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Marietta, GA

MARCH & APRIL 2020



The Return of the Prodigal Son

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

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GREAT LENT - SPRING CLEANING FOR OUR SOULS



It is March, and every family sets aside a special time for the Spring cleaning of their home, which we usually do every year. Although this annual Spring cleaning requires effort and leaves us physically exhausted, we still do it every year because of the good feeling it brings to our living environment.

But we are not just bodies that live in homes. We also have an immortal soul that dwells in our bodies and gives us life. This is the part of us which will live long after our bodies dissolve in the earth following our physical death, it will live for ever, for it is immortal.

I want to challenge you today to consider seriously the Spring-cleaning of your soul, as well as your home.

The Church has provided a method for that, which costs no money and requires no major physical exertion - just personal reflection and honesty with ourselves followed by an honest confession of our sins in front of our spiritual father.

The Spring cleaning of our house refreshes the air and renews the space we live in. The Spring-cleaning of our soul renews our relationship with God and the people around us and refreshes our sense of well-being. If you haven't tried it already, you do not know what you have been missing.

Just like (a few years ago) we set aside a time to renew and consecrate our sanctuary and make it the dwelling of God, let's also set aside this Great Lent as the time to renew and consecrate ourselves as temples of the Holy Spirit. Let's make this Lent the time to become a new creation. Let's make it the time to re-dedicate our souls and bodies as Temples of God. But the Spirit of God cannot dwell in filthy stables. We need to direct the rivers of repentance through our soul to wash away the refuse of our sins.

For this reason, let us set aside this Great Lent for Personal Spiritual Renewal. Priests will be available to receive you for Confession. You can try to sanctify yourself through prayer during the day, even if you are working, by repeating the "Jesus Prayer" many times during the day. You can immerse yourself in worship during the services provided daily. And you can also enlighten your mind and heart by studying the Word of God, attending the Lenten Spiritual Lectures and studying the lives of the Saints.

Great Lent is a very special time that can be transformative for each one of us. We can become the true Body of Christ as we come together to re-dedicate ourselves to Him. This can be the re-baptism and re-confirmation of our soul and body.

Join us this Great Lent, my friends, for the refreshing of our souls and bodies.

May the Love and Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, always.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 2020

March 1, Sunday, Cheese-Fare Sunday. Κυριακή τῆς Τυροφάγου.

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

Evening: Vespers of Forgiveness, 5:00 pm

March 2, Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent. Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Καθαρά Δευτέρα. Ἀρχή Μ. Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Μέγα Ἀπόδειπνο, 6:00 μμ

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

March 4, First Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

March 5, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 6, Friday. First Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Πρῶτοι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ**

March 7, Saturday. Divine Liturgy. Miracle of St. Theodore with the Kollyva

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

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 8, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Κυριακή τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας.

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

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

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

March 9, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 11, Second Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm.

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion**

March 12, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 13, Friday. Second Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. **Δεύτεροι Χαιρετισμοί, 7:00 μμ**

March 14, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 15, Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Forefeast of the Annunciation

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

March 16, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 18, Third Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm
A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by **Parish Oratorical Festival.**

March 19, Thursday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 20, Friday. Third Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τρίτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ

March 21, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 22, Third Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

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

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

March 23, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 24, Tuesday, Evening: Great Vespers of the Annunciation of the Theotokos 6:00 pm

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

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

Today we eat fish. Σήμερα γίνεται κατάλυσις ιχθύος.

Evening: Great Vespers, Apodosis of the Feast of the Annunciation 6:00 pm followed by a Lenten Potluck Dinner (which includes fish) at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion**

March 26, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

March 27, Friday, Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos 7:00 pm. Τέταρτοι Χαιρετισμοί 7:00 μμ.

March 28, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

March 29, Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, St. John of Climacus.

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

March 30, Monday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 2020

April 1, Fifth Wednesday of Great Lent. Blessing of the Water 11:00 am

Evening: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm

A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion**

April 2, Thursday. Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 6:00 pm

April 3, Friday, The Akathist Hymn 7:00 pm

April 4, Saturday. Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 5, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

April 6, Monday. Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 8, Sixth Wednesday of Great Lent. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:45 pm.
A Lenten Dinner will be offered at 7:00 pm followed by a **Presentation and Discussion.**

April 9, Thursday, Great Compline 6:00 pm

April 10, Friday, Great Vespers, Resurrection of St. Lazarus 6:00 pm

April 11, Saturday, The Resurrection of St. Lazarus
Orthros 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Making of the palm crosses and Confession for children follows the Divine Liturgy.
Evening: Great Vespers for Palm Sunday 5:00 pm

April 12, Palm Sunday. The Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

For Services from Palm Sunday Evening to the Sunday of Pascha (April 19), please see the Holy Week Services Schedule provided in a special flyer.

April 19, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day).

Noon: Great Vespers of Love-Feast of St. George 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Paschal Picnic follows!

April 22, Renewal Wednesday, Great Vespers- Feast of St. George 6:00 pm

April 23, Renewal Thursday - Feast of St. George
Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

April 25, Renewal Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

April 26, Sunday, Sunday of Thomas (AntiPascha).
Orthros 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

To be used throughout the Great and Holy Lent

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

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

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



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Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2020

April 12, Sunday. Palm Sunday.

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

Today we eat fish.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm.

April 13, Holy and Great Monday.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm.

April 14, Holy and Great Tuesday.

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm.

