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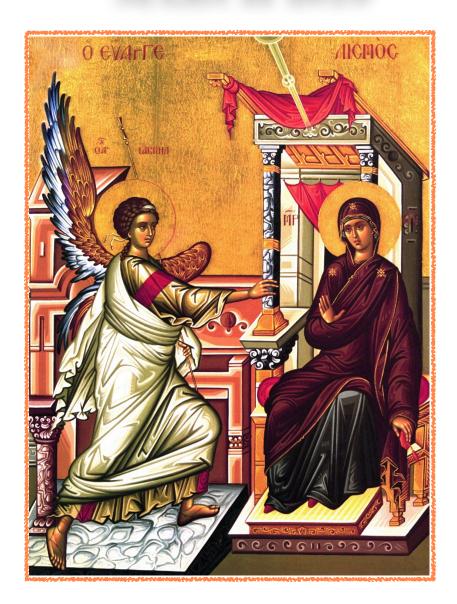
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Marietta, GA

MARCH 2019



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS - MARCH 25

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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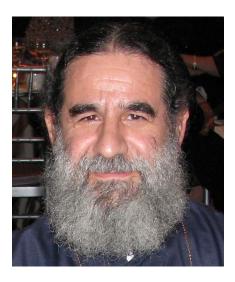
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LET US BE TRANSFORMED



"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

We are entering once again the period of Great Lent. This is a special time of spiritual exercise for the cleansing of our souls and bodies. This is a really wonderful opportunity afforded us by the Church to consider seriously our spiritual condition. The hymns of the Church sung in the services, the readings from the Bible, the prayers offered on a daily basis, are all designed to help us bring about a renewal in our soul and heart and a regeneration of our whole being in the Holy Spirit.

We are invited by the Church to attend the extra services and immerse ourselves in the spirit of this sacred time. We are invited to cultivate our virtues and take control over our passions (our vices). We are invited to forgive those around us and receive forgiveness and peace in our hearts.

We are encouraged to extend ourselves outwards in philanthropy and show love and compassion to those who need it.

We are invited and encouraged to do all of these things during this time, not because we shouldn't be doing them throughout the year, but because it is possible that the many concerns about other things during the year might curtail our efforts to care for our souls. And then again, this time is very special - we are preparing to experience the Passion, Crucifixion and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!

This experiential approach offered to us by the Orthodox Church differs greatly from the one offered by movies. Movies are made with the purpose to appeal to our emotions. The directors seek to shock the viewer by the realistic violence. They seek to evoke strong emotions by presenting vividly events and conversations in a way which engages the viewer totally in the present, taking him/her on an emotional high ride, but, in the end, dropping him/her back to where they started in a matter of minutes, as the movie quickly concludes.

I do not want to claim that there is no value in such movie experiences, but in God's wisdom given to the Church over the centuries, Great Lent and Holy Week can actually bring a complete transformation of the person who immerses himself/herself spiritually in this sacred time. Emotions come and go, but spiritual experiences remain. The purpose of Great Lent and Holy Week is not just to touch our hearts and minds but to cleanse us from sin, purify our hearts and minds, so that the Holy Spirit may be able to dwell in us. Great Lent is forty days long and then one more week is added until Pascha. The span of this time is designed to help us build good and spiritually profitable habits of virtue. One and a half hour of movie watching cannot be enough to change a person's way of being. But a daily watchful and prayerful existence of fifty days can build for us a meaningful new life, acquired by a conscious decision, repeated committment and personal effort that transforms our being and makes us more sensitive to the Grace of God and aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Let us use this time, my brothers and sisters, for our personal spiritual benefit. Let us tap into this inexhaustible well of the Church called Great Lent and Holy Week and taste of God's Grace and Wisdom. Let us approach humbly and prayerfully. Let us offer ourselves to God in Faith and Trust so that He may share with us the Joy of the Resurrection!

Come, let us taste Heaven together in the here and now during this Great Lent!

In Christ's Love,

J.Fr. Panagistis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 2019

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

March 2, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all the departed Orthodox Christians Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 3, Sunday, Sunday of the Last Judgement - Meat-fare Sunday Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

March 8, Friday, Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm

March 9, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all who have shone forth in ascesis.

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

Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 10, Sunday, Cheese-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Τυρινῆς (Τυροφάγου).

Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am **Evening:** Vespers of Forgiveness, 5:00 pm

March 11, Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent. Great Compline, 6:00 pm Καθαρά Δευτέρα. ἀΑρχή Μ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Μέγα ἀΑπόδειπνο, 6:00 μμ

The Great Compline will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

March 13, First Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion**.

March 14, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 15, Friday. First Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Πρῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ

March 16, Saturday. Divine Liturgy. Miracle of St. Theodore with the Kollyva Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 17, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριακή τῆς 'Ορθοδοξίας.

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

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the procession of the Holy Icons.

Evening: Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta, 6:00 pm

March 18, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 20, Second Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion**

March 21, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 22, Friday. Second Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Δεύτεφοι Χαιφετισμοί, 7:00 μμ

March 23, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 24, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Forefeast of the Annunciation Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Evening: Great Vespers of the Annunciation of the Theotokos 5:00 pm

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

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Evening: Great Vespers, Apodosis of the Feast of the Annunciation 6:00 pm

March 27, Third Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by Parish Oratorical Festival.

March 28, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 29, Friday. Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τοίτοι Χαιοετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 30, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 31, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

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

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will hold the procession of the original relic of the Holy Cross of Christ that our parish is blessed to have.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 2019

April 1, Monday. Blessing of the Water 11:00 am **Evening:** Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 3, Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 4, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 5, Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τέταρτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ.

April 6, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 7, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, St. John of Climacus.

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

April 8, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 10, Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion**

April 11, Thursday, Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:00 pm

April 12, Friday, The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

April 13, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 14, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

April 15, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 17, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm. A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 18, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 19, Friday, Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 6:00 pm

April 20, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus

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

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

Evening: Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm

April 21, Palm Sunday. The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

For Services from Palm Sunday Evening to the Sunday of Pascha (April 28), please see the Holy Week Services Schedule provided in a special flyer.

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

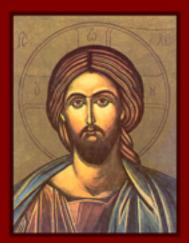
To be used throughout the Great and Holy Lent

Lord and Master of my life grant me not a spirit of slothfulness, meddling, ambition, and vain talk. (*Prostration*)

Bestow upon me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. (*Prostration*)

Yea, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own sins, and not judge my brother, for you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. (*Prostration*)

FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



IN THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

~ All are Welcome ~

The Orthodox Church has preserved the original Apostolic Faith pure and unblemished.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MARCH

2/1/0010	Taylord Bill Hall 1112				
3/1/2019	Friday:	II John 1:1-13	. 1.7	Mark 15:20, 22, 25, 33-41	
3/2/2019	Saturday:	I Thessalonians 4:13		Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36	
3/3/2019	Sunday:	John:1-10	I Cori	nthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2	Matthew 25:31-46
3/4/2019	Monday:	III John 1:1-15		Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39	
3/5/2019	Tuesday:	Jude 1:1-10		Luke 22:39-42, 45-71	
3/6/2019	Wednesday:	Joel 3:12-21		Joel 2:12-26	
3/7/2019	Thursday:	Jud. 1:11-25		Luke 23:1-31, 33, 44-56	
3/8/2019	Friday:	Zechariah 8:7-17		Zechariah 8:19-23	
3/9/2019	Saturday:	Luke 21:12-19		Hebrews 12:1-10	Matthew 20:1-16
3/10/2019	Sunday:	John 20:19-31		Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40	John 1:43-51
3/11/2019	Monday:	Isaiah 1:1-20		Genesis 1:1-13	Proverbs 1:1-20
3/12/2019	Tuesday:	Isaiah 1:19-2:3		Genesis 1:14-23	Proverbs 1:20-33
3/13/2019	Wednesday:	Isaiah 2:3-11		Genesis 1:24-2:3	Proverbs 2:1-22
3/14/2019	Thursday:	Isaiah 2:11-21		Genesis 2:4-19	Proverbs 3:1-18
3/15/2019	Friday:	Isaiah 3:1-14		Genesis 2:20-3:20	Proverbs 3:19-34
3/16/2019	Saturday:	II Timothy 2:1-10		Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5	
3/17/2019	Sunday:	John 20:19-31	Hebre	ews 11:24-26, 32-40	John 1:43-51
3/18/2019	Monday:	Isaiah 4:2-5:7		Genesis 3:21-47	Proverbs 3:34-4:22
3/19/2019	Tuesday:	Isaiah 5:7-16		Genesis 4:8-15	Proverbs 5:1-15
3/20/2019	Wednesday:	Isaiah 5:16-25		Genesis 4:16-26	Proverbs 5:15-6:3
3/21/2019	Thursday:	Isaiah 6:1-12		Genesis 5:1-24	Proverbs 6:3-20
3/22/2019	Friday:	Isaiah 7:1-14		Genesis 5:32-6:8	Proverbs 6:20-7:1
3/23/2019	Saturday:	Hebrews 3:12-16		Mark 1:35-44	
3/24/2019	Sunday:	John 21:1-14		Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3	Mark 2:1-12
3/25/2019	Monday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56		Hebrews 2:11-18	Luke 1:24-38
3/26/2019	Tuesday:	Isaiah 9:9-10:4		Genesis 7:1-5	Proverbs 8:32-9:11
3/27/2019	Wednesday:	Isaiah 10:12-20		Genesis 7:6-9	Proverbs 9:12-18
3/28/2019	Thursday:	Isaiah 11:10-12:2		Genesis 7:11-8:3	Proverbs 10:1-22
3/29/2019	Friday:	Isaiah 13:2-13		Genesis 8:4-21	Proverbs 10:31-11:12
3/30/2019	Saturday:	Hebrews 10:32-38		Mark 2:14-17	
3/31/2019	Sunday:	John 21:14-25	Hebre	ews 4:14-16; 5:1-6	Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

