.alberts@alliant.com
Eleni Nikolas	630-854-2174	enikolas68@gmail.com



SPONSOR REQUEST FORM

Yes, I would like to be a partner in the 2018 Marietta Greek Festival.

I wish to become the following type of Sponsor (*Check one*):

Platinum Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000
Gold Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500
Silver Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000
Bronze Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$ _____
Friend of Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$ _____

Please complete the following information:

Sponsor/ Friend Name _____

Contact Name (if different) _____

Street Address _____

Phone Number _____

Website Address _____

Email Address _____

Guidelines for Sponsorship Booths:

You must provide your own table, your own representatives, signage and tent. You may provide marketing displays, handouts, giveaways (but no food). Any material deemed offensive or contradictory to the Orthodox faith will not be permitted and may subject you to removal of your sponsorship and/or booth. Please keep your booth area clean at all times.

At your discretion, you may choose to opt out of the booth participation.

Please indicate your preference below.

☐ Yes, please save a booth space for my booth.

☐ No, I do not want booth space.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 3431 Trickum Rd., Marietta, GA 30066

Please make checks payable to **Marietta Greek Festival**. Credit Cards are also accepted with a 3% fee.

PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY APRIL 15, 2018



Got Greek?

...*we* do!!

Interested in learning Greek?

Thinking about traveling to Greece?

We offer a quality, *comprehensive language program*,
with classes for both adults and children/teens.



Classes start in September!

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Hellenic Studies Program



Eleni Clement, Director

eleni@mindspring.com or 770-924-8080

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



APRIL PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

The Philoptochos Panagia Chapter started Lent with its annual **Lenten retreat**. Following a Compline Service in the Chapel, Father Panayiotis discussed two women Saints, St. Philothei of Athens and St. Olympias the Deaconess, who were 'friends of the poor' (meaning of the Greek word, Philoptochos). Harvey Lawson talked about the Freedom of Forgiveness. The retreat ended with an informative question and answer session.

On March 22, eighty-one meals were served at **Must Ministries**. Thank you to the following ladies and "gents" who helped prepare or serve the meal: Mary Miltiades, Cedric Dunkerly, Pat Koutouzis, Kathy Bylos, Dorothy and Bobby Macris, Thea Blalock, Athena Burke, and Michael Gavalas. Everyone is invited to help with soup kitchen by cooking, serving and/or shopping. Please contact Athena Burke at ibgreekg@bellsouth.net.

This year Philoptochos will be creating a **Mother's Day** card to send out to the Holy Transfiguration parish. If you would like to honor your mother, grandmother, godmother or a special woman in your life, living or deceased, please complete the attached form. The form and donation may be returned to the bookstore on Sundays or to the church office.

The annual **Philoptochos Godparents Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 in the Parish Life Center following the Divine Liturgy. We will serve our traditional meal of homemade meat sauce and spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. For dessert, everyone can create their own ice cream sundae! Please see attached flyer for more details.

In June Philoptochos will kick-off a **Back-to-School Backpack** program. This year we will be providing a backpack with new school supplies for second graders and sixth graders in Marietta City Schools. Look for details in May.

Philoptochos will offer the **Greek Dance Exercise** class again on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00 in the Parish Life Center. Peggy Dunkerly and Karen Fox will review familiar Greek dances and teach new ones. Come for an evening of fun and exercise!

The expenses for local and National Philoptochos for March include \$850.18 for a local social services, \$450 for OCM and SAMP, which provides financial support to missionary priests and their teams, and \$500 to the Hellenic College Holy Cross Lenten Event.

Philoptochos is starting the month of April with **88 members**. A special thank you to all who have joined for the year 2018. If you would like to join, please return the completed membership form to the church office.

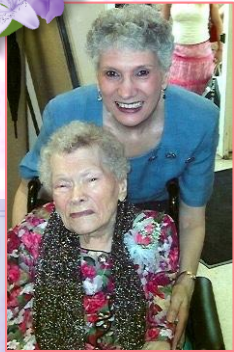
Philoptochos

Responding to the Needs of the Orthodox Christian Community

- ❖ Has a loss of employment or other misfortune put you behind with your rent, mortgage or utility bills?
- ❖ Are you overwhelmed with out-of-pocket medical or prescription costs?
- ❖ Do you need help finding a local food pantry or soup kitchen?
- ❖ Do you know someone who needs help, a friendly call or visit?

