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THE MONTHLY BULLETIN

OF THE

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D.

Presiding Protopresbyter

Rev. Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter

Rev. Father John Brown, Protopresbyter

Rev. Father Paul Lundberg, Presbyter

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ken Bilson-Education, Youth, Culture

Terry Bliss-Philanthropy

Dennis Christopher-Parish Life

Mike Jacobs-Stewardship

Zack Kollias-Ass't Treasurer

Dennis Koutouzis-Facilities

Ellen Linebaugh-VP / Parish Life-Lead

Paul Markley-Secretary / Liturgical

Harry Mavromatidis-Parish Life

Jon Papastrat-Outreach

Steve Tingas-President

Danny Vlahiotis-Treasurer

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/>

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH?



Our Parish has thirty different ministries. Are you involved in any of them? And if you are, what do you expect to get from that?

Since we are a church, the goal of the parish is to help us grow spiritually and guide us to enter the Kingdom of God.

If you are involved in a ministry, any of the ministries of our parish, is that ministry or ministries helping you to grow spiritually? Do you feel that your participation in those particular ministries will help you enter the Kingdom of God?

This is a serious challenge for our ministry leaders: Is your particular ministry helping the participants in a spiritual way?

I ask this of myself every day. Are people who speak with me, those who encounter me and spend time with me, benefitting spiritually from my work, from my words, from my presence in their lives? If they are not, I am certainly wasting my time and my energy, as well as theirs.

In a parallel manner, the ministries of the parish that do not benefit the participants in a spiritual way are a waste of effort and resources.

There is, however, a qualification to this; every social gathering that is building and enhancing healthy relationships and is not causing people to sin is a good thing by itself. Healthy relationships, where Christian love is shared, can be the beginning of spiritual growth.

Hence, I will challenge all of us, members of this parish, leaders and participants, to examine everything we are doing from this perspective. We need to make sure that we are providing a healthy, spiritual environment for the development of all into members of God's Kingdom, even in the here and now, by doing everything with God at the center. Let's begin all activities with a prayer, offering thanks to God for His many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. The leaders of ministries, let's pray for God's Grace to come upon our ministries and enhance spiritually what we are trying to do. The participants, let's pray for God's wisdom and strength to come upon the leaders so that they may be able to accomplish God's Will for all of us. Prayer is a source of divine energy that transforms all things from secular to spiritual.

The parish is the Ark of Salvation in the midst of a tumultuous world, an ever changing society. It is a safe haven from the tempest-tossed sea of life. All protection and peace comes from God. If we don't make Him the center of our lives in every way invoking His help in prayer, we will miss out on His Gifts.

Dear friends and parishioners,

The wisdom granted to us by God through the Holy Scriptures and the writings and admonitions of the holy fathers of Christianity in the past two thousand years is a precious treasure trove to dig into and find guidance to strengthen everything you are trying to accomplish. Today, we have many books translated from the original languages for us to read and draw wisdom from. We also have many opportunities to discuss with others and deepen our knowledge and understanding, but above all we have more time than any generation of the past to attend worship services, pray privately at home and even visit monasteries and other holy places that will inspire us and bring us closer to God. All we need to do is transfer all these benefits to the ministries of our parish and share with others, thus transforming all activities to spiritual opportunities.

If our hearts are turned to Him, God will bless all the works of our hands. If our love for God and our fellow man is made manifest in our interactions, God's Grace will fill the gaps and perfect our efforts. Then, the ministries of this parish will cease to be just for fun, but will be transformed to paths leading all to Eternal Joy!

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

July 2018

July 1, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Matthew. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

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

July 8, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Matthew. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

July 11, Wednesday, Feast of St. Paisios of the Holy Mountain, Great Vespers 6:00 pm

July 12, Thursday, Feast of St. Paisios of the Holy Mountain

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

July 14, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm - Feast of St. Kyrikos & his mother Ioulita

July 15, Sunday of the 630 Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Synod of Chalcedon (451 AD)

Feast of St. Kyrikos & his mother Ioulita

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

July 16, Monday, Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm - Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr

July 17, Tuesday, Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr - Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00

July 19, Thursday, Great Vespers for Feast of Prophet Elias (Elijah) 6:00 pm

July 20, Friday, Feast of St. Elias (Elijah) the Prophet

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

July 21, Saturday, Great Vespers, Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

July 22, Sunday, Eighth Sunday of Matthew. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

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

July 24, Tuesday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm - Dormition of St. Anna and St. Olympias

July 25, Wednesday, Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and Feast of St. Olympias the Deaconess.

