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

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

God's Mystical Presence in the midst of fear!



Personally, I experienced Holy Week and Pascha this year from a very unique perspective; as a matter of fact, from the *other side* of how you experienced it. So, I want to share a few things with you, especially as a response to the many comments I received during the last few weeks, as we have been live-streaming the worship services. As the church was empty, many a time during the services, I felt the need to check my iPad and occasionally my laptop, sitting in the back of the altar area, to get a feel as to who was praying with me. Seeing empty pews every time I turned around, speaking to the camera and blessing people from a distance through electrons and photons traveling almost at the speed of light throughout the globe, was both an unsettling experience, but a mysterious and miraculous one at the same time.

I kept reading the comments of the people watching the services from around the world and it was amazing; they could see me and the others of the liturgical team. Some people would comment on the beauty of our church, others on the wonderful hymns and others on the sweetness of the voices of the chanters. They felt as if they were present there with us. And in some ways, they were!

On the human level, I yearned to see people's faces, people crossing themselves as we mentioned the name of God and the Theotokos, people kneeling as we processed the cross on Holy Thursday and the Epitaphios on Holy Friday. I wanted to see the smiling faces of my parishioners as we chanted Xristos Anesti, like every year, but it was not possible. But you, on the other hand, could see me and the others as we served in the church and you were present there with us!

As I occasionally went back to the iPad or the laptop to see who was watching and how many people were logged in, the mysterious and miraculous overwhelmed me. The eight or nine of us of the liturgical team were not alone, as we offered worship to God! Hundreds, and at times thousands of people, were worshipping with us, even though we could not see you. You were "*as if in an other dimension*" of existence but connecting with us continually through the technological marvel of the camera, electricity, wifi, airwaves, electrons, and what we know as the Internet.

This is not very different from the way we exist in relationship to God, the saints, the angels and even our loved ones who have passed away. They all exist "*as if in an other dimension*" and yet we can communicate with them. We cannot see them, but they can see us. We cannot hear them, but they can hear us. Our words and even our thoughts can reach them. Our prayers can be received and heard by them, just like you could hear and see us and participate in the services through the marvel of technology during the live streams.

This is where all of this comes together: If man is able to create such a marvelous way of communicating across the World in an instant, cannot the Creator of this World be able to have a system of communication that can span distance and time? Can He not be able to receive our worship in His own space and time and also be present with us at the same time? Could He not have made it so that He can also communicate back to us so that we may receive His messages, if we log in, and tune in to His Voice?

Ponder this question and you will have His answer!

Christ is Risen, my friends! Fear not, for the Lord has Risen for us!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

May 2020

May 1, Friday, Blessing of the Water 11:00 am.

May 2, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 3, Sunday, Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women.

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

May 4, Monday, Great Vespers, Feast of St. Irene the Great Martyr 6:00 pm

May 5, Tuesday, Feast of St. Irene the Great Martyr

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

May 7, Thursday, Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist 6:00 pm

May 8, Friday, Feast of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian

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

May 9, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 10, Sunday, Sunday of the Paralytic.

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

May 12, Tuesday, Great Vespers, Feast of Mid-Pentecost

May 13, Wednesday, Feast of Mid-Pentecost

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

May 16, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 17, Sunday, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.

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

May 20, Wednesday, Great Vespers for Sts. Constantine and Helen 6:00 pm

May 21, Thursday, Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen.

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

May 23, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 24, Sunday, Sunday of the Blind Man.

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

May 26, Tuesday, Great Vespers - Apodosis of Pascha 6:00 pm

May 27, Wednesday, Apodosis of Pascha

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

Evening: Ninth Hour of Pascha and Great Vespers for the Ascension

May 28, Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord to Heaven after His Resurrection

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

May 29, Friday. Remembrance of the Fall of Constantinople - May 29, 1453 AD

Live-streamed Presentation: The Fall of Constantinople 7:00 pm

May 30, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

May 31, Sunday, Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

June 2020

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

June 5, Friday, Great Vespers for Saturday of the Souls 6:00 pm (at the Church)

June 6, Saturday of the Souls. Ψυχασάββατο.

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

This year this service will be held at the Church, not at the Cemetery.

Saturday Evening: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

June 7, Sunday of Holy Pentecost. Κυριακή τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς.