April 15, Holy and Great Wednesday.

Morning: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:00 am.

Afternoon: Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 3:00 pm.

Evening: Small Compline 6:45 pm, Holy Unction (service of Holy Oil for Healing) 7:00 pm.

April 16, Holy and Great Thursday.

Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morning: Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 am.

Evening: The Service of the Passion of Christ 7:00 pm.

April 17, Holy and Great Friday.

The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ.

Morning: The Great Hours 9:00 am.

Afternoon: The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial 3:00 pm.

Evening: The Burial of Christ--Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios) 7:00 pm, followed by Procession of the Tomb of Christ.

April 18, Holy and Great Saturday.

Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am. The Descent of Christ into Hades.

Midnight Resurrection Services: The Canon of Easter 11:00 pm,

12:00 Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12:30 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha.

April 19, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day).

Noon: Great Vespers of Love-Feast of St. George 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Paschal Picnic follows!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MARCH

3/1/2020	Sunday:	Luke 24:1-12	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4	Matthew 6:14-21
3/2/2020	Monday:	Isaiah 1:1-20	Genesis 1:1-13	Proverbs 1:1-20
3/3/2020	Tuesday:	Isaiah 1:19-2:3	Genesis 1:14-23	Proverbs 1:20-33
3/4/2020	Wednesday:	Isaiah 2:3-11	Genesis 2:4-19	Proverbs 3:1-18
3/5/2020	Thursday:	Isaiah 2:11-21	Genesis 2:4-19	Proverbs 3:1-18
3/6/2020	Friday:	Isaiah 3:1-14	Genesis 2:20-3:20	Proverbs 3:19-34
3/7/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10	Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5	
3/8/2020	Sunday:	Luke 24:13-35	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40	John 1:43-51
3/9/2020	Monday:	Luke 21:12-19	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10	Matthew 20:1-16
3/10/2020	Tuesday:	Isaiah 5:7-16	Genesis 4:8-15	Proverbs 5:1-15
3/11/2020	Wednesday:	Isaiah 5:16-25	Genesis 4:16-26	Proverbs 5:15-6:3
3/12/2020	Thursday:	Isaiah 6:1-12	Genesis 5:1-14	Proverbs 6:3-20
3/13/2020	Friday:	Isaiah 7:1-14	Genesis 5:32-6:8	Proverbs 6:20-7:1
3/14/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 3:12-16	Mark 1:35-44	
3/15/2020	Sunday:	Luke 24:36-53	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3	Mark 2:1-12
3/16/2020	Monday:	Isaiah 8:13-9:7	Genesis 6:9-22	Proverbs 8:1-21
3/17/2020	Tuesday:	Isaiah 9:9-10:4	Genesis 7:1-5	Proverbs 8:32-9:11
3/18/2020	Wednesday:	Isaiah 10:12-20	Genesis 7:6-9	Proverbs 9:12-18
3/19/2020	Thursday:	Isaiah 11:10-12:2	Genesis 7:11-8:3	Proverbs 10:1-22
3/20/2020	Friday:	Isaiah 13:2-13	Genesis 8:4-21	Proverbs 10:31-11:12
3/21/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-38	Mark 2:14-17	
3/22/2020	Sunday:	John 20:1-10	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-16	Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
3/23/2020	Monday:	Isaiah 14:24-32	Genesis 8:21-9:7	Proverbs 11:19-12:6
3/24/2020	Tuesday:	Isaiah 25:1-9	Genesis 9:8-17	Proverbs 12:8-22
3/25/2020	Wednesday:	Luke 1:39-49, 56	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18	Luke 2:24-38
3/26/2020	Thursday:	Isaiah 28:14-22	Genesis 10:32-11:9	Proverbs 13:19-14:6
3/27/2020	Friday:	Isaiah 29:13-23	Genesis 12:1-7	Proverbs 14:15-26
3/28/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:9-12	Mark 7:31-37	
3/29/2020	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20	Mark 9:17-31
3/30/2020	Monday:	Isaiah 37:33-38:6	Genesis 13:12-18	Proverbs 14:27-15:4
3/31/2020	Tuesday:	Isaiah 40:18-31	Genesis 15:1-15	Proverbs 15:7-19

