

THE ULTIMATE "PROTECTIVE PARENTS"

Being a parent can be described as a multi-faceted vocation. A father and mother are called upon to provide for every need of their child - sometimes at great expense and often with greater sacrifice. A child must be taught, nurtured, fed and disciplined. These are just a few parental responsibilities that a father and mother are obligated to meet.

Perhaps the most important duty, however, that every parent must embrace is protecting their child from harm and misfortune. Sometimes lost in the story of our Lord's Nativity is the effort made by Joseph and the Virgin Mary to protect their precious Child from King Herod. He slaughtered scores of innocent children in Bethlehem and its surrounding region in his rage-driven quest to eliminate anyone who would dare be referred to as the "King of the Jews."

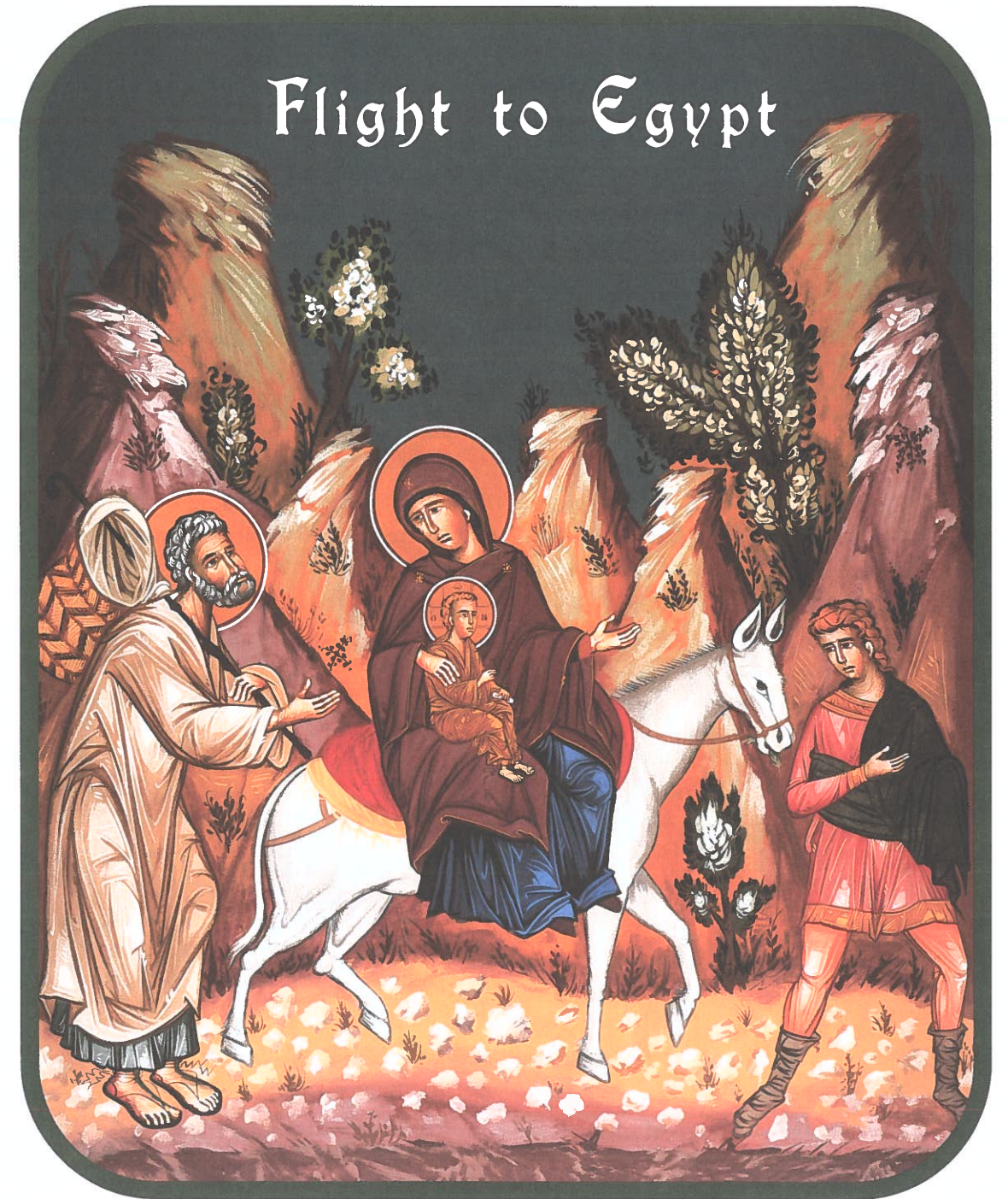
The Gospel of St. Matthew gives us the account of the courageous actions of our Lord's earthly parents. An angel of the Lord warns Joseph in a dream: "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." (Matthew 2:13) In the dead of night, they fled from their home in Bethlehem and embarked upon a long and dangerous journey, traveling hundreds of miles over rugged, unfamiliar terrain. Somehow, they safely arrived in Egypt, remaining there until Joseph received another heavenly visitor saying: "Arise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." (Matthew 2:20) Their stay in Egypt is shrouded in mystery. What we do know is this: Joseph and Mary were the ultimate "protective parents," preserving unharmed the One Who would grow up to be the Savior of the world!

