

Parish Ministry Handbook

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Marietta, Georgia

Weekly Services

Great Vespers on Saturdays at 5pm

Orthros on Sundays at 8:45am

Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 10am



“Be Holy!”
January 2023

Our Mission Statement

Our Parish is the local eucharistic community of the Church in this locality;

The aims and purposes of our Parish are to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled.

The diakonia (ministry) of the Parish includes proclaiming and teaching the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the other sacraments; enhancing its parishioners' spiritual life; and adding to the numbers of the faithful by receiving persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation. In addition, the Parish has established educational and philanthropic activities to foster the aims and mission of the Parish and to edify its parishioners in the Faith and ethos of the Church.

The ultimate goal of our Parish is to lead its members into the Kingdom of God.

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

Address & Contact Information

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Our Spiritual Leaders & Staff

Reverend Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D., Presiding Protopresbyter
 Reverend Father George Pallas, Protopresbyter
 Reverend Father John Brown, Protopresbyter
 Reverend Father Michael Tishel, Ekonomos
 Anne Willcocks, Parish Administrator
 Casey Pater, Sexton & Scott Smyers, Assistant Sexton
 Michael Gavalas, Facilities Support & Pastoral Assistant

Parish Council Members 2023

Executive Committee

Name	Role	Email Address	Phone	Term expires
Dennis Christopher	President	dcsaintdennis@gmail.com	678.485.6395	12/31/25
Alex Miltiades	Vice President/ Facilities	amiltiades@bellsouth.net	770.605.2629	12/31/24
Danny Vlahiotis	Treasurer	dnvlah@bellsouth.net	678.643.0343	12/31/22
Steve Tingas	1st Assistant Treasurer/Outreach	tingasatl@gmail.com	770.845.5045	12/31/25
Maria Alberts	Secretary/2nd Assistant Treasurer	maria.alberts29@gmail.com	404.966.6694	12/31/23

Ministry Liaisons

Name	Role	Email address	Phone	Term expires
Eliza Markley	Educ., Youth, & Culture/Liturgical	eliza.markley@gmail.com	678.925.9069	12/31/23
George Lopos	Parish Life-Lead	glopos96@gmail.com	678.492.5819	12/31/23
Steve Tingas	Outreach/Welcoming	tingasatl@gmail.com	770.845.5045	12/31/22
Alex Miltiades	Facilities	amiltiades@bellsouth.net	770.605.2629	12/31/24
Stephen Hendrix	Parish Life	stephenmhendrix@gmail.com	404.392.7159	12/31/23
Tina Johansen	Stewardship	tinajohansen@yahoo.com	678.524.8672	12/31/24
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Dennis Christopher	Festival	dcsaintdennis@gmail.com	770.605.2629	12/31/25
Andy Green	Educ., Youth, & Culture	andy@andy-green.org	678.390.0038	12/31/25
Chris Holmes	Parish Life/Facilities	cmh757@gmail.com	770.490.4269	12/31/25

Council of Ministries - 2023

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

Ministry Name	Description	Ministry Leader & Assistants	Email Address(es)	Phone	PC Liaison
Administration and Communication	Assists office staff with data management, communication, and publication. Includes preparing mailings and bulletins, entering information by computer, preparing articles and other publications, assisting with the website, and providing general assistance in the office.	Anne Willcocks	holytrans@comcast.net	770.924.8080	Dennis Christopher
AHEPA	Men's philanthropic and educational organization that sponsors scholarships for college students (not an official ministry of the parish).	Zach Kollias	zmkollias2@bellsouth.net	678.371.6900	Steve Tingas
Altar Servers	Altar service for boys aged 9 to high school.	Yianni Costarides Fr. Michael	yiannic323@gmail.com frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com		Eliza Markley
Audit Committee	Nominated at the annual fall General Assembly, consists of 3-4 members, conducts annual audit of church's financial statements, bookkeeping processes and procedures.	Dorian Bafas	dorianbafas@yahoo.com	770.833.8431	Danny Vlahiotis
Adult Catechism	Provides opportunities for continuing, lifelong education for adults. This ministry includes Bible study, Intro to Orthodoxy, Lenten religious study, parenting education, and the spiritual book club.	Father Panayiotis Father Michael	fr.panayiotis@comcast.net frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com	770.924.8080	Father Panayiotis
Youth Catechism	Religious Education for ages 3 through high school, held on Sunday mornings after Holy Communion, during school year.	David Linebaugh	daviddotlinebaugh@gmail.com	770.842.1960	Andy Green
Chanters		Paul Bilson	pjilson@hotmail.com		Father Panayiotis
Choir	Music and hymns during Liturgy and special services. Begins at 9:45 am on Sundays; Practices on Tuesday evenings.	Demetri Miltiades	miltiadesdc@gmail.com	404.213.4220	Andy Green
Coffee Hour	Responsible for scheduling families to host coffee hour; Manages the kitchen; makes sure the kitchen is stocked with supplies	George Lopos	glopos96@gmail.com	770.578.6694	George Lopos