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - APRIL

4/1/2020	Wednesday:	Isaiah 41:4-14	Genesis 17:1-9	Proverbs 15:20-16:9
4/2/2020	Thursday:	Isaiah 42:5-16	Genesis 18:20-33	Proverbs 16:17-17:17
4/3/2020	Friday:	Isaiah 45:11-17	Genesis 22:1-18	Proverbs 17:17-18:5
4/4/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 1:39-49, 56	
4/5/2020	Sunday:	John 20:19-31	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 10:32-45
4/6/2020	Monday:	Isaiah 48:17-49:4	Genesis 27:1-41	Proverbs 19:16-25
4/7/2020	Tuesday:	Isaiah 49:6-10	Genesis 31:3-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
4/8/2020	Wednesday:	Isaiah 58:1-11	Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16	Proverbs 21:3-21
4/9/2020	Thursday:	Isaiah 65:8-16	Genesis 46:1-7	Proverbs 23:15-24:5
4/10/2020	Friday:	Isaiah 66:10-24	Genesis 49:33-50:26	Proverbs 31:8-31
4/11/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8	John 11:1-45	
4/12/2020	Sunday:	Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17	St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9	John 12:1-18
4/13/2020	Monday:	Matthew 24:3-35	Matthew 21:18-43	
4/14/2020	Tuesday:	Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2	Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39	
4/15/2020	Wednesday:	Matthew 26:6-16	John 12:17-50	
4/16/2020	Thursday:	Luke 22:1-39	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 11:23-32	Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75; 27:1-2 Twelve Gospels
4/17/2020	Friday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:6-8	Matthew 27:62-66	
4/18/2020	Saturday:	Matthew 27:62-66	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11	Matthew 28:1-20
4/19/2020	Sunday:	Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8	John 1:1-17	
4/20/2020	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 1:12-17, 21-26	John 1:18-28	
4/21/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21	Luke 24:12-35	
4/22/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 2:22-38	John 1:35-52	
4/23/2020	Thursday:	Luke 21:12-19	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11	John 15:17-27; 16:1-2
4/24/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 3:1-8	John 2:12-22	
4/25/2020	Saturday:	St. Peter's First Universal Letter 5:6-14	Luke 10:16-21	
4/26/2020	Sunday:	Matthew 28:16-20	Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20	John 20:19-31
4/27/2020	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 3:19-26	John 2:1-11	
4/28/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 4:1-10	John 3:16-21	
4/29/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 4:13-22	John 5:17-24	
4/30/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11	Luke 9:1-6	

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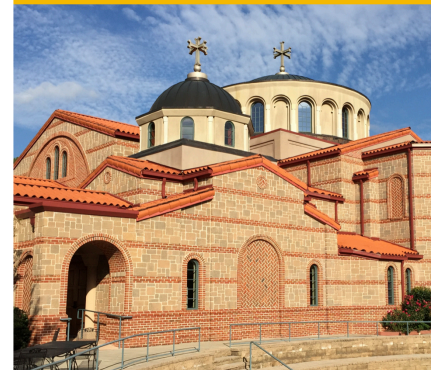
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Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas
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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tiller
Mr. Steve Tingas
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Mr. & Mrs. Ray Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Vachtsevanos
Drs. George & Athena Vachtsevanos
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Mr. & Mrs. Plutarch Vamvakias
Mr. & Mrs. Michael VanPatten
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Mr. & Mrs. Danny Vlahiotis
Mr. Julian P. Wade
Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Wagner
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Westmoreland
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Whiteside

Mr. & Mrs. Malcom Worden
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Yiannovits
Mrs. Elefteria Young
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zaharogiannis
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zakreski
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Zavala
Mrs. Angela Ziros
Ms. Eleftheria Zoheir

TOTAL: 260

Stewards of the Faith

All things are Possible to
the one who believes in Christ



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

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL
MEMBERSHIP/
STEWARDSHIP
IN
2020!**

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 2/17/2020 is \$1,610,515.00

(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	Stephen & Marla Hendrix	Costa & Maro Neocleous	Brett & Elizabeth Strauch
Jeff & Maria Alberts	Christopher & Katie Holmes	Jim Niarchos	Zacharias & Theresa Taoushiani
Stephanie Alberts	Katie Jacobs	Iancu Nica	Tim & Maria Tassopoulos
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Tom & Lois Bafas	David & Elena Kay	Evans & Leah Nichols	Peter & Renée Tiller
Benone & Corina Baila	Alan & Mary Ellen Knuchel	Michael & Georgia O'Brien	Steve Tingas
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR

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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cabad23a2fe3-coffee>

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



USHERS

Are you looking for an opportunity to get more involved in church, but don't know where to begin? Consider serving as an usher. We are currently in need of three ushers to add to our rotation of volunteers. Ushers play an important role during the Divine Liturgy service, assisting during communion and during the donation collection by keeping us organized and flowing smoothly. You will not need to arrive early or stay late. You will only need to serve about one Sunday per month. If interested, please contact Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@gmail.com



Congratulations to our WYR Girls Volleyball Team!

Coached by Brian Jansma, they won 3rd place in 2019!

From the Parish Council President

Parish Family,

With the coming of the New Year comes a new Parish Council to serve our Parish in 2020. Please welcome our new members – George Lopos, Stephen Hendrix and Maria Alberts. I would like to thank the outgoing members – Ellen Linebaugh, Terry Bliss and Jon Papastrat for their hard work and dedication to our Parish. I would also like to thank Steve Tingas for being our Parish President for the last five years and agreeing to stay on as Vice-President. His knowledge and experience will continue to be a great asset to our Parish Council and our community.

The new 2020 Parish Council has elected its officers and assigned ministry responsibilities as follows:

Executive Board:

President	Mike Jacobs
Vice President	Steve Tingas
Secretary	Stephanie Lukens
Treasurer	Danny Vlahiotis
Assistant Treasurer	Christopher Hansard

Ministry Liaisons:

Parish Life – George Lopos, Stephen Hendrix and Harry Mavromatidis

Events sponsored by the Parish Council:

Festival, Coffee Hour, General Assembly, Agape Picnic, Christmas Eve, Transfiguration Name Day, Lenten Dinners, Misc.- Metropolitan visits, Clergy Name days, etc.