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.

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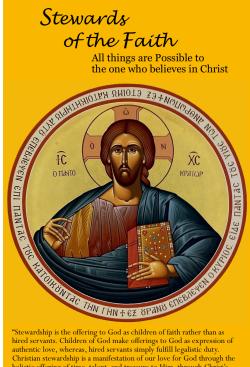
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Total: 273



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<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

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)

Keath Paxten, President of AHEPA # 519, presents Eleni Clement, Director of Hellenic Studies, a check for scholarships for Hellenic Studies.



On February 16, 2019, AHEPA hosted a dinner at Infomart Hospitality /Banquet Room. Pictured are Zack Kollias and Ben Whitener, AHEPA members, presenting Logan Kostas with the Grand Prize of \$1,050. A delicious dinner and wonderful evening were enjoyed by all who attended. The proceeds from this night fund AHEPA academic scholarships, Hellenic scholarships, and Toys for Tots.



BLOCK YOUR CALENDARS: 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 for an application or for any additional information: 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-Practice Schedule"

MAR 5, 2019 PRACTICE 7 to 8:30 pm	APR 4, 2019 PRACTICE 7 to 8:30 pm (yes,
MAR 12, 2019 PRACTICE 7 to 8:30 pm	Thursday practice this week)
MAR 15, 2019 SING 1st Xeretismi Service 7pm	APR 5, 2019 SING 4th Xeretismi Service 7 pm
MAR 19, 2019 PRACTICE 7 to 8:30 pm	APR 9. 2019 PRACTICE 7 to 8:30 pm
MAR 22, 2019 SING 2nd Xeretismi Service 7pm	APR 12, 2019 SING Akathist Hymn — 7 pm
MAR 26, 2019 PRACTICE 7 to 8:30 pm	APR 20, 2019 PRACTICE 12 NOON
MAR 29, 2019 SING 3rd Xeretismi Service 7 pm	APR 21, 2019 —PALM SUNDAY LITURGY, 10 am

It's that time of year again for us to begin practicing all the Hymns, etc. in preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. It is very important for everyone to make the Choir Practices a Priority on your busy calendar schedules so we are prepared to sing the Hymns correctly and spiritually.

Demetri Miltiades - miltiadesdc@gmail.com or 404-213-4220



Holy Week Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers that will decorate the church and its icons as well as the Epitaphio,

Please Contact

Anne in the church office, 770.924.8080, holytrans@comcast.net or fill out this form and place it in the offering tray.