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

Evening: Great Vespers for Feast of St. Paraskevi 6:00 pm

July 26, Thursday, Feast of St. Paraskevi

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

Evening: Feast of St. Panteleimon, Great Vespers 6:00 pm

July 27, Friday, Feast of St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr

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

July 28, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

July 29, Sunday, Ninth Sunday of Matthew.

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



St. Olympias the Deaconess - July 25

St. Olympias was born in 361 AD into a wealthy family of high ranking in the Christian Roman Empire (probably in Constantinople). Her father was the senator Anicius Secundus and through her mother, Alexandroka, she was the granddaughter of the noted eparch Eulalios.

When Olympias was still very young, her parents betrothed her to a nobleman. The marriage was supposed to take place when Olympias reached the age of maturity. However, the bridegroom died before the wedding took place, and Olympias did not wish to enter into another marriage, preferring a life of virginity.

After the death of her parents, Olympias inherited great wealth. She then began to distribute this wealth to the poor and needy, the orphaned and the widowed. She was also very generous with her donations to the

churches, monasteries, hospices, and shelters for the homeless. She established a hospital and a shelter for young orphaned girls and undertook their care and education. She also established a monastery for women where she resided, as well. All of her wealth was put to work for the benefit and comfort of the poor of Constantinople.

Because of her many philanthropic activities, she was appointed a deaconess by the holy Patriarch Nektarios (381-397). She would provide great assistance to the hierarchs of Constantinople as well as the visiting bishops from many places.

She became especially close to St. John Chrysostom, who was elevated to Archbishop of Constantinople on February 26 of 398. St. Chrysostom had high regard for Olympias and showed her goodwill and spiritual love. When Chrysostom was unjustly banished in 404 AD, Olympias and the other deaconesses (Pentadia, Proklia, and Salbina) were deeply upset. Eventually, Olympias was sent to exile because of her devotion to St. Chrysostom's innocence. St. John Chrysostom wrote to her several letters from his exile, consoling her in her sorrow.

St. John Chrysostom reposed on September 14, 407. Almost a year later, St. Olympias died in exile as well after a long illness somewhere in Nicomedia on July 25, 408. Shortly before her death, Olympias gave instructions that her remains be placed in a coffin and tossed into the sea, leaving her final resting place to divine providence. Her coffin was washed on the shores of Constantinople and she was interned in the Church of the Holy Apostle Thomas. Later her holy relics were brought to the monastery which she had established. Many miracles and healings occurred from her relics.



FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME IN THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



discover Orthodox Christianity

The need for Orthodox Schools in America **Orthodox Education has the potential to transform lives** **The Orthodox way of life and thinking can transform society**

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Let's imitate the Early Christians in their willingness to sacrifice wealth and self for the Lord!

J Fr. Panayiotis

The Mission Statement of our Parish

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

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

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

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

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

The Practice of "Confession" In the Bible

Old Testament

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

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

New Testament

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

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

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

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

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

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

AUGUST

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THOMAS & ELIZABETH: MISSIONARIES TO GUATEMALA

Missions Presentation: Sunday, August 6

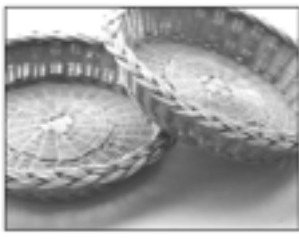
Thomas and Elizabeth Manuel are excited to announce that they will be serving as long-term missionaries for the Orthodox Church in Guatemala. God willing this September, they will serve as teachers and witnesses to the Mayan people, encouraging and modeling life of faithful Orthodox, while assisting in the development of the mission in Guatemala. They have been drawn to serve in Guatemala based on past experiences in the country and are overjoyed to have the opportunity to return and to serve. Over the past ten years there has been an explosion of Orthodox Christianity in Guatemala. At the moment there are over one hundred villages of Orthodox Christians being served by five clergy and a small team of missionaries. Find out more about the work being done in the Orthodox Church in Guatemala visit the website, www.mayanorthodoxy.com.

