

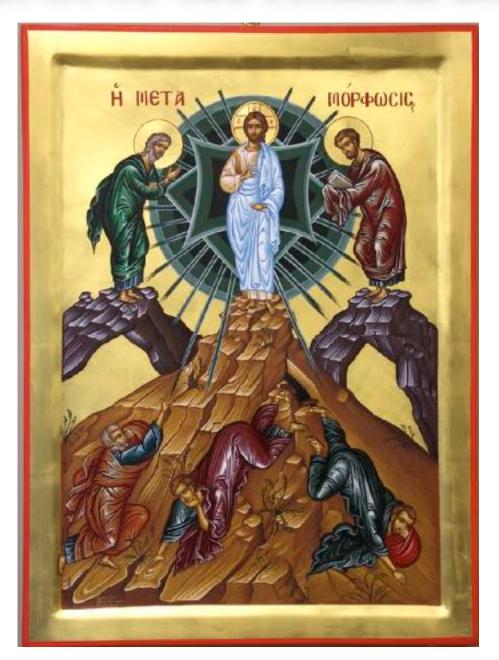
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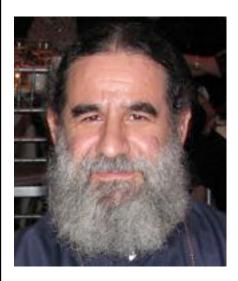
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# Fr. Panayiotis' Message

August-September 2019

#### IS THERE SUCH A THING AS AN ORTHODOX CULTURE?



The answer to the question of the existence of Orthodox Culture is a strong affirmative one, which is historically rooted in the Early Christian community of Palestine in the First Century.

So, what is, then, Orthodox Culture and how did it come about?

Clearly, Christianity has its roots in first century Judaism. The early Christians were Jews who recognized their Messiah in the person of Jesus but continued to practice their Judaic worship traditions centered around the Jewish Temple of Jerusalem until it was destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans.

After the destruction of the Temple these early Christians continued to attend the Jewish Synagogues until the years 95-98 AD, when the Jewish leadership decided to expel them as they

kept converting other Jews to Jesus as the Christ. These early Jewish Christians were now forced to develop their own worship spaces and worship practices apart from the rest of the Jews. Hence, we see the beginning of a new culture, rooted in Judaism, but further informed and shaped by the "Good News" of the Messiah, who had revealed salvation in a new way, elevating those who would follow His teaching to new heights of spiritual existence. Christians were asked to live under a new commandment; to love God with all their heart and mind, to love one another, to even love their enemies, to acquire purity of heart through meekness, take control of their lusts and vices and completely trust and surrender to God's mercy and loving care. A new culture was being created based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Baptism in the name of the "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" was now the door into this new illumination and life. Regularly partaking of the Gifts, which the Lord Jesus Christ left them through His words at the Last Supper, His Body and Blood, becomes now the center of their gatherings (the Eucharist), where the sacrifice is now bloodless, since the Lamb of God was sacrificed once and for all. People approached the Holy Eucharist as the antidote to death and the door to eternal life. This expectation of eternal life, a better existence beyond the sufferings of the present one provided hope for them at that time and continues to do so for those who realize how transient and fleeting this world is. They realized that the spiritual power provided by surrendering to Christ as the Savior provides the ability to transcend the difficulties of this life.

The central event of Christianity becomes now the new Passover - Pascha, the Resurrection of the Lord. Forty days of fasting and self-denial were established as a way to participate in the Passion of Christ, as a return to the Garden of Eden, as a new ascend to the top of Mount Sinai, where God is now fully revealed in the person of the Risen Lord, shining His Light in the World. Just like in the ascend of Moses onto Mount Sinai, the primary goal of this Lenten period is purification, for the human passions to be reigned in, for the Christian to gain control over his/her sinful urges and manage to offer himself/herself to God, purified from desires and sins through fasting, confession, prayer and almsgiving so that he/she may meet the Lord on the summit. The encounter transforms the person, lifts him/her up from the worldly to the heavenly. It provides, joy, hope and love beyond human understanding.

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The ancient Psalms continued to be used to sing glory to God, but new prayers and hymns were now developed to express the new truths, which Christ had revealed. New music was now added to the hymns to make Christian gatherings beautiful to the ear. Incense, just as in the old Jewish worship, was also used to bring fragrance to the space through the sense of smell, signifying also the prayers of the faithful rising up to God. The daily worship cycle continued to begin at sunset, but the Sabbath was now moved to reflect the centrality of the Resurrection to the "first day of the week", the new Sabbath, which was now renamed as "the Lord's Day", the Day of the New Creation. The worship cycle of the year also moved on from the ancient Jewish feasts (which were now seen as prefigurations of the events of Christ's life) to reflect the New Revelation of the life, teachings and miracles of the Messiah - everything always centered on the Primary Event, the Resurrection and transformation of humanity in Christ.

As people died in the persecutions, they were declared martyrs, "witnesses" to the new way of life of the Kingdom of God, which is already present in us. The days of their martyrdom became signposts of salvation, birthdays into the Kingdom of God, and were placed on the calendar. People visited their tombs and remembered their lives and sacrifice drawing from their witness strength and courage to fight the good fight. The culture of the veneration of the martyrs and saints was established.

