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St. Catherine the Great Martyr

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

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Thanksgiving - An Orthodox Way of life



When people treat us kindly, we quickly respond with the words "thank you", almost automatically, without thinking about it. This is why it is not a bad idea to stop for a moment (and even better, a day) and ponder over what things we should be really thankful about and who we should be thanking and for what.

"Thanksgiving Day" offers us this opportunity every year on the fourth Thursday of November. The early pilgrims established this day as a time of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom and the abundance of material things which they were enjoying in the "New World". We should also be thankful for the same things. America is still a place of freedom and material prosperity and we should be thankful to God for this.

The Orthodox immigrants to this country (Russians, Greeks and others) from the very beginning embraced this feast because it reflected their own ethos. As Orthodox Christians we are accustomed to offering thanks

to God, not just once a year, but every Sunday. Another term for the "Divine Liturgy" is "The Eucharist", from the Greek word "Eucharistia", which means "Thanksgiving". We gather together around the "Eucharistic Table" every Lord's Day to offer thanks to God for His Spiritual Blessings and not only. Right before the consecration of the Gifts, the priest speaking on behalf of the people, says:

"It is proper and right to sing to You, to bless You, to praise You, to give thanks to You, and to worship You in all places of Your dominion; for You are God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always the same; You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us into being out of nothing, and when we fell, You raised us up again. You did not cease doing everything until You led us to heaven and granted us Your kingdom to come. For all these things we thank You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit; for all things that we know and do not know, for blessings seen and unseen that have been bestowed upon us. We also thank You for this liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, even though You are surrounded by thousands of Archangels and tens of thousands of Angels, by the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring with their wings singing the victory hymn, proclaiming, crying out, and saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of angelic hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest!'"

We are thankful to God and we rejoice because, *"We have seen the True Light; we have received the Heavenly Spirit; we have found the True Faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, Who has saved us."*

The early Greek Orthodox immigrants to America saw the feast of Thanksgiving also as a celebration of family and togetherness. As Greeks, they treasured the closeness of family and would not pass on an opportunity to come together for a family meal and a celebration of life.

Today, when family is so scattered and Faith in God is battered, the feast of Thanksgiving has become even of greater importance in forging back into our lives these ideals established by the early pilgrims and cherished by the later immigrants.

As we gather again this year around the family table on Thanksgiving Day, let us ponder over all these things; the love of God for us and His Kingdom that He has opened up for our sake.

Let us give thanks to God for all things, again and again!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

November 2018

November 1, Thursday. Sts. Cosmas & Damianos. Blessing of the water 11:00 am

November 3, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 4, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Luke. (*Daylight Savings Time Ends*)

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

November 7, Wednesday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of the Archangels.

November 8, Thursday, Synaxis of the Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel and all the Angels.

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

Thursday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of St. Nektarios.

November 9, Friday, Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina.

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

November 10, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 11, Sunday, Eighth Sunday of Luke.

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

November 12, Monday, Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of St. John Chrysostom.

November 13, Tuesday, Feast of St. John Chrysostom.

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

November 15, Thursday, *Beginning of the Fast of Christmas.*

November 17, Saturday, Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

November 18, Sunday, Ninth Sunday of Luke.

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

November 20, Tuesday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos.

November 21, Wednesday, Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple.

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

November 22, Thursday, *Thanksgiving Day.* Happy Thanksgiving!

November 24, Saturday, Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm - Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.

November 25, Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday of Luke. Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.

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

November 29, Thursday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.

November 30, Friday, Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, the First Called. **Feast of our Chapel.**

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





St. John Chrysostom – A saint who appeals to modern society

John (who was later to be called Chrysostom-the Golden mouth-for his eloquence and powerful preaching) was the son of a Roman official Sekoundos (of whom we know very little). His mother was Anthousa and she was known to be a Christian. He was born in the city of Antioch (where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians (Acts 11:26)) probably in the year 349 AD.

He received his official education at the feet of the Philosopher Andragathios (of whom we don't know much). His teacher of Rhetoric was the famous Libanios who was one of the last proponents of the religion of the ancient gods of the Greeks and Romans and who was openly contemptuous of the new official religion of the Empire, Christianity.

John's father died shortly after his birth when Anthousa was merely 20 years of age. He was brought up, along with his sister (of whom we know almost nothing-perhaps she died early), by his mother who, following the practice of most widows at the time (both Christian and pagan) rejected a second marriage, thus gaining the praise of even the pagan Libanios who, when he found out that Anthousa had been a widow for 20 years since the age of 20, he exclaimed, "Great heavens, what remarkable women are to be found among Christians".

Young John excelled in the classical education and especially the skill of rhetoric. This is verified by the historian Sozomen who relates that when Libanios was dying and his friends inquired who should succeed him in his chair of rhetoric, he answered, "It ought to have been John, had not the Christians stolen him from us."

John was not baptized as an infant, in spite the fact that his mother was a Christian and the practice of infant baptism was widely accepted at the time. His family deferred his baptism until later. He submitted himself to baptism when he was nearly 20 years old. During these younger years of John, the Christian community of Antioch experienced much tension and difficulties as they witnessed a division in the Church related to the Anomean heresy and as they also experienced a revival of paganism through the efforts of the Emperor Julian the Apostate. Julian reinstated pagan worship and limited the rights of Christians forbidding them to teach in schools. It was at this time that the shrines of their martyrs were closed, their liturgical vessels confiscated and the Great Church of their city was shut down.

