

THE MANNA OF ST. NICHOLAS

Saint Nicholas, the 4th century Archbishop of Myra, is widely revered by Christians throughout the world. He is acclaimed for being a teacher of moderation, a model of faith and an example of virtue. His acts of kindness and generosity are remembered to this day.

Even in death, St. Nicholas continues to have a great impact on the lives of faithful Christians. From the time of his burial in the basilica of his church in Myra, the body of St. Nicholas has exuded a mysterious, miraculous liquid referred to as “manna.” Those who are anointed with it often find themselves unexplainably healed of their illnesses. Countless others have their prayers answered through this special intercession of this beloved saint.

In 1087, the body of St. Nicholas was stolen from its resting place by sailors and taken to the seaport town of Bari, Italy, where a magnificent cathedral was built to house the relics of the famed Archbishop. Down through the centuries, the mysterious manna has continued to flow. In 1954, the crypt of St. Nicholas needed extensive repair, so it was necessary to exhume the saint’s body from its tomb. When it was time for the body to be re-interred, the linen sheet upon which it had rested was found to be soaking wet - saturated from the manna! For many years now, it has been customary for the cathedral clergy to collect the manna in an urn for later distribution to the general public.

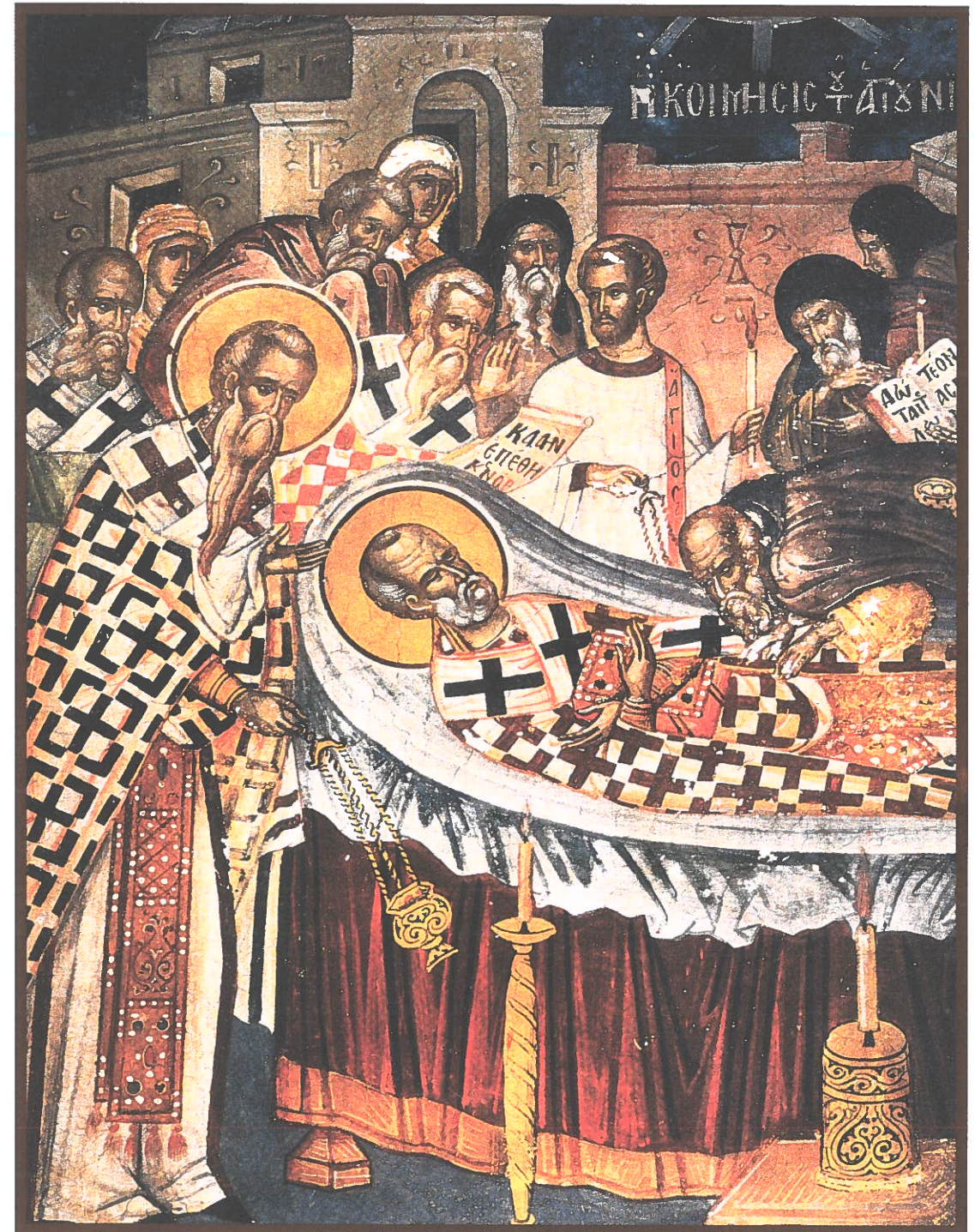
So it is that Bari now is closely associated with the name of St. Nicholas. But no town owns him. He belongs to all, for he is but another glorious member in the Body of Christ.