Beautiful paintings depicting the life and miracles of Jesus were introduced to beautify the worship space, but also as teaching tools for those who could not read the Holy Scriptures. The culture of the veneration of the Holy Icons was thus established.

Christians remembered the words of the Lord to the Samaritan woman that God is Spirit and can be worshipped everywhere. Hence, beautiful buildings (Naoí - Temples) began to appear everywhere as replacements of the Jewish Temple. These buildings were dedicated and consecrated following the ancient Jewish practice as found in the Old Testament and a culture of sanctification of the places of Christian worship was established. The relics of the martyrs were placed in the holy altars to continually remind Christians that the Church, founded on Christ, was being nourished and strengthened by the witness of those who loved Him much and sacrificed their earthly lives so that they may become partakers of the Divine Life.

Controversies with regard to the expression of the Faith arose. This gave the leaders of the Church the opportunity to develop a process of dealing with conflicts. The culture of the Local as well as the Ecumenical Councils was formed. Tremendous theological treatises were written. The Faith was being slowly clarified and articulated as the Holy Fathers, inspired by their faith in the Risen Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit dealt with both theological as well as disciplinary issues. The Creed of Faith was formulated, the books of the New Testament were sorted out, the Holy Canons, dealing with governance and moral behaviors, were established.

During the fourth and fifth centuries (after its liberation from persecutions) Christianity became a significant force, which slowly transformed the cruel and lustful Greco-Roman society to a gentler, more peace-loving culture than any previous one in the history of humanity. The teachings of Christ about human behavior, as found in the Holy Scriptures of the New Revelation (the New Testament), were slowly implemented as laws by the now Christian Roman Empire. This Empire (known today as the Byzantine Empire) lasted for over a thousand years,

providing in its embrace the experience of the Kingdom of God on earth within the culture and traditions of the Orthodox Church. It is this same culture that we have inherited. This is the culture which can transform us today, as well, if we enter in it and embrace it.

J.Fr. Panayistis



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES August 2019

August 1, Thursday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

Beginning of the Fast of August. Oil and wine is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays. Fish is allowed on August 6 for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Savior.

Thursday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos (Paraklesis) 6:00 pm

August 2, Friday, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 3, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 4, Sunday. Seventh Sunday of Matthew. Fore-feast of the Transfiguration. Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Sunday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 5:00 pm

**August 5, Monday, Great Vespers** begins at 6:30 pm - the Transfiguration of the Savior Reception to follow the Great Vespers in our Parish Hall. **Parish Feast-Day.** 

August 6, Tuesday. The Transfiguration of the Savior. Parish Feast-Day.

Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am, followed by coffee and social time in our church hall - *Today we eat fish*.

August 6-9, Tuesday-Friday. Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 10, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 11, Sunday. Eighth Sunday of Matthew. Fore-feast of Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 5:00 pm

August 12, Monday, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 13, Tuesday, Evening: Service of Supplication to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 14, Wednesday. Evening: Great Vespers, Dormition of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

August 15, Thursday. Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 17, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**August 18, Sunday.** Ninth Sunday of Matthew. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 24, Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

August 25, Sunday. Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew. Feast of St. Phanourios. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

August 28, Wednesday. Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner

**August 29, Thursday.** Remembrance of Beheading of St. John the Fore-Runner (the Baptist) Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. *This is a day of strict fasting*.

August 31, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm



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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES September 2019

September 1, Sunday, Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
September 7, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos 5:00 pm
September 8, Sunday, The Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
September 10, Tuesday, Great Vespers, St. Efrosynos the Cook and Evanthia the Martyr 6:00 pm
September 11, Wednesday, St. Efrosynos the Cook and Evanthia the Martyr Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
September 13, Friday Evening, Great Vespers for Elevation of Holy Cross 6:00 pm
September 14, Saturday, The Universal Elevation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am. <i>Today we hold a Strict Fast</i>
Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm
September 15, Sunday, Sunday after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
September 16, Monday, Great Vespers, Sophia the Martyr and her daughters 6:00 pm
<b>September 17, Tuesday,</b> Sophia the Martyr and her daughters Faith, Hope and Love Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
September 21, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm
September 22, Sunday, First Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
September 25, Wednesday Evening: Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist 6:00 pm
September 26, Thursday, The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
September 28, Saturday, Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm
<b>September 29, Sunday,</b> Second Sunday of Luke - St. Gregory the Illuminator of Georgia Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

#### ON HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE

Humility should not be confused with weakness of mind. It is, rather, the desire to not be arrogant. Humility is exhibited when one lowers himself in order to help the other climb higher. It is the act of helping others improve themselves by accepting them where they are and lifting them up.

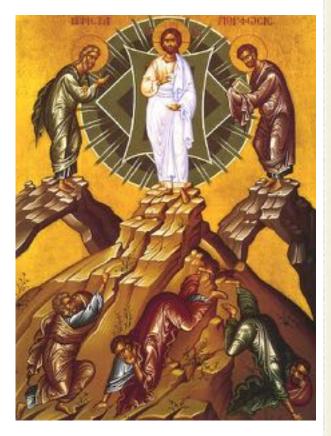
#### The Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor

Celebrated on August 6

Fulfilling that which He had promised, that "there be some standing here who shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), Jesus took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, there appeared Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive.