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Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμψον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδῖον, 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 29, 2024

Sunday After Nativity

Musical Mode: Second Mode Fifth Eothinon Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

Readings of the Day: Galatians 1:11-19 & Matthew 2:13-23

Today's Saints: 14,000 infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Righteous Father Marcellus, Abbot of the Monastery of the Unsleeping Ones; Our Righteous Father Thaddeus the Confessor; Afterfeast of the Nativity; George, Bishop of Nicomedia, Poet of Asmatikons, Kanons, and Troparia

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.

Email him at frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info to schedule an appointment.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Entrance Hymn. 2nd Tone.

**Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God, who is 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. Second Mode.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Apolytikion of the Feast. Fourth Mode.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

Apolytikion of the Ancestors of God. Second Mode.

Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

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Kontakion. Third Mode.

On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, * earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. * He was born for our salvation, 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.

Readings for the Sunday after Christmas

Ἀναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς μετὰ τὴν Χριστοῦ Γέννησιν



Ἀπόστολος Κυριακῆς μετὰ τὴν τοῦ Χριστοῦ Γέννησιν (Γαλ. α' 11-19)

Γνωρίζω γὰρ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον· οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἦκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφὴν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν, καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν [ὁ θεὸς] ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοί, ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπήλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἱστορήσαι Κηφᾶν καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε, ἕτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

Εὐαγγέλιον Κυριακῆς μετὰ τὴν τοῦ Χριστοῦ Γέννησιν (Ματθαίου β' 13-23)

Ἀναχωρησάντων τῶν Μάγων ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος κυρίου φαίνεται κατ' ὄναρ τῷ Ἰωσήφ λέγων, Ἐγερθεὶς παράλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ φεῦγε εἰς Αἴγυπτον καὶ ἴσθι ἐκεῖ ἕως ἂν εἶπω σοι· μέλλει γὰρ Ἡρώδης ζητεῖν τὸ παιδίον τοῦ ἀπολέσαι αὐτό. ὁ δὲ ἐγερθεὶς παρέλαβεν τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ νυκτὸς καὶ ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς Αἴγυπτον, καὶ ἦν ἐκεῖ ἕως τῆς τελευτῆς Ἡρώδου· ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος, Ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἐκάλεσα τὸν υἱόν μου. Τότε Ἡρώδης ἰδὼν ὅτι ἐνεπαίχθη ὑπὸ τῶν μάγων ἐθυμώθη λίαν, καὶ ἀποστείλας ἀνείλεν πάντας τοὺς παῖδας τοὺς ἐν Βηθλέεμ καὶ ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς ὀρίοις αὐτῆς ἀπὸ διετοῦς καὶ κατωτέρω, κατὰ τὸν χρόνον ὃν ἠκρίβωσεν παρὰ τῶν μάγων. τότε ἐπληρώθη τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἱερεμίου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος, Φωνὴ ἐν Ῥαμὰ ἠκούσθη, κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὄδυρμὸς πολὺς· Ῥαχὴλ κλαίουσα τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν παρακληθῆναι, ὅτι οὐκ εἰσίν. Τελευτήσαντος δὲ τοῦ Ἡρώδου ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος κυρίου φαίνεται κατ' ὄναρ τῷ Ἰωσήφ ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ λέγων, Ἐγερθεὶς παράλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ πορεύου εἰς γῆν Ἰσραὴλ· τεθνήκασιν γὰρ οἱ ζητοῦντες τὴν ψυχὴν τοῦ παιδίου. ὁ δὲ ἐγερθεὶς παρέλαβεν τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς γῆν Ἰσραὴλ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὅτι Ἀρχέλαος βασιλεύει τῆς Ἰουδαίας ἀντὶ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ Ἡρώδου ἐφοβήθη ἐκεῖ ἀπελθεῖν· χρηματισθεὶς δὲ κατ' ὄναρ ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς πόλιν λεγομένην Ναζαρέτ· ὅπως πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ τῶν προφητῶν ὅτι Ναζωραῖος κληθήσεται.



