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Marietta, GA

JUNE-JULY 2019



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CHURCH OFFICE

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

PARISH CLERGY

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

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

LET'S STAY CONNECTED WITH GOD, AS WELL !!!



The Summer is here again and we are all preparing to go to fun places, visit friends and family that we haven't seen in a while and enjoy the world that God has given us. Kids will leave their classmates and neighbors behind and will make new acquaintances, build new friendships and expand their horizons.

In this new world of the digital age, however, though we travel far and wide we manage to stay connected even with those we leave behind! Facebook and other social media help us exchange messages, photos and even live videos from many thousands of miles away. We remain close to everyone - *just a mouse-click away*. Many of us have iPhones and androids, iPads and laptops and we carry them around looking for a signal to get us online. Our voice

travels through the air in a miraculous way reaching those we left behind to assure them that we are doing well. Images and videos are transmitted to websites and cloud-drives, sharing with others what our eyes are seeing and our ears are hearing. *We are living at an amazing time!*

It seems to me that this digital connection, however, which can be achieved wherever we may be through air waves and satellites, is not very different from the spiritual connection we can always have with God wherever we are. The spiritual one is even easier, because we do not need smartphones or tablets, cloud-drives, hard drives or websites. God's satellite reaches everywhere without the need of any equipment. His "Facebook" is always open and ready to receive and interface with each one of us at any time, anywhere.

Prayer is the way we connect to God. Prayer is a loving relationship with Him Who sustains our life, grants us wisdom and understanding, protection and health. We need to make sure that each day we plug into God's source of energy and life so that we may continue to live both physically as well as spiritually. We should never forget that the goal of our lives is to become Holy as God is Holy; that our ultimate vacation destination is the Kingdom of God!

Our earthly vacation needs to be a very pleasant one, but it can also be a very blessed one, as well. We have the means to attain both goals. Let's have fun but not sin! Let's remember to connect to God as we connect to the people around us. It is good for our physical and emotional welfare to have friends, to love and feel loved! It is also good for our spiritual welfare and eternal salvation to love God and experience His love.

My brothers and sisters, let us travel, have fun, but stay connected. Let us make sure that those we left behind share with us the sights and sounds of our experiences as we travel. But, more than anything else, let us not lose our connection with God. No matter where you may be, seek the closest Orthodox church nearby for the Sunday services. Above all, raise your heart and mind and offer your praise and glorification to God from anywhere and at any time. His network is never down. Your voice will always reach Him. Your messages will always be received. *His Grace will always be with you!*

HAVE A JOYOUS SUMMER AND A BLESSED VACATION!

Fr. Panayiotis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

June 2019

June 1, Saturday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

June 2, Sunday of the Blind Man

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

June 5, Wednesday. Great Vespers - Ascension of the Lord

June 6, Thursday. Ascension of the Lord

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

June 8, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

June 9, Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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

June 14, Friday, Great Vespers for Saturday of the Souls 6:00 pm

June 15, Saturday of the Souls. Ψυχοσάββατο.

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

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

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm (at the church)

June 16, Sunday of Holy Pentecost. Κυριακή τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς.

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

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

June 22, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

June 23, Sunday of All Saints

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

Sunday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, Monday, Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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

June 28, Friday, Great Vespers for Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul 6:00 pm

June 29, Saturday, Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

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

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers for the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles 5:00 pm

June 30, Sunday, Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

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



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July 2019

July 1, Monday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am..

July 6, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

July 7, Sunday, Third Sunday of Matthew.

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

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

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

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

July 13, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

July 14, Sunday of the 630 Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Synod of Chalcedon (451 AD)

Feast of St. Kyrikos & his mother Ioulita (moved from July 15)

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

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

July 17, Wednesday, Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00

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

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

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

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

July 21, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Matthew. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene (moved from July 22)

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

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

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

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

July 26, Friday, Evening: Feast of St. Panteleimon, Great Vespers 6:00 pm

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

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

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

July 28, Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Matthew.

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

St. Olympias the Deaconess - July 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