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

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

June 13, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

June 14, Sunday of All Saints

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

June 17, Wednesday, Evening: Small Paraklesis (Supplication) to the Theotokos 6:00 pm

June 20, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

June 21, Sunday, Second Sunday of Matthew

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

June 23, Tuesday Evening: Great Vespers 6:00 pm - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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

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

June 27, Saturday, Great Vespers 5:00 pm

June 28, Sunday, Third Sunday of Matthew

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

Sunday Evening: Great Vespers for Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul 5:00 pm

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

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

Monday Evening: Great Vespers for the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles 6:00 pm

June 30, Tuesday, Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

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



Feasts of June

June 11

Revelation of the Hymn "Axion Estin" to a monk on Mt. Athos by the Archangel Gabriel

The Synaxis of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos is celebrated June 11 for the following reason: In 980, during the reign of Emperor Basil II, when Nicholas Chrysoberges was Ecumenical Patriarch (984-995), the holy Archangel Gabriel appeared in the guise of a monk to the disciple of a certain elder living in a hermitage belonging to the monastery of Pantocrator on the Holy Mountain.

During Matins, after the monk had chanted the customary hymn, "More Honorable than the Cherubim...", composed by Saint Cosmas the Hymnographer, the Archangel chanted the same hymn, but with the following prelude: "It is truly meet to call thee blest, the Theotokos, the ever-blessed and most pure, and Mother of

our God." Marveling at the hymn's beauty, the monk asked his visitor – who appeared also to be a monk - to record this new text in writing, which the Archangel did by miraculously inscribing the words on a piece of slate, using only his finger, and then vanished from sight.

This slate was brought to the Church of the Protaton, and from thence to Constantinople, to the imperial court and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as evidence of the miracle. Henceforth, this version of the hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos began to be chanted in the Divine Liturgy in all the churches. The place where the miracle took place is now called Adein, for the Greek word which means "to sing." The icon itself, before which this hymn was first chanted, is called "The Icon of the Axion Estin" ("It is truly meet") and it is kept in the sanctuary of the Church of the Protaton on the Holy Mountain.

Aploytikion in the Fourth Tone

Ye hosts of the Fathers of Mount Athos, gather today, and shout with a voice of jubilation, leaping for joy, and faithfully keeping feast: For, behold, the praise of the most pure Theotokos wondrously and awesome is sung by the Angel; and therefore, as the Mother of God, we glorify her name.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

All of Athos keepeth feast this day in gladness; for it wondrously received from on Archangel's holy hand the hymn whereby thou hast ever been praised as the Mother of God, as is truly meet.



Feasts of June

June 24

The Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist



Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone
O Prophet and Forerunner of the presence of Christ, we who fervently honor you cannot worthily praise you. For by your revered and glorious birth the barrenness of your mother and the muteness of your father were unbound, and the incarnation of the Son of God is proclaimed to the world.

Kontakion in the Third Tone
She that once was barren doth today bring forth Christ's Forerunner, John, the culmination and the crown of all the Prophets. For when he, in River Jordan, laid his hand on Him Whom the Prophets preached aforetime, he was revealed as God the Word's fore-chosen Prophet, His mighty preacher, and His Forerunner in grace.

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1: 7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name. Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation. Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "God is gracious."

Feasts of June

June 29 The Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul



Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). On being raised by the Lord to the dignity of an Apostle and becoming inseparable from Him as His zealous disciple, he followed Him from the beginning of His preaching of salvation up until the very Passion, when, in the court of Caiaphas the high priest, he denied Him thrice because of his fear of the Jews and of the danger at hand. But again, after many bitter tears, he received complete forgiveness of his transgression. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, he preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero about the year 66 or 68, leaving two Catholic (Universal) Epistles to the Church of Christ and a legacy of faith.

Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee, born of a Pharisee, and a disciple of Gamaliel, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. For this cause, from the beginning, Paul was a most fervent zealot for the traditions of the Jews and a great persecutor of the Church of Christ; at that time, his name was Saul (Acts 22:3-4). In his great passion of rage and fury against the disciples of the Lord, he went to Damascus bearing letters of introduction from the high priest. His intention was to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, about midday there suddenly shone upon him a light from Heaven. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And he asked, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And that heavenly voice and brilliance made him tremble, and he was blinded for a time. He was led by the hand into the city, and on account of a divine revelation to the Apostle Ananias (see Oct. 1), he was baptized by him, and both his bodily and spiritual eyes were opened to the knowledge of the Sun of Righteousness. And straightway- O wondrous transformation! - beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21). As for his zeal in preaching the Gospel after these things had come to pass, as for his unabating labors and afflictions of diverse kinds, the wounds, the prisons, the bonds, the beatings, the stonings, the shipwrecks.

