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Marietta, GA

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The return of the Prodigal Son

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 Michael Tishel, Presbyter

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Terry Bliss

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Dennis Koutouzis

Ellen Linebaugh, Vice President

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Jon Papastrat

Casey Pater, Secretary

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/>

What is the value of the Parish to us?



I have, from time to time, wondered how my parishioners look at our parish, what they expect from it, but also what they are willing to bring to it. Each of us has a wealth of gifts to offer, but we also have many needs.

I know that many people like to join a parish in order to have a social group to belong to. Many, also, are looking for the cultural aspects of a parish, in addition to the social. And, yet, many people come to a parish as they also seek to fill the emptiness of the heart which has to do with our yearning for God's presence in our lives.

Knowing all of these aspects of human needs and yearnings, we, here at Holy Transfiguration, have sought to provide for everyone as much as possible in order to win as many as possible.

This parish is a very welcoming group of people who embrace everyone. It is easy to become part of the social life of the group, as long as you are willing to apply a little effort. It takes two to tango, as we say!

As far as culture, our parish has a wide range of activities and ministries, which provide a multitude of opportunities for involvement and enjoyment, from food events, to dance opportunities, to theatrical performances, to the biggest party in Cobb County and the surroundings - the Marietta Greek Festival.

We have ministries for our children ranging from Summer Camp, HOPE/JOY, GOYA, St. Stephen's Camp, Winter Youth Rally, and HDF to so many other activities. We offer so much for our children, including not only volunteer advisors but also a young educated and capable priest dedicated to organizing and overseeing the youth activities. We are so blessed to welcome into our parish Fr. Michael Tishel, who will be in charge of our youth ministries starting February 1, 2019.

But the parish also provides opportunities to extend ourselves outwards and help people in the surrounding community who are less fortunate than we are. We do this for one through the ministries of the Philoptochos. The ladies of this group visit the sick and shut-ins, provide help for those who need help with rent and utilities and even provide personally help with people who need a ride to the doctor, the grocery store or a special appointment.

In the last couple of years we have also developed the Food Pantry, which is now helping many families with food and other needs twice a month.

More than 30 people have also participated in the last two years with helping build homes for needy families through the "Habitat for Humanity". The joy we receive from these activities is indescribable!

Many families in our parish also find support through the Agape Fund, a ministry funded by our parishioners for the benefit of our needy parishioners. This is serving both adults and children, providing funds in a confidential way to families, as well as scholarships for needy youth to attend the Winter Youth Rally, HDF, St. Stephen's Camp, Crossroad and other activities.

Above all, however, our parish provides for all of us the beautiful sanctuary and chapel where we hold regular worship services. Here is where the Kingdom of God is made manifest to us, inviting us to enter and be sanctified in the here and now. This is where we are able to surrender to the love of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ so that we can find comfort in our own predicaments and hope in His promise for eternal life. This is where we can fill our desire for God and experience His Presence and Love.

Join us friends, to partake this amazing parish and fulfill your yearnings of every kind. Come and enjoy with us friendship and culture, philanthropy and mission, worship and sanctification. Come taste of the Kingdom of God on earth!

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

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February 2019

February 1, Friday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am

Evening: Great Vespers, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 6:00 pm

February 2, Saturday, Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple

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

Evening: Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

February 3, Sunday, 16th Sunday of Matthew - Sunday of the Parable of the Talents

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

February 5, Tuesday Evening, Great Vespers, Feast of St. Photios 6:00 pm

February 6, Wednesday. Feast of St. Photios Patriarch of Constantinople

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

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

February 10, Sunday, Sunday of the Canaanite Woman. Feast of St. Haralambos

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

February 11, Monday Evening, Great Vespers for St. Christos the Gardener the Neomartyr (+1748)

February 12, Tuesday, Feast of St. Christos the Gardener the Neomartyr (+1748)

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

February 16, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm. *Beginning of the Triodion*

February 17, Sunday, 16th Sunday of Luke - Publican and the Pharisee

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

This week, we do not fast on Wednesday and Friday on account of the hypocrisy of the Pharisee and acknowledging that fasting alone is not acceptable to God if it is not accompanied by humility and repentance.

February 23, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

February 24, Sunday, 17th Sunday of Luke - Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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





Message from the Parish Council President

Dear Parishioners,

With the start of the new year comes a new Parish Council to serve our Parish in 2019. Please welcome our new members – Dennis Christopher, Christopher Hansard, Casey Pater, Steve Tingas and Danny Vlahiotis, three of whom are returning from 2018 (Dennis, Steve and Danny). Those three and Christopher were elected in November to serve 3-year terms. Casey was subsequently selected by the Parish Council to replace Zack Kollias, who has resigned from the Parish Council due to a major job promotion. Casey is returning to the Parish Council and will serve Zack's remaining two years of his current term. And, thank you to the outgoing members – Zack Kollias and Paul Markley – for their service to the Parish over the past several years. They will be very difficult to replace.

The new Parish Council has met, elected its officers, and assigned ministry responsibilities for 2019, as shown below. Note that we now have two Vice Presidents in 2019 in order to share responsibilities. Ellen will concentrate on Operations issues, while Mike will be involved with Financial matters.

<u>Executive Board:</u>	President	Steve Tingas
	Vice President - Operations	Ellen Linebaugh
	Vice President - Finance	Mike Jacobs
	Secretary	Casey Pater
	Treasurer	Danny Vlahiotis
	Assistant Treasurer	Christopher Hansard

Ministry Liaisons and Responsibilities:

Parish Life – Ellen Linebaugh, Dennis Christopher & Harry Mavromatidis
Facilities – Dennis Koutouzis
Stewardship – Mike Jacobs
Outreach & Welcoming – Jon Papastrat
Education, Youth & Culture – Ken Bilson
Philanthropy – Terry Bliss
Liturgical – Casey Pater

In other developments, our Saint Philothei Pantry, has now assisted over 50 families since its inception just 16 months ago. The need in the community is so severe that the Pantry will soon begin distributing food twice per month - so look for more reverse offering and volunteer opportunities. Thank you to all the volunteers and donors that have made this ministry a resounding success, especially John and Isabelle Dymond, who have led this ministry for the past year and a half.

The financial acumen of those serving on the Finance committee is enabling us to operate comfortably and solve financial issues that arise, including the refinancing of our current building debt of \$4.5 million. Under the direction of Georgia O'Brien and Danny Vlahiotis, we were able to close on the new loan with Fidelity Bank on January 24. This move fixed the interest rate associated with two-thirds of our debt at 4.65% APR and put the church in a position to have a very manageable debt service in 3-4 years.