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Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμψον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἶδιον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Metemorfóthis en to óri, Hristé o Theós, dexas tis Mathités sou, tin dóxan sou kathós idinanto; lampson ke imin tis amartolis, to fos sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotókou, Fotodóta dóxa si.

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples, Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You.



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Sunday—the Lord's Day—December 8, 2024

10th Sunday of Luke

Musical Mode: Grave Mode Second Eothinon Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Readings of the Day: Ephesians 2:14-22 & Luke 13:10-17

Today's Saints: Forefeast of the Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos; Patapius the Righteous of Thebes; Sosthenes, Apollo, Cephas, Tychikos, Epaphroditos, Caesar, & Onesiphoros, Apostles of the 70

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today both in person as well as online from around the world. The live stream of the today's Services can be found on the **Trisagion Films YouTube Channel** at <https://www.youtube.com/@TrisagionLivestreams/streams>

The daily hymns are printed on the inside of the back cover.

WHERE TO FIND INFO ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Online Sources for theological and spiritual edification:

Trisagion Films: On Youtube, Facebook and webpage www.trisagionfilms.com

Follow our Podcasts: You can now listen to the entire series on iTunes, Spotify, GooglePlay, PlayerFM, and Sticher. You can find the entire series on iTunes here as well "**An Imperfect Podcast**": <http://tinyurl.com/y5ved9lk>

For audio of spiritual discussions: **Ancient Faith Radio:** www.ancientfaith.com

Visit our **Church Bookstore** for books, icons and other spiritual items for your home.

Visit our **Library** at <http://www.holytransfiguration.info/library/>

If you are interested to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, please speak to Father Panayiotis and he will guide you. Please call the church office at 770-924-8080.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Entrance Hymn. 2nd Tone.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead.

We sing to You, Alleluia.

Please sing along with us after the Small Entrance, as you are able.

Apolytikion of the Week. Grave Mode

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

[See back of bulletin]

Kontakion. Third Mode.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

The Cherubic Hymn.

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care. So that we may receive the King of all.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord Sabaoth, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Hymn.

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

Thanksgiving Hymn after Holy Communion

We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, for the Trinity has saved us.

Sunday Readings -Tenth Sunday of Luke

Ἀναγνώσματα Δεκάτης Κυριακῆς Λουκᾶ



Ἀπόστολος ΚΔ΄ Κυριακῆς Ἐπιστολῶν (Ἐφεσίους β΄ 14-22)

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός γάρ ἐστιν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἐν καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν καταργήσας, ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν αὐτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον ποιῶν εἰρήνην καὶ ἀποκατάλλαξιν τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ Θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ. καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ εἰρήνην τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι ἀλλὰ ἐστὲ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὖξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

Apostolos Reading, The Twenty Fourth Sunday (Ephesians 2: 14-22)

