

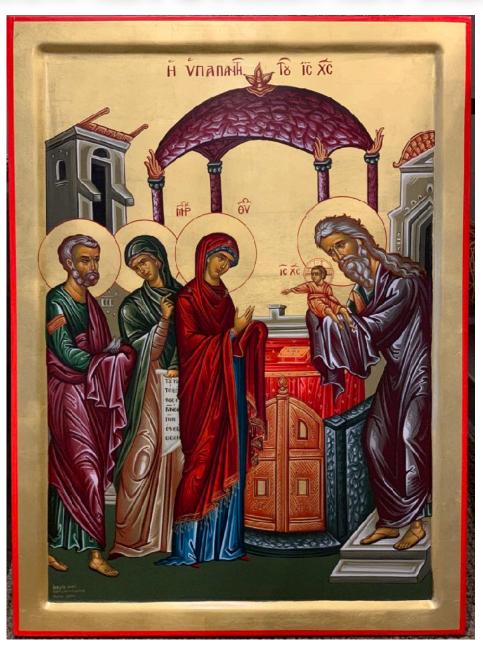
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Marietta, GA

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020



The Meeting of Symeon with the Lord - Feast on February 2

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

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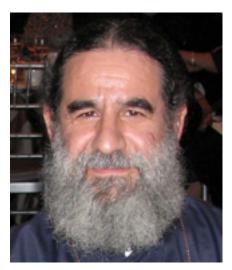
Directions to our Parish:

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

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

Fr. Panayiotis' Message January-February 2020

A NEW YEAR - ONE MORE CHANCE FOR US!



Many new years' ago Jesus said this parable:

"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, `Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none.

Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, `Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."' (Luke 13:6-9)

We as a parish are a fig tree planted by the Lord. Each one of us, as members of the parish, are branches of this fig tree receiving nourishment from the Holy Spirit. This new year offers us the opportunity to fulfill the desire of the Lord for us to present to Him the spiritual fruits of our lives. He has blessed us with so much. He expects us to bear the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, Love, Joy, Peace, Long-

suffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control (Gal. 5:22). He expects us to shine with His light to the world around us with our humility and love for others.

The Holy Spirit Himself, who waters and nourishes us, is pleading with the Lord for one more year! "Grant them, Oh Lord, one more year and they will show their good fruits!" This New Year 2020 must become the best year of our spiritual growth. We have no excuse. We have all the material things we need. We have a beautiful church. We have new buildings, new classrooms, new conference rooms, a new athletic court, even a new parking lot.

This new year offers us the opportunity to produce real spiritual fruits. Of course, there can be no fruits if we do not grow personally, if we do not learn how to overcome selfishness and egotism and humble ourselves, if we do not learn how to pray and surrender to the Will of God, if we do not allow Him to lead our lives. There can be no spiritual growth if we do not take control over our passions, our anger and jealousy, the fleshly desires and our love of material things. There can be no growth if we do not cultivate the virtues of love and self-sacrifice for the Lord.

This new year is a new opportunity for personal development according to the Will of God. We don't know how many more years He will patiently afford us, so we need to get to work.

The Orthodox Church, through the experience of generations of holy men and women, has built a worship cycle to help us connect with God more easily. She has put in place the holy sacraments to help us receive God's Grace in order to transform ourselves and heal our wounds and passions.

The new year offers us the opportunity to utilize these tools for personal growth. We are called this year to make the extra effort to attend a Saturday Vespers, to arrive early in church on Sundays and experience the Orthros prayers and hymns, to come to an overnight vigil and immerse ourselves in uplifting worship, to make sure not to miss a single service during Holy Week and experience His life on earth, which brought our redemption. Let's make an extra effort this year to read a spiritual book and challenge our minds to love God more. Let's take advantage of confession to wash away the filth from our souls. This year we need to approach Holy Communion with the "fear of God, faith and love" after proper preparation so that we may truly taste of the Kingdom of God.

Let us live this new year as if it were our last one on this earth, so the Lord may bless it and grant us many more years filled with the fruits of the Spirit.

May generations of people after us find nourishment in the spiritual fruits of our labors for many new years to come and may they continue to offer Glory to God because of us!

J.F. Panayistis



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

January 2020

December 31st Tuesday Evening, New Year's Eve. Great Vespers at 6:00 pm.