Facilities – Dennis Koutouzis

Facility Maintenance and Repairs, Rental Committee, Rental Property Management

Stewardship – Mike Jacobs /Maria Alberts (Assumes full-time role after the festival is completed)

General Fund, Building Fund, Capital Campaign, Pledge of Time and Talent, Eternal Light Society

Outreach / Volunteer Coordinator – Steve Tingas

Community Outreach, Homecoming Picnic, Sunday Greeters

Education, Youth and Culture – Ken Bilson

Catechism, Hellenic Studies, Youth Activities, Hellenic Culture, Dance

Philanthropy – Dennis Christopher

Food Pantry, Reverse Offerings, Philoptochos

Liturgical –Stephanie Lukens

Church services, Ushers, Narthex Duty Scheduling, Religious Supply Procurement

Please feel free to contact any Parish Council Member/Ministry Liaisons directly if you have questions /input or would like to volunteer your time and talent. I am honored to be your Parish Council President and look forward to an exciting year for our parish.

Thank you

Mike Jacobs
Parish Council President



Save the Dates...

Our 30th Anniversary
May 15 - 17, 2020

Here's how YOU can help –

Get the word out - Use the power of Email and Social Media ...

- ✓ Spread the word using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or your favorite media
- ✓ Distribute the flyer to your friends and neighbors via email; invite them to come.
- ✓ Use free advertising through community websites, school bulletins, etc.

Join us for Festival Cooking and Prep Work...

- ✓ Look for Festival Cooking Dates coming up:
 - Keftedes – Wednesday, February 26
 - Dolmades – Saturday, March 28
 - Spanakopita – Wednesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 5
 - New! Koulourakia – date to be determined
- ✓ Prep work is needed the week of the festival:
 - Souvlaki prep
 - Pastry packaging
 - Set up and assembly

Sign up to work before, during and after the Festival...

- ✓ Join us for the Festival Kick-off Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 22nd
- ✓ Go to the Sign-Up Genius and fill as many slots as you can, or complete a volunteer form.
- ✓ Invite your friends and family to help.
- ✓ We expect every member of our Parish to sign up. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners and lots of fun!
- ✓ *We need many helping hands; any amount of your time is welcome!!*

Look for a redesign of the layout and some menu changes designed to simplify the operations and reduce expenses.

Please check upcoming church bulletins and emails for festival updates and announcements. If you can offer your time and talent in any capacity, please contact Maria Alberts at 404-966-6694 or maria.alberts29@gmail.com.

**LET THE JOURNEY
(TOWARDS THE KINGDOM)
BEGIN!**

A TRAIL GUIDE TO HTGOC'S YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

6. Parents' Group - A monthly gathering for parents of younger-aged children (up to H.S.), that aspires to expand their social network, support each other, and engage in edifying discussions around parenting and family life.

5. Young Couples' Group - A social group for recently-married young couples, with monthly gatherings and informal discussion.

4. Till We Have Faces Young Adult

Movement - A gathering of YA's in their 20's and 30's, which includes *Third Thursday* - a monthly social meet-up on the 3rd Thursday of each month, and *Second Sunday* - a class and discussion in collaboration with Catechism the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**For more info
contact Fr. Michael at
frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com**

3. College Ministry - An outreach program, where volunteers send care packages to HT's college students, and students gather at a parishioner's home during school break.

2. GOYA - A weekly gathering for youth (Grades 6-12) focused on building community, service, worship, and outreach.

1. HOPE/JOY - A monthly gathering for kids (Grades K-5) and parents involving fellowship, arts & crafts, fun games, and spiritual discussion.



Holy Week Flowers

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

Please Contact

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

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

(Please Print)

or

For the Health of: _____

(Please Print)

Amount of Donation: _____

The names of donors and dedications will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, April 19th

Holy Week Luminarias

Honor the memory of a loved one with a luminaria on Holy Friday, April 26th, 2019. Luminarias are sponsored by the Dance Ministry; Suggested donation is **\$5.00** per luminaria.



Luminaria

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

(Please Print 1 to 2 Names per Luminaria)

Please return this completed form with check (payable to **HT Dance Ministry**) in the tray during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or to the church office **by Wednesday, April 15th!**

Thank you for your support.

The Paradox of Grief

Grieving a loss can be a lonely and exhausting business. It is paradoxical how we can be surrounded by loving family and friends who try to encourage and comfort us, yet we still feel isolated and alone. Very often, we simply do not have the physical, mental or emotional energy to feel better as quickly and as fully as others may wish. Grief zaps our strength and our ability to engage with others. Yet, as hard as it is, engaging with our grief, with our Lord, and with other people provides a way forward.



Dr. Jerry Sittser, the author of *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss*, writes about other paradoxes that he experienced: “The grief I feel is sweet as well as bitter. I still have a sorrowful soul; yet I wake every morning joyful...Never have I felt so much pain...yet never have I experienced as much pleasure in simply being alive and living an ordinary life. Never have I been so broken; yet never have I been so whole. Never have I been so aware of my weakness and vulnerability; yet never have I been so content and felt so strong. Never has my soul been more dead; yet never has my soul been more alive.”

How a loss affects us is unique to each of us. What may feel like a minor loss to one person may feel devastating to another. Loss is not limited to death of a loved one, but includes divorce, job loss, a serious illness, moving, empty nester, or any time there is a change in your life. Change, by its very nature, entails loss as well as gains. And so it is with grief. The journey through grief may start with a loss, but it can also result in transformative gains.

Dr. Sittser continues: “The supreme challenge...involves facing the darkness of loss on the one hand and learning to live with renewed vitality and gratitude on the other. The challenge is met when we learn to take the loss into ourselves and be enlarged by it...Loss can function as a catalyst to transform us. It can lead us to God, the only One who has the desire and the power to give us life.”