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SUPPORT AT: WWW.OCMC.ORG/MANUELFAMILY

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - JULY

7/1/2018	Sunday:	Luke 24:13-35	I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8	Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1
7/2/2018	Monday:	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 1:39-49, 56	
7/3/2018	Tuesday:	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 13:24-30	
7/4/2018	Wednesday:	I Corinthians 2:9-16;3:1-8	Matthew 13:31-36	
7/5/2018	Thursday:	Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2	Matthew 11:27-30	
7/6/2018	Friday:	I Corinthians 4:5-8	Matthew 13:44-54	
7/7/2018	Saturday:	Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5	Mark 5:24-34	
7/8/2018	Sunday:	Luke 24:36-53	Romans 12:6-14	Matthew 9:1-8
7/9/2018	Monday:	I Corinthians 5:9-13;6:1-11	Matthew 13:54-58	
7/10/2018	Tuesday:	I Corinthians 6:20;7:1-12	Matthew 14:1-13	
7/11/2018	Wednesday:	Mark 5:24-34	II Corinthians 6:1-10	Luke 7:36-50
7/12/2018	Thursday:	I Corinthians 7:24-35	Matthew 15:12-21	
7/13/2018	Friday:	Hebrews 2:2-10	Matthew 15:29-31	
7/14/2018	Saturday:	Romans 16:1-16	Matthew 10:37-42,11:1	
7/15/2018	Sunday:	John 20:1-10	Titus 3:8-15	Matthew 5:14-19
7/16/2018	Monday:	I Corinthians 9:13-18	Matthew 16:1-6	
7/17/2018	Tuesday:	Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5	Mark 5:24-34	
7/18/2018	Wednesday:	I Corinthians 10:12-22	Matthew 16:20-24	
7/19/2018	Thursday:	I Corinthians 10:28-33;11:1-8	Matthew 16:24-28	
7/20/2018	Friday:	James 5:10-20	Luke 4:22-30	
7/21/2018	Saturday:	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 12:30-37	
7/22/2018	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	I Corinthians 1:10-17	Matthew 14:14-22
7/23/2018	Monday:	I Corinthians 11:31-34;12:1-6	Matthew 18:18-22;19:1-2;13-15	
7/24/2018	Tuesday:	I Corinthians 12:12-26	Matthew 18:18-22;19:1-2;13-15	
7/25/2018	Wednesday:	Galatians 4:22-27	Luke 8:16-21	
7/26/2018	Thursday:	Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5	Mark 5:24-34	
7/27/2018	Friday:	II Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-27;16:1-2	
7/28/2018	Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7	Matthew 15:32-39	
7/29/2018	Sunday:	John 20:19-31	I Corinthians 3:9-17	Matthew 14:22-34
7/30/2018	Monday:	Acts 15:35-41	Matthew 21:18-22	
7/31/2018	Tuesday:	I Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27	



STEWARDSHIP CORNER



What is Christianity!

One day, a person complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual “give, give, give.” To which the priest replied, “Thank you very much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. You’re right, Christianity is all about a constant “give, give, give.” God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord’s disciples giving all they had to make sure God’s Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God!

In 2018, we have received **330** pledges. Thank you to the families who have submitted their 2018 Membership/Stewardship Pledge.

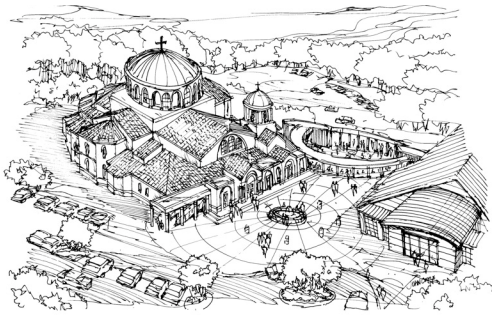
Our 2018 Membership/Stewardship goal is to receive **400** Membership/Stewardship Pledges. We have a long way to go to reach this goal and need everyone’s support. We are currently **70** pledges behind our 2018 goal. Please turn in your 2018 Pledge card as soon as possible.