Confidential help is available through Panagia Chapter, Philoptochos, Holy Transfiguration.

Celebrating Mothers



This year Philoptochos will publish a Special Mother's Day Card to honor all the special women in our lives!



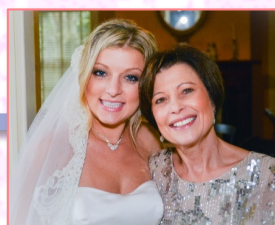
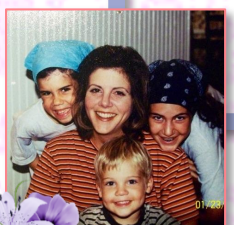
*Want to be included in the
1st Edition of the
Mother's Day Card??*

Complete the form on the back to honor:

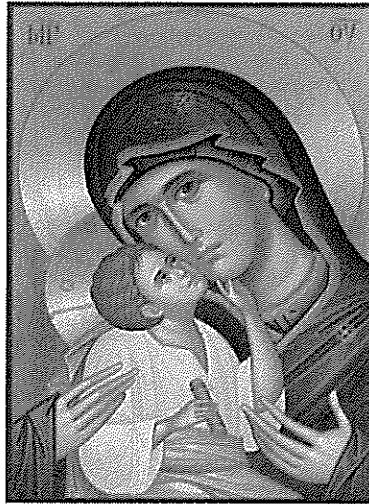
- ❖ *Women who are alive to pray for their good health*
- ❖ *For those who have fallen asleep*



Perfect for Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Daughters, or that unique woman that holds a special place in your heart.



Celebrating Mothers



This year Philoptochos will publish a special Mother's Day Card. We have all been touched by special women who have given us selfless support, enduring faith and unconditional love.

You have the opportunity to honor special women in your life, whether they are Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Sisters, other relatives, or that unique woman who holds a special place in your heart.

This **1ST EDITION PHILOPTOCHOS MOTHER'S DAY CARD** will be distributed to the entire parish on Mother's Day 2018. You may participate by completing the form below. We will have two sections of the card: one devoted to women who are alive to pray for their good health; and, we will also have a section devoted to women who have fallen asleep.

I wish to honor:	Health & Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Memory Of	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to honor:	Health & Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Memory Of	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to honor:	Health & Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Memory Of	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your name: _____ Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Please submit form with payment to the office or the bookstore by Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Checks should be made payable to: Philoptochos



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

How time flies! It seems like the older you get the faster it goes! It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and now Easter is just around the corner. And then summer will be here. Are you enjoying yourself or do you station yourself in front of the TV, falling asleep?? Have you become a "couch potato"? STOP NOW!! JOIN PRIME TIMERS! WE WANT ALL SENIORS TO HAVE FUN-OUR MOTTO-A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!

On March 15, we gathered together for movie night. We all enjoyed the movie, *Mamma Mia!*, munched on popcorn and afterward we ate delicious lentil soup made by our secretary, Stephanie Gianaris. Our board furnished other goodies, including delicious cakes (chocolate and lemon) prepared by Mary Ellen Knuchel.

We hope to have another movie night on April 19; movie will be *The Bucket List*. Phil Kiritsy is cooking chicken for everyone. Of course, we will again have popcorn. Hope to see everyone again. Don't miss another fun evening starting at 4:00 pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend!

On April 15, after church, we will celebrate CHILDREN'S DAY. We have Mother's Day and Father's Day so Prime Timers decided to celebrate the children in our community. This is our 3rd year; so please bring all your grandchildren and great-grandchildren so they may enjoy themselves as well. Ages 10 and under are invited. No charge. We will also have coffee hour that day and lots of prizes!!!

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS/CARE GIVER'S MINISTRY

A very special thank you to all who donated for our Food Distribution Day in March! Your generosity makes a huge difference and helps to provide our families with the nutrition and day to day supplies needed in order to provide for their children and for themselves! We had a total of 10 families come on distribution day, an additional 2 families that could not make it on Monday due to the storms but made arrangements for later in the week for pick up, and 2 families we delivered groceries to.