DAILY BIBLE READINGS - JUNE

6/1/2019	Saturday:	Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41	John 10:27-38	
6/2/2019	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34	John 9:1-38
6/3/2019	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 17:1-9	John 11:47-54	
6/4/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2		John 10:1-9
6/5/2019	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 18:22-28	John 12:36-47	
6/6/2019	Thursday:	Mark 16:9-20	Acts of the Apostles 1:1-12	Luke 24:36-53
6/7/2019	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8	John 14:1-11	
6/8/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10		Matthew 10:16-22
6/9/2019	Sunday:	John 21:1-14	Acts of the Apostles 10:16-18, 28-36	John 17:1-13
6/10/2019	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 21:8-14	John 14:27-15:7	
6/11/2019	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30	Luke 10:16-21	
6/12/2019	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 23:1-11	John 16:15-23	
6/13/2019	Thursday:	Acts of the Apostles 25:13-19	John 16:23-33	
6/14/2019	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 27:1-44; 28:1	Luke 4:22-30	
6/15/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-17		John 21:14-25
6/16/2019	Sunday:	John 20:19-23	Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11	John 7:37-52; 8:12
6/17/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19		Matthew 18:10-20
6/18/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:1-7, 13-17		Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-13
6/19/2019	Wednesday:	St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:1-25		John 14:21-24
6/20/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:28-32; 2:1-9		Matthew 5:27-32
6/21/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:14-28		Matthew 5:33-41
6/22/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:7-12		Matthew 5:42-48
6/23/2019	Sunday:	Matthew 28:16-20	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2	Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30
6/24/2019	Monday:	Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4	Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80
6/25/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:4-12		Matthew 7:15-21
6/26/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:13-25		Matthew 7:21-23
6/27/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:10-16		Matthew 8:23-27
6/28/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:17-21; 6:1-2		Matthew 9:14-17
6/29/2019	Saturday:	John 21:14-25	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9	Matthew 16: 13-19
6/30/2019	Sunday:	Mark 16:1-8	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - JULY

7/1/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8	Matthew 10:1, 5-8
7/2/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 1:39-49, 56
7/3/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:2-13	Matthew 10:16-22
7/4/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:22-27	Matthew 10:23-31
7/5/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Matthew 11:27-30
7/6/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 3:28-31; 4:1-3	Matthew 7:24-29; 8:1-4
7/7/2019	Sunday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2	Matthew 11:16-20
7/8/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15	Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21
7/9/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2	Matthew 11:16-20
7/10/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 11:2-12	Matthew 11:20-26
7/11/2019	Thursday:	Mark 5:24-34 St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10	Luke 7:36-50
7/12/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 11:25-36	Matthew 12:1-8
7/13/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10	Matthew 8:14-23
7/14/2019	Sunday:	Luke 24:1-12 St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15	Matthew 5:14-19
7/15/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 13:11-14	Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4
7/16/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:9-18	Matthew 12:14-16; 22-30
7/17/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5	Mark 5:24-34
7/18/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:17-29	Matthew 12:46-50; 13:1-3
7/19/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:1-16	Matthew 13:3-9
7/20/2019	Saturday:	St. James' Universal Letter 5:10-20	Luke 4:22-30
7/21/2019	Sunday:	Luke 24:13-35 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10	Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1
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7/29/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:9-13	Matthew 13:54-58
7/30/2019	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41	Matthew 14:1-13
7/31/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 7:12-24	Matthew 14:35-36; 15:1-11

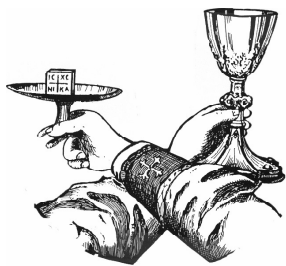
You are a Member of the Church! *Are you a Steward also?*

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.

MEMBERSHIP / STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES FOR 2019

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Mr. Daniel Macris	Mr. & Mrs. Aristotle Papadimitriou	Mrs. Connie Stratigos
Mrs. Eftichia Macris	Mr. & Mrs. Pete Papadopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Brett A. Strauch
Mr. & Mrs. Panagiotis Maniatis	Miss Olympia Papageorgiou	Mr. & Mrs. John Szwast
Mr. & Mrs. William Manos	Fr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Papageorgiou	Mr. & Mrs. Zacharias Taoushiani
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Marianos	Mr. Stratis Papageorgiou	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Tassopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Maridakis	Mr. & Mrs. Jon Papastrat	Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Teodorescu
Mr. Bobis Markatos	Ms. Maria Paradisis	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Markley	Mr. & Mrs. Casey Pater	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Thorne
Mrs. Xanthippe Marsico	Mr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Patrikakis	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tidwell
Mr. George Matthews	Mr. Alex Paulson	Mr. John Tiliacos
Mr. & Mrs. Filipos Mavromatidis	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paulson	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tiller
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mavromatidis	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Paulson	Ms. Maria Tingas
Miss Marina Mavromatidis	Mr. & Mrs. Keath Paxten	Mr. Steve Tingas
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Mayk	Mr. & Mrs. George Pentzakis	Fr. & Mrs. Michael Tishel
Mr. & Mrs. Francis McAteer	Mr. & Mrs. John Peppas	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Tsoukalas
Mr. & Mrs. John McCarty	Ms. Soteria Perry	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tucker
Mrs. Sophia McClurd	Mr. & Mrs. William Pettas	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn McCollum	Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Pittman	Mr. George Tzortzinakis
Mr. & Mrs. John McQueary	Mr. & Mrs. Todd Poradzisz	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos
Mr. Joshua Means	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Porter	Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Vaccratsas
Mr. Andrew Melissas	Mrs. Polly Potter	Ms. Becky Valagohar
Dr. & Mrs. Adam Mellis	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Poulos	Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
Mr. & Mrs. George Mermigkas	Ms. Susan Purcell	Mr. Gregory Vassilious
Mr. & Mrs. Panayiotis Michael	Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Quinterno	Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Vastakis
Mr. Eihab Mikhail	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Reale	Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Vettelana
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Miltiades	Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Reid	Ms. Maria Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miltiades	Dr. & Mrs. Lambros Rigas	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Miltiades	Mr. & Mrs. David Roberts	Mr. & Mrs. Theodoros Vatzakas
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Modenos	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Rogers	Mr. & Mrs. Vaios Vlachos
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Moon	Mrs. Potoula Roulidis	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Vlahiotis
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Moorehead	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Rury	Ms. Joann Vlahiotis
Mr. & Mrs. John Moraitakis	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Sampanes	Mr. & Mrs. George Vlamis
Ms. Patricia Morris	Miss Alexa Sarmir	Ms. Athena Vlamis
Ms. Demetra Moshonas	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sarmir	Dr. Phillip Vodas
Mr. & Mrs. John Moustoukas	Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Sarris	Mr. Tim Voulopos
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Moustoukas	Mr. & Mrs. George Sarris	Mr. Julian Wade
Mr. & Mrs. Erik Musto	Mr. & Mrs. Gheorghe Schipor	Mr. & Mrs. Marc Westmoreland
Mr. & Mrs. George Nakos	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Schumacher	Mr. Benjamin Whitener
Mr. & Mrs. George Nasr	Mrs. Andigone Seraphim	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Whiteside
Mr. & Mrs. Costa Neocleous	Mr. Mike Serkedakis	Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Worden
Mr. Jim Niarchos	Mr. & Mrs. David Shelby	Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Mr. Iancu Nica	Mr. & Mrs. Taka Shoji	Ms. Elefteria Young
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Nicholas	Mr. Antonio Sideris	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mrs. Anthea Nichols	Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Simpson	Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mr. & Mrs. Evans Nichols	Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Skarpelis	Mrs. Angela Ziros
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Nichols	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sklikas	Mrs. Eleftheria Zoheir