Your Name:	
In Memory of:	
(Please Print)	
or	
For the Health of:	
(Please Print)	
Amount of Donation:	
The names of donors and dedications will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, A	pril 28
Holy Week Luminarias	THE THE
Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminaria on Holy Friday, April 26th, 2019. Luminarias are sponsored by the Dance Ministry; Suggested donation is \$5.00 per luminaria.	aria
Your Name:	
In Memory of:	
(Please Print 1 to 2 Names per Luminaria)	

Please return this completed form with check (payable to **HT Dance Ministry**) in the tray during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or to the church office **by Wednesday, April 24, 2019**Thank you for your support.



2019

Program Guide Sponsor Information May 17th -19th, 2019

Sponsorship Opportunities

,	*****Diamond Level Sponsor*****	\$10,000

- Largest Logo on Visitor Guide and prominent placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website with link to your website for an entire year
- Your Logo on one side of Marietta Greek Festival Tote Bag- Blue Tote Bag w/ White Logo
- Your flyer in the tote bag with Promotional item if you wish
- 10x10 Booth Space See guidelines and a 4x6 banner placed in prominent position
- Company Logo and Acknowledgement on ALL Social Media Boosts (reaches 6.4 million people in Georgia)
- Company Logo and Acknowledgement on ALL Press Releases and Publications
- Company Logo on all Volunteer T-Shirts Blue T-Shirt w/ White Logo
- Pre-recorded Video Feed posted to Festival FB & Instagram during festival weekend
- 10 weekend Admission Passes; \$200 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsorship Promotional Announcements all 3 days (8 times per day)

****Platinum Sponsor ****.....\$5,000

- Logo on Visitor Guide and prominent placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website with link to your website (Limit 3)
- Your Logo on Marietta Greek Festival Tote Bag- Blue Tote Bag w/ White Logo
- Your flyer in the tote bag
- 10x10 Prime Booth Space See guidelines or placement on our sponsor 4x6 banner placed in prominent position
- 8 Weekend Admission Passes; \$200 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsor Promotional announcements all 3 days (6 times per day)

***Gold Sponsor ***... \$2,500

- Logo on Visitor Guide and placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website with link to your website (Limit 8)
- Your flyer in the tote bag
- 10x10 Prime Booth Space—See guidelines or placement on our sponsor 4x6 banner placed in prominent position
- 4 Weekend Passes; \$100 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsor Promotional announcements all 3 days (4 times per day)

**Silver Sponsor **......\$1,000

- Medium size Logo on Visitor Guide and placement on Marietta Greek Festival Website
- Your flyer in the tote bag
- 2 Weekend Passes; \$50 Festival Gift Card
- Sponsor Promotional announcements all 3 days (2 times per day)
- *Bronze Sponsor *......\$250-\$999
- Any monetary Donation from \$250 up to \$1,000
- Your business cards in tote bags
- Your business name listed in Bronze section of the Program Guide

Friends of the Festival

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

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

Questions? Contact

Elení Nikolas	630-854-2174	enikolas68@gmail.com



SPONSOR REQUEST FORM

510,000

55,000

\$2,500

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

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

Diamond Sponsorship

Platinum Sponsorship

Gold Sponsorship

	Silver Sponsorship	□ \$1,000	
	Bronze Sponsorship	□ Amount\$	
	Friend of Festival	□ Amount\$	
Please complete th	e following information:		
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Guidelines for Spor	sorship Booths:		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
displays, handouts, faith will not be per booth area clean at	you may choose to opt out of the booth	deemed offensive or contradictory I of your sponsorship and/or booth	to the Orthodox
□ Yes, please save	a booth space for my booth.	No, I do not want booth space.	

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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

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

PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY APRIL 15, 2019

How Long Should I Grieve?



If you look to popular culture, the answer is forever. You will never get over losing someone you loved, a job you liked, a house you enjoyed, a pet you adored, a friend you cherished, your first car, or countless other losses we all experience at some point in our lives – some deeper, some not. Social media is filled with memes depicting grief and bereavement as a lifelong, heavy burden never to be gotten over or past.

Yet, contrast this with another frequent answer. It's been (you fill in the number of days or months), just get over it.

Popular culture encourages us to get back to normal, put on a happy face, and move on quickly. The subliminal message is do not make anyone else feel uncomfortable or inconvenienced. You will never get over it, but get over it already. Confusing, isn't it?

How we grieve and how long we grieve a loss is heavily influenced by what we learn from our families, popular culture, and our faith communities. Unfortunately, popular culture with its unhelpful messages often has the loudest voice.