We provided food to 14 families this past month. It is due to your love and generosity that we are able to provide these meals to these special families. **YOU ARE PAYING IT FORWARD AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

Our next Food Distribution Day will take place on Monday, April 16, 2018 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Caregivers's Support Group: If anyone would like to join the Support Group for Caregivers, please contact Isabelle Dymond, lcdy1@gmail.com, cell-404.502.8343. Isabelle and, if possible, Fr. Panayiotis, will meet with you or if you would like, you and your family, for our initial meeting.



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—December 2017

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

Upcoming Events -- Block your Calendar

Saturday, 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!

If you have any questions about AHEPA, please contact any of the following Board Members: Keath Paxten, Zack Kollias, Ron Sprouse, Jim Burke.

AHEPANS at work!

As part of the community service Marietta Chapter 519 has Adopt-a-Highway on Trickum Road; please join us the next time it is scheduled!

Pictured: Ron Sprouse, Jim Burke, Keath Paxten, Ted Sampanes, Kurk Johnson, Dennis Christopher, Mike Jacobs, Harry Kipreos, and George Lopos.





HTGOC SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

SHIPWRECKED! Rescued by Jesus

Monday, June 4– Friday, June 8, 2018
9:00 am– 12:30 pm

- Snack and lunch included each day
- Classes are for potty-trained 4-year-olds (May 2018) through 5th graders (grade in fall 2018)
 - Rising 6th graders and above (and adults) are encouraged to volunteer!
 - Registration Fee: \$20 per child--**The LAST day to register is Friday, May 25**
- Make checks payable to Holy Transfiguration GOC, and write "Summer Church Camp 2018" in the memo line. Registration may be returned to the church office or placed in the offering tray.
 - Questions? Want to volunteer or donate food items? Talk to Hazel: (757)870-5977 or hazolen@gmail.com.

We will be sending updates to families via email, so please provide a good address!

Summer Church Camp 2018 Registration

YXS-AXL

Child's Name _____ DOB: ___/___/___ Fall 2018 Grade _____ T-Shirt Size _____
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 Child's Name _____ DOB: ___/___/___ Fall 2018 Grade _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Email*: _____ Best Phone Number of Parent: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

My child/children listed above has/have my permission to participate in all the activities of Summer Church Camp from Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8, 2018 on the grounds of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church and its community facilities at 3431 Trickum Rd, Marietta, GA 30066. I hereby release the church and its employees and volunteers of any responsibility or liability in the event of an accident on the premises of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. I furthermore give my permission for the adult supervisors of the program to seek medical attention for my child/children should the need arise.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do any of your children have any medical problems or physical limitations that the teachers and supervisors of Summer Church Camp should be made aware of? YES NO

If **YES**, please give child's name and explanation: _____

Do any of your children have any food allergies we need to be aware of? YES NO

If **YES**, please give child's name and explanation: _____

In case of emergency, who should we call? (provide telephone number): _____

Adults authorized to pick up your child/children during the week (also provide emergency numbers): _____

(please note children MUST be signed out each afternoon at the registration table!!!)

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: You may also sign up online:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8v9H6t6KaIAwdr_zfzFoPqonsADfTbZ5qyLe45_S22_W9EQ/viewform

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!

https://www.facebook.com/atlantametropolisphiloptochos/videos/videos/960770307297751/video_source=pages_finch_main_video

contact Despina Koulianos:
dkoulianos1@gmail.com
251-454-5657

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**

Remembering the Fall of Constantinople to the Moslem Turks - May 29, 1453



On May 29, 1453, the last Emperor Constantine Palaeologos falls defending the Christian City and the civilization it represents. The only Christian Empire which lasted 1,100 years became subjected to utter destruction.

May 29, 1453: The Fall of Constantinople

The fall of the city to the Ottoman Turks signaled the end of the longest civilization in the history of humankind.

On that fateful Tuesday of May in 1453, Constantinople fell to the hands of the Ottoman Turks, led by Mehmet the Conqueror. The Great City, which for 1,100 years represented the Christian Greco-Roman Civilization initiated by Constantine the Great, was overrun by the Asian warriors.

The Great Church of Agia Sophia (built by Emperor Justinian), which for 900 years stood as the symbol of the triumph of Christianity in the world, was turned into a moslem mosque.