It is offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He is, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.

Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

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



MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2018

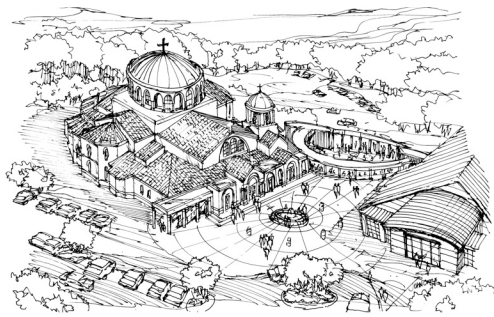
THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE
SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2018!

*(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
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bafas
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Bakatsas
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Baleno
Mr. & Mrs. Trey Bane
Mr. & Mrs. William Barber
Mr. & Mrs. Grigoriy Barsky
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Basto
Mr. & Mrs. Danut Batin
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Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bourgeois
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bournias
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Bourquin
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Bradford
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bridgers
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Brown
Fr. & Mrs. John Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Olen Bruce
Ms. Anne Bruno
Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Buchan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bundros
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke
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Mr. Cosmon Bylos
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Mr. & Mrs. George Caras
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THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE
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*(If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2018, please
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is so important, and so appreciated.)*

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Total: 330

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS (and those who just take a summer break)

Fellow Parishioners: Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. **Simply follow these easy steps:**

Church Website

1. Visit our church's Vanco Giving Webpage, [Vanco Online Giving Link](#)
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)

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.

In the Church Narthex

During Church Services, an IPAD with a credit card reader will be available to make donations to the Church. Please ask the PC Member on Duty or Greeter for assistance. When using this service, please enter your email address as your donation will be linked to your Online Profile account.



Holy Transfiguration Grief Recovery Support Group

*10:00 am to 11:30 am
St. Basil Conference Room*



Group Leader: BJ Spanos, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist

Saturday, July 7th - Lessons Grief Teaches Us

Saturday, July 21st - Practical Actions Steps

Five Things to Know About Grief

1. It's okay to grieve 2. It's okay to cry 3. It's okay to laugh 4. It's okay to ask for help 5. You are not alone



HELLENIC STUDIES 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EARLIER** START DATE—Monday, August 13
- NOW **TWICE** A WEEK
- **NEW** DAYS—Mondays and Wednesdays

We will continue to offer **youth, adult and Biblical Greek courses** as well as our new **Ellinomatheia** (advanced Greek Language) course.

Please contact us at [**hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com**](mailto:hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com)

- if you're a returning student or parent and plan to attend again this year
- if you are new to the program this year
- if you have any questions about the program