A more helpful answer to the question of how long I should grieve is it depends. As explained in my January Syndiakonia article, grief is a unique experience. Neither of us will experience grief in the same way or follow the same path. Further, there is no set time limit. When it comes to grieving, there are no rights or wrongs.

One of the treasures of the Eastern Orthodox Church is our unshakeable belief in everlasting life, along with the unfailing connection between life here on earth and heaven. The Orthodox Burial and Memorial Services are beautiful conversations between those who mourn and God, with petitions for God's mercy for the departed and expressions of gratitude and hope. By engaging deeply with the prayers, hymns and readings, we draw closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ, which in turn, facilitates our journey through bereavement. Prayer also helps us grieve other types of losses.

Please join us later this month for two Grief Recovery Support Group sessions, during which we will continue a lively discussion of cultural myths, practices, and beliefs about grief and bereavement. We meet again on Saturdays, March 23rd and 30th at 10:00 am in the St. Basil Conference Room. Please contact me for more information at 404.771.9335 or bjspanos@ekteleo.org.

BJ Spanos Grief Recovery Support Group Leader

Hellenic Dance



Festival dance **practice** continues through the month of March. Remember to contact your instructor if you will miss a practice and to arrange a makeup class if needed.

Please note that **costume fittings** for your dancers will take place on the following dates:

Pre-K-5th grades: Mar. 3 and Mar. 10

Middle school and high school: Mar. 17 and Apr. 14

Tis Sofis adult dance group will practice on Mondays 6-7:30 p.m. during Lent. Please contact Paulina Vastakis if you have any questions, <u>paulinasox3@att.net</u>.

Featured Instructors

Maria Linebaugh, Petaloudes (4th & 5th Grade) Instructor

Maria has been a Hellenic dancer for almost 20 years. She is currently a member of Holy Transfiguration's young adult dance group, Metamorphosis. Maria has grown up in the Holy Transfiguration community and has been friends with her co-instructor, Alexa Sarmir, since the age of 2. Going through Holy Transfiguration's Hellenic dance program, Maria has learned many dances from all different regions of Greece. Her favorite regions to dance are Thraki, Pontos, and Crete. In addition to dance, Maria serves our parish as a GOYA Program Advisor. She is also a member of the leadership board for Connect Orthodoxy, a Pan-Orthodox conference for young adults from all of North America.



HELLENIC DANCE

Alexa Sarmir, Petaloudes (4th & 5th Grade) Instructor

Alexa began dancing with Holy Transfiguration at the age of 8. Throughout her 20 years of dance experience, Alexa has danced with Holy Transfiguration's Hellenic dance troupes at HDF, cultural festivals, on the news, and at the Marietta Greek Festival each May. She continued to dance during college and graduate school by performing in the Greek festivals at St. Philothea in Athens, GA, and Holy Trinity in Augusta, GA. She currently dances with Marietta's Metamorphosis young adult dance group. This is her second year teaching the 4th and 5th grade group, Petaloudes, with her best friend, Maria Linebaugh. She loves the energy and excitement of that age group and watching their love of dance and the Greek culture grow.



Maria & Alexa



Did You Know? Did you know that each year, the Hellenic Dance Ministry saves our parish over \$1,500 in dry cleaning bills by relying on dance parent volunteers to launder and iron all of our dancers' costumes after the festival? That includes all 400 pleats for each high school boy's foustenella! If you would like to become part of our dedicated corps of laundry volunteers, please contact us at mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com.

If you need to add or update your email address to the Hellenic Dance communications list, please contact

mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook for additional announcements and notices at "Holy Transfiguration Marietta Greek Dancers." This is a closed group only for dancers and their families.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended and / or supported our Valentine's Sweetheart Dance!

A special thank you to Jimmy and Helen Carlos for their generous donation of wine for our evening.

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 25th Greek Independence Day National Holiday Celebration

Sunday, March 24 after the Divine Liturgy

COMING SOON

2019-2020 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Let's get ready for another great year for both youth and adults.

Please contact us at hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com

HOP€/JOY

Greetings All,

As the Orthodox community prepares for the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, during March the activities for Hope & Joy-aged-kids and their families will be focused on our participation in Great Lent. The following document provides information about these events. As we are blessed to be in such an active, wonderful community, new this month, Hope & Joy is invited to do a project with the Men's ministry in their efforts to support our parish (please see below!)