#### Hymn of the Feast

"You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples, Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You."



The Transfiguration of the Lord

#### The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

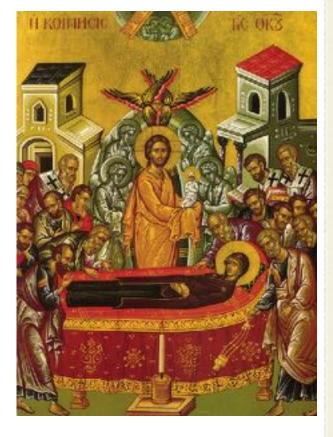
Celebrated on August 15 On August 15 we celebrate the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Virgin Mary the Theotokos, the one who gave birth to our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### From the Aposticha. Fourth Tone.

Come, O ye people, and let us sing the praises of the pure and most holy Virgin, from whom the Word of the Father ineffably came forth incarnate. Let us cry aloud and say: Blessed are you among women and blessed is your womb that held Christ. Having delivered your soul into His holy hands, do you, O most pure, entreat Him for the salvation of our souls.

#### HYMN OF THE FEAST

"In giving birth, O Theotokos, you have retained your virginity, and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world. You who are the Mother of Life have passed over into life, and by your prayers you do deliver our souls from death."



The Dormition of the Theotokos



#### *The Birth of the Virgin Mary the Blessed Theotokos* Celebrated on September 8

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of Mary the Virgin Theotokos, the one who gave birth to our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is an important feast of the Church because the birth of the Virgin marks the beginning of our salvation. She was chosen by God among all women to bear His Son, and thus participate in the process of salvation of all humanity. She was chosen from among all women because of her faith and obedience to God. She has become an example for all of us to follow. This is one of the reasons she is honored by the Church and raised up for us to see. She is Blessed among women because the fruit of her womb is blessed.

#### HYMN OF THE FEAST

Your birth, O Theotokos, has brought joy to all the inhabited earth: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He has loosed us from the curse and given the blessing; He has made death of no effect, and bestowed on us eternal life.



The Birth of the Theotokos

#### The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

#### **Celebrated on September 14**

On September 14th, Orthodox Christians throughout the world commemorate the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross.

This feast commemorates the discovery of the Holy Cross of Christ by St. Helena in 325 A.D. and also the recovery of it in 628 A.D. by Emperor Heraclius after it was stolen by the Persians when they plundered Jerusalem in 614.

This is a very solemn day as we remember the sacrifice of the Lord for us. This is why **we keep a strict fast on this day**. This is the second most solemn day of the Church calendar after Holy Friday.

#### HYMN OF THE FEAST

"Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross."



The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross



### DAILY BIBLE READINGS - AUGUST

8/1/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2	Matthew 10:16-22
8/2/2019	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60	Mark 12:1-12
8/3/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:1-3	Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1
8/4/2019	Sunday:	John 20:1-10 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7	Matthew 9:27-35
8/5/2019	Monday:	St. Peter's First Universal Letter 1:1-25	Matthew 16:1-6
8/6/2019	Tuesday:	Luke 9:28-36 St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10	0-19 Matthew 17:1-9
8/7/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:12-22	Mark 9:2-9
8/8/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8	Matthew 16:24-28
8/9/2019	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26	Matthew 17:10-18
8/10/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 12:30-37
8/11/2019	Sunday:	John 20:11-18 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians	1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22
8/12/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6	Matthew 18:1-11
8/13/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:12-26 Mat	thew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15
8/14/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 13:4-13; 4:1-5	Matthew 20:1-16
8/15/2019	Thursday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinth Matthew 20:1-16	nians 13:4-13; 14:1-5
8/16/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Luk	e 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22
8/17/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:6-9	Matthew 15:32-39
8/18/2019	Sunday:	John 20:19-31 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians	3:9-17 Matthew 14:22-34
8/19/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:12-19	Matthew 21:18-22
8/20/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27
8/21/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:4-12	Mark 3:13-21
8/22/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-7	Matthew 21:43-46
8/23/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
8/24/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:30-33	Matthew 17:24-27; 18:1-4
8/25/2019	Sunday:	John 21:1-14 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4	4:9-16 Matthew 17:14-23
8/26/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12	Matthew 23:13-22
8/27/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3	Matthew 23:23-28
8/28/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:4-11	Matthew 23:29-39
8/29/2019	Thursday:	Matthew 14:1-13 Acts of the Apostles 13:25-33	Mark 6:14-30
8/30/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:13-18	Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51
8/31/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS - SEPTEMBER