I invite you to join our Grief Recovery Support Group. We meet on average twice a month on Saturday mornings at 10 am in the St. Basil Conference Room. 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. You do not have to say a word. Listening may be all you can do right now, and that is okay. We do not judge or try to fix each other. Everyone is welcome!

Please keep an eye on the Lenten Wednesday evening programs. One week will feature a program on Grief and Grace. When we start our Saturday sessions again after Pascha, we will be using Dr. Sittser’s book, *A Grace Revealed: How God Redeem the Story of Your Life*, to inspire our discussions. In the meantime, 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 Dance News



Marietta Greek Festival 2020 Dance Preparation Begins

All groups are now practicing on Sundays for the Marietta Greek Festival. Any changes are made by your group instructor, so please make sure you give them your contact information. If you would like to have your child participate in the festival, please contact us at marietahellenicdance@gmail.com. You will also need to register your child for this youth ministry with the church. All dancers must attend practice by Mar. 1 in order to participate in the festival. Makeups are available if you have a conflict. Pre-K-3rd grade will need to be signed in and out of practice by a parent or adult guardian. Practice and instructor information:

Pitsirikia: Pre-k, 12:30 p.m. Alex Matthews, alexandramatthews22@gmail.com

Palamakia: K-1st gr, 12:30 p.m. Tina Johansen and Eleni Bafas, tinajohansen@yahoo.com

eleni.bafas@gmail.com

Asteria: 2nd-3rd gr, 12:30 p.m. Peggy Dunkerly and Karen Fox, greekpd@comcast.net Karen@kfoxcpa.com

Petaloudes: 4th-5th gr, 12:30 p.m. Maria Linebaugh and Alexa Sarmir, mlinebaugh3@gmail.com alexasarmir@gmail.com

Phoenix: 6th-8th gr, 1 p.m. Elaine Bilson and Ted Gormanos, eleni_cosma@yahoo.com tedgormanos@att.net

Eleftheria: 9th-12th gr, 1 p.m. Paulina Vastakis paulinasox3@att.net

Other News

Hellenic Dance Festival: Our Phoenix and Eleftheria dance groups performed beautifully at the Orlando HDF 2020 in January, joining over 1,500 other dancers from around the U.S., in a spectacular display of Hellenic culture. Phoenix, led by Elaine Bilson, won the Costume award in the Junior division. Thank you to all of our dancers, parents, chaperones, and directors for their time and dedication. Please congratulate our dancers!



Phoenix Award
for Best Costume

Eleftheria Group





Dancers putting together kits for social services project.



Phoenix Group-HDF

Costume Fee: The Hellenic Dance Ministry will begin collecting a costume fee of \$50 per dancer, Pre-K-Adult. This fee will be used solely for the use, care, and maintenance of our costume collection. Many of our costumes are 15+ years old and we will need to begin replacing pieces as they become too fragile and worn after many years of use. The costume fee is payable by check to HTGOC, with "Costume Fee" in the memo line along with your dancer's name. Fees are due by **Mar. 1 (03-01-2020)** and will cover your dancer for the entire year, including the festival, any travel performances, and HDF. Costume fees will need to be paid in order to get fitted for this year's festival.

Travel Troupe Opportunities: Our Travel Troupe has been invited to participate in the Georgia State International Festival in Perry, GA, on Mar. 21, 2020. This will be a paid performance. All dancers 7th-12th grade interested in performing should contact Paulina Vastakis ASAP for further details (paulinasox3@att.net).

The Travel Troupe will also resume performing at area restaurants: 1st Fridays at Zeus Street Food; 2nd Fridays at Come-N-Get-It; and 3rd Fridays at Yeero Village. Interested dancers, 7th grade and up, please contact Paulina for information. Everyone, please come out to these local restaurants for a Friday dinner and help support our dancers!

Fundraiser: Hellenic Dance will be launching the Good Friday Luminaries fundraiser soon. Please contact Martha Vattalana if you would like to assist (martha.vattalana@gmail.com). We need all dance families to get involved by selling luminaries during Lent.

Service: Participation in the Hellenic Dance Ministry requires 2-4 hours of service from each family. There are many opportunities throughout the year to assist, including help with costume fittings, closet cleaning, laundering after the festival, fundraiser help, and Travel Troupe assistance. Please contact Paulina Vastakis if you would like further information.

We also require each dance family to offer 8 hours of service to the Marietta Greek Festival. This can be done before, during, and after the festival in a variety of roles. Maria Alberts, MGF chair, will be rolling out festival volunteer sign ups soon, so please plan ahead. If you need to be added to our email list for updates and other information, please send a message to marietahellenicdance@gmail.com. Dance families can also follow us on Facebook by sending a request to Holy Transfiguration Marietta Greek Dancers.

Make Your Time and Talent a Pascha Gift

Volunteer to help our 2020 Pascha Events:

Palm Sunday Dinner April 12
Midnight Resurrection Dinner April 19
AGAPE Picnic April 19 (Afternoon)

Volunteer one, two, or more hours to help your friends prep food, setup, or serve at these Pascha Events. It's easy and lots of fun! Contact Parish Life representatives for information and to volunteer:

Steve Hendrix stephenmhendrix@gmail.com
George Lopus glopos96@gmail.com
Harry Mavromatidis haralambosm@gmail.com



HELLENIC STUDIES

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

THANK YOU to all of you who supported our **Valentine's Dance!** We look forward to, God willing, many more celebrations with you.

