

## HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ONE?

**T**he years of life seem to follow a similar pattern for all of us. Our youth is spent planning, dreaming and charting a course for the journey that will find us striving to achieve our goals and ambitions. Our "golden years" are often spent reflecting upon all that we originally set out to do. The successes and failures that come our way are found in that period in between.

We all want our lives to be successful; we want to be remembered as being a person who made the world a better place. Unfortunately, many of us use the wrong criteria to gauge our personal accomplishments. Our true motivation must be living a life that is pleasing to God. He does not measure "success" in terms of financial and material gain. No, "fame and fortune" mean little to our Heavenly Father. Many of the Church's saints had very little, and many whose good works and deeds were known only to God heard the blessed words of the Lord -- "**WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT**" -- when they passed on to their eternal reward.

God does not expect great things from us, but He looks to us to do small things in a great way. In the Parable of the Last Judgment, those who had done all of the charitable acts of mercy were genuinely surprised that the Lord put so much emphasis on such simple gestures of compassion. Still, these are the things that are deemed important in God's eyes.

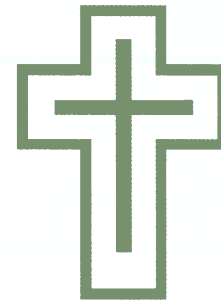
Has your life been a successful one? Have you dedicated your life to doing God's will? If you have, rest assured that a place in God's Kingdom awaits you. There could be no greater testimony to the ultimate success of your life!

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

Metemorfóthis en to óri, Hristé o Theós, dixas 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.



**HOW**

**DO**

**YOU**

**DEFINE**

**SUCCESS ?**



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## Sunday—the Lord's Day—February 9, 2025

### Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

Musical Mode: Pl. of Fourth Mode      Eleventh Eothinon Gospel: John 21:14-25

Readings of the Day: II Timothy 3:10-15 & Luke 18:10-14

Today's Saints: Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple;  
Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch; Markellos, Philagrios, & Pankratios the Hieromartyrs;  
Teilo, Bishop of Llandaff

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info) to schedule an appointment.

### TODAY'S HYMNS

#### Entrance Hymn. 2nd Tone.

The Lord made known His salvation in the sight of all the Gentiles.  
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. Pl. of Fourth Mode.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

#### For the Feast. First Mode.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

#### Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

*[See back of bulletin]*

#### Kontakion. First Mode.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

#### 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.

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. 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 of the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς τοῦ Τελώνου καὶ Φαρισαίου

### Απόστολος πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' (3.10-15)

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῆ διδασκαλία, τῆ ἀγωγῆ, τῆ προθέσει, τῆ πίστει, τῆ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῆ ἀγάπῃ, τῆ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χειρόν, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

### Εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Λουκᾶν (18.10-14)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν· προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἐστὼς οὐκ ἠθέλην οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

### The Second Letter to Timothy (3.10-15)

My son Timothy, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Ico'nium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel according to Luke (18.10-14)

The Lord said this Parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Parish Council On Duty:** Andy Green/Tina Johansen  
**Greeter On Duty:** Chrisa & Ken Farrey  
**Ushers On Duty:** Daniela Chereches/Christopher Davis/Dennis Koutouzis  
**Prosforo Bakers:** Evelyn Bilson/Miranda Black/Irene Brooks

Sun., Feb. 9 **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion begins today**  
 8:45 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC lower level classrooms  
 11:30 am Second Sunday YA Class & Discussion-Lighthouse  
 A 2 year Memorial Service is given by Spiro Priovolos and family for his father, Constantinos Priovolos and grandmother, Cleopatra Priovolos. May their memories be eternal!  
 A 10 year Memorial Service is given for George Bilson by Evelyn Bilson and family. May his memory be eternal!  
 Artoklasia is offered by Harry & Elene Catrakilis in honor of the Feast Day of St. Haralambos (Feb. 10th)  
 12:00 pm Hope & Joy Service Project-PLC Atrium  
 12:30 pm Hope & Joy sponsored Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Parish Hall  
 12:30 pm Hellenic Dance Festival Practices:  
 - Pitsirikia (Pre-K)-LL PLC Classroom #126  
 - Palamakia (K & 1st)-LL PLC Classroom #128  
 - Asteria (2nd & 3rd)-LL PLC Classroom #125  
 - Petaloudes (4th & 5th)-LL PLC Atrium  
 - Phoenix (middle school)-PLC Gym  
 - Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Gym or Amphitheater  
 1:30 pm  
 Mon., Feb. 10 5:30 pm Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms  
 7:00 pm Spiritual Book Club-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Room)  
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church  
 Tues., Feb. 11 8:30 am TOA Morning Prayers-Main Church  
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms  
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium  
 2:00 pm TOA Parent Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Room)  
 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Room)  
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Main Church  
 Wed., Feb. 12 10:00 am Chair Exercise class-LL PLC Classroom #127  
 5:30 pm Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms  
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse  
 Thur., Feb. 13 8:30 am TOA Divine Liturgy-Lighthouse  
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms  
 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)  
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church  
 Fri., Feb. 14 5:00 pm Rehearsal for Dalton/Hanks Wedding-Main Church