Having completed the work of his ministry, Paul likewise ended his life in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - MAY

5/1/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 5:1-11	John 5:30-47; 6:1-2	
5/2/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16		Matthew 5:14-19
5/3/2020	Sunday:	Luke 24:1-12	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7	Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
5/4/2020	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60		John 4:46-54
5/5/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 8:5-17	John 6:27-33	
5/6/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 8:18-25	John 6:35-39	
5/7/2020	Thursday:	Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20	John 6:40-44	
5/8/2020	Friday:	John 21:15-25	St. John's First Universal Letter 1:1-7	John 19:25-28, 21:24-25
5/9/2020	Saturday:	Acts of the Apostles 9:19-31	John 15:17-27; 16:1-2	
5/10/2020	Sunday:	Luke 24-13-35	Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42	John 5:1-15
5/11/2020	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 10:1-16	John 6:56-69	
5/12/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 10:21-33	John 7:1-13	
5/13/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18	John 7:14-30	
5/14/2020	Thursday:	Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43	John 8:12-20	
5/15/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48; 11:1-10	John 8:21-30	
5/16/2020	Saturday:	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11	John 8:31-42	
5/17/2020	Sunday:	John 20:1-10	Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30	John 4:5-42
5/18/2020	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 12:12-17	John 8:42-51	
5/19/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 12:25; 13:1-12	John 8:42-51	
5/20/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 13:13-24	John 6:5-14	
5/21/2020	Thursday:	John 10:9-16	Acts of the Apostles 26:1, 12-20	John 10:1-9
5/22/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 15:5-12	John 10:17-28	
5/23/2020	Saturday:	Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41	John 10:27-38	
5/24/2020	Sunday:	John 20:11-18	Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34	John 9:1-38
5/25/2020	Monday:	Luke 7:17-30	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15	Matthew:11:2-15
5/26/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 17:19-28	John 12:19-36	
5/27/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 18:22-28	John 12:36-47	
5/28/2020	Thursday:	Mark 16:9-20	Acts of the Apostles 1:1-12	Luke 24:36-53
5/29/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8	John 14:1-11	
5/30/2020	Saturday:	Acts of the Apostles 20:7-12	John 14:10-21	
5/31/2020	Sunday:	John 21:1-14	Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36	John 17:1-13

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - JUNE

6/1/2020	Monday:	Acts of the Apostles 21:8-14	John 14:27-15:7
6/2/2020	Tuesday:	Acts of the Apostles 21:26-32	John 16:2-13
6/3/2020	Wednesday:	Acts of the Apostles 23:1-11	John 16:15-23
6/4/2020	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2	John 10:1-9
6/5/2020	Friday:	Acts of the Apostles 27:1-44; 28:1	John 17:18-26
6/6/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 21:14-25
6/7/2020	Sunday:	John 20:19-23 Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11	John 7:37-52; 8:12
6/8/2020	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19	Matthew 18:10-20
6/9/2020	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:1-7, 13-17	Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-13
6/10/2020	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:18-27	Matthew 5:20-26
6/11/2020	Thursday:	Luke 10:16-21 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 5:14-19
6/12/2020	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:14-28	Matthew 5:33-41
6/13/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:7-12	Matthew 5:42-48
6/14/2020	Sunday:	Matthew 28:16-20 St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30	
6/15/2020	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:28-29; 3:1-18	Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11
6/16/2020	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:4-12	Matthew 7:15-21
6/17/2020	Wednesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 7:21-23
6/18/2020	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:10-16	Matthew 8:23-27
6/19/2020	Friday:	St. Jude's First Universal Letter 1:1-25	John 14:21-24
6/20/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 3:19-24	Matthew 7:1-8
6/21/2020	Sunday:	Mark 16:1-8 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16	Matthew 4:18-23
6/22/2020	Monday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 7:1-14	Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1-8
6/23/2020	Tuesday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 7:14-8:2	Matthew 10:9-15
6/24/2020	Wednesday:	Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80	
6/25/2020	Thursday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:22-27	Matthew 10:23-31
6/26/2020	Friday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:6-19	Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1
6/27/2020	Saturday:	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 3:28-31; 4:1-3	Matthew 7:24-29; 8:1-4
6/28/2020	Sunday:	Mark 16:9-20 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10	Matthew 6:22-23
6/29/2020	Monday:	John 21:14-25 St. Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9 Matthew 16:13-19	
6/30/2020	Tuesday:	St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16	Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

STEWARDSHIP

UPDATE

April donations have been steady and we pray that they continue to be through these uncertain times. We continue to manage our costs very closely and have suspended our cleaning service, reduced utilities and are reviewing all of our expenses as well.

Many of you have asked how you can support the church during these uncertain times. One way is to continue to support the church financially. I know many families have been impacted by the crisis and may have to cut back on their giving. For those who have not, if you can give a little more to help offset those who have been impacted it would be greatly appreciated.