TOTAL: 339

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to add Parishioner photos to our online directory through IconCMO. Please send your individual or family photos in jpeg or tiff format to the parish email address so that I may upload them to the program.

You will be able to then view not only fellow parishioners contact information but also see their pictures as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office, 770.924.8080, or email me at holytrans@comcast.net.

Thank you!

Anne Willcocks



Parish Life would like to thank the community for graciously responding to the call for help!

We had 35+ people respond to help us with the Palm Sunday luncheon, and we gratefully acknowledge the generous food donation from Pappadeaux's Restaurant. Without everyone's help, the luncheon would have been cancelled. Additionally, a shout of thanks to John Doulgerakis and George Tzortzinakis for their leadership in the kitchen with that meal.

Our Resurrection Dinner and Agape Picnic were also headed up by volunteers. We'd like to thank Peter Tiller for his kitchen skills with the Mageritsa soup in the wee hours of Sunday morning, and the wonderful donation from Gus Tselios and Yeero Village that allowed us to enjoy the yummy Avgolémono soup. A major shout out to Jimmy Carlos for once again supporting us with the donation of red and white wine. Philoptochos ladies helped with supplying the tsourekis, lots of red eggs were provided, and many desserts from the community were donated.

Thanks also to the team of Athan Tsarouhas and Harry Kipreos for their leadership for the Sunday Agape Picnic. Again, without anyone stepping up to volunteer in these positions, we would not be celebrating together. The food and company was great, the kids enjoyed an egg hunt, and it was so popular the Easter Bunny made an appearance!

We sincerely hope we have not excluded anyone. There are so many people that contribute to these events, and we love you all!

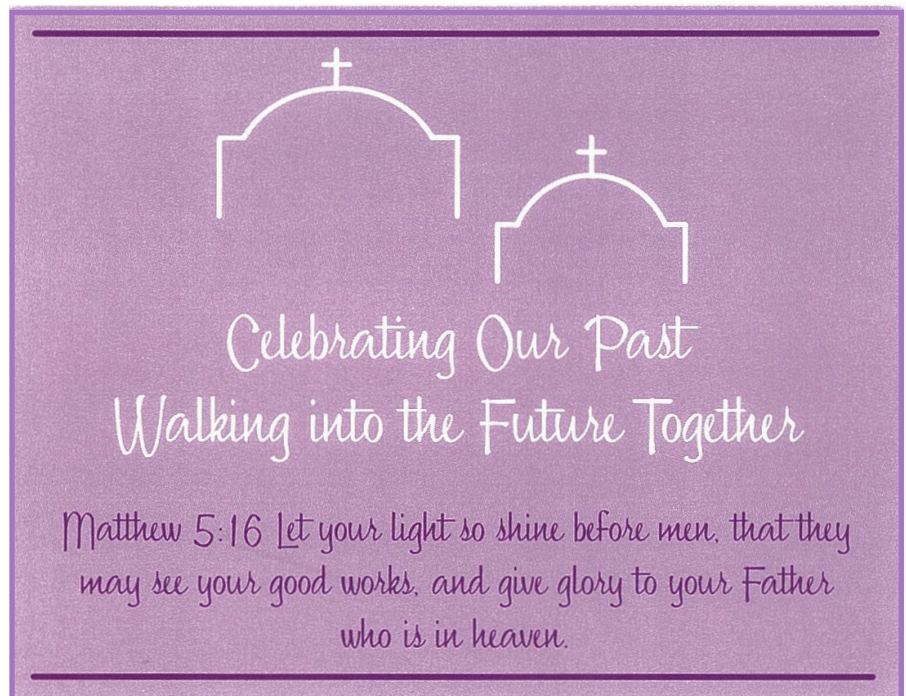
We can't overstate the gratitude Parish Life feels for our volunteers, especially for the events in and at the end of Holy Week. We all are super tired, and we all want to sit down, rest, visit with our families, and enjoy our favorite foods together. Thanks to this fantastic group, our community was able to do just that.