Our youth groups are thriving. Under the leadership of Maria Comsudes, our HOPE and JOY kids are involved in many fun and spiritually enriching activities. They recently had a fun event at a local trampoline park and are gathering for monthly Fellowship Fridays. They are also planning a Parents' Night Out, bake sale, etc. for the Spring. Hazel Bruce is again heading up our Summer Camp. Catechism has a full teaching staff of at least two teachers per classroom. The second of two annual teacher workshops is coming up in February. We have 200 registered students, of which 160 are active. Our average weekly attendance is relatively low, however, with an average attendance of 80 students. Parents, we need to do better in getting our children to Sunday School.

Congratulations to our Winter Youth Rally (WYR) participants this year. I have heard only positive things about our children's behavior and performance in the Bible Bowl, Basketball and Volleyball tournaments. In fact, we brought home a 3rd Place Trophy in the Bible Bowl, 2nd Place Trophies in the Senior and Junior Divisions of the Boys' Basketball tournament, and a repeat 1st Place Trophy in the Girls' Division in Basketball. We have such great kids in our community, with a wonderful combination of physical and scholastic skills.

We are also reminded during this stewardship season of the talented parishioners within our church family. Dennis Koutouzis' technical and mechanical skills come to light every day in solving facilities issues that arise. The dance group, under the direction of Paulina Vastakis, Dorian Bafas and many others, just recently performed at HDF (Hellenic Dance Festival) and is now preparing to perform at the Marietta Greek Festival in May. We now have 145 dancers in the group – amazing! Parishioners also help out in the church office, serve on the Parish Council, help cook for events, volunteer for the Festival, lead ministries, and on and on. Our catechism teachers, under the long-time direction of David Linebaugh, give of both their time and talent every week to help lead our youth in the right spiritual direction. And, who can forget Ellen Linebaugh's casting and direction of the Philoptochos' mystery dinner theater production of *Lights, Camera, Murder* starring several Holy Transfiguration parishioners. The talent was impressive. The list of examples of those that share their time and talents for the good of the church goes on forever. I could not possibly name all who donate their time and talent.

In my opinion, however, our greatest blessing at this time is the addition of Fr. Michael Tishel as our second Priest. Father Michael and his Presvytera Catherine (yes, another Presvytera Catherine), his daughter Zoey and son Isaac, arrived from Boston on January 24th. Fr. Michael will officially begin serving our community on Feb 1st. I have spent a couple of hours with Fr. Michael and his family and am as excited about the future of our clergy as I have been in quite some time.

When the Parish Council decided, in September 2018, to pursue a second Priest to fill the void left by Fr. Paul's departure, we expected the search to take between 9 months to two years. Father Panayiotis visited Hellenic College-Holy Cross in October and interviewed several candidates. While there, Fr. Panayiotis met also with Fr. Michael to continue previous discussions related to Fr. Panayiotis' published research on St. John Chrysostom. While together, the opening at Holy Transfiguration randomly came up. As it turns out, the timing was right for Fr. Michael to join a parish and the rest is history. We were very lucky. Budgeting will be impacted of course, as we did not plan on having a second priest until at least mid-2019, but we are confident the parish will step up.

Fr. Michael comes to Holy Transfiguration from Hellenic College Holy Cross, where he served as Director of the Crossroad Program and Assistant Director of the Office of Vocation Ministry (OVM). Fr. Michael holds a Masters Degree from the University of Thessaloniki and was ordained a Priest in May, 2018. I urge you to get to know Father Michael at your first opportunity.

As you can see, there is a lot of exciting activity at Holy Transfiguration. I have only mentioned a small sampling. And, as you know, we are in the middle of our 2019 Stewardship campaign. At this time of the year, we are reminded of how much our community is blessed with parishioners with the time, talent and treasure to give to the church. I have cited several examples of our parishioners' sharing of their time and talent for the good of the Parish. Yet, we are struggling to fill volunteer positions for this year's pre-Festival preparations. In fact, we are at the point where we are considering purchasing all the food for this year's Festival, as there has been a disturbing trend in the last couple of years of volunteer shortages on cooking days. This would, unfortunately, change the public perception of our Festival – one of home-cooked meals, ... But, with the lack of volunteers to lead the cooking efforts and do the cooking, we may have no choice.

Now, the dreaded topic of financial donations to the church (Treasure). We have many stewards who give from the heart. We also have parishioners that follow the Bible's directive to give thanks for their financial blessings through tithing. However, most parishioners do not. There are many factors that come into play in determining a family's ability to give to the church. I'm not asking everyone to give 10% of their income, but I do ask that you do your best to maximize your pledge of treasure to the church to support the ministries we are trying to build, expand and improve. Our operating expenses go up every year. They will especially go up this year, as we are boosting support of our ministries and are welcoming a new priest at the same time. We need to keep in mind that everything we have from a material standpoint is a blessing from God. And, please remember that you may give financially via our VANCO app on our website, from your phone or computer. Please call Danny Vlahiotis for assistance.

I am proud to serve our community as a Parish Council member in 2019. If you have questions or would like to discuss anything, feel free to call or email me at any time.

Sincerely,

Steve Tingas
Parish Council President
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS - FEBRUARY