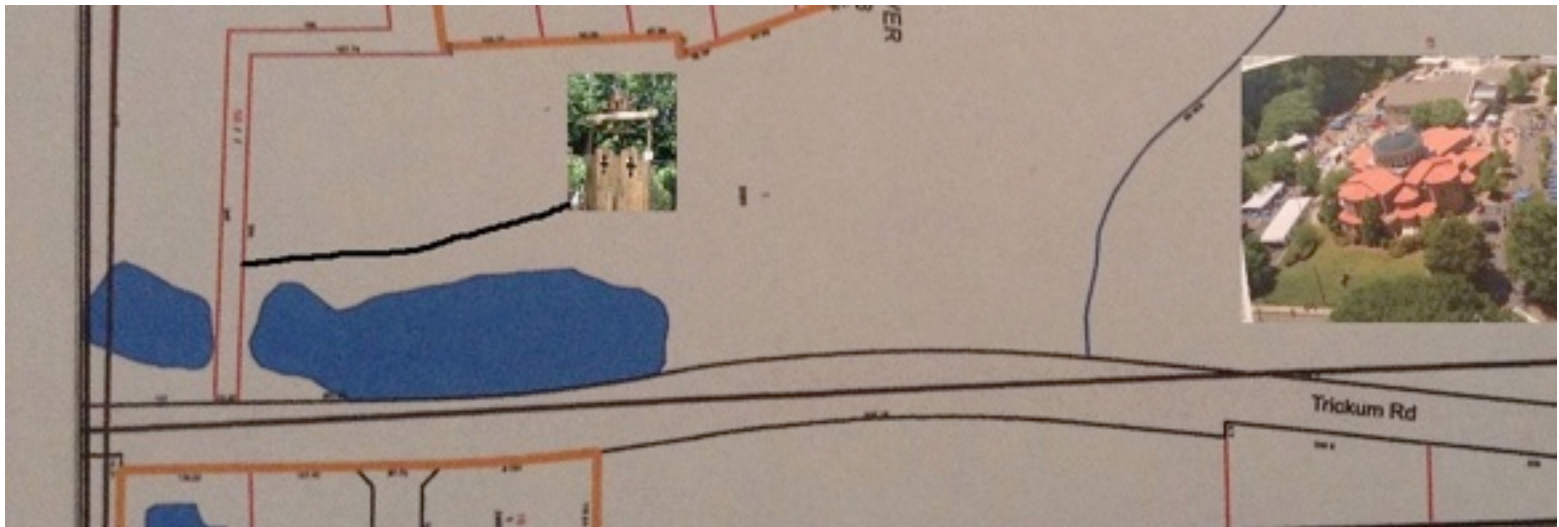
Please look for registration information coming soon via mail and email. *Deadline will be July 31, 2018.*

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GARDEN

Our Parish is blessed to have a beautiful garden where we grow vegetables to help the church and the needy. Last year a covered shelter was built for protection from the sun and rain as well as fellowship. The Garden is up the hill from the church (see map below). A work group is scheduled to meet July 14 and July 28, starting at 10 am. We appreciate any parish hands to help. If you cannot make either of these days, you are welcome to drive up any day and pull a few weeds. Talk to Marla or Stephen Hendrix, who are the principle stewards of the garden ministry, about weeding and/or watering - even ten minutes of weeding is a gift to the parish!

The Sunday summer freewill offering "Farmers Market" turns 4 years old this year! Peter and Kate Sklikas arrive early each Sunday in the season to set up the tables and begin setting out the produce. The produce comes from the Church Garden and the home gardens of these parishioners, Peter Sklikas, Cedric Dunkerly, John & Elizabeth Doulgerakis, Paula and Dennis Christopher, and this year, we plan to have eggs from Lukia and Mike McLean. If you have an abundance of produce from your garden, we'd be glad to add your bounty to the market! What is not 'sold' is processed into jellies, jams, and salsa!.

Money collected from your generous contributions help both the Church and those less fortunate. We hope to see you at the garden and the "market" so you can be a part of this wonderful ministry!





Leycei Hendrix-Herbert and Mallory Sweet weeding the garden.

PANTRY UPDATE

Can you believe it?? It has been a year since we were offering food pantry distribution out of the PLC pantry room. Within a couple of months, we had outgrown our space in the PLC and were making plans to move to our current location at "the house". We have come a long way and the reason behind our great progress is our parish family. We have come together for a greater cause, to help others who are in turmoil due to a job loss or an illness. Whatever the reason, we have provided assistance to many in need who are in our own local community. We didn't send money off to a foreign country or donate to Goodwill for a tax receipt...we gave for a much greater need.

Thank you to all who participated in our Reverse Pantry Offering in June!! Our Reverse Offerings are always a great success and a great way to bring food into our food pantry. This makes a huge difference in what we can offer to our families. Thanks to all of you who participated, we have restocked our pantry shelves and also have a few reserves for backup, which usually don't stay around long. ☺ You are Amazing! We are now ready for our next food distribution which will take place on Tuesday, July 17th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

There is always work to do when it comes to our pantry. We are in need of volunteers to help hang and organize all the clothing items that have been donated to our pantry closet.