Young John completed his rhetorical studies under Libanios in the year 367 at the age of 18 and began to attend the public hearings at the court. It was around this time (perhaps after his baptism) that John had a change of heart with regard to his career as a lawyer (for which he had prepared through his studies), and devoted himself to the study of the Holy Scriptures. During this time, he began to serve as bishop Meletios' personal aid for the next 3 years. He was finally ordained reader by him in 371, shortly before Meletios was forced out of Antioch by Emperor Valens.

Soon after the departure of bishop Meletios, John withdrew to the nearby monastic community outside the city and joined the ascetic monks who lived on the surrounding mountains (Sklipios) under the guidance of experienced elders. He spent the next 4 years engaged in the monastic life of asceticism, learning to cultivate his virtues and take control of his passions. He then withdrew further into the caves and submitted himself to rigorous ascetic practices for the next 2 years with the ultimate result of compromising his health. He eventually had to return to the city because of his failing health, although

St. John Chrysostom . . . continued

this coincided with the return from exile of bishop Meletios, whom he went back to serve. Three years after this he was finally ordained a deacon by Meletios at the end of 380 or beginning of 381 before the bishop departed for Constantinople to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council and where he met his untimely death.

As a deacon, John's primary function was to help supervise the amazing philanthropic work of the church of Antioch, which at the time was serving and caring for widows, orphans and the poor of the city, whose numbers constituted 10% of the city's population or about 30,000 people. He served in this capacity for five years until he was finally ordained a priest by the new bishop of Antioch, Flavian, in the opening weeks of 386.

As a priest, he now began his preaching ministry, in which he sought to change the way people lived and thought. His sermons reveal how he kept trying to convince his hearers to embrace a life of faith in Jesus as God, the new philosophy called Christianity, with its ascetic approach to life which includes control of their passions, cultivation of their virtues and loving one other and the poor of the city.

In the Fall of 397, John was selected by Emperor Arcadius to become Archbishop of Constantinople (after the death of Archbishop Nektarios) and without his consent he was brought to the imperial city where he was finally convinced to be ordained on February 26 of 398.

As Archbishop of Constantinople, Chrysostom continued his preaching ministry attempting to reform the city's elite by castigate the worldly lifestyles of bishops and courtiers. (This would finally cost him his position and he would die in exile). He also continued caring for the poor and preaching to the wealthy trying to convince them to part with their goods and offer them to comfort those in need.

In a world where the government had no involvement in helping the sick and suffering, the Church was able to step in and minister to thousands, not only materially, but also through the love and compassion of the Christian volunteers. With the aid of people like deaconess Olympias, the Church of Constantinople under Chrysostom developed an amazing philanthropic ministry taking care of orphans and widows, helping to feed the hungry and comforting those in need.

Besides been a champion of the poor, St. Chrysostom was also a champion of the incarnate Christ (the Θεάνθρωπος) and of the understanding that man (the άνθρωπος) is fallen and in need of redemption. Chrysostom speaks frequently in his homilies of the fallen human state and the need for redemption and directly relates it to the salvific work of Christ who is fully God and fully human and has assumed the same humanity as we have in order to redeem it. He speaks of the efforts of God to transform the human being and save it, but also of the freedom of the human being to either work together (in synergy) with the Grace of God and join His Kingdom or reject the offer and suffer Gehenna (eternal punishment and the second and final death).

Following Nicene Theology, Chrysostom teaches that Christ defeated sin and death through the same human flesh, which He shared with us and describes the synergy required of man for his salvation and deification (a synergy of faith, love and obedience to God), which was perfected in the union of the two natures of Christ. Chrysostom speaks of the necessity for human beings to contribute to the process of salvation and perfection of themselves by desiring God and rejecting sin, by developing and perfecting themselves in the virtues and attempting to become more in the likeness of God by exercising their own free will (προαίρεσις) and their own free choice (αὐτεξούσιον). In a world full of choices, he explains, the responsibility now falls upon the shoulders of each one of us, for God has done everything possible. We now need to offer our own small contribution, our faith, obedience and love for God. God has come after us as a true lover (ἐραστής), he proclaims. All we need to do is reciprocate by loving Him in return.



Icon of St. Matthew under the dome of our Chapel

St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist ***November 16***

The Holy apostle and evangelist Matthew, who was also called Levi was the son of Alphaeus and had Galilee as his homeland. He was a publican, a tax-collector for Rome, in a time when the Jews were under the rule of the Roman Empire. When Matthew heard the voice of Jesus Christ: “Come, follow Me” (Mt. 9:9), he left everything and followed the Savior. Christ and His disciples did not refuse Matthew’s invitation and visited his home, where they shared a meal with the publican’s friends and acquaintances who, like their host were also publicans and known sinners. The Jews considered tax-collectors pernicious betrayers of their country and religion and to even speak with one was considered a sin, and to associate with one was defilement. But the Jewish leaders were not able to comprehend that the Lord had “not come to call the

righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Mt. 9:13).