March 8 (Friday night) – Join us for a Lenten Feast at 6:30 pm. This Fellowship Friday will be focused on preparing ourselves for Great Lent. As we've done such terrific things in the kitchen to date, we plan to make a Lenten meal together. We ask families to bring simple foods that are both Lent-friendly and kid-friendly. Anything from the ingredients for a simple salad or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, to spaghetti and tomato sauce or a cornbread mix will work great. Creativity and family favorites are completely welcome! The point is we would like to assemble our dishes together on Friday!

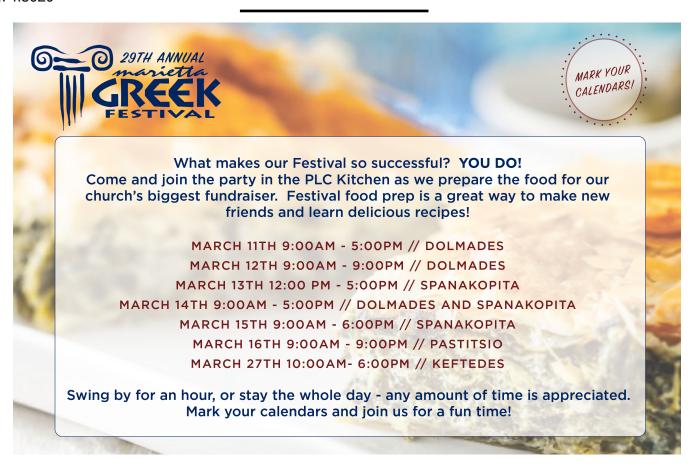
As well, one of our wonderful priests will be joining us to share with our group the How's and Why's of Great Lent. His talk will better help us figure out how to utilize this Lenten time to deepen our individual and family's reliance on God. We will continue adding to our Saint Notebooks, too. If you haven't started one, no worries, we will have stuff available to get started. (Note: if your child wants to use a special journal or notebook, please bring it Friday.) As always, the gym will be open for basketball, running, dancing, playing and other activities, as well.

March 16 (Saturday) – Pastichio and more Pastichio! On Saturday, all day, The Festival will be hosting a Pastichio Preparation Event. H&J families have been invited to participate. That morning, H&J families are welcome to attend Orthos/Divine Liturgy at 9:00/10:00 then meet in the Parish Hall to help with making and baking Pastichio starting at noon. Any moms and dads or other family members are welcome to join us! We will have pizza, snacks and drinks. The Olympic gym will be open for Knock-out, Horse or bowling, while the Atrium will be the place for board games, coloring or playing cards. We will have extra folks available to help with kids. The event will take place throughout the day, wrapping up around 9 p.m. It would be terrific if families could help for blocks of time allowing us to make the most Pastichio possible! Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Please RSVP to our FB page or to mariatm@mindspring.com so we can plan for each of these activities!

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 Comsudes 404.274.5020





MARCH PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

Philoptochos ended the month of February with **70 members** for the year 2019. Please consider joining this worthy organization by completing the membership form and returning it to the church office or the Philoptochos table on Sundays.

During the month of February Philoptochos had two successful events; the **Souper Bowl** Luncheon which made a profit of \$665 and the **Godparents Luncheon** net \$1031.11. A special thank you to all who volunteered to help cook, serve, set up, clean up and attend these events! National commitments for February were \$375.

In February, Philoptochos provided our community with a **Kolyva workshop**. Father Panayiotis introduced the class explaining the importance of continuing our traditions and the symbolism of the Kolyva. We appreciated Eleni and Ricky Nikolas who showed us how to make kolyva for Memorial Services. Participants were given several kolyva recipes and the opportunity to give the names of those whom they wanted to

remember during the Memorial Service. The class ended with everyone attending Vespers and a Memorial service.

In order to celebrate mothers and special women in our lives, Philoptochos will organize a **Mother's Day Card** again this year. The card will be divided into two sections: one for the health and salvation of those who are living and the second in memory of those who have fallen asleep. Forms will be available in the bookstore or the church office. All forms and donations must be submitted by April 24, 2019. The Mother's Day Cards will be mailed to the entire Holy Transfiguration Parish.