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., Feb. 15 10:00 am Cartersville Divine Liturgy-St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
 850 Douthit Ferry Rd, Cartersville, GA 30120  
 10:00 am Life & Faith Transitions Group-online  
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel  
 40 Day Blessing of Athena Tiliacos and son, Georgios Constantine

Sun., Feb. 16 **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
 8:45 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC lower level classrooms  
 A 40 day Memorial Service is given Mariyka Dimova by her daughters Julieta Issa and Diana Sanabia, her son Ivan Dimov and their families. May her memory be eternal!  
 12:15 pm Vacation Church Camp Volunteer-St. John Chrysostom Conf. Rm (downstairs PLC)  
 12:30 pm Christopher family Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Parish Hall  
 Note: NO Hellenic Dance Festival Practices

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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, Feb. 12th, 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 code.



**Hellenic Dance:** MGF (Marietta Greek Festival) dance practice has begun. See practice groups/times on previous page. Please register to participate in this ministry through the 2025 Membership/Stewardship Form, available in the main office or on the church website (<https://holymtransfiguration.info/join/>).

**Mixed Choir:** The Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Next practice **Tues. Feb. 11.**

**Men's Choir:** Practice on **Thurs. Feb. 20** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Feb. 23.**

**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 - Feb. 4th, at 11:00 am.** Book - *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict.

**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](mailto:frmichael@holymtransfiguration.info)) or Ministry Lead Maria H. ([youngadults@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:youngadults@holymtransfiguration.info)). **Next meeting: Feb. 9th** - Second Sunday Class & Discussion-Lighthouse





# 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](mailto:mgavalas@icloud.com) to be added to our email list for updates, videos, and related articles

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Monday, February 10th and Monday, March 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.

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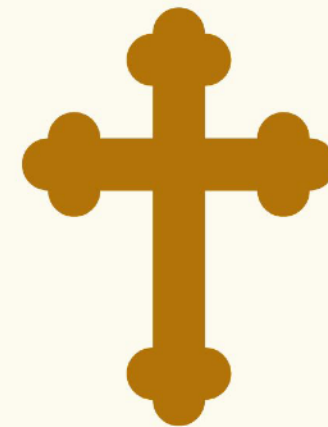
**February 15 & March 8**

**10:00 am**

At

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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:

February 1 and 15, March 15, April 5 and 26, May 10 and 24  
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.



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**AHEPA will be taking reservations and selling raffle tickets on Sundays leading up to the Scholarship Game Night.**



**AHEPA CHAPTER #519**  
Presents the 12th Annual

# Scholarship GAME NIGHT

<p>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND DOORS OPEN AT 6.00 PM DINNER AT 7.00 PM GAMES START AFTER DINNER</p>	<p>PARISH LIFE CENTER 3431 TRICKUM RD, MARIETTA, GA 30066</p>
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**All Profits Provide College Scholarships 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](mailto: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)

## AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for Academic Year 2025 – 26

Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$3000

APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE at

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/AHEPAApp25>

Application deadline—11:59 p.m., EST, March 15, 2025

#### ACADEMIC and ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or 83 out of 100) and be planning to be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university for the 2025 – 26 academic year to be eligible.