Matthew, acknowledging his sinfulness, repaid fourfold anyone he had cheated, distributed his remaining possessions to the poor, and followed Christ with the other apostles. Matthew was attentive to the instructions of the Savior, beheld His innumerable miracles, and was one of the twelve apostles that went to preach to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt. 10:6). He was also a witness to the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Savior, and of His glorious Ascension into Heaven.

Having received the grace of the Holy Spirit, which descended upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, Matthew preached in Palestine for several years. At the request of the Jewish converts at Jerusalem, the holy apostle Matthew wrote his gospel, emphasizing Christ as the Incarnate God, inaugurating the kingdom of God and establishing the new covenant with the true Israel, before leaving to preach the Gospel in other lands. He wrote down the Gospel for the first time, in the Aramaic language. Some years later, this book was translated into Greek, but no copy in the original language has survived.

Later, St Matthew traveled to Parthia and the city of Hierapolis (on the Euphrates river) to proclaim the Gospel to the pagans there. One tradition holds that he reposed in peace in that region at a great age. Another tradition holds that he was martyred by a king of that region, who later repented and was baptized, taking the name Matthew. The king then cast down the idols and established the Christian faith in his realm.

Sometimes, he is depicted in icons, with someone in the likeness of a man standing next to him. This is reminiscent of one of the symbolic living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1.10), which, as Saint Irenaeus writes, is a symbol of our Savior’s Incarnation of which he reminds us with his continuous reference to Jesus as the “Son of Man” in his Gospel.

Apolytikion in the Third Tone

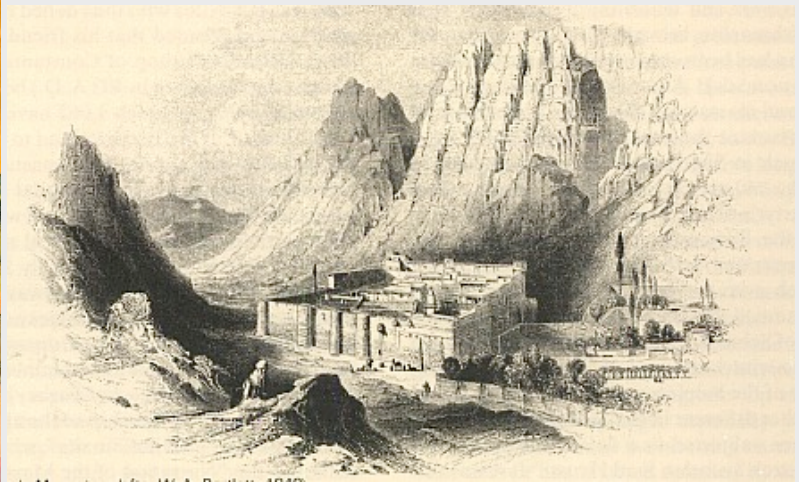
O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede to our merciful God,
that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

When you did cast away the publican’s balance and were united to the yoke of uprightness, then you did prove a merchant of great excellence, one that gathered in the wealth of the wisdom of Heaven; for this cause, the word of truth you did herald, O Matthew, and did arouse the souls of sluggish men by signifying the dread day of reckoning.

Saint Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

November 25



Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constatas (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Catherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.

Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone

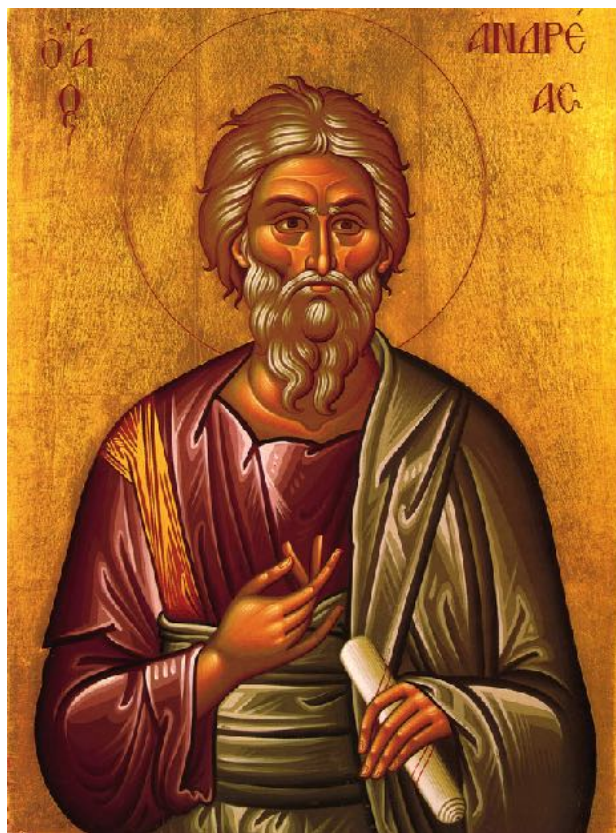
Let us praise the most auspicious bride of Christ, the divine Katherine, protectress of Sinai, our aid and our help. For, she brilliantly silenced the eloquence of the impious by the sword of the spirit, and now, crowned as a martyr, she asks great mercy for all.

Kontakion in the Second Tone

O friends of martyrs, now divinely raise up a renewed chorus, praising the all-wise Katherine. For, she proclaimed Christ in the arena, trampled on the serpent, and spat upon the knowledge of the orators.

