

Sun., Apr. 14

Sunday of St. John Climacus

8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Catechism- LL Parish Hall classrooms
12:30 pm Fellowship/Coffee Hour-Parish Hall
12:30/1:00 pm Festival Dance practice (see 4/7 schedule)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Exercise Program: We will be meeting in the LL Parish Hall classroom #127 this coming **Wednesday, April 10th, at 10:00 am.** Please text Ann Zakreski at 770.329.7421 if you plan to come.

Fellowship/Coffee Hour Sponsorship is a great way to honor someone's birthday, nameday, memory, or a significant event with your church family. For ministries, it is a great opportunity to bring awareness to your group and gain members. Reserve your date using this **2024 Coffee Hour Signup Genius link** or scan the QR code.



Hellenic Dance: Anyone interested in dancing in our young adult group “Metamorphosi” reach out to George Saad at gsaad13@gmail.com to be put on the roster.

Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Hall. Guest Speaker Eve Tibbs is an Affiliate Professor of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Her topics will be based on her book *A Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices*. The book is available in the church bookstore. Fr. Panayiotis highly recommends reading Dr. Tibbs’ book before the retreat. See flier for more details.

Philoptochos Book Club: Our regular meetings will be the **first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the St. Basil Conference Room/Library followed by an optional lunch out.** Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, May 7th at 11:00 am** in the St. Basil Library. We will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. All readers are welcomed to come.

Spiritual Book Club: Meets **Monday, April 8th** (7-8:30 pm) in the St. Basil Library. We'll be discussing the movie *Ostrov*. Pres. Patty & Michael Gavalas co-host. The movie is available w/subtitles at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2nmbpmje>.

BEYOND HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

St. Stephen’s Summer Camp: Registration opened Thursday, March 28th. Slots fill up quickly. For more information, visit <https://atlmetropolis.org/st-stephens-summer-camp>.

Movie Documentary Double Feature: *Amphilochios: Saint of Patmos* & *Sacred Alaska* will have a special viewing at the **Tara Theater Atlanta on April 9th at 7:00 pm.** For more information visit <https://www.taraatlanta.com/movie/amphilochios-saint-of-patmos-sacred-alaska>.

FCAO Scholarships: The Federation of Cypriot American Organizations is accepting applications until May 30th, 2024, for the 2024 Scholarship Program of Academic Excellence. For more information visit, www.fcaousa.org.

The Scholarship Program of the FCAO is open to students of Hellenic descent who have demonstrated exemplary academic performance.



Pascha Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for decorating the tomb of Christ and the sanctuary for Pascha, please fill our the form below and turn it into the office together with your payment. You may also make your donation online through Vanco.

Name: _____

In memory of (please print): _____

OR

For the Health of (please print): _____

Donation Amount: _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Vanco

Donor Names and Dedication will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, May 5th.

*LUMINARIES for
HOLY FRIDAY SERVICE*

Luminaries will be lit at dusk on Holy Friday and remain illuminated throughout the service, creating a path of loving memory and honor. After the service, you may take your luminary home with you. Luminaries are \$10.



*Drop a check off at the church office or
Order online using Vanco or click the link below*
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z20M/campaign/C-10TMG>