#### AREA OF CONSIDERATION and RESIDENCY / OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Several scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement.
- Several scholarships will be awarded based on both scholastic achievement and financial need.
- One scholarship will be awarded in recognition of a scholar-athlete.  
*Applicants for the above 3 categories must reside in the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Area.*
- One scholarship is designated for a student pursuing a graduate degree in Nursing.  
*Applicants must reside in the state of Georgia and plan to be enrolled in a graduate nursing program approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.*
- Three scholarships are available for students attending Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.  
*Applicants must reside in the geographical area within the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta and plan to attend Holy Cross School of Theology.*
- The Johnny N. Economy Scholarship is available to all students.  
*Applicants must submit an additional essay on a topic of their choosing regarding Hellenism. This scholarship has no residency requirement.*

*Note that unless you are from the greater Metro Atlanta area, your residency status is considered "out of area" regardless of your current address, and with the exceptions noted above (Graduate Nursing & Holy Cross student applications) you are only eligible to apply for the Johnny N. Economy Scholarship.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [applications@ahepaATLscholarship.org](mailto:applications@ahepaATLscholarship.org)

The mission of the Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc. is to provide both scholastic achievement and financial need scholarships to students pursuing post high school education. In addition, the Fund strives to strengthen community and country by promoting education through the development and implementation of various comprehensive programs.

*The Foundation is a tax-exempt Charitable Foundation established in Atlanta, Georgia in 1986 to promote, encourage and advance education at the college, university, and graduate and professional school levels. It serves the Cultural and Educational Programs of AHEPA Chapter 1, DOP Chapter 53 & AHEPA Chapter 519. \**

\* AHEPA: American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; DOP: Daughters Of Penelope

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of  
heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 19:14

## VCS VOLUNTEERS MEETING - FEB. 16th

Vacation Church School (Save the Date!): this year,  
VCS is scheduled for June 23-27

We need to gather enough committed adult volunteers together to make this fun event happen. For those able to assist, please join us on Sunday, February 16th in the St. John Chrysostom Conference room for our initial staff meeting. Also, please contact Hazel Bruce at [vcs@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:vcs@holymtransfiguration.info) or 757-870-5977 if you have any questions and to confirm your interest in assisting. Together, we can make this happen. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR  
FESTIVAL FOOD PREP DAYS!



MANY HANDS NEEDED, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Friday, February 28th, 5-9 pm

Saturday, March 1st, 10-5 pm  
(Keftedes)

Saturday, April 26th, 10-5 pm  
(Dolmades)





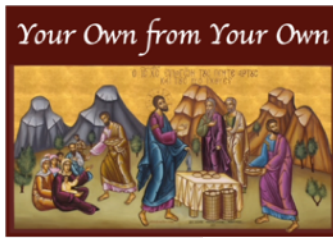
# 2025 Stewardship Campaign

## 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

01/01/24-12/31/24

<b>Income Received:</b>	<b>\$1,028,659</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,029,814</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>—\$1,155</b>

### Stewardship Report as of 02/07/25

<b># of Pledges to date:</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Pledges to date (\$):</b>	<b>\$511,773</b>
<b>2024 Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,160,000</b>
<b>\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:</b>	<b>\$648,227</b>

## THANK YOU TO OUR PLEDGED STEWARDS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO HOLY TRANSFIGURATION IN 2025

- Roy & Ashley
- Charles & Paula Agne
- Maria & Jeff Alberts
- Stephanie Alberts
- Toula Argentis
- Ben & Liz Azimzadeh
- Thomas & Kimberly Ball
- William & Jane Barber
- Evelyn Bilson
- Kenneth & Celest Bilson
- Paul & Elaine Bilson
- Pete & Kathie Bilson
- Miranda Black
- Mark & Thea Blalock
- Terry & Irma Bliss
- Dorothy Botni
- Anthony & Vicky Brezi
- Fr. John & Patty Brown
- Olen & Hazel Bruce
- Anastasia Buchan
- Kerry & Debra Buchan
- Matthew Buchan
- Athena Burke
- Constantine & Katherine Bylos
- Mark & Roberta Cable
- Jimmy & Helen Carlos
- Florence Carr
- Daniela Chereches