Andrew the First-Called to be an Apostle

November 30



The Holy Apostle Andrew was the son of Jonas and was from Bethsaida on the shore of Lake Gennesaret. From his youth he turned with all his soul to God, working with his brother as a fisherman. Andrew first left his fisherman's trade to become a disciple of St John the Baptist. St John the Baptist said to Andrew and John the Theologian, "Behold the Lamb of God!", at this, both disciples followed after Jesus. After conversing with Christ, Andrew hurried home and told his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." For being the first to recognize Jesus as the Christ, St Andrew is called the First-Called.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Apostle Andrew went to Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He traveled around the Black Sea and in Thrace and Macedonia, traveling as far as Lazica in the Caucasus.

On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. In Sinope they pelted him with stones, but remaining unharmed, the persistent disciple of Christ continued to preach to people about the Savior. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked many miracles. By the labors of the holy Apostle Andrew, Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy.

The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patras of Achaia, where the Lord worked many miracles through His disciple. The infirm were made whole, and the blind received their sight. Through the prayers of the Apostle, the illustrious citizen Sosios recovered from serious illness; he healed Maximilla, wife of the governor of Patras and his brother Stratokles. The miracles accomplished by the Apostle and his fiery speech enlightened almost all the citizens of the city of Patras with the true Faith.

A few pagans, however, remained at Patras, including the prefect of the city, Aegeatos. The Apostle Andrew repeatedly turned to him with the words of the Gospel. But even the miracles of the Apostle did not convince Aegeatos. The angry Aegeatos gave orders to crucify the apostle thinking he might undo St Andrew's preaching if he were to put him to death on the cross.

St Andrew the First-Called accepted the decision of the prefect with joy and with prayer to the Lord, and went willingly to the place of execution. He was crucified head downwards on a cross in the shape of an "X", the first letter of Christ in Greek. The holy Apostle rejoiced at being allowed to suffer the same death as his Master and the X shaped cross has become a symbol for the Apostle.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

As first of the apostles to be called, O Andrew, brother of him (Peter) who was foremost,
beseech the Master of all to grant the world peace and our souls great mercy.

Kontakion in the Second Tone

Let us praise the namesake of bravery, the divinely eloquent and first to be called of the Disciples of Christ, the kinsman of Peter. As he called out to him in the days of old, so now he calls to us, "Come, we have found Him for whom we yearned."

Introduction to the Orthodox Church

The "Intro to Orthodoxy" Class meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in St. Basil's Conference Room. Please call the church office and register with Anne.

This class is not only for those who are entering the Orthodox Church, but is also beneficial to everyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Faith and continue to learn new things.

Topics addressed in the Class:

1. Sources of the Christian Faith - Our roots
2. History of Christianity - Our path of Faith
3. Holy Sacraments - Tapping into Divine Grace
4. Orthodox Spirituality - The Mystical Life
5. Holy Icons - Windows into Heaven
6. Orthodox Worship - Divine Liturgy

For any further questions, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.



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St. Paul on the road to Damascus

Bible Study:

The Epistles to the Corinthians

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

*Join us in
St. Basil's Conference Room.
Read and discuss the Word of God
from an Early Christian Patristic
Perspective!*

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

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - NOVEMBER

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| 11/1/18 | Thursday: | I Corinthians 12:27-31;13:1-8 | Matthew 10:1, 5-8 | |
| 11/2/2018 | Friday: | I Thessalonians 2:14-20 | Luke 12:2-12 | |
| 11/3/2018 | Saturday: | II Corinthians 8:1-5 | Luke 9:1-6 | |
| 11/4/2018 | Sunday: | Matthew 28:16-20 | Ephesians 2:4-10 | Luke 16:19-31 |
| 11/5/2018 | Monday: | I Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 | Luke 12:13-15, 22-31 | |
| 11/6/2018 | Tuesday: | Hebrews 8:1-6 | Luke 12:8-12 | |
| 11/7/2018 | Wednesday: | I Thessalonians 4:1-12 | Luke 12:48-59 | |
| 11/8/2018 | Thursday: | Matthew 18:10-20 | Hebrews 2:2-10 | Luke 10:16-21 |
| 11/9/2018 | Friday: | John 10:1-9 | I Thessalonians 5:9-13;24-28 | Luke 13:31-35 |
| 11/10/2018 | Saturday: | I Corinthians 4:9-16 | Luke 9:37-43 | |
| 11/11/2018 | Sunday: | Mark 16:1-8 | II Corinthians 4:6-15 | Luke 10:25-37 |
| 11/12/2018 | Monday: | II Corinthians 9:6-11 | Matthew 5:14-19 | |
| 11/13/2018 | Tuesday: | John 10:1-9 | Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2 | John 10:9-16 |
| 11/14/2018 | Wednesday: | I Corinthians 4:9-16 | John 1:43-51 | |
| 11/15/2018 | Thursday: | II Thessalonians 2:13-17;3:1-5 | Luke 16:1-9 | |
| 11/16/2018 | Friday: | Romans 10:11-21;11:1-2 | Matthew 9:9-13 | |
| 11/17/2018 | Saturday: | I Corinthians 12:7-11 | Luke 9:57-62 | |
| 11/18/2018 | Sunday: | Mark 16:9-20 | Ephesians 4:1-7 | Luke 12:16-21 |
| 11/19/2018 | Monday: | I Timothy 1:1-7 | Luke 17:20-25 | |
| 11/20/2018 | Tuesday: | I Timothy 1:8-14 | Luke 17:26-37; 18:8 | |
| 11/21/2018 | Wednesday: | Luke 1:39-49, 56 | Hebrews 9:1-7 | Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 |
| 11/22/2018 | Thursday: | Philemon 1:1-25 | Luke 18:31-34 | |
| 11/23/2018 | Friday: | I Timothy 4:4-8 | Luke 19:12-28 | |
| 11/24/2018 | Saturday: | Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3 | Luke 10:19-21 | |
| 11/25/2018 | Sunday: | Luke 24:1-12 | Galatians 3:23-29;4:1-5 | Luke 18:18-27 |
| 11/26/2018 | Monday: | I Timothy 5:1-10 | Luke 19:37-44 | |
| 11/27/2018 | Tuesday: | I Timothy 5:11-21 | Luke 19:45-48 | |
| 11/28/2018 | Wednesday: | I Timothy 5:22-25;6:1-11 | Luke 20:1-8 | |
| 11/29/2018 | Thursday: | I Timothy 6:17-21 | Luke 20:9-18 | |
| 11/30/2018 | Friday: | Matthew 4:18-23 | I Corinthians 4:9-16 | John 1:35-52 |



STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Stewardship Message

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 **372** 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 **28** 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.

You are a Member of the Church!

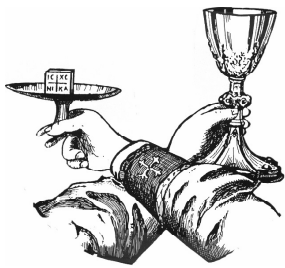
Are you a Steward also?

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

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

How can one be a member of the Parish?

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



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

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

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

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

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

The Necessity of Stewardship

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

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

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

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



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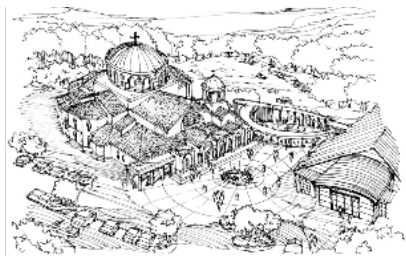
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



"The Choir of Holy Transfiguration is Building for the Future"

We are looking for a qualified individual to begin training as The Assistant Choir Director. Our Future is Bright and we need to Start NOW to pass the torch to keep our wonderful spiritual ministry tradition alive and thriving for years to come.

If you are interested or know of someone that is interested in this Fantastic Opportunity, please contact Demetri Miltiades either by email or phone listed below:

miltiadesdc@gmail.com

404-213-4220



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—December 2017

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

Upcoming Events -- Block your Calendar

November 2 - 4 Cabin Fever (Moorehead Cabin, Blairsville)

December 9 - AHEPA Christmas Party / Toys for Tots

AHEPA would like to thank Jo Kastner for her generous gift to AHEPA and our Educational Fund. Mrs. Kastner donated the proceeds from the sale of her beautiful handmade clothes for dolls. We appreciate her kindness and generosity.



For those of you who are not members of AHEPA, consider joining our Chapter. It is just \$75 per year! Want to learn more about the chapter, then go to : FACEBOOK & to the HOLY TRANSFIGURATION WEBSITE or contact one of the AHEPA Board members: Keath Paxten, Zack Kollias, Ron Sprouse or Jim Burke.

Christmas Remembrance

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia to decorate the church this holiday season, please contact Anne in the Church office, holytrans@comcast.net or 770.924.8080 or fill out this form and put it in the mail or offering tray. **(NOTE: Please Print!)**

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

For the Health of: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

The names of donors & dedications will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 23rd.





CHRISTMAS

If you would like for your name to be included in our Parish Christmas Card which benefits our GOYANs, please complete the form below and return it along with your free-will donation to the Church Office or drop it in the offering tray during Church services no later than Sunday, December 2nd! Thank you!

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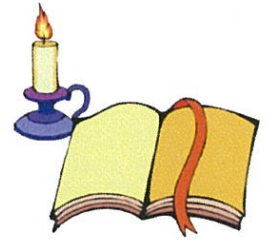
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Marietta, GA 30066

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB



Do you

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

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

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

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

Meeting Format

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

Currently

- The Book: ***Of Water and the Spirit*** by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (*Available at our Bookstore*).
- **Date of the next meeting: Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm** in the Atrium of our new building.

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

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

About the Book:

Of Water and the Spirit:

In this study of the Orthodox understanding of Christian initiation, the rites of baptism and chrismation, Fr Schmemmann invites us to 'rediscover' our own baptism. He penetrates the Church's rubrics and rituals and reveals the message of man's entrance into the new life provided by Christ, into the Church and into God's Kingdom. The result is a powerful statement of the meaning baptism should hold in our lives.

WINTER YOUTH RALLY 2018



DECEMBER 27TH-30th

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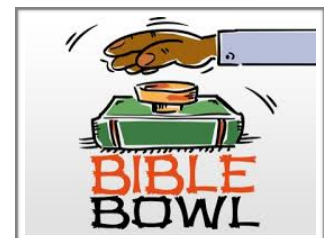


Join a team or come and cheer!