Celebrate a family birthday or anniversary, name day or milestone by sponsoring coffee/fellowship hour!

New dates through Aug. 25, 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



HELLENIC DANCE

Message from the Director:

I have thank yous to give out for this weekend, the best **Marietta Greek Festival** that I have experienced in my 15 years of teaching Greek dance here!!! Thank you Christos Papakostas for coming to Marietta back in August and giving us new material, guiding us, and getting us a new connection for our costume accessories! Your support and kindness means the world!

Thank you Vanessa Lilly for being my right hand lady. It's not easy keeping me on track and organized! Thank you for keeping everything straight for 170 dancers in The "back of the house" aka the dressing room area this year!

Thank you to Stephanie Batcos Lukens for keeping all informed, keeping the communication straight for 80 dance families!!

Thank you Karen Comsudes Fox for keeping our finances straight, teaching our 2nd and 3rd graders, and all your kindness, hard work, and dedication.

Thank you to our costume makers Anna Lerios and Nikki Kakissis. You ladies are are so special to us; we're so lucky to have you in our community. Thank you for the long hours laboring over sewing machines to make sure our dancers look just right!

Thank you to our costuming and dressing team, Renee Modenos Tiller and Amalia Vlachos. It's rare to find people that know what you're thinking and how you think. This makes us work like a well-oiled machine. It's not easy putting on accessories, aprons, headpieces, and sashes for 170 people AND keep the process running smooth.

Thank you to all the instructors! With 7 dance groups and 170 dancers, we couldn't keep the quality of dances and performance to the level it is without all of you - Alexandra Kassianos Matthews, Tina Michaels Johansen, Eleni Bafas, Peggy Dunkerly, Karen Fox, Maria Linebaugh, Alexa Sarmir, Theodore Gormanos (Ted), Elaine Cosma Bilson, Demetra Kringas Lilly, and Jimmy Smith.

Thanks to the parent volunteers helping in the back of the house for keeping things organized, safe, and clean back there: Effie Zoheir, Victoria Peroulas Jansma, Vanessa Vaccratsas, and Despina Fotopoulos Vlamis.

Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who donated water and snacks so our dancers could keep their energy throughout the weekend.

And finally, thank you to all the dancers for bringing us joy and making us proud and to all the parents for getting the dancers to practices and performances for five months.

God bless you all!!! Many, many, many thanks from the bottom of my heart!!!

Paulina Vastakis

Congratulations to our Seniors

Congratulations to our 2019 Senior class! Chris Alberts, Tabitha Bethune, Yianni John Gormanos, Morgan Lilly, Phillip Gabriel Mavromatidis, Kyra Opdyke, Emma Turner, Luke Turner, Matthew Turner, Thanee Maria Vlamis.

Good luck in College! You always are welcome home to dance at festival, and welcome to participate in our travel festival group as well!

Laundry Volunteers Needed

Please sign up to help take a load off our hands! All those costume pieces that are not dry cleaned need to be washed and dried. Please follow the link to volunteer to do a load or two of laundry to complete your service to our ministry. Each year we save hundreds of dollars by asking our dance families to share the laundry burden rather than sending it out commercially. Here is the link: [LAUNDRY ASSIGNMENTS](#) or contact Vanessa Lilly at avnlilly@gmail.com .

Metamorphosi Upcoming Events for Summer

June 5th, 9:00 pm, we have another Ballroom Dance Class Scheduled! *same place* Jones Danceport Ballroom, 1275 Powers Ferry Rd, Ste 100, Marietta, GA 30067. We will be learning the Salsa and possibly the Merengue so we can go out to Loca Luna on Friday night (June 7th) & celebrate Maria Linebaugh's Birthday!