2/1/2019	Friday:	Romans 8:28-39	Luke 10:19-21	
2/2/2019	Saturday:	Luke 2:25-32	Hebrews 7:7-17	Luke 2:22-40
2/3/2019	Sunday:	Mark 16:9-20	II Corinthians 6:1-10	Matthew 25:14-30
2/4/2019	Monday:	Ephesians 1:22-23;2:1-3	Mark 5:24-34	
2/5/2019	Tuesday:	Ephesians 2:19-22;3:1-7	Mark 6:1-7	
2/6/2019	Wednesday:	John 10:1-9	Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2	John 10:9-16
2/7/2019	Thursday:	Ephesians 4:14-17	Mark 6:30-45	
2/8/2019	Friday:	Ephesians 2:4-10	Matthew 10:16-22	
2/9/2019	Saturday:	I Corinthians 14:20-25	Matthew 25:1-13	
2/10/2019	Sunday:	Luke 24:1-12	II Timothy 2:1-10	Matthew 15:21-28
2/11/2019	Monday:	Hebrews 4:14-16;5:1-6	Matthew 10:1, 5-8	
2/12/2019	Tuesday:	I Peter 3:10-22	Mark 12:18-27	
2/13/2019	Wednesday:	I Peter 4:1-11	Mark 12:28-37	
2/14/2019	Thursday:	I Peter 4:12-19;5:1-5	Mark 12:38-44	
2/15/2019	Friday:	Philemon 1:1-25	Mark 13:1-8	
2/16/2019	Saturday:	II Timothy 2:11-19	Luke 18:2-8	
2/17/2019	Sunday:	Luke 24:13-35	II Timothy 3:10-15	Luke 18:10-14
2/18/2019	Monday:	II Peter 1:20-21;2:1-9	Mark 13:9-13	
2/19/2019	Tuesday:	II Peter 2:9-22	Mark 13:14-23	
2/20/2019	Wednesday:	II Peter 3:1-18	Mark 13:24-31	
2/21/2019	Thursday:	I John 1:8-10;2:1-6	Mark 13:31-37;14:1-2	
2/22/2019	Friday:	I John 2:7-17	Mark 14:3-9	
2/23/2019	Saturday:	I Timothy 6:11-16	Luke 20:46-47;21:1-4	
2/24/2019	Sunday:	Luke 24:36-53	II Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 15:11-32
2/25/2019	Monday:	I John 2:18-29;3:1-8	Mark 11:1-11	
2/26/2019	Tuesday:	I John 3:9-22	Mark 14:10-42	
2/27/2019	Wednesday:	I John 3:21-24;4:1-11	Mark 14:43-72;15:1	
2/28/2019	Thursday:	I John 4:20-21;5:1-21	Mark 15:1-15	

You are a Member of the Church!

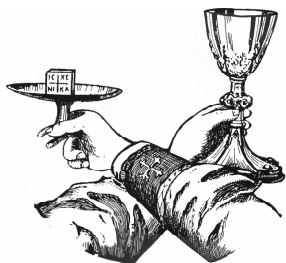
Are you a Steward also?

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."*

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED ABOUT PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

Why should I complete a Membership/Stewardship Form?

- When we were baptized, promises were made to serve Christ as our Lord and King for our entire life – So if you have not since rejected Him, you are still pledged to serve Him with your life and there is no better way to do so than serve His Church, His parish where His work is done.
- To show Him that you love Him and thank Him for your abundant blessings, there is no better way to respond than complete the Membership/Stewardship Form and indicate what you pledge to Him throughout the year. This is a way to recommit your life to God every year.

Why do we have to complete a Membership/Stewardship (M/S) Form every year?

- The Archdiocese Regulations requires us to do so in order to be in "Good Standing".
- The Parish's needs change from one year to the next, so it is good for both parish and for us that we re-examine our commitment to the Universal Church (Christ's Living Body on earth) each year. By filling out a new form, we re-commit our gifts as per the needs of the Parish and the Church.
- We provide accurate information about us and/or our families each year for the Parish records.

MEMBERSHIP / STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2019

THANK YOU TO THE FAITHFUL STEWARDS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2019!

(If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2019, please do so; your personal commitment of time, talent and treasure is so important and so appreciated.)

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Agne	Ms. Eleni Dodys	Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Kollias
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Alberts	Mr. & Mrs. John Doulgerakis	Mr. & Mrs. Zack Kollias
Mr. & Mrs. James Andros	Mrs. Marty Driscoll	Mr. Jim Kontrafouris
Mr. Panayiotis Antoniadis	Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Dunkerly	Dr. & Mrs. Michael Kostas
Ms. Eleni Bafas	Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Duvlaris	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kostulakos
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bafas	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Farrey	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kourafas
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Bakatsas	Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Frangis	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kourey
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Baleno	Mr. & Mrs. Stratton Frank	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Koutouzis
Mr. & Mrs. Trey Bane	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Frazier	Mr. & Mrs. Justin Lane
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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bilson	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gess	Mr. & Mrs. David Linebaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bilson	Mrs. Stephanie Gianaris	Miss Maria Linebaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Bilson	Ms. Martha Gingles	Mr. & Mrs. George Lisgaris
Ms. Miranda Black	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gormanos	Mr. Drew Logothetis
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Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Buchan	Mrs. Tina Isaac	Mr. & Mrs. Francis McAteer
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bundros	Miss Katie Jacobs	Mr. & Mrs. John McCarty
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Mr. & Mrs. Cosmon Bylos	Mr. Paul Jacobs	Mr. Joshua Means
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Carlos	Mr. & Mrs. Andy Johansen	Mr. Andrew Melissas
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Catsulis	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Jansma	Dr. & Mrs. Adam Mellis
Mr. & Mrs. Miltiades Chacholiades	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Kandilakis	Mr. Eihab Mikhail
Ms. Daniela Chereches	Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis Kapsalis	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Miltiades
Ms. Mary Chiotellis	Dr. & Mrs. Steve Kargas	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miltiades
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Christopher	Mrs. Jo Kastner	Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Miltiades
Ms. Eleni Clement	Mr. & Mrs. David Kay	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Moorehead
Mr. Charles Coleman	Mrs. Irene Kipreos	Mr. & Mrs. John Moraitakis
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Comsudes	Mr. & Mrs. Manolis Kipreos	Ms. Patricia Morris
Ms. Elizabeth Cook	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kipreos	Mr. & Mrs. John Moustoukas
Mrs. Cherie Cookorinis-O'Connell	Mr. Steve Kipreos	Mr. & Mrs. Erik Musto
Mrs. Nancy Copeland	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Klementzos	Mr. & Mrs. George Nakos
Ms. Cathy Costarides	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Knuchel	Mr. & Mrs. George Nasr
Ms. Marina Costarides	Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Kollias	Mr. & Mrs. Costa Neocleous
Dr. Despina Dalton	Mr. & Mrs. David Kay	Mr. Jim Niarchos
Ms. Judy Davis	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Klementzos	Ms. Kally Niarchos
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Demakis	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Knuchel	Mr. Iancu Nica

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Brien
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Pallas
Mr. Tasi Pallas
Mr. & Mrs. Theofanis Pantazis
Miss Olympia Papageorgiou
Fr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
Mr. Stratis Papageorgiou
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Papastrat
Mr. & Mrs. Casey Pater
Mr. & Mrs. George Pentzakis
Mr. Alex Paulson
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paulson
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Paulson
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Ms. Maria Tingas
Mr. Steve Tingas

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Mr. Gregory Vassilious
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Vettalana
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Vlahiotis
Mr. Julian Wade
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Whiteside
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Ms. Elefteria Young
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mrs. Eleftheria Zoheir

Total: 218

2018 Pledges

The year ended with
384 pledged members!