- January 1, Wednesday, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ, and St. Basil the Great. Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
- January 2, Thursday Evening: Vesperal Liturgy for the Feast of St. Seraphim of Sarov 6:00 pm

January 4, Saturday Morning: The Great Hours of Theophany 9:30 -11:00 am.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

January 5, Sunday, Forefeast of Theophany. Sunday before Theophany. Orthros 8:15 am Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:45 am sharp. We will hold the Great Blessing of the water at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Today we hold the fast in preparation to receive the Holy Water of Theophany (strict fast-only Oil & Wine are allowed today).

Evening: Great Vespers of Theophany 5:00 pm.

January 6, Monday, Holy Theophany. Feast of the Baptism of Christ (*the Feast of Lights*). Orthros, 8:15, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by the Great Ayiasmos (Blessing of the Waters).

Monday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm - Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner.

- January 7, Tuesday, Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner and Baptist. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.
- January 8, Wednesday, Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm, Feast of St. Efstratios the Wonderworker.
- January 9, Thursday, Feast of St. Efstratios the Wonderworker. Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

January 11, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

January 12, Sunday, Sunday after the Feast of Theophany. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

Vasilopita Sunday: Today we will celebrate the Vasilopita for the benefit of St. Basil's Academy.

January 16, Thursday, Great Vespers 6:00 pm. Feast of St. Anthony the Great & Athanasios the Great

January 17, Friday, Feast of St. Anthony the Great & Athanasios the Great (moved from the 18th) Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

January 18, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

January 19, Sunday, 12th Sunday of Luke. Orthros 8:30 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

January 21, Tuesday Evening: Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Timothy the Apostle of the 70

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES . . .

January 2020

January 22, Wednesday, Feast of St. Timothy the Apostle of the 70 Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

January 25, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

January 26, Sunday, 15th Sunday of Luke.

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

Special Celebration of Greek Letters and the Three Hierarchs

January 29, Wednesday Evening: Great Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Three Hierarchs 6:00 pm. January 30, Thursday, Feast of the Holy Three Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.

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

CELEBRATION OF THE THREE HIERARCHS AND HELLENIC LEARNING

at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Presenter Fr. Patrick Tishel

Orthodox Church of the Resurrection of Christ, Boston

Theme: *"The Three Hierarchs and Orthodox Christian Education."*

Place: Parish Hall of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

Time: Sunday, January 26, 2020

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall Luncheon offered by AHEPA in co-operation with Hellenic Studies All proceeds to support the AHEPA Scholarship Fund

Please secure your tickets by calling the church office

The Great theologians and preachers of Christianity from the 4th century, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, stand out as the people who provided a transition from the pagan flavor of Classical Education to the Christian synthesis between Classical learning and the Gospel. Being themselves immersed in Classical Education, they were able to show the world how the writings of the ancient philosophers were filled with the Logos of God (Jesus Christ). These great thinkers were able to provide a way to look at the Classical writings of the ancient Greek Philosophers as precursors of the teaching of Christ in the Greek speaking world. They were able to show how this prepared the way for the Christianization of the Greek speaking and Classically trained peoples of their time. This was a major achievement brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit. Their contemporary (and classmate of Basil and Gregory), prince Julian the apostate, who became emperor, tried to stop the advancement of this synthesis of Classical learning with Christianity by forbidding Christians from teaching during his tenure as Emperor. Upon the death of Julian, however, Christianity proceeded to adopt the tools of Classical learning for the sake of the promotion of the Gospel. The Empire was soon converted to the Christian Faith.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February 2020

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

Evening: Great Vespers, **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 5:00 pm**

February 2, Sunday, Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Temple Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

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

February 6, Thursday. Feast of St. Photios Patriarch of Constantinople Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

February 8, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm. Beginning of the Triodion

February 9, Sunday, 16th Sunday of Luke - Publican and the Pharisee. *Beginning of the Triodion The Feast of St. Haralambos is moved to today from February* 10. Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

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

February 12, Wednesday, Feast of St. Christos the Gardener the Neomartyr (+1748) Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

February 15, Saturday Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm.