How it all began...Late last Fall, we began to receive bags and boxes of clean and gently used clothing along with some new clothing items in the mix. These donations started showing up at the door step of our pantry; we also had a couple of our pantry participants bring in their children's outgrown clothing, laundered and some even ironed. These families said they wanted to give back because this community had been so generous to them that they wanted to pay it forward and possibly be of help to families who are facing hard times. How can you turn someone like this away. How can we say no to that? We can't and didn't.

So, here we are...we have clothing, shoes, coats and jackets that are in GREAT shape. The majority of these donations came from our parish families.

Just to be clear, this was not a planned project. In fact, several of our parish members had asked last year if we collected clothing donations, and we politely declined and tried to stay clear of clothing donations. However, God had other plans for our pantry and here we are. What do we do? We will follow the path that is set forth for us and do his will. If you would like to assist with this project, please notify Isabelle Dymond. You may call or text her cell (404)-502-8343 or email to Icdymond1@gmail.com

I would like to personally thank ALL of our Food Pantry volunteers who always make time to come to the pantry to help out! Anytime we are in need of assistance, you are there whether it is to help on Food Distribution Days or to check in or restock our shelves...you never let me down. I appreciate each and every one of you and want to Thank You for your partnership! We would not have accomplished all that we have this past year without your love and compassion and hard work and dedication!

YOU are the reason that our food pantry has been so successful this past year! Thank you for all you do to keep our Food Pantry going!

Sincerely,
Isabelle Dymond



HTGOC FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR Remainder of 2018

July 17

August 21

September 25

October 16

November 20

December 18

2019 ~ Happy New Year!

January 22

February 19

March 19

April 16

May 22

June 18



JULY PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

The Philoptochos Panagia Chapter is now up to **94** members for the 2018 year. Expenses for local social services for June are \$837.25. We still have many projects throughout the summer.

We are continuing to collect **school supplies** for disadvantaged second and sixth graders in Marietta Public Schools. Supplies will be collected through July 22. GOYANS will fill the backpacks on Wednesday, July 25. They will be delivered to Park Street Elementary School and Marietta Sixth Grade Academy the week of July 30, so the students will have their book bags before the first day of school, August 1. Please see attached flyer for supply lists.

Our **Visitation Committee** is requesting the assistance of our parishioners. If you are aware of anyone in our parish who may need our help by a visit, a card, a phone call, or something else, please contact Niki Gess at n.gess@comcast.net or phone 770.973.9673. This would be much appreciated.

Soup Kitchen will be July 26 at MUST Ministries. We prepare Greek chicken, salad with Ranch dressing and rice. If you would like to help cook, serve or donate, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net

On **Saturday, 10:00 am, August 18**, Philoptochos will conduct a hands-on/demonstration **prosporo** baking class. This is an opportunity to learn to make prosporo. Experienced bakers will instruct on making the prosporo bread with and without a kitchenaid mixer. We will also learn the symbols on the seal. This class is open to all ages. A light lunch will be served. In order for us to have enough ingredients and food, please contact Pat Koutouzis at koutouzisjd@comcast.net, if you plan to attend. Look for details in the August Syndiakonia and weekly bulletins.

The **Philoptochos Welcome Back Luncheon** will be on Sunday, August 19 following the Divine Liturgy in the Atrium. We will have a speaker from the organization Open Hand. Please see enclosed flyer for details.

Save the Date: Philoptochos Fall Fundraiser: **October 20th!** If you attended last year's Mystery Dinner Theater, Death by Dessert, you saw the talented Holy Transfiguration stars directed by Ellen Linebaugh. Be on the lookout for this year's program!

Would you like to feed the hungry?

Would you like to visit the homebound?

Would you like to help the poor?

Would you like to make new friends?

Join Philoptochos!

(The second largest women's charity in the US!)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



Philoptochos

Philoptochos will be collecting *school supplies* to fill backpacks for disadvantaged 2nd and 6th graders in Marietta City Schools.