SAVE THE DATE for our **MARCH 25th program**

Please see flyer in this issue of the *Syndiakonia*

Saturday, March 22, 2020

Traditional fish luncheon and program by the students of our community. Tickets will be on sale March 1, 8, 15, and 22.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 will begin this spring. More info to come soon!

Contact us at hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com for questions.

LAMBATHES (Pascha candles) will be on sale during Lent. Palm Sunday will be the last day. Godparents take note. ;)

Please join and support the
HELLENIC STUDIES PROGRAM
of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday, March 22, 2020

GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION
and Commemoration of the
ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Time: Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Place: Parish Life Center – 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta

Main Event: Traditional Fish Luncheon and Hellenic Studies Program
featuring the students of our community

\$12 for adults

\$8 for children ages 12 and under

Tickets available for purchase on Sunday March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
after the Divine Liturgy near the PLC entrance

For more information/tickets please email: hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com

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?

CONFIDENTIAL HELP IS AVAILABLE THROUGH PANAGIA CHAPTER,
PHILOPTOCHOS HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
770-924-8080

Thank you to everyone who supported Philoptochos by attending the Souper Bowl Luncheon and the Godparents Luncheon.

It's a busy time for us! Upcoming events:

On March 14th beginning at 10:00 we will need many hands! Our chapter, along with Brand Mortgage, aka Capital City Home Loans, will be sponsoring a **Fight for Hunger Event!** We will be preparing **25 thousand meals** that will be distributed to needy families in Cobb County through MUST Ministries! These meals will include items like oatmeal and macaroni and cheese. Please join us in the Parish Life Center. We'll begin at 10:00 am and hope to be finished by 12:30.

The Three Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving is the theme for the **14th annual Atlanta Metropolis Lenten Retreat**. What a great blessing it is to have Frederica Mathewes-Green as our guest speaker! Many of you have read her books, including *Facing East*, *The Jesus Prayer*, and *The Illumined Heart*. Please don't delay getting your registration in. The retreat will take place at the Diakonia Retreat Center, **March 20-22**; the cost is \$175 per person and includes lodging, all meals, snacks and program materials. Join your sisters throughout the Metropolis for a beautiful weekend of fellowship and spiritual enrichment! Registration forms are available at our Metropolis website <https://atlmopolis.org/14th-annual-spiritual-retreat1>

March 19 – Book Club/Pot Luck Dinner in the Atrium, the book is *Laurus* by Eugene Vodolazkin.

March 26 – Soup Kitchen at MUST Ministries. If you can help or would like to donate money, chicken, rice or salad for the area homeless, please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net

March 29 – we will be passing out egg dyeing kits to those who will be helping with Paschal eggs.

Saturday, April 4th Save the date! We will have our Panagia Chapter Lenten Retreat. Presvytera Patty will share a discussion on the theme "Be Still and Know That I am God" Psalm 45(46):11 Look for more info in the weekly bulletins.

Friday, April 17th Join us at 9:00 am to prepare and decorate the kouvouklion, Christ's tomb.

April 23rd – Soup Kitchen at MUST Ministries. Contact Athena Burke if you can help.

April 30th Book Club/Pot Luck Dinner in the Atrium. Our selection is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.





Parish-Wide Event Hosted by Philoptochos

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Parish Hall

2 1/2 HOURS OF ORGANIZED CHAOS TO FEED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Help Philoptochos pack and donate
25,000 meals for MUST Ministries

Adults & Youth 12 and Older
Sign-up in the Parish Hall at the Philoptochos Table
(Invite your friends!)

**Co-Sponsored by BrandMortgage, soon to be
Capital City Home Loans**



For more information please contact **Pat Koutouzis**
koutouzisjd@comcast.net
404.542.1934



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

On February 1, about 20 members from Prime Timers gathered for lunch and played fun games, many receiving prizes. Our tremendous thank you to Mary Ellen and Alan for a job well done. The atrium was swimming with candy and everyone had a grand time!

All of us are excited about our coffee hour event which will be Children's Day on February 16.

At our next meeting on February 11, our board will be discussing plans for the rest of the year. Some ideas are:

- 1. a trip to Charleston SC**
- 2. a 2 day garage sale**
- 3. a picnic, serving barbecue**
- 4. a trip to Chick-fil-a Corporate**
- 5. a get together playing Bingo with lunch**
- 6. movie night with popcorn, candy and sandwiches**
- 7. an exercise class with a trainer.**

Wow isn't it exciting? Yes!!!

**THEN JOIN OUR GROUP JUST \$15!
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!**



Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

St. Philothei Food Pantry Ministry

3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA. 30066

Thank you to all who helped out on the first “Market Distribution Day” of the year 2020. Please note that we have expanded our services to our families by adding new programs.

The first program added is the Birthday Program. During this program, all birthdays of our Pantry Volunteers and our families during a given month will be recognized on distribution day. In addition to the recognition, we will be giving information to our families on other services available to them.

This year we created a special area in the House for organic, sugar free and non-GMO items. We will offer these foods throughout the year.

Since some of the families that we serve are also parishioners of HTGOC, we plan to ask them for any special requests they may have and do our best to supply what they need.