To make giving easier, Holy Transfiguration offers Vanco as its Online Giving vendor. To date, over half of the parish has used Vanco to donate to the church. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions. It also allows you to view your online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

Instructions for setting up a profile and giving through Vanco are summarized below. Setting up a profile allows your donations to be credited to your Stewardship pledge.

To donate using Vanco:

1. Visit the church website at www.HolyTrans.org
2. Select the "Online giving" link near the top of the home page
3. Select the "Give online" link
4. Click on the "Create Profile" link (very important to create a profile
5. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile
6. Choose the funds you would like to donate. Your donation can either be one time or recurring (i.e. daily, weekly or monthly)

In addition to online giving through the website you can also download the Give+ app on your cell phone.

1. Select Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta Georgia
2. Create an Account Profile and log in to the app.
3. Select the kind of donations you would like to make from the "+" in the upper right hand corner of the app. You can make multiple selections.

If you have trouble using the website, the Vanco Client Services Team can take donations over the phone. Please call the Client Service Team at 1-800-675-7430 for assistance.

If you have questions about the church giving website, please contact our Treasurer, Danny Vlahiotis at dnavlah@bellsouth.net

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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 4/30/2020 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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parish Families,

Christ is Risen!

I pray that our parish families are protected, well and safe during this Covid-19 pandemic.

We continue to monitor and take seriously the Archdiocese directives. As soon as we feel it is safe, we will restart our in person services. To accommodate social distancing, we may need to limit attendance and/or have additional service times available. Once we feel we are safe to return, we will communicate our plan to the parish. Please continue to be patient. The safety of our parish is our priority.

In the meantime, please continue to stay connected – watch the service online, call/text a fellow parishioner to see how they are doing and continue to pray for the first responders, healthcare professionals and our church members who have been impacted by this terrible virus.

I would like to thank Anne Willcocks for her continued support of our parish. She continues to be in the office every day and has done an excellent job keeping our parish running during this difficult time.

I would like to also thank Steve Tingas and our Outreach Volunteers who have called and will continue to call each parish family to check and see how they are doing and if they need anything.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for your support, patience and understanding during this difficult time. I miss everyone and look forward to the time when this isolation and distancing is over. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 770-356-9111.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Jacobs, Parish Council President

A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

Our Parish Directory has thousands of words: names, addresses, telephone numbers, and emails. But what it lacks today are the photographs we had in our printed directory. Photos are important to a useful parish directory because they link our names to our faces. Sometimes we can't remember someone's name, but we know her face or his smile, the photo connects us. We want to see you and your family in the Parish Directory, not a tree or sofa, so let's focus on faces.

Let's make our new online Parish Directory now on IconCMO a useful and attractive Parish Life tool. **Each parishioner** can have someone take a photo of them or the family with a camera or cell phone, but be sure it's in **jpg format**, and send it to Anne. If you don't have someone to take your photo, contact Anne and she will put you in touch with someone who can help.



George J. Lopos, Parish Council, Parish Life

Please note that because of Covid 19, we will not be holding Vacation Church School in 2020.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

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



Finding Rest As A Family

By Fr. Michael Tishel

Some monks came to see abba Poemen and said to him, 'When we see brothers dozing during the services in church, should we rouse them so that they can be watching?' He said to them, 'For my part, when I see a brother dozing, I put his head on my knees and let him rest.'

-Sayings of the Desert Fathers

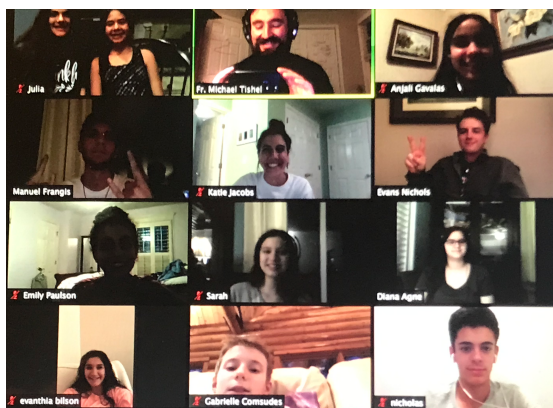
I think this crisis is impacting us way more than we think. It's easy to want to respond with our usual productivity 'muscle,' when we're surrounded by chaos and uncertainty. This causes an extreme internal collision, as it is almost impossible to be 'productive' on the same level as before during this time. I imagine it's definitely true for young people and families.

But is that such a bad thing?