June 21st @ 6:30/7:00 pm in the Amphitheater if it is nice, then Parish Hall for dinner, once a month "Glendi Style" Dance Practice. We will meet to dance, maybe learn new dances and then all sit down for a big dinner spread afterwards! ❤️



Pitsirikia



Palamakia



Petaloudes



Asteria



Eleftheria



Metamorphosis

SURRENDER AND IMMERSE

Fr. Panayiotis often encourages us during times of trouble to surrender to Jesus Christ and His love and to immerse ourselves in worship and prayer. Both lead us to a deeper relationship with our Lord, the physician of our souls, and to the healing of sadness and sorrows that trouble us. This is particularly true when it comes to grieving a loss, whether it be the death of a loved one, divorce, loss of a beloved pet, moving, losing a job, a falling out with a friend, health issues, retiring, empty nesters, and many other types of losses we each experience. Grieving is also made easier when we feel supported, rather than isolated.



Dr. George Bonanno, a professor of clinical psychology at Columbia University and a recognized researcher into bereavement and trauma, observes: “Bereavement [and grieving] is a powerful experience, even for the most resilient among us, and it sometimes dramatically shifts our perspectives on life...The death of a loved one [as do other types of losses] tends to peel back the curtain on those existential questions, at least temporarily, and begs us to take a larger view of the world and our place in it.” It is this shift of perspective that allows us to begin the journey not around or over the block of grief, but through it.

Dr. Jerry Sittser, who lost several family members in a horrific drunk driving accident, chose to lean into his grief and to let his experience of loss take him on this journey, yet he had no idea where he would end up. He chose to head east through the darkness and toward the sunrise and to allow himself to be transformed by suffering rather than avoiding it. When we take this journey through grief and focus on our experiences along the way, with God’s help we can gain a greater understanding of ourselves, heal our grief, and grow personally and spiritually.

Please come to the Grief Recovery Support Group as we gain wisdom from Dr. Jerry Sittser’s book, *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss*. This is not a book study per se but is being used to inspire our discussions. We meet again on Saturdays, June 8th, June 22nd, July 6th, August 3rd and August 17th at 10 am in the St. Basil Conference Room. I am also available to meet with you privately. Please contact me for more information at 404.771.9335 or bjspanos@ekteleo.org.

BJ Spanos, Grief Recovery Support Group Leader



HELLENIC STUDIES

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL'S OUT!

In May we completed our 2018/19 school year which was full of growth, learning and fun!

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Please see the enclosed 2019-2020 registration form and tuition/fees document.

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

Καλό Καλοκαίρι!

We would like to wish you all a great summer!
Classes resume on Monday, August 12.

Please contact us at hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com



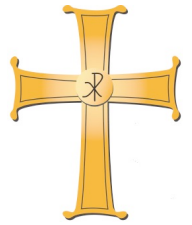
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

3431 Trickum Road

Marietta, GA 30066

Tel. (770) 924-8080, Fax. (770) 924-3030

Hellenic Studies Registration 2019-2020



Parent & Student Information

Adult/Child Student Name _____ Cell _____ email _____

Child Mother's Name _____ Cell _____ email _____

Child Father's Name _____ Cell _____ email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship to student _____ (mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, etc)

Please note – the Emergency Contact person MUST be available to pick up student in the event of an emergency, between the hours of 5:30-7:00pm

Home address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Member of Holy Transfiguration G.O.C. Yes* No*

Registration Fee \$100 total per family Subtotal \$100

Student #1

Name in English: _____ Allergies: _____

Name in Greek: _____ Grade in school: _____ Subtotal *

Student #2

Name in English: _____ Allergies: _____

Name in Greek: _____ Grade in school: _____ Subtotal *

Student #3

Name in English: _____ Allergies: _____

Name in Greek: _____ Grade in school: _____ Subtotal *

Student #4

Name in English: _____ Allergies: _____

Name in Greek: _____ Grade in school: _____ Subtotal *

Total Fee per family Total *

*See Tuition & Fees Document on reverse side for Hellenic Studies and Ellinomatheia program costs for church members and non-members.

Make checks payable to "Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church" with "Hellenic Studies" in the memo line.

2019-2020 HELLENIC STUDIES and ELLINOMATHEIA

Registration Fees and Tuition

Registration begins May 1, 2019. The 2019/20 School Year begins on Monday, August 12 and ends in May of 2020. We will continue to meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00pm. A more detailed school calendar will be provided when classes resume.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

A \$100 non-refundable registration fee per family will be due at the time of registration.

MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER TUITION RATES FOR ALL PROGRAMS

The Hellenic Studies Program and Ellinomatheia Program both use the facilities of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church (HTGOC). Members in good standing of HTGOC will pay the tuition rates listed below. Non-church members will have an additional \$100 fee per family.

HELLENIC STUDIES YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAM TUITION

Tuition is due paid in full by July 15. After July 15, the 2019-2020 tuition will be an additional \$50 per student. Please see below. Books are included in this year's youth/adult registration & tuition fees.