February 16, Sunday, 17th Sunday of Luke - Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

February 21, Friday, Great Vespers for Saturday of the Souls 6:00 pm

February 22, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all the departed Orthodox Christians Orthros 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Evening, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

February 23, Sunday of the Last Judgement - Meat-fare Sunday Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

February 28, Friday, Great Vespers for Saturday of the Souls and Feast of St. Cassianos 6:00 pm

February 29, Saturday of the Souls, Memory of all who have shone forth in ascesis and feast of St. Cassianos

Orthros 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am **Evening:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm





DAILY BIBLE READINGS - JANUARY

1/1/2020	Wednesday:	John 10:1-9 St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:8-12	Luke 2:20-21, 40-52
1/2/2020	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 5:4-10	John 3:1-15
1/3/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48; 11:1-10	John 1:18-28
1/4/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5	Matthew 3:1-6
1/5/2020	Sunday:	John 20:1-10 St. Paul's Letter to Timothy 4:5-8	Mark 1:1-8
1/6/2020	Monday:	Mark 1:9-11 St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Matthew 3:13-17
1/7/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8	John 1:29-34
1/8/2020	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11	John 3:22-23
1/9/2020	Thursday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10	Mark 1:9-15
1/10/2020	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13	Luke 3:19-22
1/11/2020	Saturday:	Luke 6:17-23 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16	Matthew 4:1-11
1/12/2020	Sunday:	John 20:11-18 St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-3	11 Luke 17:12-19
1/13/2020	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5	Luke 20:1-8
1/14/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 2:38-43	Luke 4:1-15
1/15/2020	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Luke 12:32-40
1/16/2020	Thursday:	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11	John 21:14-25
1/17/2020	Friday:	Matthew 11:27-30 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:1	7-21 Luke 6:17-23
1/18/2020	Saturday:	John 10:1-9 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16	Matthew 5:14-19
1/19/2020	Sunday:	John 20:19-31 St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-12	1 Luke 17:12-19
1/20/2020	Monday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 6:17-23
1/21/2020	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:12-20	Luke 12:8-12
1/22/2020	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 1:3-8 Matthew 10:3	32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30
1/23/2020	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:20-21; 4:1-3	Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5
1/24/2020	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Mark 12:1-12
1/25/2020	Saturday:	John 10:1-9 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8	:1-2 John 10:9-16
1/26/2020	Sunday:	John 21:1-14 St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15	Luke 19:1-10
1/27/2020	Monday:	John 10:1-9 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8	:1-2 John 10:9-16
1/28/2020	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2	Luke 6:17-23
1/29/2020	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38	Mark 9:33-41
1/30/2020	Thursday:	John 10:9-16 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16	Matthew 5:14-19
1/31/2020	Friday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8	Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Walking into the Future Together Capital Campaign



We have accomplished so much in the past 30 years together . . . As we walk into the future together with this five year capital campaign, our goal is to have 100% participation. If our whole parish family works together, we can raise the funds to pay off our mortgage ~ \$3,500.000

THANK YOU TO THOSE FAITHFUL THAT HAVE SUBMITTED PLEDGE CARDS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ TOTAL PLEDGED as of 12/29/2019 is \$1,467,465.00

(If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so; if you need a pledge card, please ask. Your personal commitment is so important, and so appreciated!)

To Him belongs the Glory, Honor and Worship!

Roy & Ashley Abrahamian Jeff & Maria Alberts **Stephanie Alberts** Angelo & Maria Angelakos **Evelyn Bilson** Ken & Celeste Bilson Pete & Kathie Bilson Terry & Irma Bliss Bob & Dorothy Botni Aaron & Christina Bourgeois Mark & Lela Bridgers **Daniel & Irene Brooks** Fr. John & Presbytera Patty Brown Olen & Hazel Bruce Kerry & Debra Buchan Harry & Elene Catrakilis Dennis & Paula Christopher Cedric & Peggy Dunkerly Fr. Theodore & Stacey Ehmer Cherie Cookorinis-O'Connell **Cathy Costarides** Judith Davis John & Elizabeth Doulgerakis Marty Driscoll Jimmy & Michelle Frangis Joe & Donnis Gavalas Victor & Katherine Gavalas Rania Georgacopoulos Larry & Niki Gess Ted & Lea Gormanos Christopher & Leslie Hansard Leycei Hendrix Stephen & Marla Hendrix Katie Jacobs Mike & Annette Jacobs Andy & Tina Johansen

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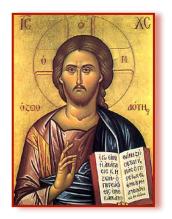
Celebrate a family birthday or anniversary, name day or milestone by sponsoring coffee/fellowship hour!