The Greco-Roman Christians, who preserved Orthodox Christianity for over 1,000 years, came under the rule of the moslem conquerors. For the next 400 years (and in some places even until today) they would suffer the ultimate humiliation, but would continue preserving the Faith undefiled.

The Christians lived under moslem yoke always looking to the miracle of the Resurrection of the Lord with the hope of liberation and freedom.



The Last Emperor
Constantine Palaeologos



The siege of the city

The Great Church of Ayia Sophia was converted to a mosque



CHURCH OF AGIA SOPHIA IN CONSTANTINOPLE TODAY

Photo by Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, May 2001

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday of the Paralytic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 1st) Dance Practice 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 1:00 PM Phoenix (Middle) 1:00 PM Petaloudes (4th & 5th) Dance Practice 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 3rd) Dance Practice and 4 more... 	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Rental: GS Warriors 	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Pickleball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:45 AM Kafanon 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM HTA Planning Meeting 	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 PM Eleftheria Dance Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Festival Cooking (Pastichio)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Rental: Maliakal Wedding Reception</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Eleftheria Dance Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers—Fr Panayiotis' 30th Anniversary of Ordination 6:00 PM Celebration of Fr Panayiotis' 30th Anniversary of his ordination—tentative
<p>6</p> <p>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 1st) Dance Practice 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 1:00 PM Phoenix (Middle) 1:00 PM Petaloudes (4th & 5th) Dance Practice 1:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 3rd) Dance Practice and 2 more... 	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist 6:30 PM Rental: GS Warriors 	<p>8</p> <p>Feast of St. John the Baptist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Pickleball 1:00 PM Festival—Carpet Tiles 4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmions of Atlanta 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies Graduation 	<p>9</p> <p>2:00 PM Rental: Lassiter Soccer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Festival Committee Chair Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM Eleftheria Dance Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Festival Board Meeting 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Rental: Lassiter Choral Foundation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Rental: Lassiter Orchestral Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Rental: Bulgarian Luncheon 5:00 PM Great Vespers 7:00 PM Eleftheria Dance Practice
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday of the Blind Man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism Graduation 3:00 PM Baptism of Greg Barsky 	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Eleftheria Dance Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) Dance Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Palamakia (K & 1st) Dance Practice 5:00 PM Asteria (2nd & 3rd) Dance Practice 6:00 PM Petaloudes (4th & 5th) Dance Practice 7:00 PM Phoenix (Middle) 7:00 PM Eleftheria Dance Practice 8:00 PM Metamorphosi 	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of the Ascension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 8:00 PM Metamorphosi Dance Practice 	<p>17</p> <p>Ascension of the Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Phoenix (Middle School) Dance Practice 7:00 PM Eleftheria Dance Practice 8:00 PM Metamorphosi Dance Practice 	<p>18</p> <p>Marietta Greek Festival</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Marietta Greek Festival</p> <p>Sunday of the 18 Apostles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Orthros 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>21</p> <p>Feast of Sts Constantine & Helen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 AM Pickleball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Festival—Carpet Tiles Removed 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 	<p>23</p> <p>5:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>The Saturday of Souls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 3:30 PM Wedding of Greg and Dora
<p>27</p> <p>Holy Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy; The Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit 	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Rental: GS Warriors 	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM Pickleball</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The Apodosis of Holy Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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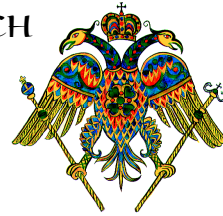
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4/29	T. Bliss/D. Koutouzis	St. James	J. Dymond/S. Linebaugh	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/M. Neocleous	S. Kargas/A. & K. Lilly
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5/13	P. Markley/S. Tingas	St. Peter	M. Alberts/S. Lukens	C. Smith/J. Miltiades/I. Steffas	T. Argentis/D. Botni/A. Reale/C. Sprouse
5/20	M. Jacobs/J. Papastrat	St. James	Festival	S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F. Tucker	K. Johnson/R. Peppas/B. Reid/M. Strakes
5/27	E. Linebaugh/H. Mavromatidis	St. John	E. Markley/C. Vlahiotis	T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson/A. Burke	S. Kargas/A. & K. Lilly

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 Leventis, Nicholas Lukens, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Angelo Nichols, Matthew Paulson, Angelos Powell, Mitchell Starks, Niko Tiller.

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