In Memory of: _____ 1st bag

In Memory of: _____ 2nd bag

In Memory of: _____ 3rd bag

In Memory of: _____ 4th bag

or

In Honor of: _____ 1st bag

In Honor of: _____ 2nd bag

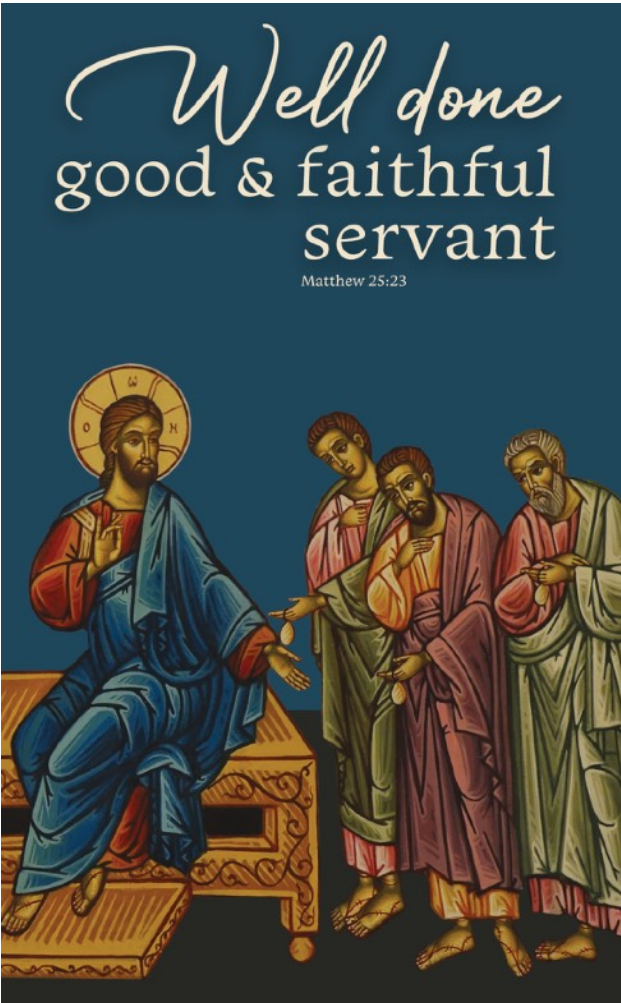
In Honor of: _____ 3rd bag

In Honor of: _____ 4th bag

Deadline to purchase is APRIL 26.

Thank you for supporting this beautiful Easter campaign and the Hellenic Dance Program

2024 Stewardship Campaign



How to submit your 2024 Membership/Stewardship Card:

- 1. PAPER:** Grab a paper Stewardship form from a Parish Council member in the Narthex on Sunday. You may mail back the completed paper form to the Church or drop the completed form in the offering tray.
- 2. WEBSITE:** You can complete the Online Membership/Stewardship Form for 2024 on the “Join our Parish” webpage of the church website, www.holytransfiguration.info.
- 3. SCAN:** NEW in 2024—use this QR code. Simply point your camera on the QR code and click the yellow link that appears within your picture frame. It will take you straight to the online Stewardship form.



So You Know

Operating Income and Expense 01/01/24-02/29/24

Income Received:	\$171,464
Total Expenses:	\$172,815
Net Income:	—\$1,351

Stewardship Report as of 03/28/24

# of Pledges to date:	338
Pledges to date (\$):	\$677,512
2024 Budget:	\$882,000
\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$204,488

Great Lent Services & Activities

Weekday Services

Mondays - now thru Apr. 22 - 6:00 pm Great Compline
Wednesdays - now thru Apr. 24 - 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Thursdays - now thru Apr. 25 - 6:00 pm Great Compline
Fridays - now thru Apr. 19 - 7:00 pm Salutations to the Theotokos
Friday, Mar. 26 - 6:00 pm Great Vespers for the Resurrection of Lazarus



Wednesday Presanctified Potluck Schedule

Last Name beginning with	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
A-F	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side
G-M	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad
N-R	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert
S-Z	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish

Wednesday Night Speakers

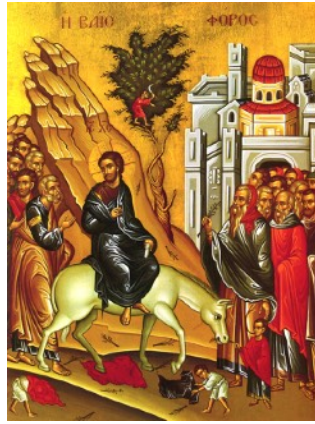
Presentation and discussion following the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Mar. 20 - Presenter: Fr. John - Topic: *The Afterlife, St. Mark of Ephesus and the Memorial Services, pt. 1*
Mar. 27 - Presenter: Fr. John - Topic: *The Afterlife, St. Mark of Ephesus and the Memorial Services, pt. 2*
Apr. 3 - Presenter: Fr. Michael - Topic: *Lent, Grace, and the Merciless Perfection: A Presentation of Music, Drama, and Poetry*
Apr. 10 - Presenter: Fr. Panayiotis - Topic: *The Kingdom of God: Are you on the Path?*
Apr. 17 - Presenter: Fr. Michael - Topic: *Wisdom from the Desert: Desert Monasticism & the Suburbs*
Apr. 24 - Presenter: His Grace Bishop Neophytos of Kenya