New dates for 2020 have been added to Sign-Up Genius: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cabad23a2fe3-coffee</u>

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



Holy Transfiguration Grief Recovery Support Group



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St. Basíl Conference Room

Group Leader: BJ Spanos

Saturdays: January 11th (10 to 11:30 am) January 25th (10 to 11:30 am)

Fíve Thíngs to Know About Gríef
1. It's okay to gríeve. 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!

Holy Transfiguration Grief Recovery Support Group

New Year Resolutions

Making new year resolutions is a time-honored tradition. Some resolutions are realistic, some fanciful. Sometimes these resolutions are bittersweet. Bitter because they reflect what was not accomplished or perhaps regrettable in the previous year, yet sweet because they offer hope in anticipation of the new year.

Perhaps this past year was difficult for you as you grieved a loss. Perhaps it is a recent loss or a loss from long ago that still haunts you. Perhaps the grief from many losses is weighing you down. Whatever the loss or losses, grieving is hard work and does not have to be done alone. In fact, going it alone often makes the work more difficult and progress may be slower.



If you are grieving, I invite you to join our Holy Transfiguration Grief Recovery Support Group. We are on a journey of discovery, focusing on our experiences along the way to a greater understanding of ourselves, healing of grief, and personal and spiritual growth. As each loss we experience in our lives is unique, it follows that each of our journeys is unique as well as the path our journeys will take. We talk about all sorts of losses, not just death and divorce.

We meet on average twice a month on Saturday mornings. We offer a safe and confidential place to learn, share, support and encourage each other. Everything that is said in the room, stays in the room. We do not judge or try to fix each other.

Everyone is welcome!

We meet again on **Saturdays, January 11th and January 25th 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

THE LIGHTHOUSE

A Parish Update For HTGOC's Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Youth or Family Ministry?

By Fr. Michael Tishel

We need each other.

A simple phrase, but it packs a real punch. As individuals, we are all so different women and men, old and young, a variety of backgrounds, places of origin, professions, gifts and talents.

And yet as members of One Family, we see that, in Christ, everyone has a place. We all need each other if we are to successfully walk this path towards the Kingdom.

Yes, the youth can cultivate a strong community and support network *amongst themselves*.

But it is *vital* that the older generations embrace their calling as mentors, guides, and positive role models for the youth. Conversely, young people can offer their elders the joy of respect, seeking wisdom, youthful energy, desire, and service.

Furthermore, we all deeply need and desire our Creator. And though God does not 'need' us in the same way, He certainly desires to share in communion with us, and rejoices when we choose to enter into a relationship with Him.



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Youth Ministry has often adopted our culture's tendency to treat young people as a separate entity, promoting events and activities that isolate youth from the rest of the community.

Unfortunately, because of how stratified our culture has become, young people are losing the ability to relate to their elders. This is one of the biggest tragedies of our times.

Our Youth and Young Adult programs will only be successful when they someday become obsolete.

In other words, our goal is to produce godly members of the Family of Christ, not life-long GOYAns.

Of course we'll continue to do all the fun stuff and spend time together as a group of young people, but more and more we'll start to see ourselves as members of a bigger Family - the Body of Christ.

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Because this is such a counter-cultural vision, it's going to take time and, most importantly, your help!

Please contact me with any ideas and questions regarding our Y2AM offerings here at Holy Transfiguration, so that together we can strive to enter into the Kingdom as One Family.

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Activities & Events

HOPE/JOY (K-5th Gr) Monthly meetings (see church calendar)

GOYA (6th-12th Gr) Weekly meetings on Wednesday nights

YA Group (20's & 30's) Second Sunday - Class/Discussion on the second Sunday of the month *Third Thursday* - Social gathering on the third Thursday of the month



HELLENIC STUDIES 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We would like to thank the David Karamitros family and Pavlina Mavrakis for their generous donations of Hellenic Studies scholarships which were given in memory of their respective fathers:

Miltiades Karamitros

George Mavrakis

May their memories be eternal!

SAVE THE DATE for our VALENTINE'S DANCE

It was a blast last year. Let's do it again!

Saturday, February 8, 2020

6:00pm: Appetizers and Dinner, *catered by Magnolia Moments* 7:30pm: Dancing, *Greek and American music by DJ Chris Sarris*

Tickets go on sale in January. Contact us at hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com for questions.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported our program. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy happy 2020. Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Καλή Χρονιά!