Brethren, he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Εὐαγγέλιον, Κυριακὴ Γ' Λουκᾶ (Λουκᾶ ιγ' 10-17)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἦν διδάσκων ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν μιᾷ τῶν συναγωγῶν ἐν τοῖς σάββασιν. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ πνεῦμα ἔχουσα ἀσθενείας ἔτη δεκαοκτώ καὶ ἦν συγκύπτουσα καὶ μὴ δυναμένη ἀνακύψαι εἰς τὸ παντελές. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὴν ὁ Ἰησοῦς προσεφώνησεν καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ, Γύναι, ἀπολέλυσαι τῆς ἀσθενείας σου, καὶ ἐπέθηκεν αὐτῇ τὰς χεῖρας· καὶ παραρῆμα ἀνωρθώθη καὶ ἐδόξαζεν τὸν Θεόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἀρχισυνάγωγος, ἀγανακτῶν ὅτι τῷ σαββάτῳ ἐθεράπευσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγεν τῷ ὄχλῳ ὅτι Ἐξ ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐν αἷς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι· ἐν αὐταῖς οὖν ἐρχόμενοι θεραπεύεσθε καὶ μὴ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου. ἀπεκρίθη δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ κύριος καὶ εἶπεν, Ὑποκριταί, ἕκαστος ὑμῶν τῷ σαββάτῳ οὐ λύει τὸν βούν αὐτοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον ἀπὸ τῆς φάτνης καὶ ἀπαγαγὼν ποτίζει; ταύτην δὲ θυγατέρα Ἀβραὰμ οὖσαν, ἣν ἔδησεν ὁ Σατανᾶς ἰδοὺ δέκα καὶ ὀκτὼ ἔτη, οὐκ ἔδει λυθῆναι ἀπὸ τοῦ δεσμοῦ τούτου τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου; καὶ ταῦτα λέγοντος αὐτοῦ κατησχύνοντο πάντες οἱ ἀντικείμενοι αὐτῷ, καὶ πᾶς ὁ ὄχλος ἔχαιρεν ἐπὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ἐνδόξοις τοῖς γινομένοις ὑπ' αὐτοῦ.

Divine Liturgy Gospel Reading, Tenth Sunday of Luke (Luke 13: 10-17)

In those days, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.



Parish Council On Duty: Philip George/Steve Tingas
Greeter On Duty: Jon Papastrat/Alicia Turner
Ushers On Duty: Alicia Turner/Maria Alberts/Jeff Alberts
Prosforo Bakers: Amanda Constantinides/Cedric Dunkerly/Christopher Hansard

Sun., Dec. 8 **10th Sunday of Luke**
 8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Mixed Choir
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 11:30 pm Second Sunday YA Class & Discussion-Lighthouse
 A Memorial service is given by Harry & Elene Catrakilis for Elene's parents, Stylianos (30 years) and Elpida (23 years). May their memories be eternal!
 A 4 year Memorial service is given for Xanthippe Marsico and her son, Michael. May their memories be eternal!
 Artoklasia is offered by Harry & Elene Catrakilis for the Feast Day of St. Nicholas
 12:15 pm Parish Council Elections-Atrium
 12:30 pm Fellowship/Coffee Hour-Parish Hall
 12:30 pm Cretan Dance Group-PLC lower level classrooms
 12:45 pm WYR Girls Basketball Practice-Gym
 1:00 pm Hellenic Dance HDF practice-Amphitheater

Mon., Dec. 9 5:30 pm Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 7:00 pm Spiritual Book Club-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Tues., Dec. 10 8:45 am TOA Morning Prayers-Main Church
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium
 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 7:00 pm GOYA Boys Basketball practice-Gym
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir practice-Main Church

Wed., Dec. 11 9:30 am TOA baking St. Lucia buns-Kitchen
 10:00 am Chair Exercise program-PLC lower level classroom #127
 5:30 pm Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 6:00 pm Great Vespers-St. Spyridon of Trimythus-Chapel
 7:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy class-PLC lower level classroom #131
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Main Church
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse

Thur., Dec. 12 **St. Spyridon of Trimythus**
 9:00 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 8:45 am TOA Morning Prayers-Main Church
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 7:00 pm Men's Choir practice-Main Church
 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Fri., Dec. 13 all day Rental: Cozy Christmas Coffee House-Atrium/Kitchen

Phishing Scam Awareness

We are aware that several phishing-type communications have been received by parishioners from supposed members of the church leadership. The church (priests, staff, Parish Council, ministry leads) will never email or text you asking for you to buy gift cards or send money for any reason. If you receive such a message, it is a scam. Please disregard the request and report it to the church office. Always verify requests for financial assistance through direct communication with the church office. Protect yourself, your personal information, fellow parishioners, and the church by being cautious of these fraudulent attempts.