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Education/ Youth/ Culture (EYC)	This is a super committee formed at the direction of the Metropolitan of Atlanta, the purpose of which is to oversee and act as a resource for the various educational, cultural and youth programs.	Elaine Bilson	eleni_cosma@yahoo.com	404.825.9454	Andy Green
Facilities Maintenance	Responsible for maintenance, building and repair projects related to the church buildings and grounds.	Alex Miltiades Chris Holmes	alex.miltiades@cfacorp.com cmh757@gmail.com	770.605.2629 770.490.4269	Alex Miltiades
Facilities Planning Committee	Evaluates future growth of our church and its membership and recommends building and facility changes to accommodate the growth.	(open)			Alex Miltiades
Family Fellowship	Organizes social events and programs geared towards adults and their families.	(open)			Steve Tingas
Festival	The annual Marietta Greek Festival benefits our Building Fund and other ministry projects; all church members are requested to volunteer during the festival, held every year on the weekend after Mother's Day. Various aspects include planning and preparing, working during the festival, promotion, set-up, clean-up, decoration, food preparation, and food service.	Peter Tiller Maria Linebaugh	ptiller@bellsouth.net mlinebaugh3@gmail.com	678.525.1344 770.881.3333	Dennis Christopher
Finance Committee	Headed by Treasurer, reviews cash flow, establishes and monitors budgets, makes financial recommendations to Parish Council. Oversees Building Fund and Iconography committees.	Danny Vlahiotis Steve Tingas	dnvlah@bellsouth.net tingasatl@gmail.com	678.643.0343 770.845.5045	Danny Vlahiotis
GOYA	Youth fellowship for grades 6 - 12. Meets every Wednesday evening year round from 7 pm to 9 pm.	Sophia Linebaugh Fr. Michael	slinebaugh3@gmail.com frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com	770.337.1526	Andy Green
Grief Recovery Support Group	Five Things to Know About Grief: 1. It's okay to grieve. 2. It's okay to cry. 3. It's okay to laugh. 4. It's okay to ask for help 5. You are not alone!	BJ Spanos	spanosbj@gmail.com	404.771.9335	Andy Green

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Hellenic Dance	Greek Dance instruction and performances for youth aged 3 to adults. Performs at Marietta Greek Festival each year. May also perform at other festivals throughout the year. Voluntary participation in the Metropolis-wide annual Hellenic Dance Festival (HDF)	Paulina Vastakis Stephanie Lukens	paulinasox3@att.net dsclukens@gmail.com	678.294.4262 678.230.8412	Andy Green
Hellenic Studies	Greek Language and Cultural Education - Ages 4-Adult. Classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings during the school year - 5:30PM - 7PM. A New Testament Greek class is also available on demand.	Georgia Loupeti	gloupeti@gmail.com	678.386.8306	Andy Green
HOPE/JOY	Youth fellowship for grades K - 5. Meets at various times during the year; coordinates outings as well as parent discussions during HOPE/JOY meetings.	Tasia Kipreos Sarah Pentzakis	tasia22@hotmail.com spentzakis@gmail.com	704.340.0026 770.605.9095	Andy Green
Kafenion	A group of men who meet every Tuesday for coffee and commentary.	Peter Sklikas	kate.sklikas@gmail.com	770.272.6014	Steve Tingas
Library	Located in the St. Basil Conference Room, the library offers books for all age levels to provide information to deepen ones understanding of our Orthodox faith, including books used in the Spiritual Book Club, as well as Greek culture and history. There is a collection of books in the Greek language as well. Books are checked out on designated Sundays during coffee hour or by appointment.	Paula Christopher	dennispaula@comcast.net	678.485.6393	Father Panayiotis
Life and Faith Transitions Group	The Life & Faith Transitions Group invites you to join as we support and encourage each other through the myriad of life changes, challenges and transitions. The goal is to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to enhance our service on behalf of our Lord.	BJ Spanos	spanosbj@gmail.com	404.771.9335	Andy Green
Liturgical	Supports the clergy by helping to make the experience of worship as beautiful and orderly as possible. Coordinates PC duty and usher schedules.	Eliza Markley	eliza.markley@gmail.com	678.925.9069	Eliza Markley
OCF - Orthodox Christian Fellowship	Focuses on the needs of and outreach towards college students in the Atlanta Metro area.	Annette Jacobs	annettepjacobs@gmail.com	770.361.1069	Father Michael

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Parea	A group of friends who gather together purely for the enjoyment of each other's' company. They share experiences in life, their philosophies, values, ideas, and goodies with coffee	Pat Koutouzis	koutouzisjd@comcast.net	404.542.1924	George Lopus
Parents Ministry	An informal monthly discussion and fellowship group for parents of children ages 0-18. Discussions focus on topics relevant to family life and parenting.	Christopher Hansard	christopher.hansard@gmail.com	770.365.9699	Father Michael
Parish Life	Coordinates all parish functions sponsored by the Parish Council; works with parish organizations other than youth.	George Lopus Stephen Hendrix Chris Holmes Andrew Reale	glopos96@gmail.com stephenmhendrix@gmail.com andrew@southernpelvichealth.com cmh757@gmail.com	678.492.5819 404.392.7159 404.374.7641	George Lopus
Philoptochos	This is the philanthropic arm of our parish. In addition to helping the needy, this ministry also operates the parish bookstore and assists the sick and shut in.	Leslie Hansard Dorothy Macris	leslie.hansard@gmail.com dorothymacris@gmail.com	770.514.1337 770.475.3459	Dennis Christopher
Rental	Oversees and manages rental of facilities; schedules monitors.	Mike Gavalas	mgavalas70@gmail.com	404.917.5709	Alex Miltiades
Stewardship	The primary focus of the Stewardship Ministry is to assist the parishioners in developing a full understanding of the true meaning of Christian stewardship and how to apply this understanding to their daily lives. The Ministry is also responsible for managing the annual membership/ stewardship drive for the parish.	Tina Johansen	tinajohansen@yahoo.com	678.524.8672	Tina Johansen
Summer Day Camp	Religious and social program conducted for 1 week during June. For ages 4 through 5th grade.	Hazel Bruce	hazolen@gmail.com	757.870.5977	Andy Green
Young Adults	YA's in their 20's and 30's meet twice a month for continuing education and fellowship. Second Sunday YA Class & Discussion meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month and Third Thursday Social Gathering meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month.	Alex Lilly	alexandralilly923@gmail.com		Father Michael

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Glory to God for all things!
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