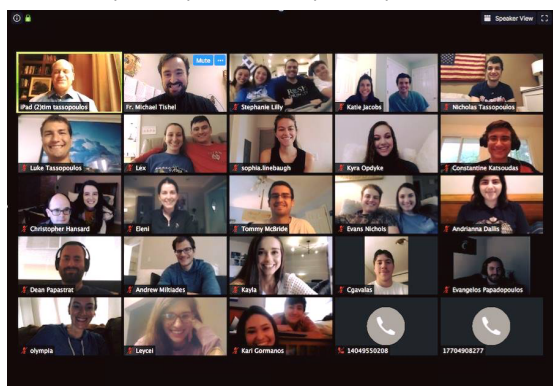
Certainly there are very legitimate concerns about our economy and personal financial well-being, and I don't mean to undermine those at all.

Yet it comes as no surprise, I feel, that our culture struggles with extremes--workaholism on the one hand and unhealthy entertainment on the other.

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GOYA (above) and YA's (below) on ZOOM!



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Finding rest--whether it is through meaningful labor or real and rejuvenating leisure--is, frankly, really tough.

It's particularly important that families and young people find ways to consistently rest and rejuvenate on all levels of their being--physically, emotionally, intellectually, relationally and, of course, spiritually.

There are some great resources out there for how to find rest in many of these domains.

What does it mean to find rest spiritually?

Consistent prayer both personally and as a family can be a huge source of inspiration and strength, especially during times of crisis.

And yet I wonder if perhaps the biggest issue isn't more of a mindset shift.

I once heard a story about a young person who came to a priest seeking advice about prayer. The priest gave him what he thought was a fairly reasonable recommendation for a daily prayer habit (something like 15 minutes a day), to which the young person responded that it felt like too much.

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The priest then proceeded to ratchet it down notch by notch--10 minutes? No, still too much. 3 minutes? Don't think so. Finally the priest asked: do you tie your shoes in the morning?

A little surprised the young man said, of course! Okay, replies the priest, then, when you bend down to tie your left shoe say "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me" and when you bend down to tie your right shoe say the same prayer. Then when you come back home and bend down to untie your shoes, do it again.

The young man left feeling like this was something that he could do! Within the course of months, his prayer life had increased dramatically from that seemingly insignificant start.

Moral of the story: we all need to find our place somewhere between doing everything and doing nothing. For most of us, it might initially start just a notch above doing nothing. But there are also those who have achieved great heights of virtue and asceticism and are, perhaps, just a notch away from achieving everything. Point is, we need to find our sweet spot.

I end with a beautiful reminder from our beloved St. Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia:

"Things are simple and easy in the spiritual life, in the life in Christ, as long as you possess discernment. When something bothers you - a seductive thought, a temptation, an assault - ignore all these things, and turn your attention, your eyes, to Christ. He will then take over the task of raising you up. He will take you by the hand and will give you His divine grace abundantly. All you need to do is make a tiny little effort" (Wounded By Love, p. 150).

Always feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss this further!

Activities & Events

HOPE/JOY (K-5th Gr)

"Sunday Story-time with Fr. Michael" Videos

GOYA (6th-12th Gr)

Bi-weekly meetings on Wednesday nights via ZOOM (email frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com for the linke)

YA Group (20's & 30's)

Second Sunday - Class/Discussion on the second Sunday of the month via ZOOM

Third Thursday - Social 'gathering' on the third Thursday of the month via ZOOM

HOLY WEEK 2020 - WORSHIP IN NEW WAYS



ΕΠΙΤΑΦΙΟΣ AT HOME IN 2020



HOLY FRIDAY - THE BURIAL OF CHRIST



Holy Saturday Morning The First Resurrection



THE HOLY LIGHT - THE REMOTE RESURRECTION OF 2020



A most Unusual Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha

The experience brought about by the COVIT-19 health crisis around the world will go down in history as an unprecedented one, but also filled with many stories and different perspectives especially from the “Lockdown” which forced people to stay away from church and the holy services of Holy Week and Pascha. We are still in the midst of the crisis and we do not even know how it will end, but we pray that God will spare us of the pain, suffering and death which we have seen in so many places.

I received messages from many people from our parish and even people from other places and other countries, as they tuned in to our live streams of the divine services and reacted to the music, the hymns and sermons and the beauty of what the Orthodox Church has to offer, which most of us usually take for granted. The most common comment was *“THANK YOU, for making it possible that we may turn our homes into churches during this sacred time”*.

I would like to share here a few comments in order to give you an idea of how some people reacted. I will hold their identities, since I did not ask for their permission to publish their comments.

Fr. Panayiotis

COMMENTS AND STORIES FROM THE LOCKDOWN OF COVID-19

“As we enter Holy Week, our family just wanted to thank the three of you (the priests) and the entire team for continuing to bring all the services into our home. We are so very thankful that we can continue to liturgize together, hear your sermons, and hear all of the prayers. It has been a true blessing given the current environment. We loved the special surprise of hearing the choir tonight... beautiful.