Let's see if we can beat this
number in 2019!!

Stewards of the Faith

All things are Possible to
the one who believes in Christ



"Stewardship is the offering to God as children of faith rather than as hired servants. Children of God make offerings to God as expression of authentic love, whereas, hired servants simply fulfill legalistic duty. Christian stewardship is a manifestation of our love for God through the holistic offering of time, talent, and treasure to Him, through Christ's Holy Church. By this offering of love to our Father in heaven, He further extends the healing experience of His Church to His children, through Her ministry." (Archdiocesan Stewardship & Evangelism)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER



CAMP

Plans are underway for 2019 Summer Camp; dates are June 17 - 21st. We need a co-director, classroom teachers, an arts/crafts leader and GOYAns to assist. Camp will be open to students K-5th grade and potty trained 3 and 4 year olds, as space allows. Please volunteer; more details will be offered in the coming weeks!

Hazel Bruce, Director
757.870.5977

COFFEE HOUR ELVES

Celebrate a family birthday or anniversary, name day or milestone by sponsoring coffee/fellowship hour! Become a "Coffee Hour Elf"

New dates through May 26th, 2019 have been added to Sign-Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cabad23a2fe3-coffee>

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Alberts at maria.alberts29@gmail.com



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—February 2019

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

AHEPA # 519 would like to thank Eleni Clement and Hellenic Studies, GOYA, Harry Kipreos and his kitchen crew, and all who participated in the Three Hierarchs luncheon last Sunday. Over 125 people came to greet and hear Fr. Michael Tishel give an inspiring presentation as our guest speaker. It was wonderful meeting him and his young family. We wish them the very best in their move to Marietta and welcome them into our Holy Transfiguration family!

Upcoming Events -- Block your Calendar: February 16th at 6:00 pm, AHEPA will host an off-site dinner at Infomart Hospitality / Banquet Room, 1582 Terrell Mill Rd. Marietta, GA 30067. The evening will feature a cocktail-social hour with hors d'oeuvres, prime rib/salmon dinner and chips to play the appropriate games. Come and make it a date night. All are welcome! Donations of \$100 are tax deductible since AHEPA is a non-profit 501(c)3 and non players can enjoy the evening for \$50. Please RSVP to Harry Kipreos at hkipreos@yahoo.com, 770-316-8583, or Keath Paxten at Keathpaxten@gmail.com, 770-641-1585.

* March 9, 2019: Adopt-a-Highway: Please meet at 8:30 am in the church parking lot. We will be cleaning the road in front of the church.

For those of you who are not members of AHEPA, consider joining our chapter. It is just \$ 75 per year! Please contact any Board Member: Keath Paxten, Zack Kollias, Ron Sprouse, Jim Burke



Better Hear and Understand Our Services

Are you experiencing difficulty understanding what is being said during services or during events in the Parish Hall?

We have two systems installed to assist you to better hear and understand what is being said. The systems are installed under the pews in Church and under the carpet in the Parish Hall. They work when the audio systems are in use and you are sitting in the pews or in the Parish Hall.

There are two ways you can take advantage of these hearing assist systems.

1. Use your existing personal hearing aid with the “T” coil feature turned on.
or
2. Use a receiver device available for your use.

Your audiologist can assist you in making sure your hearing aid has the “T” coil feature, and it is turned on. Most hearing aids today have a “T” coil option; however, not all have this feature.

If you would like to use a hearing device, please see a Parish Council member or a Greeter. There are only a few of these devices available for use during services and events, and they must be returned after use.

A hearing assist device can also be purchased at a cost of \$80 per unit. Please see Anne in the parish office.



"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

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, February 10, 2019 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:

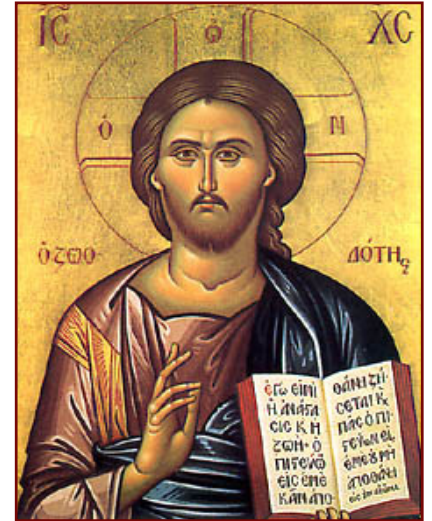
Of Water and the Spirit:

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.

The Fear of Love

Each morning, I receive an e-mail from The Very Rev. Abbot Tryphon of All-Merciful Saviour Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington. Abbot Tryphon pens a daily blog called “The Morning Offering”, which is hosted online by Ancient Faith Ministries. Perhaps you know of it.

Recently, he wrote about the fear of committing to long-term relationships, the fear of loss, and why it is essential to grieve the loss of a relationship. Abbot Tryphon writes: “When you refuse to be vulnerable by giving yourself over to a committed relationship, you deprive yourself of one of the most fundamental aspects of what it means to be human. When you fear loss, you are hard pressed to live a life of courage, for it is in living with courage that we are able to fully participate in life and become fully human.” I believe this is true not only for our human relationships, but also for our relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Later in his post, he explains the importance of grieving: “Grieving the loss of a relationship, either by death or breakup, is just as important to the maturation of our heart, as having a long-term relationship, for in grieving we allow ourselves to stay connected to others and remain openhearted to what God has for us. If fear of loss disables us, we may not be able to risk having anything that really matters to us, for by throwing courage to the side, we deprive ourselves of the touch and the intimacy that helps us open our hearts to all that God has in store for us.”

“Grieving is the way you can heal from loss, and, in turn, be open to relationships that can make your life more complete, and more fulfilled. Many people do not allow themselves to grieve, so they deprive themselves of relationships that can lead to spiritual growth that only comes through suffering loss. You grow stronger if you allow yourself to grieve when you’ve experienced loss, for grieving is one of the most fundamental of life skills. It is the way that the heart can heal from loss and go on to love again and grow wise. If we refuse to love another, for fear of loss, we remain closed off from not only others, but from God. ‘He who does not love remains in death (1 John 3:14).’”