Looking ahead, we plan to develop an Easter program where families will receive Easter baskets. With this event in mind, we kindly ask that baskets for the program be donated by March 15, 2020.

St. Philothei Pantry will plan Reverse Offering events four times a year. However, if you would like to donate prior to and in between these dates, please feel free to do so.

Again, thank you to all who have been involved with the activities of the Pantry in the past, and thank you in advance for your help in making 2020 as much a success as 2019.

Luke 14:13-14 (NIV)

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Distribution Days: March 17th, April 21st, May 26th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th

St. Philothei Pantry – HTGOC - Diana Dusa, Director, 678.224.1933

SUMMER CAMP FOR 2020

June 22nd - 26th

Vacation Church School

Going for the Gold

Feasts of the Triumphs of Christ and His Church



Registration fee is \$25 before April 1st.

After April 1st registration fee will increase to \$50 per child.

Please Register Here



<https://forms.gle/S9EPgVA5kueFF6Dg9>

What is VCS?

We meet from 8:45 -12:45

We do crafts

We sing songs together

We play games together

We have a short Vespers Service

We learn about the Orthodox Church

with fun activities and stories

Lunch included daily

Middle school & high school students are encouraged to join us as volunteers. Mandatory training dates will be announced and volunteer credit hours can be provided.

GOYANS Sign Up Here



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VCS is for potty trained 3 year olds up to rising 5th graders.

Contact Hazel Bruce for more information or to volunteer: hazolen@gmail.com or 757-870-5977.



AHEPA Marietta Chapter #519 News & Notes—December 2019

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



AHEPA Chapter 519 had its Adopt A Mile crew out this past week cleaning up Trickum Road from CVS all the way down to the other end. Thanks to all who helped in this endeavor.

Also, AHEPA and Hellenic Studies hosted Father Patrick Tishel from the Orthodox Church of the Resurrection of Christ in Boston. He was the main speaker at the Three Hierarchs luncheon in January. We were blessed to have such a wonderful speaker who is also the father of our very own Father Michael Tishel. Thanks to all that helped make this such a great experience for our Parish.

Up coming events for February thru May - PLEASE mark your calendars !! Join us...everyone welcome!!

- * February 29th - AHEPA Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
Infomart Hospitality / Banquet Room
1582 Terrell Mill RD
Marietta, GA
- * March 14th - Hunger Fight, 9:30 am - 12 pm Parish Hall
- * March 17 - AHEPA Lenten Dinner (TBD)
- * April 14 - AHEPA Dinner (TBD)
- * May 1-3 - AHEPA District #1 Convention (Knoxville, TN)

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 or Jim Burke.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Cheese-Fare Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Cheese-fare Sun- 12:30 AM 3 year Memor- 12:30 AM Asteria Dance 12:30 PM Petaloudes (4th & 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 12:30 PM Asteria Dance 12:30 PM Parish Assembly 	<p>10:00 AM Clean Monday, Beginning of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Compline 	<p>Super Tuesday (regional holiday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:45 AM Kafenion 2:00 PM FP & FM 1:1 Meeting 4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	<p>First Wednesday of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion (GOYA) 	<p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>Fr. Michael to lead trip to Thessaloniki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Fr. P. -Leave for Paracletos Monastery 7:00 PM First Salutation to the Theotokos 	<p>Divine Liturgy-3r... revithiKoliva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Fr. P-Liturgy at Paracletos Monastery 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:30 PM Oratorical Festi- 4:00 PM Visit of Class from and 2 more....
<p>Fr. Michael to lead trip to Thessaloniki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM Second Sunday 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 12:30 PM Petaloudes (4th & 12:30 PM Pirsirikia Dance 12:30 PM Asteria Dance 	<p>11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Compline 	<p>10:45 AM Kafenion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 	<p>Second Wednesday of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion 	<p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 	<p>10:00 AM Philoptochos Event Set-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Fr. Panayiotis, Strati and Michael leave for Diakonia Center for Conference on Monasticism 7:00 PM Second Salutation to the Theotokos 	<p>Conference on Monasticism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Philoptochos "Hunger Fight" Highway 8:30 AM AHEPA Adopt A Highway 12:30 PM Oratorical Festival Practice 5:00 PM Great Vespers
<p>Confession on Monasticism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:30 PM Petaloudes (4th & 12:30 PM Palamakia (K & 12:30 PM Pirsirikia Dance 12:30 PM Asteria Dance 1:00 PM Phoenix and Eleftheria Dance Practice (Mid- 	<p>11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Compline 	<p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:45 AM Kafenion 3:00 PM Fr. Panayiotis-Returns from Diakonia Center 4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth 4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmelles 6:30 PM AHEPA Lenten Pantry Distribution 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	<p>Third Wednesday of Great Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00 PM A Lenten Dinner will be offered followed by the Parish Oratorical Festival 7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA) 	<p>4:00 PM Prime Timers' Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Great Compline Club 6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball 	<p>Metropolis Philoptochos Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 AM Give prayers for Selini at Piedmont Hospital-Birth of Second Child 7:00 PM Third Salutation to the Theotokos 	<p>10:00 AM March 25th "Greek Independence Day" Celebration Set-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 PM Baptism of Children of 5:00 PM Great Vespers 6:00 PM Archon's Dinner-Fr.P. to speak on "Orthodoxo Confronting today's
<p>Metropolis Philoptochos Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Hellenic Studies 12:30 PM Pirsirikia Dance 12:30 PM Petaloudes (4th & 12:30 PM Asteria Dance 1:00 PM Phoenix and Eleftheria Dance Practice (Mid- 	<p>Fr. Panayiotis Away</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 6:00 PM Great Compline 	<p>10:45 AM Kafenion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 PM FP & FM 1:1 Meeting 4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth 6:00 PM Great Vespers-Annunciation of the Theotokos 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	<p>Annunciation of the Theotokos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros-Annunciation of the Theotokos 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy-Annunciation of the Theotokos 5:30 PM Hellenic Studies 5:45 PM Great Vespers-Annunciation of the Theotokos 7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/ 	<p>8:30 AM Mike Dentist (Philoptochos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM Great Compline Basketball 	<p>7:00 PM Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos</p>	<p>8:00 AM Festival Cooking (Dolmades)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM District Oratorical Festival-Conference 5:00 PM Great Vespers
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April 2020