Thank you. We will continue to be with you as we continue forward to the Resurrection.”

“Father, our family wanted to thank you, Father John, Father Michael, Strati, Paul and everyone for the incredible commitment and work to bring Holy Week to all of us – to the world! I would need to write a book to express the gratitude that [our family] wishes to express. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I decided to share a couple of pictures to let you know that we were THERE with you and we love you all very much. It was so wonderful that you make us feel like you are talking to us and blessing us personally throughout the service. We loved and were fascinated by the view at the altar. We don’t know HOW Strati manages everything from behind the camera: video, audio, changing the scene, monitoring the chat, etc. – he’s amazing. It was so nice to get to know Strati through this process as well. I’m sure he has no idea who [we] are, but we know and really appreciate him.

[My wife] said something that I thought was a perfect way to describe how impressed we are with what a monumental accomplishment this has been for Trisagion Films and for the benefit of all of us. [She] said ‘You know...Father is like Noah. God gave him an incredible responsibility with almost no time to prepare and he, with his family (members of the Church family and home family) has to provide for the entire world for 40 days or more.’ 😊

We just love you and the efforts of everyone who brought the wonderfulness of Holy Week and Pascha to us. Please give Strati, Olympia, Presvytera, and YOU a hug of love and appreciation from the [our] family.”

From Carol Sarmir (with her permission): “Just thought I would share this story with you: Alexa, Maria and Sophia Linebaugh were watching the Holy Friday service together via zoom. They all cried when you were sprinkling the pews where the congregation would have been sitting. Then one of the girls pulled up a picture from a number of years ago when Fr. George was sprinkling the Congregation and then they really started crying!!!

Nothing like being kept away that makes us all appreciate the church and all of you.” ❤️

Hellenic Dance News

A Message from our Director:

COVID-19 has not stopped our mission to bring young people closer to their faith through Greek Dance. Since the closures of school and church, the Hellenic Dance Ministry has posted online classes for all our dancers every week. In a sense, they still have Greek Dance class, but only at home using the internet to help teach them. In our lessons, we tie in the significance of the dance to our faith, this way young people learn why Greek Dance has a place in our parish and our community. Many teachers have been communicating with their classes and keeping the bonds that we normally build during this time alive and well. The spirit of dance continues whether it is in person or via internet.

All of us are disappointed that we will not have our annual Greek Festival this year. The festival is the peak of our ministry and the way in which we feel most useful to our parish. The memories built during the time of practice and performance is something that bonds our youth. The dancers build friendships and then they want to stay a part of the parish, they want to come to church more because of these bonds. We see that in our young adult dancers aged 18-33. This age range is the most critical in an Orthodox Christian's life. We plan to keep reaching out to all our dancers, but specifically these young adults in order to maintain the progress we have made over the years in this age group. Alex Matthews has organized Zoom gatherings for our young adults to keep them connected. She has reached out to many of them personally to let them know that their church and the program they love is still thinking about them and that we will be there waiting for them to return after the all clear is given.

As you all know, it is an incredibly sad year for our high school seniors. They have missed out on prom, senior trips, and most heart breaking, graduation. Now they have lost a highlight of their church year – dancing at the Festival. It has been a long-time tradition here in Marietta to announce each senior at the last performance on Saturday night of the festival. We did not want them to miss another milestone, so I had a photo book put together to remember and honor them. Everyone in the community is welcome to view it, please use this link to see it for yourself:

<https://www.mixbook.com/photo-books/interests/graduation-year-in-review-22271728?vk=NbK6EdqOzfN9E3ipBOco>

We also had to cancel numerous performances over the spring months: two international festivals and our Fridays at area Greek-owned restaurants like Come-N-Get-It, It's Greek To Me, Yeero Village, and Zeus' Street Food. These performances would have brought in about \$2000 in donations that would have supported our ministry as well as others in our church. But as we say in Greek, "Ehei O Theos" - "The Lord has it" – so we will put it in God's hands. Our restaurant partners are ready to have us back as soon as it is safe to gather again; we will let you all know when that is so you can join us for the celebrations.

Over the summer, we are still planning to have our annual Dance Closet Cleaning day and our Master Instructor Workshop kick-off to the school year in August-September. Stay tuned for more details on those activities. We pray that everyone is healthy and safe. We will be here, ready to dance when this is all over!

Paulina Vastakis, Director

Hellenic Dance Ministry



HELLENIC STUDIES

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

THANK YOU to those of you who supported us this year with your donations and participation in our events! We are very grateful for the continued education of the Greek language, culture and Orthodox faith.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our anonymous donors and the *Samaria Chapter of the Pancretan Association* for their recent generous donation. Ευχαριστούμε παρά πολύ!