No matter what, we want you here!

**Basketball , Volleyball, Bible Bowl,
Dance!**

Meet new friends !!



**Register before Nov 9th to avoid
late fees!
atlmetropolis.org**

Questions? Call:

**Michelle Frangis 404-242-2333/
Demetra Lilly 678-485-7975/
Maria Linebaugh 770-881-3333**



Hellenic Dance

And it's a wrap! Travel Season is now over! A heart felt, deep expression of gratitude and appreciation is due to Despina Chryssopoulos and Agapi Chryssopoulos for their many years chairing the Travel Troupe "Eleftheria" Dancers. Despina's dedication to our ministry is priceless! From teaching the Petaloudes and Metamorphosi groups, to organizing our travel group, and everything in between, your presence in our ministry is irreplaceable and will be greatly missed.

Thank you to all our dancers and parents who helped make the Macon Greek Festival October 2018 performances a wonderful success!



HDF practices for November are underway - Groups practice at the following times:

"Asteria kai Petaloudes" 2nd-5th grades with Mrs. Peggy Dunkerly and Mrs. Karen Comsudes Fox, downstairs classroom, 12:30-1:30 every Sunday.

"Phoenix" Middle school, with Mrs. Elaine Cosma Bilson and Ted Gormanos, downstairs in the high school classroom, 1:00-2:30 every Sunday.

"Eleftheria" high school, with Paulina Kaltsunis Vastakis in the Amphitheater (weather permitting) or Parish Hall 1:30-3:00 every Sunday.

****Hellenic Dance will be hosting coffee hour on Nov. 11. A Sign up Genius message was emailed to all registered dancers and their families to help contribute with their time and treasure. If you would like help with set up, clean up, or a donation of food or drink items, please contact Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@gmail.com.**

If you would like to be added to the HDM email list, please send a message to mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com. You can also like and follow us on Facebook under "Holy Transfiguration Marietta Greek Dancers" for more information and updates.



HELLENIC STUDIES

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 11

Please join us **during coffee hour** following the Divine Liturgy.

We will have your favorite Greek desserts as well as some non-Greek treats.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to support our program by attending our OXI Day lunch on Sunday October 28. We had an amazing turnout, and the students performed very well! A huge thank you to our donors, especially Yeero Village for the delicious meal.

SAINT PHILOTHEI FOOD PANTRY

OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

We are growing! As of last month, we are up to 35 families who have registered with us. Of these 35 families, we provide groceries on a regular basis to approximately 75% of them who participate on any given month other than **November, December, January and February**. Last year thru the winter months and holidays the need increased, and we assisted 90% of our families who were registered with us at the time, and we gained two additional families in the month of November in 2017.

In addition to our food distribution days, John and I deliver groceries to those families that have transportation issues. It is not something we advertise, and it is not something that our families expect from us. The expectation for all of our families is that they must attend our food pantry distribution days in order to pick up their groceries, however, there are those with transportation issues who don't have a way to come to us and can't afford to take Uber. These are the families we help out by delivering groceries to them for a month or two until they get back on their feet and are able to get their cars repaired.

For the Holidays -We would like to make it a special Holiday season for all our pantry families. We can do this by providing each family with all the ingredients for a Holiday meal for Thanksgiving and for Christmas.

Goal #1 - To provide a full meal for each family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. **We estimate that each meal will cost approximately \$50 for a family of 4-5 & \$75 for a family of 6-8. This would provide each family with a small turkey or ham and all the trimmings.**

How do we do this? We will have a reverse offering to help out with our Thanksgiving meals. Our Reverse offering for November will be on Sundays, November 4 – 18. Designated places for drop off will be in the Parish Hall lobby by the main entryway. **PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR BAGS BY WRITING FOOD PANTRY ON YOUR BAGS. If you have frozen items, please put your labeled grocery bags in the freezer. We will pick the groceries every Sunday after church.**

Goal #2 - Our next goal is to also help make Christmas a little more special for the children of our pantry families by providing them with a few gifts for Christmas. **Our special project is an "Adopt an Angel" tree again this year. Last year you went over and above and made it possible for all of our families to to enjoy Christmas without the stress of not having presents for their children. We would like to ask that you consider doing the same again this year. Adopt an angel or two and make Christmas possible for a child or two! More to come on this in a few weeks.**

Thank you for all you do for the Saint Philothei Food Pantry Ministry!

God Bless you this Holiday Season!

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
~ Proverbs 11:25



NOVEMBER PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

The Philoptochos Mystery Dinner Theater was a great success this past October. The performance "Lights, Camera, Murder" featured our own Holy Transfiguration Stars **Nick Gavalas, Katerina Quinterno, Bryan Reid, Rebecca Zavala, Anne Willcocks, Jim Tucker, Becky Valagohar, Linda Lopos, Brian Jansma** and were directed by **Ellen Linebaugh**. A delicious meal was served by our GOYANS: **Sofia O'Connell, Will Jansma, Allie Jansma, Caleb Hotnog, Stefano Vacratsas, Niko Tiller, Ana Buchan, and Matthew Buchan**. **Kyra Opdyke** was our "roving reporter." We had our friendly bartenders **Stephanie Lukens** and **Cathy Papadopoulos**. We appreciate **Rich Mayk** being narrator and MC again this year and **Lea Opdyke** for designing the playbill and flyers. A special thank you to all who attended, purchased from the silent auction, helped with decorations, lights, set painting, made donations for the auction, and the sponsors who helped make the evening a success. The net profit from this event is **\$9,266.09**. Profits will go to **Open Hand** and **Panagia Chapter Local Social Services**.