Sat., Dec. 14 9:30 am Annual Church Inventory
 10:00 am Surviving the Holidays-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 11:00 am WYR Volleyball Practice-Gym
 3:30 pm Saad Baptism (Basil & Theodore)
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel

Sun., Dec. 15 **11th Sunday of Luke**
 8:45 am Orthros | Metropolitan Elect Sevastianos of Atlanta presiding
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Chanters
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 Memorial services are given by their children and their families for Dr. Allen Macris (6 years) and Mrs. Eftichia Macris (4 years). May their memories be eternal!
 Artoklasia is offered by the Vlahiotis & Macris families in honor of Joann & John Vlahiotis and Dr. Allen & Mrs. Eftichia Macris in conjunction with the feast Day of St. Dionysios of Zakynthos
 Christmas Kalanta-Hellenic Studies children
 12:30 pm Retirement Luncheon & Celebration honoring Anne Willcocks-Parish Hall
 12:30 pm Cretan Dance Group-PLC lower level classrooms
 12:45 pm WYR Girls Basketball Practice-Gym
 1:00 pm Hellenic Dance HDF practice-Amphitheater
 6:30 pm College Christmas Gathering-Lighthouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendars 2025: Calendars for 2025 are in! Please pick yours up in the Parish Hall on the window sills on each side of the middle doors.

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Dec 11th, at 10:00 am** in LL PH classroom #127. 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:

[2024 Coffee Hour](#) OR [2025 Coffee Hour](#)



2024 COFFEE HOUR



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Men's Choir: Thur. Dec 12th & 19th — practice 7 to 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Sun. Dec 22nd — sing the Divine Liturgy

Mixed Choir: The Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
 Next practice **Dec. 10th.**

Philoptochos Book Club: Calling ALL Book Lovers! Come join the Philoptochos Book Club! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Church Library (St. Basil Conference Room) followed by an optional lunch out. ALL book lover

readers are welcomed to come. NEXT MEETING - Jan. 7th, at 11:00 am, in the Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm). Book - *The Reckoning* by John Grisham.

Young Adults in their 20's and 30's meet twice a month for continuing education and fellowship. Want to learn more? Join the HTGOC Young Adults GroupMe chat for notifications on events. Contact Fr. Michael (frmichael@holymtransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead Maria H. (youngadults@holymtransfiguration.info).



Fox Family Christmas Lights: HTGOC member Karen Fox hosts an outdoor Christmas display at her home with thousands of lights synchronized to music. Live Santa and Mrs. Claus visit on select dates for photo ops and treats. Check Facebook page for details, [@Foxfamilylights](#). Donations are accepted for our church in addition to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The light display runs nightly from 6-11 p.m. starting December 1 through Epiphany and features a light tunnel, walk-thru feature and two interactive stations. One is a Letter to Santa table where children can write a letter to Santa and either give it to Santa or put it in the Santa mailbox. Second is a memorial ornament station in honor of Karen's Dad, Thomas Comsudes, and brother, Thomas Christopher Comsudes, where visitors can either bring an ornament or make an ornament to honor someone who has passed and hang it on the memorial tree.
Address: 2994 Clary Hill Court, Roswell, GA 30075. Please reach out to Karen at (678)524-2067 with any questions or to schedule group visits.

Spiritual Book Club

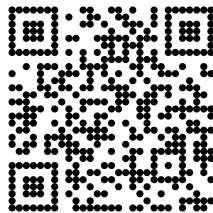
We meet on the second Monday of every month in the Church Library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. / co-hosted by Pres. Patty & Michael Gavalas



Please email us at mgavalas@icloud.com to be added to our email list for updates, videos, and related articles

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9th: *Healing Fear, St. Luke the Surgeon* (movie) QR code provides link to free YouTube playlist that contains the documentary & the movie about Saint Luke that you can watch from home and then come and discuss at the meeting.



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INTRO TO ORTHODOXY CLASS AT HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE BASICS OF ORTHODOXY CHRISTIANITY?

WHETHER YOU ARE A CASUAL INQUIRER, OR WANT TO BECOME ORTHODOX, OR A LIFELONG ORTHODOX LOOKING FOR A REFRESHER, THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!