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Registration has been postponed. Due to Covid-19, we are not yet certain if our school will be in-person or if it will continue online as we have done these past several weeks. We are in consultation with Father Panayiotis to discuss these options as well as tuition amounts, since we cannot count on in-person fundraising events at this time.

Contact us at hellenicstudiesmarietta@gmail.com for questions.

THANK YOU to our parents, students and teachers for a wonderful year full of learning. **WISHING YOU ALL GOOD HEALTH & A GREAT SUMMER.** Καλή υγεία και καλό καλοκαίρι!



PHILOPTOCHOS

"ACTION LINE"



Thank you to everyone who helped in packing food for MUST Ministries on Saturday, March 14th, the Hunger Fight event. We were fortunate to have completed this very important and needed event when we did. As it turned out, this was the last event we held in our Parish just as the virus came into all of our lives. Our efforts were very timely. The 25,375 meals we provided were needed immediately and did not sit on a shelf.

The day of the event Leslie Hansard took some great pictures that I am sharing a few with you now. As you can tell from the photos it was a beautiful show of Fellowship within our Parish.

During these uncertain times we are not sure when we will be able to hold some of the events we have on our calendar; however, be assured that once we are able, the Board will begin planning them.

One event that we would like you to think about is our Fall Fundraiser, scheduled for October 17th. Please let us know if you would like to join the planning committee to come up with a Theme and to help in gathering Auction items. Call or email Pat Koutouzis 404-542-1924 or koutouzisjd@comcast.net.

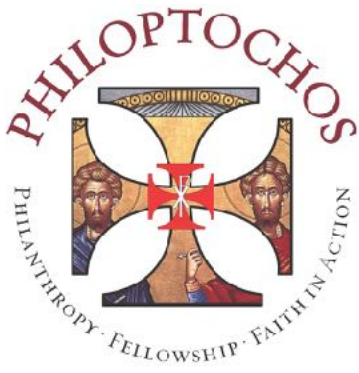
Ginny Kostulakos is working on the Philoptochos Cookbook. She is currently typing cookbook recipes, and once we are back together, we will start requesting new recipes that you may want to add. We will of course handle the recipes in the same manner as in the past, and ask other Philoptochos members cook each recipe you submitted. It will be a great project. Thalia Thompson did the artwork and she has the original designs that we will use in the new book.

Our Book club has not been able to meet, but would like to start up again once we are able to. Think about joining us and if you have a book that you think others would enjoy send your suggestions to Anne Willcocks. Remember that all are welcome to join us. We meet in the Atrium for a pot luck meal and wonderful fellowship.

Missing our Parish Family and praying that all are keeping safe and healthy.

In His Service,
The Philoptochos Board





Parish-Wide Event Hosted by Philotochos
Saturday, March 14, 2020
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Parish Hall





AHEPA News

AHEPA Chapter 519 would like to congratulate the following young people from our church that received **AHEPA Educational Scholarships for the 2020-2021 college year.**

CONGRATS!!

- * Stephanie Paulson
- * Kyriaki Gormanos
- * Kristopher Kollias
- * Stephanie Lilly
- * Joanna Paulson
- * Olympia Papageorgiou
- * Anna Shoji
- * Morgan Lilly
- * John Gormanos
- * Anna Mancil
- * Yianni Costarides



*** Please remember that AHEPA membership dues need to be turned in. Jim Burke will accept all checks for \$ 75.00; please find the time to send in your \$\$ today!!

Brothers, please be safe and we hope to see you soon!

Keath Paxten
Chapter President, AHEPA 519

PRIME TIMERS

Easter has come and gone. For many of our seniors we could not go to church, however, our dear priests and chanters carried on, and we could watch on TV. God bless all of them. Now Mother's Day and Father's Day will soon be here and again we are confined to our homes if you follow our governor's request. How many times have we heard the words "STAY SAFE", "WEAR A MASK AND GLOVES". Many of us have been quarantined for over two months. WHY? Because we love life, and we want to see this disaster end and get back to the fun life we once had.

All of our Prime Timers, as best you can, have a fun rest of the year waiting for our fun life to return. We managed to have 3 meetings before this disaster hit us, and we have a lot planned. BINGO, MOVIE NIGHTS, TRIPS are a few!

REMEMBER: BE HAPPY, STAY SAFE. WE HAVE A FUN FUTURE AHEAD OF US. WE ARE ALIVE!!

God bless our church, our priests, all our ministries, our parish council, our congregation!! PRAY FOR EVERYONE!!