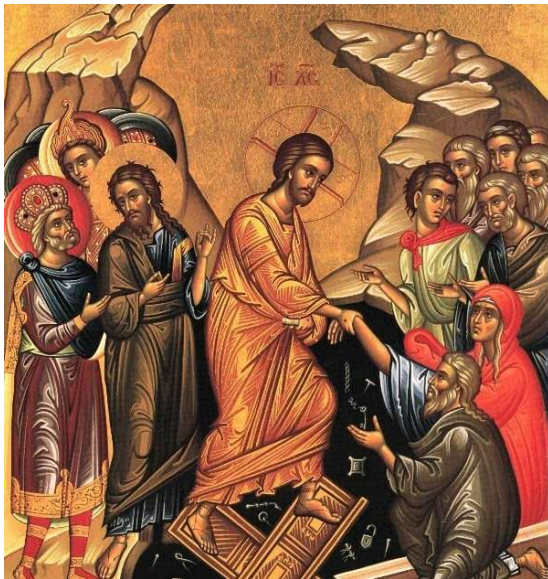


Bishop Neophytos

Great Lent is a traditional time to schedule confession with your parish priest. If you wish to make an appointment, email Fr. Panayiotis, Fr. Michael or Fr. John.



PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON -- APRIL 28, 2024



PASCHA SUNDAY
AGAPE PICNIC

CHRISTOS ANESTI!

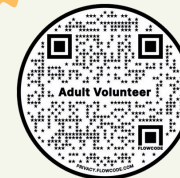
THE AGAPE PICNIC
ON BRIGHT SUNDAY
OF THE
RESURRECTION

PASCHA SUNDAY,
MAY 5, 2024
FOLLOWING THE
GREAT VESPERS OF
LOVE, 12:00PM

Vacation Church School - Youth Summer Program

RESCUED BY JESUS

Calming the Storm



sing

learn

pray

play

eat

JUNE 17-21

\$50 Early Bird Registration | \$75 after June 1st

Drop off 8:45---- Pick up 12:30

For potty trained toddlers through rising 5th graders

Contact Hazel Bruce
(757)870-5977
hazolen@gmail.com



TOA New Family Priority Registration Is Now Open!

We're excited to announce our New Family Registration for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year is now OPEN!

Priority Registration deadline: **April 15, 2024**. If any of our parish families are interested, or who know anyone who may be interested in joining our school, please pass the message along and share our application link to start the enrollment process here! <https://forms.gle/AbnLSj9wS7MhAnQs7>

We are also currently scheduling Educational Consultations for prospective families to learn more about our school and curriculum where they will be meeting with Father Michael, as well as touring our campus and classes!

If you or any family and friends are interested in learning more about our school, please pass the information along! Link to our sign up is here! <https://forms.gle/AbPYDpQxG1MNs1sJ8>

To receive more information, please visit our website at toamarietta.com or email office@toamarietta.com.

Wishing you a blessed Lent! - TOA Launch Team



MORE INFO



APPLY HERE

LIFE AND FAITH TRANSITIONS GROUP



**Prayer • Exploration •
Personal and Spiritual
Growth • Stronger
Relationship with our
Lord • Service •
Lively Discussions •
Confidentialty •
Respectful Listening
and Sharing**

Our life journeys are filled with many changes and transitions, which are easier to navigate with the love and support of fellow Christians. Our journey to our Lord, Jesus Christ also requires many changes and transitions as we shed our earthly selves in favor of becoming more like Him.

The Life & Faith Transitions Group invites you to join us as we support and encourage each other through the myriad of life and faith changes, challenges, and transitions. Our 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.

Our Group is not a book study per se, but we do rely on selected Orthodox Christian books to inspire our discussions. Presently, we are reading *Prayer as an Infinite Creation* by Archimandrite Zacharais Zacharou.