Please save the Date: **Saturday, April 6,** for the **Panagia Chapter Lenten Retreat** from 9 am to 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Speakers include Father John, Father Michael, and BJ Spanos. Father Panayiotis will also provide his insights. Lenten snacks and a Lenten lunch will be provided. Look for the topics during the next few weeks.

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



The mission of Philoptochos is to be a "friend of the poor" or help those in need. If you know of someone who might need help, please contact Dorothy Macris at dorothymmacris@gmail.com. Please note that applications for social services are strictly confidential.

March 28, **Soup Kitchen, MUST Ministries.** If you would like to help cook, serve or make a donation, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net

Book Club, March 28, 6:30, Atrium, Pot Luck. Book title is <u>The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the</u> Women Who Helped Win WWII by Denise Kiernan.



NAME:

Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society Panagia Chapter #5070 2019 Membership Form Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

3431 Trickum Road,, Marietta 30066-4660 Tel. 770-924-8080 Fax. 770-924-3030

ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
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In gratitude for God's blessings, I pledge the following f donation will be allocated to Local, Metropolis, and Na	•
1. Panagia Chapter (Local Philoptochos Stewardship)	
PLEASE CIRCLE: \$10	\$ LOCAL CHAPTER
2. National donation per member:	\$15.00 NATIONAL
3. Metropolis donation per member:	\$ 10.00 METROPOLIS
My total Philoptochos donation (total all three lines):	
*tax deductible (501c3)	\$TOTAL

I would like to offer MY TALENTS to assist the following Philoptochos efforts (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

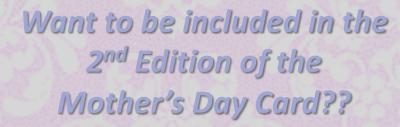
Soup Kitchen: 4 th Thurs. each month (Please circle) Prepare food / Donate / Serve at MUST ministries	Godparents Lu Co-chair foo
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Prepare meals for sick	Prepare the Ep
Help with Makaria (prepare and serve meal in PLC	Provide Desser
Baking (Please circle) Koulouria Paximadia Vasilopita	Fall Fundraiser Co-chair
Calling Committee (Call members for meetings)	Provide snacks
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Celebrating Mothers

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





Please return the completed form with your donation by April 24, 2019.

Women who are alive to pray for their good health
 For those how have fallen asleep



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























Celebrating Mothers



This **2nd Edition Philoptochos Mother's Day Card** will be distributed to our Holy Transfiguration Parish for Mother's Day 2019. The card will have two sections: one devoted to the health and salvation of those who are living and the other in memory of those who have fallen asleep.

The Mother's Day Card is a great way to honor Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Sisters and other special women in our lives who have given us selfless support, enduring faith and unconditional love.

Proceeds from this important fundraiser will help support our Social Services Program.

I wish to honor:		Health & Salvation	In Memory Of	
I wish to honor:		Health & Salvation	In Memory Of	
Your name:	Amount of Donation:	\$	·····	

Please submit form with your donation to the office or the bookstore by Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Checks should be made payable to Philoptochos



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

February 10 was a fun day for all our little parishioners. After feasting on hot dogs and birthday cake the children drew for all the prizes and surprises on display. The best news is every child went home with a gift. No one had to visit the consolation table which we have for any child that did not win a prize. Also, the tablet was the popular item of the day which we sold for \$1 per ticket.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the children. Next year, we hope to include prizes for the older children as well. For those of you that did not attend our Children's Day, we invite you from now on to bring your children and enjoy the festivities.

Please join our group. Our membership has decreased over the years... possibly because many of our seniors have become "shut-ins" OR we have so many ministries that it is difficult to attend everything. We encourage you to attend our get togethers. We hope to offer interesting and fun topics.

This year, Prime Timers, has planned a trip to Nashville to visit the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and the Grand Ole Opry. The dates are July 9-10. We hope to fill our bus with 40 passengers. Everyone in our community is invited to join us. We have also invited the Golden Group from the Cathedral. If you are interested, please stop by our table after church for more information. In the past, we collected ¼ of the total cost of the trip each month; this year we have a special form on which you can pay the entire amount by credit card. It's strictly up to the individual. PLEASE STOP BY TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS. This promises to be a fun trip!