Holy Transfiguration Valentine's Dinner Dance

A fundraiser for Hellenic Studies

Saturday, February 8

6:00pm Appetizers and Dinner Parish Life Center 7:30pm Dancing Olympic Hall

Birmingham's DJ Chris Sarris • Greek and American Music Dinner Catered by Magnolia Moments

Tickets on sale in the PLC every Sunday starting January 5 Please contact hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com

> Dinner and Dance Tickets: Adults \$50 Youth, High School, College \$25 Children 10 and under \$10

Dance Only Tickets \$20

Come join the fun at our newest signature community event 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta GA 30066 **Philoptochos**

Responding to the Needs of the Orthodox Christian Community

- Has a loss of employment or other misfortune put you behind with your rent, mortgage or utility bills?
- Are you overwhelmed with out-of-pocket medical or prescription costs?
- Do you need help finding a local food pantry or soup kitchen?
- Do you know someone who needs help, a friendly call or visit?

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Our annual Philoptochos Christmas Dinner was held in our beautifully decorated Atrium. More than 50 of us were entertained by Father Michael and Presbytera Catherine Tishel, Father John, and Olympia Papageorgiou. Father Panayiotis lead us in prayer and also thanked Philoptochos for all of the good work we have done in the past year. Everyone enjoyed great food, fellowship and the fine entertainment.

A huge thank you to everyone in the Parish who sponsored one of the Angels on our Angel Tree. On Tuesday, December 17th the clothing was delivered to Park Street Elementary and presented to Principal Diona McIntire, Assistant Principal Alex Soto, and Counselor Dr. Jennifer Zimmerman. The school was given 26 pairs of pants, 18 packets of underwear, 13 packs of boy's socks and 26 packs of girls socks along with \$200 in Visa cards to purchase the school's shirt.

On December 18th the gifts for the 14 Prison Ministry children were delivered to the families by Elyse Harvey Lawson, Blake Lawson and Pat Koutouzis. Many thanks to Mary Ellen Knuchel who donated various candy with Bible verses on them..."Almond Joy" - "May the GOD of hope fill you with all "JOY" and peace as you trust in Him" Romans 15:13. Each family was given a gift bag with the candy and pamphlets provided by the Prison Ministries. It was very emotional to meet with the families and to bring a little happiness to the children. Every child received the gifts that they requested and will not be disappointed when they open their presents. *May God bless you all for your kind generosity!*

In addition, our Panagia chapter was able to donate 60 backpacks filled with gloves, hats, socks, toothpaste and toothbrushes for the homeless that St. John the Wonder Worker serve. Glory to God!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 12^{th!} Philoptochos will be providing Vasilopita, passing a second tray to help St. Basil's Academy and having our Annual Membership Brunch. All women are encouraged to renew their membership for 2020 or to become a member. *We would especially delighted if women in the 18-40 age range would join us! We're not your "Yiayia's Philoptochos!* We also include men as associate members to support our Panagia Chapter. Father Panayiotis has referred the 12th as a "Philoptochos Day"!

Soup Kitchen falls on January 23rd. If you are able to donate chicken, rice or salad please contact Athena Burke. Monetary donations are also appreciated!Save the date - Our Book Club/Pot Luck Dinner will be on January 30th in the Atrium. Look for details in the weekly bulletin.



Philoptochos offering Christmas gifts & clothing to children of Park Street Elementary - Pat Koutouzis with Principal, Assistant Principal and Social worker of the school.







AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—December 2019

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

AHEPA Chapter 519 had its Christmas dinner party on December 8th. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the fun evening and delicious food, including District Governor, Harry Kipreos, and Lieutenant Governor, John Sinus. Also, THANK YOU ALL, for your support of AHEPA and the ideals tor which we stand.

AHEPA would also like to thank the many who participated in our Toys for Tots campaign. Over 109 toys were donated and will be distributed to children in Cobb County on Christmas morning! Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming events for January and February - PLEASE mark your calendars!! JOIN US!

- * January 18th ADOPT A MILE
- * January 26th Greek Letters Day Luncheon
- * February 29 Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

We added to our membership in the last couple of months and, for those who are not members, please consider joining our chapter. It is only \$75.00 per year and supports the youth, Hellenic Studies, and our church community. If you need any additional information, please contact the following board members, Keath Paxten, Zack Kollias, Ron Sprouse and Jim Burke. We hope to see you in the New Year!





AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership organization. Its scope is international with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus, and "sister" chapters in Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of AHEPA Australasia.