9/1/2019	Sunday:	John 21:14-25 St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 4:16-22
9/2/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:10-15	Mark 1:9-15
9/3/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:15-21	Mark 1:16-22
9/4/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:11-16	Mark 1:23-28
9/5/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 7:1-10	Matthew 23:29-39
9/6/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:2-10	Luke 10:16-21
9/7/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 10:3	7-42, 11:1
9/8/2019	Sunday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56 St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18	John 3:13-17
9/9/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	
9/10/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:16-24; 9:1-5	John 3:16-21
9/11/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7	John 12:19-36
9/12/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:7-18	John 11:47-54
9/13/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:1-4	John 12:19-36
9/14/2019	Saturday:	John 12:28-36 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:3 John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30	18-24
9/15/2019	Sunday:	Mark 16:1-8 St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 Ma	ark 8:34-38; 9:1
9/16/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10	Luke 7:36-50
9/17/2019	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 12:20-21; 13:1-2	Luke 3:23-38, 4:1
9/18/2019	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 13:3-13	Luke 4:1-15
9/19/2019	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:1-3, 20-24; 2:1-5	Luke 4:16-22
9/20/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17	Luke 21:12-19
9/21/2019	Saturday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5	John 8:21-30
9/22/2019	Sunday:	Mark 16:9-20 St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians Luke 5:1-11	1:21-24; 2:1-4
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9/26/2019	Thursday:	John 21:14-25 St. John's First Universal Letter 4:12-19 John 21:24-25	19:25-27;
9/27/2019	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:8-21	Luke 6:17-23
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9/29/2019	Sunday:	Luke 24:1-12 St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 6:31-36
9/30/2019	Monday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24	Matthew 24:42-47
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# 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

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

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

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# Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Marietta, Georgia



# **30th Anniversary**

Feastday of our Parish The Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

Great Vespers on Monday, August 5th, 2019 at 6:30pm His Grace Bishop Sevastianos will preside. A dinner will follow the Vespers Service.

Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, August 6th at 8:45am & 10am

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## 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 <u>holytrans@comcast.net</u>.

Thank you!

Anne Willcocks



SAVE THE DATE Saturday Evening

SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

# 30th Anniversary Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Celebrating Our Past Walking into the Future Together

> "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16-



Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 immediately following the Divine Liturgy

BBQ with all the fixings!

Ministry info and sign-ups!

COMESEEOLDFRIENDS...

Rain or Shine in the Parish Hall

Holy Transfiguration - 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA 30066



#### 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 <u>maria.alberts29@gmail.com</u>



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—February 2019 "As Iron Sharpens Iron, One Man Sharpens Another" (Proverbs 27:17)

Brothers, thank you for all of your help in June. Both the AHEPA Educational Foundation Luncheon and the AHEPA District Conference would not have been the success that both of these events were without you. Also, for those that did not make the meeting, Brother Harry Kipreos was elected again to another term as District Governor over the states that make up the District. CONGRATULATIONS!!

#### Upcoming Events -- Block Your Calendar!!

\* August 17 Adopt - A- Mile

\* September 17 or 19 - Chapter 519, KICK OFF DINNER...Location TBD

#### To All men of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church:

Your AHEPA Board has been busy planning the events calendar, and we will be rolling it out to you soon. We look forward to seeing you at all of the events that you are able to attend. If you are a member, we know that you are busy and have lots of ways to spend your time. However, please join us and attend when you can.

For those of you who are not members of AHEPA, consider joining our chapter and attending the Kick Off Dinner; we would love to have you! If you have any questions about AHEPA, please contact any of the following Board members: Keath Paxten, Zack Kollias, Ron Sprouse, Jim Burke.



**The Catechism Program for 2019-2020** is excited to kick off another new year of learning about our faith and growing our relationships with God. We hope everyone else is too! We have a full staff of loving and caring teachers who eagerly await their new students.

#### Here's our upcoming schedule for this fall:

•Saturday 8/24 – We will have our fall Catechism teachers workshop, 8:30 am to 1pm.

•Sunday 8/25 - We will have our kickoff blessing of the waters (Agiasmos) on this Sunday, immediately after Communion, then the students will then go to the classrooms for a brief time to meet their teachers. After that, teachers and students will rejoin the rest of the parish to enjoy the Homecoming Picnic on the church grounds. There will be information tables for all of the ministries at the picnic, as well as opportunities to register for the various programs.

•Sunday 9/1 - Labor Day weekend, no catechism classes

•Sunday 9/8 – First day of full classes, immediately following Communion, in the classrooms

We are also very excited to be kicking off a **new program** – a once a month, Sunday morning meeting of the young adults. <u>Our first meeting will be Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup></u>, so mark your calendars! The age range is roughly 19 – 39, but more targeted for the post-college crowd that is entering that new phase of independence from their nuclear families, plus those who have been in that phase for a few years. This gathering will be led by Fr. Michael and Tim Tassopoulos, and it will take place at the same time as the regular Catechism classes. This group will meet in the chapel, initially.

#### The requirements for being part of the catechism program are:

1. Children starting in Preschool must have turned 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. No exceptions. This is for the good of the students over the entire time that they will be with the program.

2. The families of the students must have completed a Stewardship/Membership Card. Remember – this is not just about money. Stewardship is about time, talent and treasure. If a family's financial situation doesn't allow making a financial pledge, they can still complete the card with a financial pledge of either 1\$ or 0\$, while making other pledges of time and talents. Completing the Stewardship/Membership card is about making a commitment to join the Holy Transfiguration parish family and actively participate in the life of it.