Upcoming sessions: Tuesday, April 9; Saturday, April 20; and Wednesdays, May 8, 22 and 29. Saturday sessions 10 am to 11:30 am; Weekday sessions 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

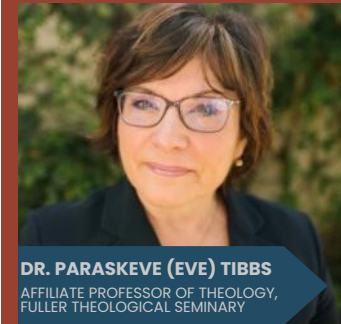
For more information, please reach out to BJ Spanos at 404-771-9335 or by email at spanosbj@gmail.com. May God richly bless and protect you!

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Marietta, GA

“LIVING ORTHODOXY”

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Sponsored by Philoptochos



DR. PARASKEVE (EVE) TIBBS
AFFILIATE PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY,
FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. Tibbs is the author of *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology*: “a comprehensive yet accessible guide to the beliefs and practices of the Eastern Orthodox Church for Western readers”.

You are invited to deepen your understanding of our Orthodox traditions and practices, fostering a greater appreciation for the richness of the faith as we continue our journey to Pascha.

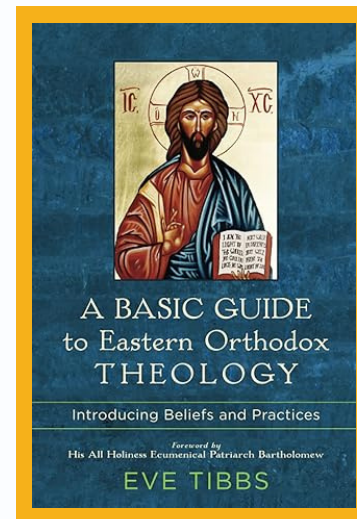
**SATURDAY,
APRIL 13**

CHECK IN
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

PROGRAM
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15, LENTEN
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

TO REGISTER, PAY THE
REGISTRATION FEE ON OUR
WEBSITE'S ONLINE GIVING PAGE



BOOK AVAILABLE FROM THE
PARISH BOOKSTORE, AMAZON, AND
OTHER ONLINE PUBLISHING
SITES.

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GUEST SPEAKER: DR. EVE TIBBS

**LIVING ORTHODOXY: THE CHALLENGES OF PROPER WORSHIP
IN A WORLD WHERE ANYTHING GOES**

Retreat Schedule

8:30 am: Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:00 am: Welcome, Opening Prayer

9:15 am: Session 1 (including Q&A)
“THE CHURCH: A FOREST AND A SINGLE TREE”
One Body. One Eucharist. One Faith.
Why do we worship the way we do?

10:15 am: A Word from Leslie Hansard,
Philoptochos President
Break

10:30 am: Session 2 (including Q&A)
“NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN”
Ancient Heresies and why they still matter.
The “Rule of Faith” (which wasn’t actually a rule!)

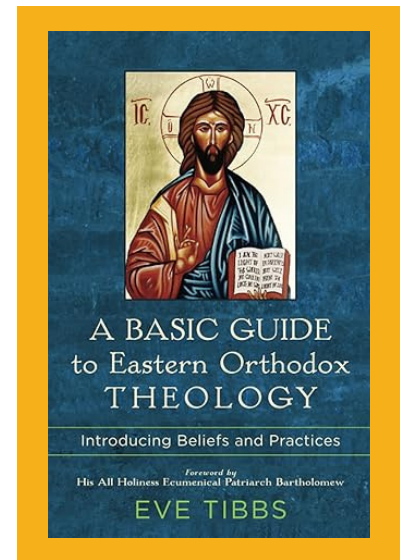
11:30 am–12:15 pm: Lenten Lunch Break

12:15 pm: Session 3 (including Q&A)
“HUMBLY CHRISTIAN AND BOLDLY ORTHODOX”
Christianity East and West
Embracing the Orthodox Difference

1:15 pm: Break

1:30 pm: Session 4 (including Q&A)
“SEEING THE GOSPEL”
The God who “wants to be seen” (St. John of Damascus)
Icons of Holy Week and Pascha

2:30 pm: Closing Comments and Prayer



BOOK AVAILABLE FROM THE
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AND OTHER ONLINE PUBLISHING
SITES.

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- Member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate
- Chair of Christian Education Ministry of the Metropolis of San Francisco and a member of the Metropolis Council
- Attends St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, TX
- Best title ever: Yiayia to Eight Grandchildren