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<p>Fr. Panayiotis Away</p> <p>11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>10:45 AM Kafentioning</p> <p>2:00 PM FP & FM 1:1 Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Council of Ministries</p>	<p>11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p> <p>5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</p> <p>7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion (GOYA)</p>	<p>6:00 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball</p>	<p>7:00 PM The Akathist Hymn</p>	<p>8:00 AM Fr. Michael serving Divine Liturgy at Paracletos Monastery in SC</p> <p>9:00 AM Philoptochos Lenten Retreat</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p> <p>6:00 PM Concert by Alkinos Ioannides</p>
<p>8:30 AM Orthros</p> <p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>12:30 PM Petaloudes (4th & 5th) Dance</p> <p>12:30 PM Palamania (K & S)</p> <p>12:30 PM Asteria Dance</p> <p>12:30 PM Pirsirikia Dance</p> <p>1:00 PM Phoenix and Eleftheria Dance Practice (Midweek)</p>	<p>10:45 AM Kafentioning</p> <p>2:00 PM FP & FM 1:1 Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth</p> <p>4:30 PM Rental: Les Marmelons of Atlanta</p> <p>7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p>	<p>5:45 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Group (GOYA)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lenten Dinner/Presentation/Discussion</p>	<p>6:00 PM Great Compline</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Recreational Basketball</p> <p>7:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</p>	<p>6:00 AM Great Vespers—Resurrection of St. Lazarus</p>	<p>8:30 AM Orthros</p> <p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>12:30 PM Petaloudes (4th & 5th) Dance</p> <p>12:30 PM Palamania (K & S)</p> <p>12:30 PM Pirsirikia Dance</p> <p>1:00 PM Phoenix and Eleftheria Dance Practice (Midweek)</p>
<p>8:30 AM Orthros</p> <p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>1:00 PM Phoenix and Eleftheria Dance Practice (Middle & High School)</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridgroom Service</p>	<p>10:45 AM Kafentioning</p> <p>2:00 PM FP & FM 1:1 Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Paraklesis for Youth</p> <p>6:30 PM Pantry Distribution</p>	<p>11:00 AM 1:1 Fr M and Michael</p> <p>5:30 PM Hellenic Studies</p>	<p>9:00 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</p> <p>3:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing)</p> <p>6:45 PM Small Compline</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Vespers</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</p> <p>7:00 PM The Service of the Passion of the Christ</p>	<p>8:30 AM Decorate the Epitaphio</p> <p>9:00 AM The Great Hours</p> <p>3:00 PM The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross</p> <p>7:00 PM The Burial of Christ—Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphio)</p>	<p>8:30 AM Orthros</p> <p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>1:00 PM Phoenix and Eleftheria Dance Practice (Middle & High School)</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridgroom Service</p>
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DATE	PC DUTY	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	PROSFORO	USHERS
3/1	M. Jacobs/G. Lopus	St. Peter	K. Johnson/V. Worden	S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis/E. Kay	K. Johnson/A. Zakreski
3/8	S. Hendrix/H. Mavromatidis	St. James	M. Hendrix/S. Linebaugh	T. Johansen/P. Koutouzis/L. Lopus	P. Markley/C. Sprouse/M. Zavala
3/15	K. Bilson/S. Lukens	St. John	P. Dunkerly/M. Zavala	J. & M. Miltiades/M. Neocleous	S. Alberts/T. Argentis/P. Bilson
3/22	M. Alberts/D. Koutouzis	St. Peter	P. Koutouzis/J. Schumacher	P. Miltiades/K. Panov	D. Botni/P. George/S. Kargas
3/29	D. Christopher/D. Vlahiotis	St. James	P. & K. Sklikas	R. Peppas/C. Smith/C. Sprouse	L. Gormanos/K. Johnson/B. Reid
4/5	C. Hansard/S. Tingas	St. John	P. Koutouzis/M. Zavala	S. Tidwell/M. Tingas/F. Tucker	TBA
4/12	M. Jacobs/G. Lopus	St. Peter	D. Chereches/E. Markley	T. Vamvakias/E. Bilson/A. Burke	TBA
4/19	S. Hendrix/H. Mavromatidis	St. James	Pascha	P. Christopher/C. Costarides/M. Driscoll	TBA
4/26	K. Bilson/S. Lukens	St. John	S. Pentzakis/V. Worden	S. Gianaris/N. Kakissis/E. Kay	TBA

St. James Altar Servers: 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 Asprakos, 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

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