If anyone has any questions, please contact David Linebaugh, the director of the program. David can be reached at (770) 842-1960 or by email at <u>daviddotlinebaugh@gmail.com</u>.

## HELLENIC DANCE

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Cobb International Festival: Sat., Aug. 3, morning-4 p.m.** Dancers 6th grade and up needed to perform; parents needed to volunteer in the vendor booth; this will be a fundraiser for our ministry, so please contact Paulina Vastakis at <u>paulinasox3@att.net</u> if you would like to participate or volunteer as soon as possible as this is coming soon!

**HDF Parent Meeting:** Aug. 4, 12:30 p.m., right after Divine Liturgy. If you have a dancer who might be interested in participating in HDF this year, there will be an informational meeting in the downstairs atrium. HDF will be in Orlando, FL, this year, during the MLK, Jr. holiday weekend.

If you already know you have a dancer who *definitely* wants to participate in HDF, please let Elaine Bilson, the middle school dance instructor know at <u>eleni cosma@yahoo.com</u>, and/or Paulina Vastakis, the high school dance instructor know at <u>paulinasox3@att.net</u> as soon as possible.

**Hellenic Dance Workshop: Sat., Aug. 17-Sun. Aug. 18.** Dancers 6th grade and up with master instructor John Peppes. Required for HDF dancers; recommended for all dancers. RSVP with Paulina Vastakis at <u>paulinasox3@att.net</u> as soon as possible for planning purposes.

**Travel Dance Troupe:** If you are interested in dancing in the area fall Greek festivals, contact Paulina Vastakis for more details.

#### **Featured Instructors**

#### Eleni Bafas, Palamakia (K-1st) Instructor

Eleni grew up in the Holy Transfiguration parish in Marietta. She began dancing as a young child at the first opportunity with Holy Transfiguration. She danced every year and participated in many performances including HDF competitions and a special performance at the Magic Kingdom in Disney World while in high school.

She is actively involved in her church and serves as Legal Counsel for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos. She also enjoys traveling and playing golf and tennis. Eleni has taught Greek Dancing for the Holy Transfiguration Palamakia (Kindergarten and First Grade) class for the last four years. She loves seeing the children come together through Greek dancing to form bonds with each other and build a foundation with our church.

#### Tina Johansen, Palamakia (K-1st) Instructor

Tina has been a Hellenic Dancer since she was three years old. She grew up performing in Greek festivals and competing at various Hellenic Dance competitions with her hometown parish, Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond, VA. Tina moved to Atlanta in 2003, met her husband Andy and they were married here at Holy Transfiguration in 2008.

She first joined the adult dance group Metamorphosis ten years ago, but was quickly recruited to become an instructor alongside Dorian Bafas. Together, Tina & Dorian taught the Petaloudes (4th-5th). Tina continued to teach the Petaloudes until she could no longer keep her balance, while expecting her twins (Drew & Izzy). In 2016, she returned as an instructor alongside Alex Matthews for the Pitsirikia (Pre-K). This year, Tina taught the Palamakia dance group together with Eleni Bafas & Cecilia Lukens.

If you have a dancer in your family and need to be added to our Hellenic Dance email list, please contact <u>mariettahellenicdance@gmail.com</u>. You can also follow us on Facebook at Holy Transfiguration Marietta Greek Dancers. This is a closed group for dance families only.





Cecilia Lukens, Tina Johansen, Eleni Bafas and Palamakia

#### HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVAL

#### IS YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD INTERESTED IN JOINING US FOR HDF THIS YEAR?

**WHAT IS HDF?** - Hellenic Dance Festival is a program that was started by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios and a team of volunteers back in 2000. This year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HDF. HDF is a dance festival for all Greek Folk Dance Groups in the Metropolis of Atlanta and a select few invites from outside the metropolis. This is Greek folk dancing at its purest form. Instructors research the authenticity of dances, costumes and accessories of a particular region in Greece and present it before a panel of very qualified judges. Each group is judged on Authenticity, Style, Poise, Stage Presence, and overall performance.

**WHEN and WHERE IS HDF?** This year HDF will be hosted by the Orland Community and the event is always held on MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY WEEKEND, JANURY 17-20, 2020

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?** - Anyone in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> can participate in our Phoenix Dance Group and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in our Eleftheria Dance Group.

**WHEN DO YOU PRACTICE?** – Every Sunday, 1pm-roughly 3pm. Over the holiday season we will still be practicing. We will have weekday practices while school is out for Christmas Break! The only Break from practice we will have will be from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day so our dancers can have the holidays and the time in between the holidays off for WYR (Winter Youth Rally).

**WHEN DO YOU START PRACTICING?** - We will have a kick off workshop, which will be required for those wishing to participate in HDF program and that will be held here at our church, August 17-18. Then we will start weekly practices the weekend after Labor Day.