THE CLASS IS BASED ON THE "INTRO TO ORTHODOXY" VIDEO SERIES ON YOUTUBE. EACH WEEK ATTENDEES WILL WATCH A VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THEIR OWN. THEN WE WILL MEET IN PERSON ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS TO DISCUSS. THE IN-PERSON CLASSES WILL REVIEW THE MATERIAL FROM THE WEEKLY VIDEO, AND WILL EMPHASIZE QUESTION-AND-ANSWER.

CLASSES ARE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM IN PLC CLASSROOM #131 — LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

**NEXT CLASS
Dec.
11th**

Email office@holytransfiguration.info to register

Christmas Remembrance

If you would like to make a donation for a Christmas poinsettia to decorate the church this holiday season, please contact Androniki in the church office, office@holytransfiguration.info or 770-924-8080 or fill out this form and put it in the mail or order online Vanco.

Name: _____

In Memory of : _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Or

For the Health of: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Check # _____ [Vanco \(fund-Poinsettias\)](#)



Submissions received by Mon., Dec. 17th will be published in the bulletin on Sun., Dec. 23rd.



**Join us for Parea,
Thursday, December 12th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Parish Life Center**

We can enjoy fellowship and lunch together with Christmas carols sung by our Transfiguration Orthodox Academy children
Lunch will be \$5.00 per person

RSVP asap so lunch may be planned.
Please call, text, or email:

Pat Koutouzis @ (404) 542-1924 or koutouzisjd@comcast.net



Surviving the Holidays

Divorced? Separated?

Know someone who is?

When a marriage ends, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants face challenges and discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- Ways to help children through the holidays
- Helpful tips to surviving social events
- Hope for the future

Join us for this encouraging seminar

**HOLY TRANSFIGURATION
Greek Orthodox Church**

3431 Trickum Road NE, Marietta, GA 30066

Saturday, December 14th at 10 am

Church Library (St. Basil Conference Room)

Surviving the Holidays is a free two-hour event where you can learn practical, effective strategies to help you make it through the holidays. It will begin with a video featuring interview clips from respected Christian counselors, psychologists, and authors speaking on topics pertinent to people in separation or divorce. The videos also include practical advice from people who've experienced a marital breakup and have faced at least one holiday season since then.

You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide that includes practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and more to help you construct a healthy approach to the days ahead. You'll also spend time with other people in separation or divorce who have an idea of what you're going through and who will accept you as you are without expectations or judgment.

To register or find out more about DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays, call Alina Fortis at 312-388-1484 or email coachingwithalina@gmail.com.

DIVORCE Care

divorcecare.org/holidays

Learn more about our new DivorceCare Support Ministry at <https://holytransfiguration.info/divorcecare-support-group/>

15 DEC 2024

Following
Divine
Liturgy in
the PLC



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Retirement Luncheon and Celebration

HONORING

Anne Willcocks

our Church Secretary
of 20 years who is
retiring in December

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

OR

Scan the QR Code

Call: 770-924-8080

Email: office@holytransfiguration.info

Hellenic Studies Christmas Kalanta Program
December 15th following Divine Liturgy



Christmas Bake sale

Hellenic Studies

Sunday December 15th, 2024

At the Lobby of PLC
Right after Liturgy

**KOULOURAKIA, KOURABIETHES,
MELOMAKARONA, DIPLES, BAKLAVA,
GALAKTOBOUREKO AND MUCH MORE**

**Proceeds to benefit the Hellenic
Studies Program**

Cash, checks and credit cards accepted
If you choose to pay by card, please add 3%
processing fee to your total

HOLY T COLLEGE CHRISTMAS GATHERING

All current College Students are Welcome!
-Parents, please share with your students-

SUNDAY, 12/15 @ 6:30 PM
LIGHTHOUSE

Dinner provided

Please respond to
Renee Tiller @ 404-966-6944 or
Elaine Bilson @ 404-825-9454



AHEPA 519 is collecting for its annual Toys for Tots program.

We are requesting **new packaged toys (not gift wrapped)** to be dropped off outside of the Parish Office (lower level) or in the Parish Life Center upper foyer. **Please donate your toys by Sunday December 15th**, as we will be donating the toys by December 17th. Cash donations are also accepted, and we will use these donations to purchase additional toys. If you plan to donate, please send a check payable to AHEPA 519 to Basil Karampelas, 649 Citation Trail, Milton, GA 30004.