Save the Date: October 12, 2019 for next year's fall fundraiser, featuring the band **Loose Shoes** which performs music from decades 60's and up. Dinner will be provided by Mary Miltiades' Magnolia Moments.

Philoptochos spent \$1,113 for **local social services**. \$590 was spent to purchase backpacks, gloves, hats, and socks for the homeless at **St. John the Wonderworker**. \$500 was sent to National Philoptochos for the **National Emergency Fund** and \$200 for the **Sisterhood of Presbyteres**. On Nov. 4, a second tray will be passed for Sts. Cosmas and Damianos. This collection is allocated to the **Ecumenical Patriarchate**, which supports hospitals, nursing homes, shrines, schools, and parishes. During November, Philoptochos will work with the Metropolis to help with hurricane relief.

We will be honoring our **Veterans** with a display on Sunday, November 11 in the Parish Hall. The annual Philoptochos **Christmas Pot luck dinner** will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the Atrium following the Vespers for St. Nicholas. The angel tree will be set up in the Atrium. Everyone will have an opportunity to get an angel to help a needy family.

On December 8, **Saturday Philoptochos** will join **Hope and Joy** to go Caroling at the Heritage Nursing Home. The children will distribute cards to the residents and then all will return to the Parish Hall for fellowship and snacks. Father Panagiotis will talk about St. Nicholas.

On October 25, we served 81 meals at **Must Ministries Soup Kitchen**. Our helpers this month were Christine Sprouse, Mary Ellen Knuchel, Martha Vattelana, Niki Gess, Cedric Dunkerly, Dorothy Macris, Marty Driscoll, Melina Burke, Pat Koutouzis, Linda Lapos, Michael Gavalas, and Athena Burke. We serve Greek chicken, rice, salad and bread at MUST ministry on the 4th Thursday of every month from January through October. If you would like to cook, donate or serve in January, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net.



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

The holidays are quickly approaching. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We all have so much to be thankful for. Our health, our family, our church, our religion, our free country are just a few of the many reasons we celebrate at Thanksgiving. Many of our Prime Timers are first generation In America. Our forefathers traveled from Greece and other countries to start a new life here in this beautiful country. More to follow on this subject.

As a ministry we are required to have one fundraiser a year, and to that end, we have begun selling raffle tickets every Sunday in the Parish Hall after church. Please support this worthy cause. Each year at our Christmas party, we donate \$1000 to the church building fund. This year will be our 5th and last year to donate.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

Sat., Nov. 10: General Meeting in the Parish Hall - a flyer will be sent with details.

Sun., Dec. 2: Annual Christmas Party. Since there will be a Parish Council General Assembly after church, we will be meeting in the Atrium at 6:00 pm. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** The drawing for our baskets will take place at the party.

Tues., Feb. 12, 2019: Valentine Party in Parish Hall - This promises to be fun! Volunteers will tell us how they met their sweetie!

THANK YOU! ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!!



Hurricane Relief for Bay District Schools in Panama City

Our Prime Timers ministry is collecting school supplies and clothing for the children in the Bay District Schools (Panama City) that were damaged in Hurricane Michael. Please see the following note from Connie Stratigos:

Panama City schools need our help. They are in desperate need of the following for Pre-K to 5th Grade:

School Supplies:

crayons, markers, paper, scissors, glue, pencils, book bags, etc.

Clothing:

jeans, polo shirts, socks, underwear, jackets, shoes

or you can donate a gift card from Office Depot, Target, or Walmart.

Leave your donations in the white tub in the entrance area to the Parish Hall.

Schools will be reopening in November; many children lost everything.

Thank you and may God Bless You!!