**WILL THIS CONFLICT WITH WYR PRACTICES?** – Not really. We work very hard with the WYR coaches and advisors to tweak the practice schedule if needed to make sure that our children can participate in both programs.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND HDF?** - Attending HDF will normally run you about \$400 per child. This includes, registration, hotel, and incidental food/snack allowances. If you register early on the Metropolis website, you can break your registration up into three payments. The Vastakis family pays for the hotel so we can assure we have one big block of rooms, and they are also glad to work with you in paying off your hotel costs in payments as well.

Please note that practice attendance and HOMEWORK (aka learning lyrics to songs and such) are much more structured and enforced than they are for festival.

If you child yearns for Greeks dance and wants to do it year round, HDF is the best way to fill that Greek dance void! Traveling with your Greek dance friends and representing their parish is always so much fun! If you wish to be put on the "Interested" list for HDF, please let us know! We will be having an **informational meeting after church, August 4<sup>th</sup>!** 

### HDF's ODYSSEY TRIP and HOW IT EFFECTS US IN MARIETTA

#### Purpose of HDF and HDF ODYSSEY

The purpose of this event is to bring our youth together in Orthodox Christian fellowship and to afford them the opportunity to live, learn, and experience the Hellenic culture.

#### **Odyssey Trip**

The Odyssey Scholarship Program was developed by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios to develop an awareness and appreciation for our Hellenic and Orthodox culture and tradition. Every four years the Hellenic Dance Festival sends dancers and directors to Greece to inspire our dancers and help establish the principles of this Diakonia utilizing the same spirit of Hellenism used during the original Olympic games. This also gives dancers the opportunity to perform in Greece and participate in workshops while traveling throughout the country. The trip runs from 17-20 days. If your child earns a spot on the trip, their land costs are completely covered by the Metropolis of Atlanta, there are 2 FULL scholarships also awarded to the young person that really goes above and beyond for dance in their home communities and who has participated in 3 of four HDFs in the cycle.

#### **Goals of the Odyssey Trip**

- 1. To develop an awareness and appreciation for our Hellenic and Orthodox culture and tradition.
- 2. To inspire our young people to embrace the concept that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind.
- 3. To establish the principles of this Diakonia utilizing the same spirit of Hellenism used during the original Olympic games.
- 4. To be led by the comments of St. Paul in Romans 12:10 and the pursuit of excellence in God's gifts to all.
- 5. To give the dancers the opportunity to perform in Greece and participate in workshops while traveling through the country.

- 6. To give deserving Hellenic Dancers the opportunity to experience traditional Greek folk dance in it's natural setting: the Greek villages and islands.
- 7. To help instill in these dancers the importance of our traditional Hellenic heritage and Orthodox faith.

#### Eligibility

There is no limit to how many dance applicants can apply from any one parish.

- All applicants will be considered.
- A minimum of 20 dancers and directors will be chosen from all applicants.
- Families are members in good standing with the Greek Orthodox Church.
- Dancers applicants must be members in good standing in their dance groups.
- Dancers applicants must be in the Senior or Advanced Senior divisions (ages 15+).
- Dancers applicants must have participated in the last three of the four Hellenic Dance Festivals.
- A dancer applicant that has participated for three years or more but has graduated or left his/her Parish because of school, and cannot make the scholarship year, will still be eligible to apply.
- All other rules and eligibility will apply.

#### Selection criteria - -

- •Application Form filled out by dancer/applicant
- •Essay by applicant approximately 250 words expressing the qualities and or reasons he/she should be chosen to participate in the 2022 trip to Greece.
- •Letter of recommendation from your Dance Director/Instructor (for dancer)
- •Letter of recommendation from your Parish Priest
- •5 minute presentation presented to the HDF Board in person. See below for details

#### Short summary of each of the following (4-5 sentences)

- •Greek dance performance experience
- Greek dance education
- Parish life activities
- Community involvement
- •Hobbies and extracurricular activities
- •Certificates earned at HDF sponsored workshops
- •Signed code of conduct.

#### **Project and Presentation Section of Application**

A Five minute presentation by the applicant must be made at HDF 2021 The presentation may include either:

A visual or written work on: Saint's Feast Day Celebrations

This can be done on many aspects of the subject (costumes worn, dances performed, songs sung, religious rituals, folk traditions, etc.) and with a variety of mediums (photography, picture book, video, portrait, sculpture, costumes, power point, etc.). The subject must be related to the Traditional Celebrations of Saint's Days. There are plenty of books, articles, & contacts in Greece and the United States on the subject of Saint's Days Celebrations. Reach out to your local community as well. Be creative. Please include any references you used as we want to avoid any plagiarism.

The presentations will be displayed during HDF 2022. You will be evaluated on the extent of your research, project synthesis, and your creativity.

#### HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR MARIETTA KIDS ELIGIBLE?

Children who participated in HDF 2019 already have that year counted toward their HDF requirement. This year will count as year one for our first time HDFers; it will count as year 2 for our returning HDFers. We must continue to attend HDF in the next few years. What also makes your child's application stand out is if they serve in many ways in the ministry, not just in HDF and the local festival. For us here in Marietta, we travel and perform at other festivals and events; if your child participates in these activities, it gives the applicant a leg up. Also, if they volunteer in fundraisers for the dance groups and for the church, it gives them a better chance of earning a spot. If they volunteer to work with the younger little dancers or assist an instructor in research or teaching for festival can make an applicant stand out. The minimum age of an Odyssey attendee is to be 15 years of age a month prior to leaving on the Odyssey trip in July of 2022.