Movie night will be starting up again! Any favorite movie you wish to see? Please let us know!

Thank you and MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

ST. PHILOTHEI PANTRY NEWS

A special thank you to all who participated in the Reverse pantry offering in February. Your donations helped replenish our stock.

March distribution will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 5:30 - 6:30.

- *We have the following opportunities for anyone who is interested in helping out in March.
- 1: A grocery shopper to buy the fresh produce a day or two prior to distribution day. We provide you with a list and you are reimbursed for your purchases.
- 2: Restocking of shelves will be scheduled the Sunday prior to food distribution, March 17, after coffee hour.
- 3. During distribution we need 2-3 shoppers and 2 grocery runners.
- 4. We are serving a hot meal to our families the evening of distribution. Volunteers are needed to help make the meal. The menu will consist of a pasta dish as the main entree (lasagna or pastitsio) and a salad. We usually have 30 -35 (including children) attend on distribution day.
- **Please text or call Isabelle Dymond (404-502-8343) if you are interested in volunteering for any of the above mentioned opportunities.

A food pantry volunteer meeting will be scheduled. The agenda will include outreach for 2019. Anyone who would like to take part in the planning is welcome. Date to be announced.

Ezekeil 18:7 He is a merciful creditor, not keeping the items given as security by poor debtors. He does not rob the poor but instead gives food to the hungry and provides clothes to the needy.

Summer Camp

Save the Date! Mark your calendars!

June 17th- June 21st

Exact times to be determined, but most likely 8:45 am - 12:45 pm **A registration link will be posted next month.**

We will enroll potty-trained 3 year olds - rising 5th graders. GOYAns (6th grade and up can volunteer and earn volunteer hours)



Exploring our Orthodox Faith with the 5 senses

Students will rotate through art, games, class lessons and music. We attend Vespers together and eat lunch before dismissal. More information to follow. We still need volunteers for all areas: art, music, photography, games, classroom teacher, and planning. Please join us for the following planning meetings: March 10th, March 17th, and March 24th at 12:30 in the fishbowl (St. John Chrysostom Conference Room). Please RSVP or contact Hazel Bruce hazolen@gmail.com 757-870-5977 to volunteer or ask how you can get involved! A registration link will be posted next month.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 17, 2019 6:00pm Vespers

Great Vespers will be presided by **His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela**

Reception to Follow

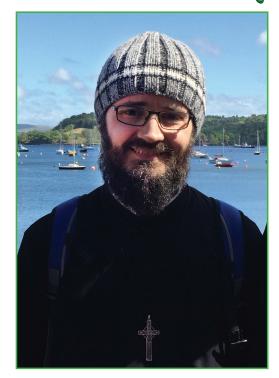
Annunciation Cathedral

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







FR. SERAPHIM ALDEA WILL SERVE WITH US ON SUNDAY MARCH 17



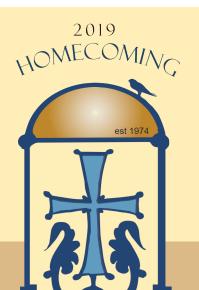
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FR SERAPHIM ALDEA

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
March19 [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 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.



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

MARCH 1-3, 2019

DINNER DANCE

\$40 ADULT / \$15 CHILD

Family Events all Weekend in Athens, GA

Saint Philothea Greek Orthodox Church 45TH ANNIVERSARY

20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FR. ANTHONY

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

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

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Children 7 & under eat free. Contact us 706-310-1306

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The light on Mars Hill

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3/10	M. Jacobs/J. Papastrat	St. James	M. & S. Hendrix	A. Burke/M. Tingas/T. Vamvakias	S. Alberts/K. Johnson/C. Sprouse
3/17	E. Linebaugh/H. Mavromatidis	St. John	M. Alberts/P. Dunkerly	E. Bilson/ C. Costarides/F. Tucker	D. Botni/S. Kargas/ B. Reid
3/24	K. Bilson/C. Pater	St. Peter	S. Gianaris/J. Schumacher	C. Costarides/M. Driscoll/I. Dymond	J. & I Dymond/ M. Zavala
3/31	T. Bliss/D. Koutouzis	St. James	P. Koutouzis/C. Vlahiotis	S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis/E. Kay	A. & K. Lilly/ 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

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