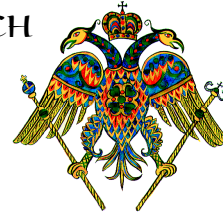


November 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>28</p> <p>7th Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Parish Library 12:30 PM Asteria/ Bible Bowl Practice 12:30 PM Hellenic Studies 1:00 PM GOYA Girls' Bas-ketball | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM WYR Volleyball Practice | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion Class 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodox Class 7:00 PM GOYA Boys' Bas-ketball | <p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween NO Evening Bible Study Halloween 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM NO Youth Group (GOYA) this evening | <p>1</p> <p>Sts. Cosmas & Damianos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters 6:00 PM Bible Bowl Practice 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM AHEPA Board 7:00 PM Festival Board | <p>2</p> <p>AHEPA Cabin Fever</p> | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Grief Recovery Support Group 10:00 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy 3:00 PM Friends of Cyprus Set-Up 5:00 PM Great Vespers 7:00 PM Friends of Cyprus Event |
| <p>4</p> <p>AHEPA Cabin Fever</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time End</p> <p>5th Sunday of Luke</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:00 PM Parish Library <p>and 8 more...</p> | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 7:00 PM WYR Volleyball Practice | <p>6</p> <p>Election Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 7:00 PM GOYA Boys' Bas-ketball 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodox Class | <p>7</p> <p>Diwali</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Vespers Feast of the Archangels 6:15 PM Bible Bowl Practice 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>8</p> <p>SynaxioftheArch...gudielBarachiel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of St. Nektarios 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Philoptochos | <p>9</p> <p>Feast of St. Nektarios of Aegina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Pantry Cooking Demonstration 11:30 AM Prime Timers' General Meeting 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:00 PM Archangel Michael Awards Dinner |
| <p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>8th Sunday of Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 11:45 AM Philoptochos 11:45 AM Hellenic Studies <p>and 3 more...</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Veterans Day (observed)</p> <p>Veterans Day observed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of St. John Chrysostom 7:00 PM WYR Volleyball Practice | <p>13</p> <p>Feast of St. John Chrysostom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmions of Atlanta 6:30 PM EYCC Meeting 7:00 PM GOYA Boys' Bas-ketball | <p>14</p> <p>Philip the Apostle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:15 PM Bible Bowl Practice 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM College Outreach Mtg | <p>15</p> <p>Beginning of Christmas Fast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball | <p>16</p> <p>6:00 PM HOPE/JOY Fellowship Friday</p> | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Grief Recovery Support Group 5:00 PM Great Vespers |
| <p>18</p> <p>9th Sunday of Luke</p> <p>NO Catechism Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM A 40 day Memorial Service is given by the Caras, Thomas, and 2 more... 12:30 PM Bible Bowl Practice 1:00 PM GOYA Girls' Bas-ketball | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Meeting with KSU/OCF 5:30 PM No Classes—Hellenic Studies (Thanksgiving Holiday) 7:00 PM WYR Volleyball Practice | <p>20</p> <p>Theofestofthe...osntofthe Temple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 5:30 PM Pantry Distribution 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos 7:00 PM GOYA Boys' Bas-ketball | <p>21</p> <p>Feastofthe...osntofthe Temple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM No Classes—Hellenic Studies (Thanksgiving Holiday) 6:15 PM Bible Bowl Practice 7:00 PM NO Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>22</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) | <p>23</p> <p>Black Friday</p> | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of St. Catherine the Great Martyr |
| <p>25</p> <p>13th Sunday of Luke</p> <p>NO Catechism Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM A Memorial Service is given by George and 2 more... 12:00 PM Artoklasia is given by the Caras, Thomas, and 2 more... 12:30 PM Bible Bowl Practice 1:00 PM GOYA Girls' Bas-ketball | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM WYR Volleyball Practice | <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafenion 7:00 PM GOYA Boys' Bas-ketball | <p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:15 PM Bible Bowl Practice 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club | <p>30</p> <p>FeastofSt.Andrew...theFirstCalled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy | <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Parish Council Candidates Training Seminar 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters 5:00 PM Great Vespers |

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| 11/4 | H. Mavromatidis/J. Papastrat | St. James | P. Dunkerly/P. Koutouzis | K. Panov/R. Peppas/C. Smith | P. Bilson/A. Reale/M. Zavala |
| 11/11 | D. Christopher/H. Mavromatidis | St. John | S. Gianaris/M. Zavala | C. Sprouse/S. Tidwell/M. Tingas | E. Nikolas/M. Strakes/A. Zakreski |
| 11/18 | K. Bilson/Z. Kollias | St. Peter | M. Alberts/E. Markley | F. Tucker/T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson | S. Alberts/T. Argentis/C. Sprouse |
| 11/25 | D. Koutouzis/P. Markley | St. James | P. Koutouzis/C. Vlahiotis | A. Burke/S. Gianaris/C. Costarides | D. Botni/K. Johnson/S. Kargas |

St. James Altar Servers: Captain-Gabriel Mavromatidis

Chris Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Andrew Bourgeois, Chris Bridgers, Aaron Brown, Matthew Buchan, Joaquin Edwards, Constantine Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Matthew Paulson, Angelos Powell, Mitchell Starks, Niko Tiller, Nikolas Wiegand.

St. John Altar Servers: Captain-Alex Gekas

Christopher Alberts, Steven Ardagna, Vassilios Asprakis, Andrew Bass, Anthony Bundros, Christian Coleman, Carter Copses, Jay Copses, Mason Copses, Nick Danos, Cole Foster, Stephen Harrah, Kaleb Hotnog, William Jansma, Alexander Morgan, Robbie O'Brien, Tommy O'Brien, Roberto Radu, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Csaba Wagner, Romeo Wagner.

St. Peter Altar Servers: Captain-Morgan Lilly

Zach Bethune, Hal Bradford, III, Zack Bradford, Brody Brooks, Yianni Costarides, Nicholas Demakis, Manuel Frangis, Zayne Isaac, Aeneas Maniatis, Luke Melissas, Alex Miltiades, Alek Nikolich, Matthew Shanahan, Evan Strakes, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Leo Tzavaras, Ted Tzavaras, Jianni Vacratsas, Stefano Vacratsas, Michael Vastakis, Panayiotis Vlachos.

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