The following list can be completed by Individuals, families or groups *along with a \$10 donation* to cover the cost of the backpack
A table will be set-up in the PLC starting *May 27 – July 22* (every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy) to collect supplies.

Gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. **Federal Tax ID #26-4427803**



Thank you for supporting Philoptochos projects!!



We all know how EXCITED our kids & grandkids are to start the new school year....So let's make this year *EXTRA SPECIAL* for kids in need!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



Second Grade Supply List:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 jumbo glue sticks | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pencil pouch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box colored pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle white school glue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box #2 pencils, yellow (24 count) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box crayons (24 count) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pkgs wide ruled notebook paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair student scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. cap erasers | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pkg 3x5 yellow sticky notes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 composition notebooks | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 3 subject spiral notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair earbuds /headphones | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 plastic folders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle hand sanitizer | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 3-prong folder with pockets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg dry erase markers (4 pack) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 zipper storage bags; 1 gallon
& 1 sandwich |

Sixth Grade Supply List



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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical or sharpened #2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 bound/stitched composition books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blue/black ink pens | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 plastic 3-prong folder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> Graph paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. dry erase markers | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. 4x6 index cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box colored pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle hand sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 handheld pencil sharpener (no batteries) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg. dividers for binders (5+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Erasers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg loose leaf paper for binder | <input type="checkbox"/> 2+GB flash drive with lanyard (no programming on flash drive) |

Thank you for supporting Philoptochos projects!!

Welcome Back Luncheon

Sunday, August 19
Following Divine Liturgy

**Enjoy a delicious lunch for *only \$10!*
Pastichio, Salad, Bread, Dessert &**

DRINK

☀ **Speaker: Matthew Pieper,
Executive Director of Open
Hand.**

☀ **2018 Fall Fund Raiser Kick-Off**

**Not a member of Philoptochos?
No Problem!**

**Everyone is invited to the
luncheon!**



Hosted by Philoptochos



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

God bless America. God bless our Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. God bless its members and especially our group known as Prime Timers. July 4th is a day set aside for all of us to be thankful for our freedom of speech and religion. Prime Timers will be celebrating this day on Saturday, July 7th at "COME-N-GET IT". We will have our 2nd General Meeting. Lunch is on your own; dessert on Prime Timers. We will sing songs and play Bingo, offering some exciting prizes. PLEASE JOIN US STARTING AT 11:30 am.

MOVIE NIGHT will be starting up again. Everyone seems to really enjoy the older movies. It is also fun getting together. While summer is also vacation time, we will still have our movies! More to follow on what the date will be.

In the fall, we are planning a trip to Gibbs Gardens. We hope to go on a bus or, if necessary, drive our own cars. We had fun the last time we went picnicking and viewing the gardens. If you missed it, be sure to join us!

Please support our ministry. Next year, 2019, will be this present board's last year. Thanks to those seniors who will help us make next year our best one yet!

In Christ's Name,

Connie Stratigos

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Conference Schedule

Friday, September 21

- 7:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 7:15 pm Synthesis of the Holy Fathers on Spiritual Practices, Part 1 - Ken Boa
- 8:15 pm Break
- 8:30 pm Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa

Saturday, September 22

- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 am Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 9:00 am What Can the Early Christian Church Teach Us About Spiritual Training, Part 1 - Robin Darling Young
- 10:00 am Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am What Can the Early Christian Church Teach Us About Spiritual Training, Part 2 - Robin Darling Young
- 11:45 am Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Spiritual Practices on Mt. Athos Today - Fr. Panayiotis
- 2:00 pm Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Synthesis of the Holy Fathers on Spiritual Practices, Part 2 - Ken Boa
- 3:45 pm Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 4:15 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis
- 5:00 pm Vespers (Optional)

Sunday, September 24

- 1:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 1:15 pm Connecting Spirituality with Worship in the Ancient Christian Church - Robin Darling Young
- 2:15 pm Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm Comparing the Ancient Christian Church and Contemporary Personal and Corporate Expressions of Worship and the Spiritual Life - Ken Boa
- 4:00 pm Q & A's; Discussion - Fr. Panayiotis, Robin Darling Young, Ken Boa
- 4:45 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis
- 5:00 pm Vespers (Optional)