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AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in order to help Greek immigrants assimilate into American society. Today, AHEPA brings forward the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes philanthropy, education, civic and family responsibility and individual excellence to the community.



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Happy New Year to everyone in our wonderful community, especially our seniors and, of course, our members who have supported us through our many years of existence. Each year we say this will be our best year, again hopefully this will be our best year 2020. Please join! We want you! You need us! Dues are only \$15.

Our first event will be our Valentine Party on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Mary Ellen Knuchel, as always, plans a fun event. GAMES! PRIZES! LUNCH! More information to follow, so please mark your calendar and join us!

Our next event is for our little ones in the community. CHILDREN'S DAY! It is a fun experience for the children after church on Sunday, Feb. 16th. We will be serving hot dogs with all the trimmings for everyone. No charge...just a free will offering. This year we have added a small iPad for the little ones (10 years and under). We enjoy having this event - our 4th year! Everyone is invited!

Now, the next event is for our adults. Prime Timers is planning a trip to Charleston, SC. But anyone and everyone is invited to go. You do not have to be a member. A 5 day trip will be offered by Diamond Tours. Bring your friends and relatives. More information to follow, and you can pay for it in monthly installments if you wish.

Thank you for supporting our organization this past year. We hope to have more events for everyone and if you have any suggestions, please contact any of our board members.

Hope 2020 FINDS EVERYONE HEALTHY AND HAPPY!!





Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church St. Philothei Food Pantry Ministry 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA. 30066

As 2019 has come to a close and we make room for 2020, St. Philothei Pantry would like to share some thoughts.

St. Philothei Pantry operations would not have been possible in 2019 without the Volunteer Crew comprised of Parishioners that have helped on every possible level. Everyone has come through to make it all a success - bringing relief to families during their toughest times.

Secondly, St. Philothei Pantry would like to inform you that we have helped about 60 families – impacting about 200 people, of which approximately one third are children. Not only have these families been provided nourishment, but many have been counselled and guided through difficult life situations. In addition, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Angel programs were both an amazing success.

Looking forward to 2020, St. Philothei will be building and sustaining a body of volunteers in various positions. A signup procedure is currently being set up. Some of the positions necessary are runners, baggers, shoppers, cleaners and organizers. And, a resource manual, to include operating procedures, is being established to help us operate consistently.

If you would like to volunteer your time, talent, good spirit, etc. and/or donate financially, to this life-changing ministry, please call or email me to get involved. I am always available by phone or text at (678) 224–1933 or by email at <u>thelastminuteavailable@gmail.com</u>. Thank you and Happy New Year.

In His Name humbly serving, Diana Dusa Pantry Director

SUMMER CAMP FOR 2020

Summer Camp dates have been set for 2020, June 22nd - June 26th, and the theme will be *Going for the Gold: Feasts of the Triumph of Christ and His Church*. Sessions will run from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm (approximate).

Hazel Bruce will be our director again, and she needs to start recruiting teachers; she will also need adult and GOYA volunteers to assist with classrooms, photography, music, arts and crafts, decorating, games, t-shirt design/ordering, and cooking/snacks.

Hazel's first Summer Camp meeting will be on Sunday, January 12th at 12:30 pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Hazel at <u>hazolen@gmail.com</u>.

Pictures from 2019 - it was so much Fun!













Together We Succeed!

Diakonia Retreat Center Gala

Please join us for dinner, dancing and live auction

Saturday, February 1, 2020 Vespers 5:00 pm Cocktail Reception 6:00 pm Dinner and Dancing 7:00 pm

Live entertainment by: Nikitas Demos & Nick Trivelas

The Kartos Ballroom Thalia N. Carlos Hellenic Center 2500 Clairmont Road, Atlanta Georgia 30329

Cocktail Attire

Hosted By: Saint Philothea of Athens Annunciation Cathedral of Atlanta Holy Trinity of Augusta Holy Transfiguration Mission of Columbus Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene of Cumming Holy Cross of Macon Holy Transfiguration of Marietta Saint Christopher of Peachtree City

Together We Make a Difference!

The Diakonia Retreat Center is our beloved retreat and camp facility and our special place for spiritual regeneration, guided and guarded by the Holy Spirit. *It is the place where life-long friendships are made.*

This fundraising event is part of a Metropolis wide effort to eliminate the mortgage on the property which has funded the land purchase, the facilities expansion (including lodges, dining hall and new cabins), and infrastructure upkeep such as water and power updates. It is noteworthy that this fundraiser is not related to the construction of the Panayia Chapel which currently carries no debt. Together we can raise the funds to secure the future of the Diakonia Retreat Center for generations to come.