Connie Stratigos

Holy Transfiguration Grief Recovery Support Group



*Saturdays (10 am to 11:30 am)
May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20*

*Zoom Meeting
(contact BJ for an invitation)*

*Group Leader: BJ Spanos
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Seven 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 be scared. 5. It's okay to be angry.*
- 6. It's okay to ask for help. 7. You are not alone!*



Save the Dates... May 14 - 16, 2021

(Yes, you are reading this correctly)

After much thought and careful consideration, Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Marietta Greek Festival. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, our utmost concern is for the health and safety of our guests, neighbors, and church family.

This decision to cancel rather than postpone the 2020 annual Greek Festival took into account several considerations:

1. Postponing to later in the year, such as September or October, would conflict with other Greek Orthodox churches in the metro Atlanta area. We did not want to compete with them nor risk a lower attendance and revenue.
2. The decision was also made to keep the same weekend for 2021 as we have a following and it would be in our best interest to maintain the same weekend every year for consistency in marketing. Incidentally, Orthodox Easter in 2021 is on May 2nd.
3. Since we are blessed with a robust stewardship, the urgency to receive revenue from the festival was not immediate. However, we will be facing a hardship particularly during the summer months when the festival had previously contributed \$20,000 towards the general operating fund as a "usage fee". With that said, we request that you continue to maintain or increase your stewardship pledge during the summer months.

The festival board and committee members had met over the plan several months and have agreed on a festival plan which we will execute in 2021, such as a slightly modified layout, changes to certain menu items and other logistics. We ask for your continued commitment and support as we plan for the 2021 Marietta Greek Festival and beyond. We look forward to working together for our Festival in May 2021 - as always, the weekend after Mother's Day!

If you can offer your time and talent in any capacity, please contact Maria Alberts at 404-966-6694 or maria.alberts29@gmail.com.

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>Sunday of Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:30 AM A 40 day Memorial Service is given by 11:50 AM A 5 year Memorial Service is given by Elyse 11:55 AM A Memorial Ser- 	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers-St. Irene the Great Martyr</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>Feast Day of St. Irene the Great Martyr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2:00 PM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 PM One Year Memorial for Jimmy Tselos</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p> <p>5:45 PM A Memorial Service is given by Peter and Kate Sklikas for Robert Stirk (10 years) and Nicholas (20 years) and</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Sunday of the Myrrin-Bearing Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers for St. John the Evangelist</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Feast of St. John the Evangelist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>Sunday of the Paralytic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of the Mid-Pentecost</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Feast of Mid-Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers—Sts. Constantine and Helen</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3:30 PM Wellmaker Baptism (Timothy)</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Sunday of the Blind Man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:45 AM A one year Memorial Service is given by Sophia Tidwell and family for her mother, Helene Angelos. May her memory 	<p>25</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>4:00 PM Wellmaker/Matthews Wedding</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Great Vespers—Apodosis of Pascha.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Apodosis of Pascha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Ninth Hour of Pascha and Great Vespers for the Ascension. 	<p>28</p> <p>The Ascension of Our Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM Remembrance of the Fall of Constantinople—Live-streamed Presentation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00 PM Perry Baptism</p> <p>3:45 PM Blair Baptism</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Hartnett/Blair Wedding 	<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>The Saturday of Souls</p> <p>5:00 PM Great Vespers</p>

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Fathers of the Ecumenical Council 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Hartnett/Blair Wedding	1 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM Great Vespers for Saturday of the Souls and Feast of St. Cassianos	6 The Saturday of the Souls 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Great Vespers
7 Holy Pentecost 8:45 AM Orthros 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy: Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit	8	9	10	11	12	13 5:00 PM Great Vespers
14 The Sunday of All Saints 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	15	16	17 6:00 PM Small Paraklesis (Supplication) to the Theotokos	18	19	20 5:00 PM Great Vespers
21 Father's Day Second Sunday of Matthew 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	22	23 6:00 PM Great Vespers—Nativity of St. John the Baptist	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	25	26	27 5:00 PM Great Vespers
28 Third Sunday of Matthew 8:45 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Great Vespers—Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul	29 Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles	30 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles 9:00 AM Orthros 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy	1 11:00 AM Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters	2	3 Independence Day observed	4 Independence Day 5:00 PM Great Vespers

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5/3				Maria Tingas	
5/10				Fran Tucker	
5/17				Tina Vamvakias	
5/24				Evelyn Bilson	
5/31				Athena Burke	
6/7				Paula Christopher	
6/14				Cathy Costarides	
6/21				Marty Driscoll	
6/28				Stephanie Gianaris	

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 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

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