Holy Transfiguration Grief **Recovery Support Group** 

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

Group Leader: BJ Spanos, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist

Saturdays, August 3 amd 17 September and October Dates to Be Announced

*Five Things to Know About Grief* 1. It's okay to grieve 2. It's okay to cry 3. It's okay to laugh 4. It's okay to ask for help 5. You are not alone



# It's Your Choice

Conventional wisdom holds that loss is a defining moment in our lives and that we are forever changed by it. This is often code for loss diminishes us and we become less than who we were. There is nothing to be done about it.

Dr. Jerry Sittser, the author of A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss, disagrees. "It is...not true



that we become less through loss—unless we allow the loss to make us less, grinding our soul down until there is nothing left but an external self entirely under the control of circumstances. Loss can also make us more."

He explains, "It is not what happens to us that matters as much as what happens *in* us." In other words, "loss itself does not have to be the defining moment in our lives. Instead, the defining moment can be *our response* to loss." We can turn a difficult event in our lives into an opportunity to grow.

Choosing to become less though loss is not what God intends for us. Consider Jesus's invitation to be transformed through a life-giving relationship with Him. He invites us to choose life in Him not diminishment offered by the world.

Intrigued? I invite you to come to the Grief Recovery Support Group to explore how you may be able to heal and to grow spiritually, emotionally and intellectually through grief and bereavement.

Dr. Jerry Sittser's book is being read to inspire our discussions. We also look to the Holy Fathers and Holy Scripture for wisdom and guidance. We meet again on Saturdays, August 3rd and August 17th at 10 am in the St. Basil Conference Room. September and October dates to be announced. 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 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

# **WELCOME BACK!**

We hope you all had a great summer and are ready to start classes.

Classes for both youth and adults resume on Monday, August 12.

# **REGISTRATION IN PROCESS**

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!

Please contact us at hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com

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Child Mother's Name		email
Child Father's Name		email
Emergency Contact Name		
Relationship to student		
***Please note – the Emergency Contact person <u>MUST</u> be available to <u>pick</u>	<u>up student</u> in the event of an e	mergency, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> student per family), \$525 (2<sup>nd</sup> student per family), \$500 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + student per family)

Youth/Adult Rate for AFTER JULY 15 for HTGOC Members (+ \$100 for non-members) \$600 (1<sup>st</sup> student per family), \$575 (2<sup>nd</sup> student per family), \$550 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + 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 <u>eleni@mindspring.com</u>

Ellinomatheia tuition rate BY JULY 15 for HTGOC Members (+ \$100 for non-members) \$600 (1<sup>st</sup>-student per family), \$575 (2<sup>nd</sup>-student per family), \$550 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + 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 (1<sup>st</sup> student per family), \$625 (2<sup>nd</sup> student per family), \$600 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + 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.

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# NEWS YOU CAN USE!

On June 22, twenty plus members met in the Atrium and enjoyed a lunch of pizza and salad. The exciting segment of our get together was when Father Michael sang and then talked to us. He was so interesting and made us think about how grateful we should be for all the good things we experience in our lives. A discussion followed; after dessert, about 12 of us went downstairs to enjoy the movie, "Field of Dreams". I know many asked why did we had both events on the same day. The simple reason is that Holy Transfiguration has so many ministries with so many events scheduled during a given month, that it is difficult to plan our gatherings.

Our next activity will be in August, and we have planned a BINGO DAY also known as FUN GAMES WITH PRIZES. Everyone will be notified as soon as we schedule the day. We will have some great prizes, so please don't miss this fun. Lunch will also be served!

On July 9 & 10, twelve of our members took a fun trip to Nashville. We enjoyed the Grand Old Opry and loved staying at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

More good news! Maria Alberts was the winner of the beautiful afghan that Jo Kastner crocheted and donated to Prime Timers. Maria was so excited and she told us, "I have never won anything in my life". We thank both Jo and Maria and everyone who bought a ticket for supporting our senior ministry.

In August, we will be featuring another terrific buy, guaranteed to make a great birthday or Christmas gift. We will be raffling a refurbished Apple iPad 16GB, Wi-Fi, 9.7in – Black. And after that, we will have another surprise in October. Cost new: \$599; refurbished: \$125-\$140.

Our board should have 10 members but, unfortunately, we only have 8 at this time. Please volunteer to serve on our board. We meet the first Tuesday of each month. We love our church and enjoy planning events. Our health is what we make of it. Get out and enjoy these senior events. We plan them just for YOU! ENJOY THE SUMMER!!

Remember, a day without laughter is a day wasted!