Readings for the Sunday after Christmas

Ἀναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς μετὰ τὴν Χριστοῦ Γέννησιν



Apostolos Reading - Sunday after the Birth of Christ (Galatians 1: 11-19)

For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Divine Liturgy Gospel Reading - Sunday after the Birth of Christ (Matthew 2: 13-23)

Now when the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



Parish Council On Duty: Alex Miltiades/Dennis Christopher
Greeter On Duty: Jamie Hughes/Barbara Panagiotou
Ushers On Duty: Chris Holmes/Jamie Hughes/Paul Jacobs
Prosforo Bakers: Linda Lopos/April Mason/John McDermott

Sun., Dec. 29 **Sunday after Nativity**
 8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Mixed Choir
 Note NO Youth Catechism classes (Christmas/New Year Break)
 12:30 pm Fellowship/Coffee Hour-Parish Hall
 12:30 pm Cretan Dance Group-PLC lower level classrooms
 Note NO Hellenic Dance HDF practice

Mon., Dec. 30 No Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes (holiday break)

Tues., Dec. 31 **New Year's Eve**
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium
 6:00 pm Great Vespers-Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the Great-Chapel

Wed., Jan. 1 **Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great**
 9:00 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
all day Church Office closed
 Note No Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes (holiday break), Chair Exercise class, Intro to Orthodoxy class, Youth Group (GOYA)

Thur., Jan. 2 12:00 pm Hellenic Dance HDF practice-Parish Hall
 4:30 pm HDF Lock-in-Parish Hall, Kitchen, Atrium, Gym

Fri., Jan. 3 9:30 am The Great Hours of Theophany-Main Church
 1:30 pm Rental setup: Hampton/Setias Reception-Parish Hall, Atrium, Kitchen
 5:00 pm Rehearsal for Hampton/Setias Wedding-Main Church

Sat., Jan. 4 10:00 am Divine Liturgy in Cartersville, GA-St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 850 Douthit Ferry Rd
 10:00 am Life & Faith Transitions Group-online
 12:00 pm Hellenic Dance HDF practice-Gym
 3:30 pm Wedding of Aurora Hampton and Aiden Setias-Main Church
 4:45 pm Rental: Hampton/Setias Reception-Parish Hall, Atrium, Kitchen
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel

Sun., Jan. 5 **Sunday before Theophany**
 8:45 am Orthros

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.

Sun., Jan. 5 cont. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Mixed Choir
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 A one year Memorial Service is given for Thomas Comsudes. May his memory be eternal!
 A 3 year Memorial Service is given for Tierani Hendrix, daughter of Stephen and Marla Hendrix, sister of Leycei Hendrix Gordon. May her memory be eternal!
 Parish Council Oath of Office
 12:30 pm Fellowship/Coffee Hour-Parish Hall
 12:30 pm Cretan Dance Group-PLC lower level classrooms
 12:30 pm Hellenic Dance HDF practice-Gym
 5:00 pm Great Vespers of Holy Theophany-Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendars 2025: Calendars for 2025 are in! Please pick yours up in the Parish Life Center Foyer counters on each side of the middle doors.

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 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 by scanning or clicking the QR codes

Hellenic Dance Marietta Greek Festival dance practices begin January 26th.

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

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.** 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@holytransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead Maria H. (youngadults@holytransfiguration.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.

Christmas Poinsettias are given:

For the Health of:

Dorothy Botni and family
Kerry, Debra, Matthew, Ana & Chloe
Buchan; Achilles & Christina Georgiou
Katina, Rett, Alayna, Chris, Peggy, & Cedric
Boban Fidanoski & family
Mr. & Mrs. Hartnett
Keith & Lenora Hendrix
Johansen & Michaels families
The Kostulakos family
The Koutouzis family
Beatrice E. Kwiatkowski
John, Panayiota, Niki, Michael, Maria,
Alexandra, Evangelos
The Miltiades family
Iancu Nica
Patti & Nick Patellis; Argyro, Richard,
Emma & Ricky Deitz; Barbara Deitz;
Nikki & Peter Kyritsis and family
Dennis & Sheila Rury
Nektarios, Barbara, & Phillip Stampul
Connie Stratigos; Jimmy Carlos & family
Theresa Underwood
Bruce Wood
The Worden family & friends

In Memory of:

Viola, Joseph, Pauline, William, and
Barbara
Nikoloas Bafas; Theodora Hatzepsatha
Bob Botni and Mary Bennett
Jim Burke
Chris & Fotini Cassimus; Paul & Chryse
Georgeson
Andrew & Eula Carlos; George Stratigos
Mary G. Christopher; Ed Kastner
Emmanouil & Artemisia Doulgerakis;
Charles & Alice Wessinger
Bob Driscoll and daughter, Stephanie
Anastasia (Nancy) Georgiou; Nicholas &
Anna Georgiou
Vivian Gess; John & Mary Peliotes
Eleni Gourlias
Tom Gramates Sr.
In memory of Chris & Anastasia Gulas
Irene's Mother & Father (J. Began); Jim's
Mother & Father (H. Hammond)



Tierani Hendrix
Michael & Marta Johnson
Peter & Stella Karales; Curtis & Eleanor
Knuchel
Angelo Kollias
John & Janice Kostulakos; John & Florence
Hart
Kiki Liakonis
John & Helen Lopus; Donald, Margaret &
Audrey Snow
Elisieu, Colin, Arthur, Lucille, Denis &
Kathleen
John, Justin, Panagiotis, Georgia,
Alexandra, Ioannis, Anastasios
Ioanna Michaels; Bill Johansen
Charles X. & Mary T. Miltiades; Evans &
Dee Nichols; Lisa Moraitakis
Eleftheria Moraitakis
Agliaia Nica
Michael & Despina Moustoukas; Jim Paul &
Jean Norman
Presvytera Demetra Pallas
Dimosthenes & Argyro Patellis; Harold,
Martha & Harold Mulkey
Phillip & Margaret Poutsela
Robert Stirk; Nick & Maria Sklikas
Athena & Anastasios Tsoukalas; James &
Adelaide Hunt
Athena Vachtsevanos; John Miller
Reginald Willcocks, Jr.; Alicia W. Greene;
Peter Greene



NEW YEAR'S WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE & CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

SERVICES

Tuesday, December 31: 6:00 pm Great
Vespers-Circumcision of Christ, St. Basil the
Great

Wednesday, January 1: *Circumcision of
Christ, St. Basil the Great*, 9:00 am Orthros,
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 3: 9:30 am The Great
Hours of Theophany

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, December 31: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1: Closed

Thursday, January 2: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Friday, January 3: 11:45 am-5:30 pm

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER CHRIST IN THE PSALMS



LIFE AND FAITH TRANSITIONS GROUP

PRAYER • EXPLORATION • PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL
GROWTH • STRONGER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD •
CONFIDENTIALITY • LIVELY DISCUSSIONS • RESPECTFUL
LISTENING AND SHARING • SERVICE TO OUR LORD

Join us as we journey through the Psalms using *Christ in the Psalms* by
Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon and *The Orthodox Study Bible* as our guides.

Our discussions focus on supporting and encouraging 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 our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to enhance our service to others on behalf of our Lord.

UPCOMING SESSIONS VIA ZOOM:
JANUARY 4 AND 18; FEBRUARY 1 AND 15
FROM 10 AM TO 11:30 AM

For more information and a Zoom invite, please reach out to BJ Spanos at 404-771-9335 or by email at spanosbj@gmail.com

We invite you to the
INAUGURAL ORTHODOX

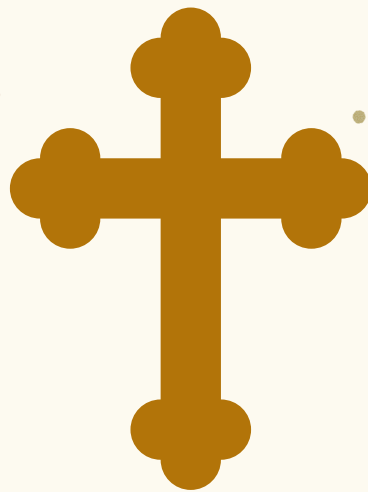
Divine Liturgy

IN CARTERSVILLE, GA

January 4, 2025 - 10am

At

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
850 Douthit Ferry Road
Cartersville, GA 30120



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Orthodox Church of Marietta

A festive green background with various Christmas-themed illustrations including mittens, holly leaves, a candy cane, a snowman, and wrapped gifts. The text is arranged in a central column.

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.