Restrictions:

- No gift wrapping.
- No toys that resemble weapons or toys that have food included.
- Unboxed toys and stuffed animals will not be accepted due to COVID restrictions.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE





HELP SUPPORT THE

Philoptochos Angel Tree

BENEFITTING TABLE ON DELK AND PARK STREET ELEMENTARY

For the Table on Delk, you can purchase a gift card to Walmart, Kroger, or QT in an amount of your choosing. The gift cards will go to the women who are served by the Table on Delk. Write a dollar amount on the back of the card and place in the box beside the tree.

For Park Street Elementary, their students are in need of plain pullover or zip up hoodies, either navy blue, light blue, yellow, gray, or white, in all sizes 6-16 for both boys and girls. They also need underwear and socks in all kid sizes.

Place all items unwrapped under the tree.

Donations for purchase of hoodies can be given through cash, check, or Vanco as well.

PLEASE CONTACT LESLIE HANSARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

2025 Stewardship Campaign

How to submit your 2025 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. ONLINE:** You can complete the Online Membership/Stewardship Form at <https://forms.gle/D6aTSDEMtm9W3Rgd6>.
- 3. SCAN:** use this QR code. Simply point your camera on the QR code and click the yellow link that appears within your picture frame.

Your Own from Your Own



So You Know

Operating Income and Expense 01/01/24-10/31/24

Income Received:	\$700,732
Total Expenses:	\$780,010
Net Income:	-\$79,278

Stewardship Report as of 12/05/24

# of Pledges to date:	430
Pledges to date (\$):	\$750,530
2024 Budget:	\$882,000
\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$131,470

The Christmas Season is rapidly approaching, and we are getting ready for our annual drive to provide help for people in need. For over 20 years, we have found ways to supply families with gifts for their children, the materials to prepare a Christmas feast with lots of extras for the holidays, and offer a Christmas Day feast for those for whom Loaves and Fishes has become a source of food and fellowship.

Of course, these programs are possible only with the donations of many people, and we are grateful for your continued support. To learn more, donate, or volunteer - visit:



This year, Loaves and Fishes has become a part of FOCUS North America, an Orthodox organization which supports ministries reaching out to help others in the areas of Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding and Service.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

presented by the
Pan-Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood



Christmas Concert Candle Light Service

Sunday, December 22

5:00 pm

at the
Annunciation Cathedral
Atlanta, Georgia

Homily Offered by V. Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis

Featuring Choirs from

<i>Annunciation Cathedral Men's Choir</i>	<i>Sts. Constantine and Helen Choir</i>
<i>Annunciation Cathedral Mixed Choir</i>	<i>St. John the Wonderworker Choir</i>
<i>Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, & Irene Choir</i>	<i>St. Mary Romanian Choir</i>
<i>Holy Transfiguration Choir</i>	<i>Prophet Elias Choir</i>

Refreshments to Follow in Carlos Hall

Receiving Holy Communion

Orthodox Christians who have prepared spiritually are invited to come forward "with the fear of God, with faith, and with love" to receive Holy Communion.

Non-Orthodox Christians may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) offered at the conclusion of the service, but not Holy Communion. They may come up to receive a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish.

Preparation for Holy Communion includes confession of sins (even of sinful thoughts) and repentance, making peace with those around us, forgiving those who hurt us, asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt, and prayer. There is a special set of prayers called "Preparation for Holy Communion" to help prepare.

If you have further questions regarding the proper preparation for Holy Communion, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.

ANNUAL CHURCH INVENTORY

Need - 5 teams of 3 people on **Sat., Dec. 14** for about 4 hours, starting at 9:30 am.

What – Physical inventory of parish assets.

How – after a 1-hour orientation and training, each team will be assigned different sections of the property and they will be asked to "count".

Details – 1) one person will actually identify items (explained at the orientation)
2) another person will take a photo.
3) The third person will add the photo to a spreadsheet and record the quantity

The deliverable will be that everything is counted and photographed.



The rewards:

1. **Fellowship** – you get to do good and to hang out with other people in the church.
2. Each person will be given a **movie gift card** to see a movie over the holidays (I suggest *Gladiator* 😊)
3. Oh and you get to **add an accounting skill to your resume**. Annual inventory count is a real skill. 😊

If you are interested please text Mr. Harry at 678-464-8450. Remember, the first 15 get preference.

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