I encourage you to go online and read the entire post (see below for a link). I also invite you to join us for the Grief Recovery Support Group on Saturdays, February 9th and 23rd at 10 am in the St. Basil Conference Room, especially if you are struggling with grieving a loss(es). Please contact me for more information at 404.771.9335 or bjspanos@ekteleo.org.

BJ Spanos, Grief Recovery Support Group Leader

“The Fear of Love: He Who Does Not Love Remains in Death”. The Very. Rev. Abbot Tryphon. All-Merciful Saviour Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington. The Morning Offering. Ancient Faith Ministries. January 23, 2019. Available online at <https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/morningoffering/2019/01/the-fear-of-love-3/>

GOYA-WORKING THE TABLES AT THE THREE HIERARCHS LUNCHEON



HELLENIC DANCE



Hellenic Dance Festival

Thank you to our dancers, instructors, chaperones, drivers, parents, and supporters for a successful HDF this year. Our kids had a wonderful time representing our church and our faith through dancing and singing. The Asteria k' Petaloudes group earned a Bronze medal. Please congratulate our participants for a job well done!

Greek Festival Dance Practice Begins

Greek Festival Dance practice for all age groups begins **Feb. 3**. Please note the change in your calendars per Father Panayiotis' request.

Age levels and instructors:

- Pre-K, 12:30-1 p.m., Alex Matthews and Kyra Opdike, classroom
- K & 1st 12:30-1 p.m., Eleni Bafas, Cecilia Lukens, and Aristoteli Lilly-Ladas, classroom
- 2nd & 3rd 1:00-1:45 p.m., Peggy Dunkerly and Karen Fox, classroom
- 4th & 5th 1:00-1:45 p.m., Maria Linebaugh and Alexa Sarmir, classroom
- 6th-8th 1:00-2 p.m., Elaine Bilson and Ted Gormanos, classroom/gym
- 9th- 12th 1:30-3:30 p.m., Paulina Vastakis and Demetra Lilly, PLC/gym

Greek Festival Dance Mandatory Parent Meeting takes place on **Feb. 3**. Please attend according to your child/children's age(s). This meeting will include important information regarding dance requirements, give you an opportunity to register your dancer if you have not done so, as well as to ask questions.

Pre-K-5th grade: 12:30-1:15 p.m., Atrium

6th-12th grade: 1:30-2:15 p.m., Atrium

Featured Instructors

Peggy Dunkerly, Asteria (2nd & 3rd Grade) Instructor

Peggy and her family moved from Wisconsin in 1989, and were blessed to be one of the founding families of Holy Transfiguration. The church was just beginning, with no programs in place for our parish children. After seeing the dancers at the Atlanta Festival, she was determined to see that our children be given the same opportunity to enhance their Orthodox faith and culture through a quality dance program. So in 1991, with no dance experience, except the usual dances done at weddings, she joined Troupe Hellas at the Cathedral, leading to the start of our dance ministry.

Peggy danced with Troupe Hellas and the Lykion Ton Ellenidon for 12 years. One of the biggest highlights of her life was performing with them in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. During her 12 years as Dance Director for HT (1991 – 2003), Peggy was blessed with being with so many amazing children, teaching them how our faith and culture are intertwined. Highlights include winning Gold at the first HDF,

Hellenic Dance

performing in Disney World, marching in the 1996 Paralympics Opening Ceremonies, participating in Epiphany in Tarpon Springs, and attending many professional dance workshops, to name a few.

Recently, Peggy has worked with both Eleni Bafas and Karen Fox with the younger groups. She and Karen took our community's youngest group to HDF this year where they received a Bronze medal. We were very blessed to have such a dedicated group of girls.

Karen (Kalliope) Comsudes Fox, Asteria (2nd & 3rd Grade) Instructor

Karen's love and passion for traditional Greek music and dance started at an early age, listening to old Greek records back in the 1950's with her family and relatives, and participating in various church and Greek cultural events in New Jersey and Massachusetts. She moved to Atlanta in 1979. Karen was a member of the Lykeion Ton Ellinidon and Troupe Hellas in Atlanta and danced with the adult group in the early 1990's. It was at this time that Karen helped organize the Marietta dance ministry with Peggy Dunkerly and Pitsa Johnson with the guidance of Eleni Hopes, director of Troupe Hellas.

The Marietta dancers, including Karen's children, Melissa and Zachary, performed in the early days at the Cobb Civic Center when the festival was held there before our current church was built. Karen was an instructor for all the age groups for over 10 years. Many of our current HTGOC dance instructors were taught by Karen and Peggy when they were youngsters. Karen and Peggy were responsible for the Marietta dance group participating in many exciting venues, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, the Opening Ceremonies of the 1996 Atlanta



Karen & Peggy

Paralympic Games, the Eggleston Christmas Parade, the Festival of Trees, in addition to a Hellenic cultural video exhibit at the Atlanta History Center. Karen stepped down as an instructor for several years but returned to teach the Pitsirikia group with her daughter, Melissa, in 2015. In 2017, she started to teach the Asteria group with Peggy. Karen also taught a weekly non-performance adult dance class for the members of HTGOC for several years in the 1990s, and most recently started a similar class with Peggy in collaboration with Philoptochos.

Karen is a true believer that if you are Greek, you dance! She is inspired by Plato who wrote, "The Dance, of all the arts, is the one that most influences the soul. Dancing is divine in its nature and is the gift of the gods."

If you would like to be added to the Hellenic Dance Ministry 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.



Asteria K' Petaloudes 2019

This group made up of 2nd-5th graders coached by Peggy and Karen took a Bronze medal at this years Hellenic Dance Festival! They also won the Costume Award in the Primary Category!



HDF Group Photo



Phoenix at HDF



Eleftheria at HDF

Holy Transfiguration

Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner Dance

A fundraiser for Hellenic Studies

Friday, February 8

Dinner 6:30pm Parish Life Center

Dancing 8:30pm Olympic Hall

Birmingham's DJ Chris Sarris • Greek and American Music

Dinner Catered by Magnolia Moments

Tickets on sale in the PLC every Sunday or
Please contact hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com

Dinner and Dance Tickets:

Adults \$50

Youth, High School, College \$25

Children 10 and under \$10

Dance Only Tickets \$15

Come join the fun at our newest signature community event

Celebrate with your sweetheart or meet a new one!