Youth/Adult tuition rate BY JULY 15 for HTGOC Members (+ \$100 for non-members)

\$550 (1st student per family), **\$525** (2nd student per family), **\$500** (3rd, 4th + student per family)

Youth/Adult Rate for AFTER JULY 15 for HTGOC Members (+ \$100 for non-members)

\$600 (1st student per family), **\$575** (2nd student per family), **\$550** (3rd, 4th + student per family)

ELLINOMATHEIA PROGRAM TUITION

The Ellinomatheia Lessons for the Certificate of Attainment in the Greek Language program is a separate program. For more information about the program please contact Eleni Clement directly at

eleni@mindspring.com

Ellinomatheia tuition rate BY JULY 15 for HTGOC Members (+ \$100 for non-members)

\$600 (1st student per family), **\$575** (2nd student per family), **\$550** (3rd, 4th + student per family)

One of the textbooks will be included in this year's registration & tuition fees.

A fee for an additional separate textbook(s) will be paid directly to the instructor, Georgia Loupeti.

Ellinomatheia tuition rate AFTER JULY 15 for HTGOC Members (+ \$100 for non-members)

\$650 (1st student per family), **\$625** (2nd student per family), **\$600** (3rd, 4th + student per family)

One of the textbooks will be included in this year's registration & tuition fees.

A fee for an additional separate textbook(s) will be paid directly to the instructor, Georgia Loupeti.

Make checks payable to "Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church", memo: "Hellenic Studies".

HOPE / JOY



Greetings All,

Summer is finally here! Congratulations to our entire parish for the fantastic **Festival** that blessed the greater Marietta and Cobb County community. From the spectacular dancing (and ALL it entails), the wonderful traditional foods, pastries and libations, the expansive variety of vendors' services and goods, the thought (and heart) provoking Orthodox lectures and church tours, the engaging cooking lessons, the gorgeous lights and festival grounds, the fun and imaginative children's activities and jump castles, the incredibly generous donations for the dancers to the hours and hours and hours of volunteering in the kitchen, with transportation, out front and behind the scenes and across the campus that our HTGOF family members put forth, the event was (and is still) absolutely breathtaking. As a member of Hope & Joy Ministry, the presence of H&J families (our beloved kiddos, moms and dads, Yayas and Papous, nunas and nonos, aunties and uncles, cousins and friends, and of course, previous members of H&J who have graduated from this Ministry) was felt across the entire spectrum of the festival. It's breathtaking, what God has given each of us to give. We are truly blessed here at this wonderful church.

Summer Dates

Summer Church Camp: June 17-22. For those participating, it is sure to be fantastic! Sensing God! Exploring our Greek Orthodox Faith through the Five Senses

Fellowship Friday: H&J will provide a pizza dinner and beverages for the children and their families. 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. We will meet in the atrium. Please RSVP mariatm@mindspring.com so we can plan food and beverages!

June 14 (6:30 to 8:30 plus) – June's Fellowship Friday

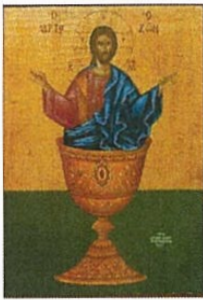
July 12 (6:30 to 8:30 plus) – July Fellowship Friday

August 9 (6:30 to 8:30 plus) – August Fellowship Friday

We are in the planning stage of a summer pool party. Please stay tuned for more information! Finally, our fund-raising effort across the 2018-19 school year was terrific, fun and successful. We will present Father Panayotis and the church with a gift for the church when school starts back (as many families are already abroad enjoying their summer). 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.

Glory be to God for His blessings and community.

In His name,
Maria Comsudes/404.274.5020



HTGOC SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

SENSING GOD!

Exploring our Greek Orthodox Faith through the Five Senses
Monday, June 17- Friday, June 21, 2019

8:45 am- 12:45 pm

- Snack and lunch included each day
- Classes are for potty-trained 3 and 4-year-olds (May 2019) through 5th graders (grade in fall 2019)
 - Rising 6th graders and above (and adults) are encouraged to volunteer!
- Registration Fee: \$25/child until May 1.. \$50/child May 1- June 1st. (only space for first 60 students)
 - **The LAST day to register is June 1st.**
- Make checks payable to Holy Transfiguration GOC, and write "Summer Church Camp 2019" in the memo line. Registration may be returned to the church office, placed in the offering tray, or made online from the HTGOC website: Holytransfiguration.info.
Online Giving→ Click here to make your donation (green)→ scroll down to Summer Camp.
- Questions? Want to volunteer or donate items? Call Hazel: (757)870-5977 or hazolen@gmail.com.