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!**

Email office@holytransfiguration.info to register

**NEXT
CLASS
Jan.
8th**

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

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 13th and Monday, February 10th
Time & Despondency: Regaining the Present in Faith & Life
by Nicole M. Roccas

Idleness. Apathy. Restlessness. Procrastination. These are symptoms of what early Christian theologians called despondency (acedia), a spiritual sickness rooted in a lack of care or effort. A condition as old as the ancients, despondency thrives in today's culture of leisure, anxiety, & digital distraction. Time & Despondency is a penetrating synthesis of ancient theology, spiritual memoir, & self-help practicality. It envisions despondency as the extension of a broken relationship with the experience of time. Driven by the fear of death and the anxiety of living, despondency drives us to abandon the present moment, forsaking the only temporal realm in which we have true fellowship with Christ. The remedies offered by time-honored Christian thinkers for this predicament constitute not only an antidote to despondency but also stepping stones back to the present moment. In regaining the sacredness of time, we re-encounter the Resurrection of Christ in the dark and restless moments of our lives.



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

Save the Date

The Enthronement of
His Eminence
Metropolitan +SEVASTIANOS of Atlanta

Saturday, January 25th, 2025
at 10 o'clock in the Morning
Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

Luncheon to Follow
(\$100 per ticket)**

His Eminence will serve
His First Divine Liturgy as Metropolitan
on **Sunday, January 26th, 2025**
with a reception to follow in his honor.

****Luncheon ticketing information will be forthcoming**

2025 Cretan Glendi!

Samaria Chapter

Pancretan Association of America



Saturday, January 25, 2025

Parish Life Center
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
3431 Trickum Road
Marietta, Georgia

Dinner Dance Featuring
Traditional Cretan Cuisine
Cretan Dancing

Live Cretan Music by:
Manolis Tsikoudakis (Lyra)
Demetri Spatharakis (Laouto)

6:00 pm: Cocktails
6:30 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm: Dancing

Adults: \$65
Students (13-17): \$30
Children 12 and under: Free
Early order special: \$480 for table of 8
if purchased by January 12, 2025



Purchase tickets online using the QR code above or the link below: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-cretan-glendi>

e-ticket price will have a default donation to the website. Next to "Contribution" select "other" and add \$0

Please get your tickets early! Only 350 tickets will be sold. The last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door!



AHEPA CHAPTER #519
Presents the 12th Annual

Scholarship GAME Night

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
DOORS OPEN AT 6.00 PM
DINNER AT 7.00 PM
GAMES START AFTER DINNER

PARISH LIFE CENTER
3431 TRICKUM RD,
MARIETTA, GA 30066

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for Deserving Students in the Atlanta Area**

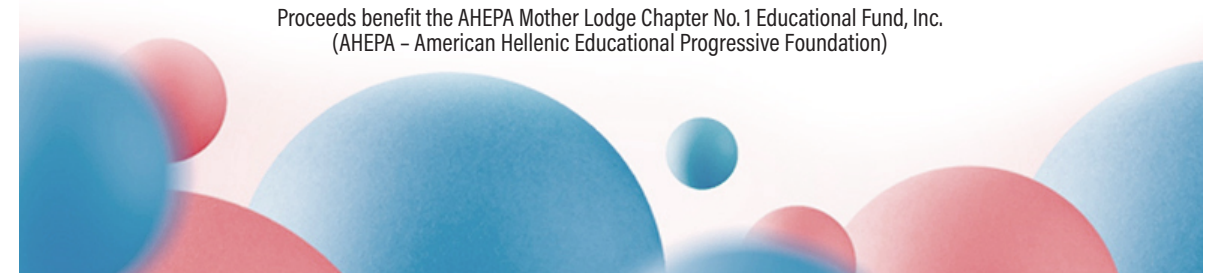
Your \$120 donation includes a fabulous dinner (steak, salmon, all the sides, dessert buffet, open bar), and an exciting evening of games. (Dinner only, \$60 donation.)

Winnings provide you entries for prize drawings at the end of the evening!
Come and make it a Date Night!!!

To RSVP

Email: ahepachapter519@gmail.com or **Call or Text:** 678.525.1344

Proceeds benefit the AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc.
(AHEPA - American Hellenic Educational Progressive Foundation)



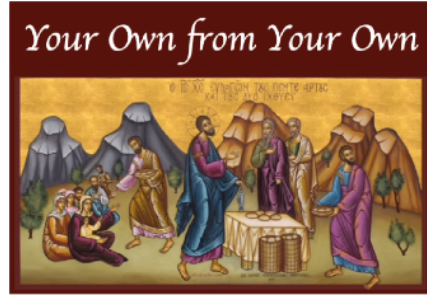
2025 Stewardship Campaign

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.



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 12/24/24

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

Philoptochos Impact Report 2024



TOTAL IMPACT: \$30,062

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.

2024-2025

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