3431 Trickum Road, Marietta GA 30066

HOPE/JOY



Greetings All,

February is going to be another fun-filled month of activities available to and for Hope & Joy-aged-kids and their families. The following document provides information about these events. As we are blessed to have such an active parish, many of the activities that are planned or in the works are ones **for Hope & Joy, along with other church ministries, too. Glory be to God for such blessings and community!**

Feb. 8 (Friday night) – Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner and Dance. As many of our H&J members are among the Hellenic Studies group, it would be lovely for as many families as are available to join together in supporting this terrific event. Tickets are available for the dinner and dance, and for the dance only. We hope to see you all there!

Feb. 10 (Sunday) – Prime Timers' Children's Day 2019. Our Yayas and Papous will be celebrating the youngest members of our HTGOC parish. Families will be treated to a fun lunch of Hotdogs, chips and treats. Gifts will be provided for the children 8 and younger, while a raffle will afford one lucky child 9-yrs or older an iPad. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1 at the door. This terrific event will take place in the PLC during coffee hour.

Feb. 15 (6:00 to 8:30 plus) – February's Fellowship Friday: Bake Sale Baking Round II. As our first bake sale of the 2018-2019 school year was such a fun time, H&J is going to crack some eggs, mix some batter and bake some goodies in the church kitchen again. We will sell our creations right after the Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, Feb. 17. **Any GOYAns who are available to join us Friday and/or Sunday, are completely welcome!**** (Please see below for more information.)

As we will have plenty of little hands in the kitchen, any family that would like to donate muffin, cake or brownie mixes and/or any other ingredients for box-made-treats (like cookies), would be greatly appreciated. More than anything we would love for this events to be fun for the children: on Friday, allowing them to pour, mix and stir and crack an egg or two; while on Sunday for the bake sale, welcoming the children to help patrons by taking money, providing accurate change, restocking items and other activities needed for a successful bake sale.

On Friday night, H&J will provide a pizza dinner and beverages for the children and their families and any GOYANS or other members of our wonderful HTGOC family who are able to join us are completely welcome. The gym will be open for basketball, running, dancing, playing and other merriment. **Please RSVP to our FB page or to mariatm@mindspring.com so we can plan for the number of bakers, the kinds of goodies we will be baking and the amount of pizza to order!**

Finally, thank you for sharing your precious children with Hope & Joy. Please let us know if you have any ideas you would like to share! Thank you so much for your family's participation and support.

In His name,
Maria

Maria Comsudes
404.274.5020

****** Our hope with this bake sale (and possibly one more bake sale that we are working with Prime Timers to plan late in the spring or at the beginning of summer) is to raise funds to allow the Hope & Joy and GOYA ministries to purchase a small gift from all the children of HTGOC for our beautiful church. We are working with Father Panayotis to select something lovely and appropriate. We are considering a small Icon or cross with a modest plaque underneath memorializing our children & youth ministries for this and next year which can be hung somewhere on the campus for all to enjoy.

The second type of activity/fundraiser we are planning is having a Parent's Night Out where HTGOC parent's can drop off their H&J aged children who will spend the evening with their GOYA pals. Affording the teens and younger children to spend time together is sure to be a blessing for all! This event is also in the planning stage. Stay tuned for more details.



FEBRUARY PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

Philoptochos started off the 2019 year with its annual Mimosa Membership Luncheon. We appreciate the **49 members** who have already joined for the new calendar year. Your monetary donation and stewardship to the Panagia Chapter support a strong local social service program. For the month of January, **\$750** was spent for local families. Please note that \$25 of the membership pledge is sent to National and Metropolis Philoptochos. The remainder of your pledge is used for local social services. In January on Vasilopita Sunday, a second tray was passed and \$1,000 was sent to **St. Basil Academy**. **St. Basil Academy** provides a loving Christian and nurturing environment for needy children. National Commitments for January include \$350 for Social Services and \$250 for Cancer and Other Major Illness Fund. During the month of February, a table will be set up in the PLC to continue our **Philoptochos Membership Drive**. Please complete the attached membership form and return to the church office or the membership table.

In January, Philoptochos conducted a **Prosforo** workshop. The nine attendees were shown three different ways to make prosforo, while Father Panayiotis explained the symbolism on the Seal. Those who attended felt that this was a learning and rewarding experience. On **Saturday, February 9**, there will be a **Kolyva workshop** in the Parish Hall kitchen at 3:30. Rikki Nikolas will instruct how to make and assemble the Kolyva. At 5:00 pm, we will proceed to the church for Vespers and a Memorial Service. Please bring the names of those whom you want remembered.

On Sunday, February 3, Philoptochos will have their **Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon**. Please see attached Flyer for details. February is **Women's Heart Health month**. All women are encouraged to **wear red** on **February 3** to bring attention to heart issues for women. The Philoptochos table will provide information on this topic.

The annual **Godparents Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, February 24**. Godparents are invited to bring their Godchildren to Divine Liturgy and have lunch together. See attached flyer.

In January, we served **94 people** at **MUST Ministries Soup Kitchen**. Thank you to Evelyn Bilson, Thea Blalock, Kathy Bylos, Cedric and Peggy Dunkerly, Pat Koutouzis Ellen, Linebaugh, Linda Lopos, Cecilia Lukens, Xanthippe Marsico, Iancu Nica, Fran Tucker, Martha Vattelana, and Dorothy Macris who cooked, served, or made a donation. If you would like to help with the **February 24, 2019 Soup Kitchen**, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net.

If you know of someone who needs a card, visit or phone call, please contact Niki Gess at n.gess@comcast.net

The **Philoptochos Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, February 28** at 7:00 in the Atrium for a pot luck dinner. The book title is The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes.

The Philanthropy Witness, which is the official newsletter of the Ladies Philoptochos Society wrote: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless" This informative newsletter is available at the Philoptochos table in the PLC or online at www.philoptochos.org.



SUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Following the Divine Liturgy, Parish Hall
\$10 Adult & \$5 Children 10 and under.



Join us for a Variety of
Delicious Soups, Salad,
Bread & Desserts!



All Proceeds will go towards Philoptochos Social Services

Ladies Philoptochos Society Panagia Chapter

Kolyva Workshop

**FEBRUARY 9, 2019 @ 3:30, PARISH HALL
KITCHEN**



Come learn how
to make kolyva
to honor your
loved ones!

Meet at **3:30pm** in
the **PH kitchen** to
assemble the kolyva.