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

Preferred Registration Method***You may also register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/DppZ2oBrVYD6J0Gy1>

Summer Church Camp 2019 Registration

YXS-AXL

Child's Name _____ DOB: ___/___/___ Fall 2019 Grade _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Child's Name _____ DOB: ___/___/___ Fall 2019 Grade _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Child's Name _____ DOB: ___/___/___ Fall 2019 Grade _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Email*: _____ Best Phone Number of Parent: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

My child/children listed above has/have my permission to participate in all the activities of Summer Church Camp from Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21, 2018 on the grounds of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church and its community facilities at 3431 Trickum Rd, Marietta, GA 30066. I hereby release the church and its employees and volunteers of any responsibility or liability in the event of an accident on the premises of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. I furthermore give my permission for the adult supervisors of the program to seek medical attention for my child/children should the need arise.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

JUNE/JULY PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER



In June, Philoptochos will begin the **Back to School Backpack project**. This year we will be collecting supplies for third graders from **Park Street Elementary School** in the Marietta School System. Mr. Alex Soto, the assistant principal from Park Street will be the speaker at the **Summer Send-Off Luncheon** on **Sunday, June 9, 2019** in the Atrium immediately following the Divine Liturgy. School supplies can be brought to church on Sundays or dropped off in the church office during the week. Our Goyans will help pack the backpacks again this year so that they can be delivered to the children before the first day of school. See enclosed flyer for school supply list and details of luncheon. Thank you again for supporting Philoptochos projects.

By the end of May, Philoptochos has **106 members**. Please complete a membership form and support our Panagia Chapter Philoptochos, if you have not joined for 2019. The May/June National commitments are \$400. The Panagia Chapter spent \$141.26 for social services, \$950 for Clergy Laity, and \$500 for repairs and maintenance for St. Stephen's Summer Camp at the Diakonia Center.

On **Sunday, June 2**, the **2019-21 Philoptochos Board** will be sworn in. A special thank you to our election committee, chaired by **Kate Sklikas** and her assistants, **Marla Hendrix** and **Rita Young**. The new board members are: **Evelyn Bilson, Dorothy Botni, Athena Burke, Maria Comsudes, Marty Driscoll, Peggy Dunkerly, Niki Gess, Stephanie Gianaris, Leslie Hansard, Annette Jacobs, Triada Kokkosis, Patricia Koutouzis, Linda Lopus, Dorothy Macris, Eleni Nikolas, Christine Sprouse and Irene Steffas**.

The fourth Thursday of the months January through October, Philoptochos has served meals to the homeless at **MUST Ministries**. Holy Transfiguration Parishioners have cooked and served Greek chicken, rice and salad for several years. In April, MUST instituted a new policy that all food must be cooked in a certified kitchen or in the MUST kitchen before serving. Donations now will be chicken legs and thighs, raw and in packages, 5lb. bags of Uncle Ben's rice, salad, dressing, and monetary. A group will be in the MUST kitchen at 9:30 to begin cooking the chicken and rice. All chicken, rice and salad must be delivered to the church kitchen by **7:00 pm Wednesday night** before Thursday's cooking or at MUST by 9:15 Thursday morning. Monetary donations will help purchase chicken, rice, seasonings, etc. to prepare the food. Please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net if you would like to donate food, money or come help cook and serve. The **soup kitchen** dates for 2019 will be **June 28, July 25, August 22, September 26, and October 24**. We don't do soup kitchen November and December.

Summer Send Off Luncheon

Sunday June 9th
After the Divine Liturgy

Join us as we say *HELLO* to Summer & Learn
about our *Back-to-School Backpack Project!!*

\$10 Per Person Includes:
Entrée, Drink and Dessert

Guest Speaker:

Alex Soto, Assistant principal at
Park Street Elementary School in Marietta

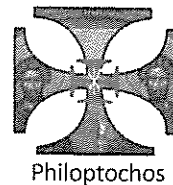
Not a Member? No Problem!!

Everyone is invited for a *Great Time* and the chance to join the
2nd Largest Women's Group in the Country!



Hosted by Philoptochos

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



Philoptochos will be collecting *school supplies* to fill backpacks for disadvantaged 3rd graders at Park Street Elementary School in Marietta.

The following list can be completed by Individuals, families or groups *along with a \$10 donation* to cover the cost of the backpack. A table will be set-up in the PLC starting *May 26 – July 13* (every Sunday following Divine Liturgy) to collect supplies or dropped off at the church office.

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



Thank you for supporting Philoptochos projects!!



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





NEWS YOU CAN USE!

The first Saturday in May Prime Timers joined Hope and Joy; together we cooked 30 pans of brownies and approximately 200 oatmeal raisin cookies both of which were all sold the next day after church. It was our pleasure that the entire profit went to Hope and Joy. It was a delightful project for both groups, and we hope we can be of service again one day.

On July 9-10 approximately 14 of our members are taking a trip to Nashville to visit the Grand Ole Opry. We will be staying at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Anyone interested in joining us, please call Connie at 770-992-9707.

This summer we plan to have movie nights on Thursdays. A nice casual way to enjoy each other's company plus an entertaining movie with refreshments. Our first one was held on May 30th in which everyone was notified by phone. Our next movie night will be held June 20th at 4:30 pm. Our plans are to serve sandwiches with all the trimmings and of course popcorn. Please join us!! Sign up sheets will be available in Parish Hall after church.

As a ministry we are required to have one fundraiser per year. This year we have decided to have a garage sale in September. More information to follow. We are asking that you save all items that you've been wanting to dispose of, that the items be in good condition, clean clothing, etc. Thank you!