# Exploring the Richness of the Christian Faith

Ancient and Modern Voices: Salvation, Sanctification, Theosis Presented by The School of Christian Spiritual Formation

FRI, SEP 20 7 PM - 9 PM SAT, SEP 21 9 AM - 4:30 PM SUN, SEP 22 1 PM - 4:30 PM

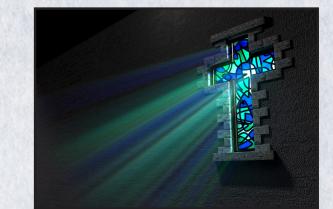
This fourth annual conference, Ancient and Modern Voices: Salvation, Sanctification, Theosis, explores the connection of modern Protestant reformers with ancient Christianity and how these connections affected their theologies.

We also will explore how their theologies compare with Eastern Orthodox and Western Christian theologies (both Catholic and Protestant).

Come hear six prominent theologians and spiritual directors, representing Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox Christian perspectives. Join us for lively discussions following each presentation, which will also emphasize key points and practical suggestions that you can use at home to deepen your spiritual life.

#### PRESENTERS

Dr. Roberta Bondi, Emory University Dr. Robin Darling Young, Catholic University Dr. Gary Moon, Richmont Graduate University Dr. Charles Nienkirchen, Ambrose University Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Rev. Joshua Toepper, Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church



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#### PLACE

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church 3431 Trickum Road, NE Marietta, Georgia 30066 770-924-8080 www.holytransfiguration.info

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# Conference Schedule

#### Friday, September 20

- 7:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 7:15 pm To Love as God Loves: Conversations with the Early Church and John Wesley -Roberta Bondi
- 8:15 pm Break
- 8:30 pm Q & A's / Discussion Speakers
- 9:00 pm Announcements, Closing Prayer -Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou

#### Saturday, September 21

- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 am Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 9:00 am John Wesley and the "Second" Protestant Reformation - Charles Nienkirchen
- 10:00 am Q & A's / Discussion Speakers
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Ancient Christian Spirituality: Practical Applications (Theosis) - Robin Darling Young
- 11:45 am Q & A's / Discussion Speakers
- 12:15 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Pursuing Social Holiness (The Wesley Method) - Joshua Toepper

- 2:00 pm Q & A's / Discussion Speakers
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Becoming Children of Light: Exploring Four Critical Concerns Found in Key Contributions of Dallas Willard, John Wesley & Ancient Christian Spirituality -Gary Moon
- 3:45 pm Q & A's / Discussion
- 4:15 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
- 5:00 pm Vespers (Optional)

#### Sunday, September 22

- 1:00 pm Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 1:15 pm Early Christian Liturgical and Spiritual Development - Robin Darling Young
- 2:15 pm Q & A's / Discussion
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm The Way of Holiness Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
- 4:00 pm Q & A's / Discussion
- 4:30 pm Announcements, Prepare for Vespers, Closing Prayer - Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou
- 5:00 pm Vespers (Optional)



Dr. Roberta Bondi, Professor Emerita of Church History, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia



Dr. Robin Darling Young, Associate Professor of Spirituality, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.



Dr. Gary Moon, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Spiritual Formation, Richmont Graduate University, Atlanta



Dr. Charles Nienkirchen, Professor of Christian History and Spirituality, Ambrose University College, Calgary, Alberta



The Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Pastor and Protopresbyter, Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, Marietta, Georgia



The Rev. Joshua Toepper, Director of Adult Discipleship. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, Marietta, Georgia

## 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
8/4	T. Bliss/ D. Koutouzis	All Teams	S. Gianaris/K. Johnson	E. Kay/Pat Koutouzis/L. Lopos	J. Burke/E. Nikolas/ B. Reid
8/11	D. Christopher/ D. Vlahiotis	All Teams	A. Reale/M. Zavala	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/M. Neocleous	A. Reale/A. Zakreski/M. Zavala
8/18	C. Hansard/ S. Tingas	All Teams	M. Alberts/P. Koutouzis	P. Miltiades/K. Niarchos/K. Panov	P. Bilson/C. Sprouse/ M. Strakes
8/25	M. Jacobs/ J. Papastrat	All Teams	E. Markley/S. Linebaugh	R. Peppas/C. Smith/C. Sprouse	S. Alberts/T. Argentis/S. Kargas
9/1	E. Linebaugh/ H. Mavromatidis	St. James	J. & I. Dymond	S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F. Tucker	J. & I. Dymond/K. Johnson
9/8	K. Bilson/ S. Lukens	St. John	S. Pentzakis/V. Worden	T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson/A. Burke	D. Botni/J. Burke/ B. Reid
9/15	T. Bliss/ D. Koutouzis	St. Peter	S. Gianaris/J. Schumacher	P. Christopher/C. Costarides/M. Driscoll	P. Bilson/E. Nikolas/ Z. Zakreski
9/22	D. Christopher/ D. Vlahiotis	St. James	M. Alberts/K. Johnson	S. Gianaris/T. Johansen/N. Kakissis	K. Johnson/M. Strakes/A. Reale
9/29	C. Hansard/ S. Tingas	St. John	M. & S. Hendrix	E. Kay/P. Koutouzis/ L. Lopos	T. Argentis/C. Sprouse/M. Zavala

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, Róbbie O'Brien, Tommy O'Brien, Roberto Radu, Alexander Thorne, Braden Thorne, Csaba Wagner, Romeo Wagner.

<u>St. Peter Altar Servers</u>: 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.