At 5:00 pm, we will go to
church for Vespers and a memorial
service. *Please bring the names of
those you want remembered in the
memorial service.*

May their memory be eternal!



Godparents Luncheon

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

Following the Divine Liturgy, Parish Hall

Homemade
Spaghetti &
Meat Sauce

Fresh
Crisp
Salad

Warm
Garlic
Bread

Dessert:
CUPCAKES!!



\$10 Adults (per plate)

\$5 Kids, 10 & Under

Free, Ages 2 & Under



Hosted by Philoptochos



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

2019 started off with a BANG!! All our organizations and ministries are busy!! Luncheons are taking place. Events are planned!! Tickets are being sold!! Memberships are due!! Isn't it all exciting? ANOTHER YEAR HAS BEGUN!! WE THANK THE GOOD LORD FOR OUR ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION TO OUR CHURCH!!

Prime Timers' first event for this year will be CHILDREN'S DAY coffee hour. Everyone always asks, "WHAT IS CHILDREN'S DAY?" Our answer is "We honor Father's Day and Mother's Day, so why not honor our little members also!" This year, we have added an IPAD for children ages 9 and over! Cost is \$1 per ticket and you can purchase as many as you want. For coffee hour, we will be serving hot dogs with all the trimmings. Please bring your children after church on February 10 to the Parish Hall and enjoy the afternoon watching your children choose prizes.

On Tuesday, February 12, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day which will also be our first general meeting of the year. Please join us in the atrium at 12 noon. We will eat lunch and and play games. Mary Ellen is in charge! Also, an entertaining moment will be when we share how we met our sweetie!! We are requesting volunteers, please!

Dues are due for 2019. Only \$15/person. Please join! We need YOU and YOU NEED US!!! We have an exciting year coming up!!

MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS AND KEEP YOU WELL!!

The Prime Timers is proud
To host coffee hour
and . . .

Children's Day 2019

February 10

- Following the Divine Liturgy -

Parish Life Center

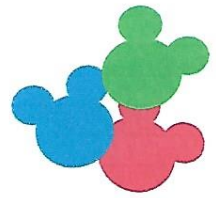
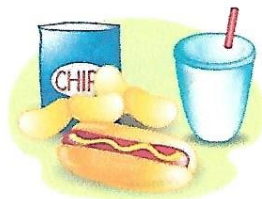
Fun ~ Fun ~ Fun

Children age 8 and younger will receive a free
ticket at the door for drawings for surprise gifts!

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 at the door
for an I-Pad for children 9 and older!

Coffee Hour will include:

- Hotdogs
- Chips
- Drinks
- Cookies





THE MULL MONASTERY

FR SERAPHIM ALDEA

March 10 [AM]	St. Ignatius Orthodox Church, Franklin, TN
March 10 [PM]	St. Maria Orthodox Church, Cleveland, TN
March 16 [AM]	St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Macon GA
March 17 [AM]	Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Marietta, GA
March 17 [PM]	Cathedral of Annunciation, Atlanta, GA
March 19 [PM]	Holy Resurrection Orthodox Mission, N. Augusta, SC
March 20 [PM]	Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, Columbia, SC
March 21 [PM]	St. Anthony Orthodox Mission, Rock Hill, SC
March 22 [PM]	St. John the Wonderworker, Atlanta, GA
March 23 [AM & PM]	St. John the Wonderworker, Atlanta, GA
March 24 [AM]	St. John the Wonderworker, Atlanta, GA
March 24 [PM]	St John of the Ladder, Greenville, SC
March 25	St John of the Ladder, Greenville, SC

*Fr. Serafim Aldea will be visiting the Southeast during the first two weeks of Lent this year. Priestmonk Serafim is laboring to establish the first Orthodox monastery in the Scottish Isles in a millennium, dedicated to the Celtic Saints. Please visit [Mull Monastery.com](http://MullMonastery.com) or hear Fr. Serafim on ancient Faith Radio's podcast, *Through a Monk's Eyes*.*

Please consult local churches' Websites for times of services and talks.



Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 17, 2019 6:00pm Vespers

Reception to Follow

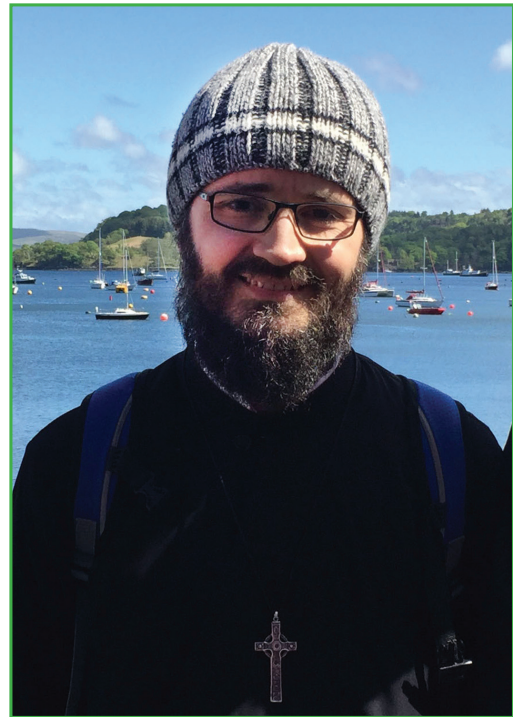
Annunciation Cathedral

Atlanta, Georgia

Guest Speaker: Fr. Seraphim Aldea

**“Humanity and Creation:
Icons of the Kingdom of God”**

Fr. Seraphim was tonsured as a monk in 2005 at Rasca monastery in Bucovine, North Moldavia. He received a Ph.D. in Modern Theology from the University of Durham (UK) for a thesis on Archimandrite Sophrony Skharov's Ecclesiology. He is currently a Post-doctoral Research Fellow in the School of Theology at Oxford University. He is working towards founding the first Orthodox Monastery in the Hebrides, Scotland in over a thousand years! Mullmonastery.com



St. Philothea
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



FEAST DAY OF SAINT PHILOTHEA

Please Join Us for Evening Liturgy

MONDAY FEBRUARY 18 at 5:45 pm

Followed by a Dinner Reception

Reverend Anthony Salzman
3761 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville GA 30677
706-725-5035

2019
HOMECOMING



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

MARCH 1 -3, 2019

DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 6:30 PM

\$40 ADULT / \$15 CHILD

Family Events all Weekend in Athens, GA

Saint Philothea
Greek Orthodox Church

45TH ANNIVERSARY

20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FR. ANTHONY

The Light on Mars Hill!