Remember, a day without laughter is a day wasted!

Have a great summer!!

ST. PHILOTHEI PANTRY UPDATES

Food Pantry ~ Open Market Dates coming up: June 18th & July 16th

We need a few volunteers in the following areas for both June & July.

June 18	July 16	Number of Volunteers Needed
Fresh Produce Grocery Shopper	Fresh Produce Grocery Shopper	1
Market Shopper Assistant	Market Shopper Assistant	3
Grocery Carrier	Grocery Carrier	2
Dinner Set up & Clean up	Dinner Server	1 -2
Dinner Host & Server	Dinner Host & Server	1 -2

Grocery check – in & stocker	Sunday, June 16	3
Grocery check – in & stocker	Sunday, July 14	3

Description of Duties: Fresh Produce Shopper: Buys the fresh produce a day or two before our open market (distribution day) and brings the items to the pantry the day before and helps set up for distribution day.

Market Assistant: Assists the families as they make their selections in the market, bags the groceries as they are selected.

Grocery Carrier: Helps families carry & load groceries into their cars

Dinner Set up & Clean Up: Food table set up (under the carport), setting out paper plates, plastic utensils and condiments. Additional small tables (1-2) & chairs for the families to eat dinner. Assists dinner host with serving the meal if needed. Helps the dinner host clean up once everyone has eaten.

Dinner Host/s: Prepares a meal for approx. 20-25 Doesn't have to be fancy just a healthy, kid friendly meal. (this is great opportunity for those who have extended family to come together and host a meal, or even good friends to come together and host a meal)

Grocery check – in & stocker: Checks in all groceries, marking thru bar codes, enters dates on all canned items. Breaks down bags of chicken breasts and beef hamburger patties to smaller quantities. Restocks the front market area. Restocks the refrigerator in the market area with veggies, frozen meals.

Organizes the freezers by category of frozen items and then by size.

Please contact Isabelle Dymond if you are interested in volunteering at the St. Philothei food pantry. Cell (404) 502-8343 or email icdymond1@gmail.com.

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TRANSFIGURATION GARDENS ORTHODOX CEMETERY AT GREEN LAWN CEMETERY, ROSWELL, GA



Our Parish has purchased an additional 105 plots, which we are making available at a price of \$3,200.00, which includes one plot and a vault.

Our parish is blessed to be able to provide a resting place for our people - a place where you can have an upright headstone with a cross and the names of the deceased; and where the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on a regular basis and our people will be commemorated for centuries to come.

The family of Betty & Tikie Paulson (Paulson & Jacobs families) has contributed a monument in the center of this Orthodox Cemetery, providing an Altar for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

You may purchase plots through the church office - No interest financing is available.



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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO	USHERS
6/2	M. Jacobs/J. Papastrat	St. Peter	John and Isabelle Dymond	E. Kay/Pat Koutouzis/L. Lopus	A. Reale/C. Sprouse/M. Strakes
6/9	E. Linebaugh/H. Mavromatidis	St. James	S. Linebaugh/V. Worden	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/M. Neocleous	S. Alberts/T. Argentis/M. Zavala
6/16	K. Bilson/C. Pater	St. John	P. Dunkerly/M. Zavala	P. Miltiades/K. Niarchos/K. Panov	J. & I. Dymond/S. Kargas
6/23	T. Bliss/D. Koutouzis	St. Peter	S. Gianaris/K. Johnson	R. Peppas/C. Smith/C. Sprouse	D. Botni/K. Johnson/B. Reid
6/30	D. Christopher/C. Hansard	St. James	M. Alberts/P. Dunkerly	S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F. Tucker	J. Burke/E. Nikolas/A. Zakreski
7/7	C. Hansard/S. Tingas	St. John	S. Pentzakis/K. Johnson	T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson/A. Burke	P. Bilson/A. Reale/M. Strakes
7/14	M. Jacobs/J. Papastrat	St. Peter	P. Koutouzis/C. Vlahiotis	P. Christopher/C. Costarides/M. Driscoll	S. Alberts/C. Sprouse/M. Zavala
7/21	E. Linebaugh/H. Mavromatidis	St. James	P. Koutouzis/V. Worden	S. Gianaris/T. Johansen/N. Kakissis	T. Argentis/K. Johnson/S. Kargas
7/28	K. Bilson/C. Pater	St. John	John and Isabelle Dymond	E. Kay/P. Koutouzis/L. Lopus	J. & I. Dymond/D. Botni

St. James Altar Servers: Captain-Matthew Buchan

Chris Bridgers, Evan Bilson, Andrew Bourgeois, Chris Bridgers, Aaron Brown, Joaquin Edwards, Constantine Gavalas, Alex Goldsholl, Yianni Gormanos, Gabriel Hennenfent, Nicholas Levantis, Nicholas Lukens, Gabriel Mavromatidis, 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. Michael.