Over the past 20 years, countless youth and adults have benefitted from the ministries offered at the Diakonia Retreat Center.

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> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4

Animals receive a blessing



College Students get together for the Annual Christmas Party



Winter Youth Rally 2019



The Champions of the Girls Tournament of Winter Youth Rally 2019







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2019. This year, our girls brought back the Championship in the Girls Basketball, while the younger boys brought back the Second Place Award in Basketball and our Bible Bowl team brought back the Third Place Bible Bowl Award. Congratulations to them!

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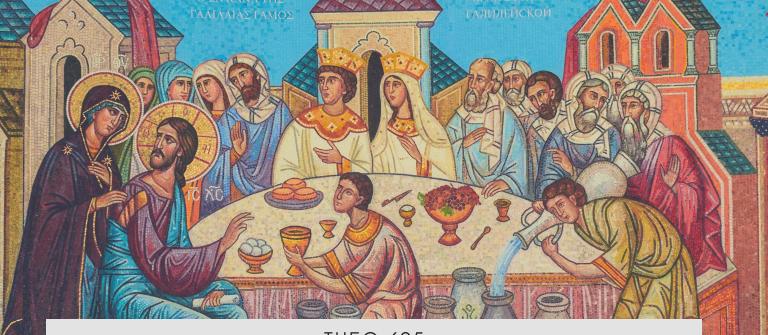
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coaches participated again this year in the Winter

Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta, December 27-30,

Youth Rally at the Century Marriott and the



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Holy Icons in Christian Worship Through the Centuries

MALTA HALL MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. JANUARY 27 - MARCH 2 FR. PANAYIOTIS PAPAGEORGIOU, PHD.

Course description:

This course is a historical overview of the development and use of holy icons as an aid to Christian worship. The course will cover:

- The beginnings of Christian symbols which gradually develop into teaching tools • of the Biblical events and proclamations of the Christian Faith;
- The continuous use of holy icons in the Christian East as enhancements to worship and also reminders of the major feasts;
- An overview of the historical developments in the Christian West which led to changes from Christian iconography to Christian art;
- Answers to the question: What can holy icons do for us today?

Audit fee: \$99

For more information or to register, contact Kim Schulman at kschulman@holyspiritcollege.org



HOLY SPIRIT 4465 Northside Drive NW Atlanta, GA 30327

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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1/19	TBA	St. Peter	K. Johnson/V. Worden	J. Miltiades/M. Miltiades/M. Neocleous	P. George/K. Johnson/B. Reid
1/26	TBA	St. James	M. Hendrix/S. Linebaugh	P. Miltiades/K. Niarchos/K. Panov	J. Burke/A. Zakreski

<u>St. James Altar Servers:</u> Captain-Matthew Buchan

Evan Bilson, Andrew Bourgeois, Alex Goldsholl, Gabriel Hennefent, Nicholas Levantis, Jeremy Mavromatidis, Jacob Mavromatidis, Aubrey Moraitakis, George Moraitakis, Matthew Paulson, Nicholas Rury, Mitchell Starks, Niko Tiller, Alexander Makris, Thanos Perry, Nicholas Brezi, Matthew Dela Torriente, Lio Bruce

St. John Altar Servers: Captain-Alex Gekas

Vassilios Asprakis, Andrew Bass, Christian Coleman, Kaleb Hotnog, William Jansma, Alexander Morgan, Robbie O'Brien, Alexander Thorne, Branden Thorne, Casaba Wagner, Romeo Wagner, Caleb Reid, Nathan Reid, Eli Zavala, Dimitri Angelakos, Nicholas Angelakos, Aristotle Lilly-Ladas

St. Peter Altar Servers: Captain-Yianni Costarides

Hal Bradford, III, Zack Bradford, Brody Brooks, Nicholas Demakis, Manuel Frangis, Zayne Isaac, Aeneas Maniatis, Alex Miltiades, Luke Melissas, Evan Strakes, Yianni Vacratsas, Stefano Vacratsas, Michael Vastakis, Panayiotis Vlachos, Sam Comsudes, Lucas Karampelas, Theodore Vatzakas, Anthony Vattelana, Cole Foster

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