FRIDAY March 1

- 10:00 The Georgia Club 18 holes of golf
- 11:00 GA State Botanical Gardens with new Children's Garden
- 6:00 Terrapin Beer Co. Brewery Dinner a family friendly event

SATURDAY March 2

- 10:00 GA Museum of Art The Reluctant Autocrat: Tsar Nicholas II
- 12:00 GA State Botanical Gardens new Children's Garden
- 5:00 Great Vespers & Artoklasia
- 6:30 Homecoming Dinner Dance

SUNDAY March 3

- 10:00 Heirarchical Divine Liturgy
- 12:00 Closing Brunch

*Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may have her young—
A place near Your altar,
O Lord of hosts my King and my God.*

PSALM 84:3

HOMECOMING WEEKEND PACKAGE

\$70 PER ADULT \$33 PER CHILD (8-16 YRS)

**INCLUDES: Friday Terrapin Brewery Dinner,
Saturday Dinner Dance & Sunday Brunch**

Plus: Tsar Nicholas I Exhibit at The GA Museum of Art
with Private Tour & Children's Program

Dinner Dance & Brunch Tickets also sold separately.

Overnight accomodations at local hotels or in family homes.
Children 7 & under eat free. Contact us 706-310-1306



<http://www.grouptoursite.com/ninalamson>

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS

GO TO: WWW.STPHILOTHEA.ORG OR CALL: 706-310-1306



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>15th Sunday of Epiphany... the Three Hierarchs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 11:45 AM A 10 year Memorial Service is given by Ellie Turner in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution 12:00 PM Parish Library 12:10 PM Artoklasia is given by Ellie Turner in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution 12:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 	<p>28</p> <p>Ephraim the Syrian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafention 6:00 PM Great Vespers--Feast of the Three Hierarchs 7:00 PM QCC Boys Basketball 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodox Class 	<p>30</p> <p>Feast of the Holy Trinity... John Chrysostom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 6:00 PM AHEPA Board Meeting 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Agiasmos--the Blessing of the Waters 6:00 PM Great Vespers--Presentation of the Lord 	<p>2</p> <p>The Presentation... at the Temple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>16th Sunday of Matthew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 11:45 AM A Memorial Service--Parish Library 12:00 PM Asteria Dance 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 4 more...) 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafention 6:00 PM Great Vespers--Feast of St. Photios 7:00 PM Intro to Orthodox Class 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM QCC Boys Basketball 7:00 PM Festival Parish Meeting 	<p>6</p> <p>Feast of St. Photios... Constantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 7:00 PM AHEPA Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class Sweetheart Dinner & Dance 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Winter Catechism Teachers' Workshop 9:00 AM Bulgarian Divine Liturgy 12:30 PM Rental: Bulgarian Church Committee 3:30 PM Kollyva making--Explain to the women 5:00 PM Great Vespers 5:45 PM Jonathan Brock Prayers of Preparation for Lent
<p>Sunday of the Holy Spirit... the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:15 AM Chrismation of the Holy Spirit 11:30 AM Catechism 11:50 AM A 3 month Memorial Service is given by Ellie Turner in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution 12:00 PM 40 day Blessing of the Holy Spirit 12:15 PM Prime Timers' 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 4 more...) 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 6:00 PM Great Vespers--St. Neomartyr 	<p>12</p> <p>Feast of St. Christos... Mary (+1748)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:45 AM Kafention 11:00 AM Prime Timers' Valentine's Party 7:00 PM QCC Boys Basketball 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM HOPE/JOY Fellowship Friday 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Baptism of Saint Herbert 12:00 PM Moustoukas Baptism (Jacob) 5:00 PM Great Vespers--Blessing of the Tridion 5:00 PM St. Philothea Celebration (Tentative) 6:00 PM AHEPA Scholarship Fundraiser
<p>16th Sunday of Epiphany... the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 4 more...) 12:30 PM Asteria Dance 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 1:00 PM Phoenix (Middle School) 1:30 PM Eleftheria (High School) 	<p>18</p> <p>Presidents' Day (regional holiday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM No Classes--Hellenic Studies (Winter Break) 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafention 4:30 PM Rental: Les Martirions of Atlanta 5:30 PM Pantry Distribution 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM QCC Boys Basketball 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM No Classes--Hellenic Studies (Winter Break) 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Philoptochos Event 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Rental: Cacavias Wedding Reception Set-Up 3:00 PM Cacavias Wedding Rehearsal 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30 PM Rental: Cacavias Wedding Reception 4:30 PM Cacavias Wedding 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>17th Sunday of Epiphany... the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Catechism 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 4 more...) 12:30 PM Asteria Dance 12:30 PM Pitsirikia (Pre-K) 1:00 PM Phoenix (Middle School) 1:30 PM Eleftheria (High School) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Pickleball 10:45 AM Kafention 7:00 PM QCC Boys Basketball 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM NO Bible Study 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies/Class 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Young Children's Play Group 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen (Philoptochos) 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 6:30 PM Philoptochos Book Club 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Agiasmos--the Blessing of the Waters 	<p>2</p> <p>Saturday of Souls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros--First Saturday of the Souls 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy--First Saturday of the Souls 12:00 PM Baptism of Baby Nicholas of Casey & Nicholas of Casey & Nicholas of Casey & Nicholas of Casey 3:30 PM Baptism of Erik 5:00 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM St. Philothea Celebration

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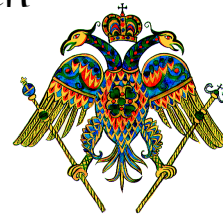
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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO	USHERS
2/3	E. Linebaugh/S. Tingas	St. John	M. & S. Hendrix	S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis/E. Kay	D. Botni/K. Johnson/S. Kargas
2/10	K. Bilson/C. Pater	St. Peter	I. & J. Dymond	P. Koutouzis/L. Lopos/J. Miltiades	J. & I. Dymond/B. Reid
2/17	T. Bliss/D. Koutouzis	St. James	S. Linebaugh/A. Reale	P. Miltiades/M. Neocleous/C. Sprouse	A. & K. Lilly/M. Zavala
2/24	D. Christopher/D. Vlahiotis	St. John	S. Pentzakis/M. Zavala	K. Niarchos/K. Panov/R. Peppas	P. Bilson/E. Nikolas/ A. Zakreski

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, Nicholas Rury, 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.