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



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

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

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

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



July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress: "All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ" (Mark 9:23) 5th Sunday of Matthew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:50 AM 40 day Blessing of Olga Boudouris and her 11:55 AM 40 day Blessing of Angeliki Carageorgos 12:15 PM Kargas family (Steve and Eva) Coffee/Fel- 	2 	3 Independence Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM No Summer Bible Study Class Today 7:00 PM No Summer Bible Study Today. 7:00 PM No Youth Group (GOYA) today. 	4 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	6 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Grief Recovery Support Group 11:30 AM Prime Timers Picnic 4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson 5:00 PM Great Vespers
8 6th Sunday of Matthew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:15 PM Bylos family coffee/fellowship hour 3:00 PM Kalogridis Baptism (Konstantinos) 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Finance Committee 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 7:00 PM General Meeting of School Committee 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Summer Bible Study 6:00 PM Great Vespers for St. Paisios 7:00 PM Summer Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	12 Feast of St. Paisios of the Holy Mountain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	13 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM Rental: Linden Basketball 3:30 PM Boudouris Baptism (James) 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Feast of St. Kyrikos & his mother, Ioulita
15 Sunday of the Holy Mother of Ioulita. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM 40 day Blessing of Jennie Miltiades and her son, Troy Charles. 3:30 PM Strickland Baptism (Kingston William) 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr 	17 Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 5:30 PM Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:45 PM Family Night--Phonage to Presentation on Pilgrimage to Italy 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Feast of the Prophet Elias (Elijah) 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	20 Feast of St. Elias (Elijah) the Prophet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Grief Recovery Support Group 3:30 PM Bulgarian Wedding 4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
22 8th Sunday of Matthew-- Mary Magdalene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM A Memorial Service is given for those who died during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus -- July and August, 1974. May their memory be eternal! 	23 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Dormition of St. Anna and Feast of St. Olympias the Deaconess 	25 Dormition of St. Anna... the Deaconess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM NO Summer Bible Study today 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Feast of St. Paraskevi 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Summer Bible Study 	26 Feast of St. Paraskeve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:00 PM Great Vespers-- Feast of St. Panteleimon 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book 	27 Feast of St. Panteleimon... the Martyr and healer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Rental: Agne Reception Set-up 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Rental: Agne Reception 4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson 5:00 PM Great Vespers
29 9th Sunday of Matthew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM A Memorial Service is given by Nikki Palamiotis for her father, Deno (8 months), her mother, Maria (3 years) and her brother, Atha (25 ... Rental: Agne Reception 	30 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Summer Bible Study 11:00 AM Agiasmos--the Blessing of the Waters 7:00 PM Summer Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Young Children's Playdate 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	3 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Byzantine Music Lesson 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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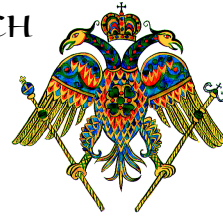
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7/1	M. Jacobs/J. Papastrat	All Teams	M. Alberts/S. Lukens	P. Miltiades/M. Neocleous/K. Niarchos	S. Kargas/J. Dymond/ I. Dymond/M. Zavala
7/8	E. Linebaugh/H. Mavromatidis	All Teams	C. Vlahiotis/B. Valagohar	K. Panov/R. Peppas/ C. Smith	P. Bilson/A. & K. Lilly/ A. Zakreski
7/15	K. Bilson/Z. Kollias	All Teams	E. Markley/J. Schumacher	C. Sprouse/I. Steffas/S. Tidwell	T. Argentis/E. Nikolas/ A. Reale/C. Sprouse
7/22	T. Bliss/D. Koutouzis	All Teams	P. Koutouzis/V. Worden	M. Tingas/F. Tucker/ T. Vamvakias	D. Botni/K. Johnson/B. Reid/M. Strakes
7/29	D. Christopher/D. Vlahiotis	All Teams	J. and I. Dymond	E. Bilson/A. Burke/ P. Christopher	S. Kargas/J. Dymond/ I. Dymond/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.

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