- Eleni & Everett Cleveland
- Maria Comsudes
- Amanda Constantinides
- Marios O'Connell & Cherie Cookorinis
- Cathy Costarides
- Leonard & Joanne Costopoulos
- George Coundouriotis
- Bryan Da Silva
- Kathryn Dalton & Jonathan Hanks
- Marysia Larisa & Christopher Danos
- Christopher & Annemarie Davis
- Judith L. Davis
- Harry & Christine Demakis
- Rick & Angeliue Denius
- Eleni Dodys
- John & Elizabeth Doulgerakis
- Marty Driscoll
- Cedric & Peggy Dunkerly
- Ken & Chrisa Farrey
- Dr. Boban & Natali Fidanoski
- Jason & Lucia Frazier
- Anna Galifianakis & Hal Bradford
- Constantine Gavalas
- Michael Gavalas

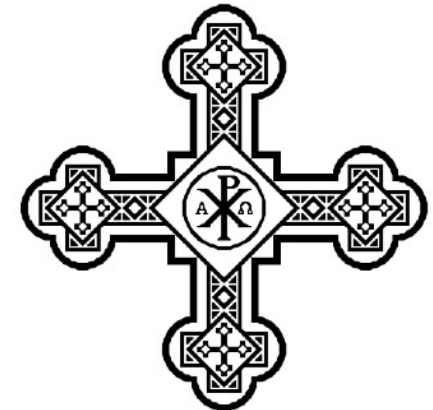
- Larry & Niki Gess
- Terrance Glamp
- Ted Gormanos
- Dr. Andy Green
- Maria Hagen
- Jim & Irene Hammond
- Aurora Hampton & Aidan Setias
- Scarlett Hampton
- Wade & Kristina Hampton
- Christopher & Leslie Hansard
- James & Constance Harris, Jr.
- Stephen & Marla Hendrix
- Dr. Julia Hill
- Chris & Katie Holmes
- Phillip & Irene Hrisak
- Wayne & Jamie Hughes
- Chris & Georgia Hutt
- Paul Jacobs
- Brian & Victoria Jansma
- Tina & Andrew Johansen
- Jennie Johnson
- Ioannis & Maria Kapsalis
- Basil & Sandra Karampelas
- Josephine Kastner
- Harry & Rosemary Kipreos
- Steve Kipreos
- Manolis & Tasia Kipreos
- Nicholas & Gerre Klementzos

- Androniki Kleto
- Athanasios & Loretta Kollias
- Zach & Margaret Kollias
- Jim Kontrafouris
- Dennis & Virginia Kostulakos
- Dennis & Pat Koutouzis
- Steve & Peggy Kyratsous
- Theodora Kyratsous
- George & Linda Lopus
- David & Dr. Stephanie Lukens
- Dora Lymberopoulos
- Dr. Bobby & Dorothy Macris
- Christy Macris
- Argy & Michael Major
- Paul & Eliza Markley
- Nicholas & April Mason
- George Matthews
- Filipos Mavromatidis
- Harry & Dawn Mavromatidis
- Lea McIntyre
- Panayiotis Michael & Marianna Constantinou
- Stella Michael Makri-Rodriguez & David Rodriguez
- Alex & Mary Miltiades
- Charles & Jennie Miltiades
- Daniel & Alyson Mirai
- John & Kim Moustoukas
- Paul & Alicia Moustoukas
- Erik & Alexa Musto
- George & Denise Nakos
- Costa & Maro Neocleous
- Iancu Nica
- Michael & Lisa Nikolich
- Stephen Novell

- Alexandra Opdyke
- Brendan Opdyke
- Leonidas & Barbara Panagiotou
- Nikolai & Karen Panov
- Theofanis & Heidi Pantazis
- Dean Papastrat
- Jon & Ann Papastrat
- Casey & Laura Pater
- George & Sarah Pentzakis
- John & Rosemary Peppas
- Soteria Perry
- Todd & Dorian Poradzisz
- Spiro Priovolos
- Eleni & Joe Reese
- Randy & Paula Rogers
- Dr. Lambros & Anne Rigas
- Theodore & Linda Sampanes
- George & Sophia Sarris
- Nick & Lauren Sarris
- Gheorghe & Nina Schipor
- Mike Serkedakis
- Vasileios & Heather Sfyris
- Zachary & Amanda Shoemaker
- Joseph & Anastasia Skarbek
- Anastasios & Janet Skarpelis
- Peter & Kate Sklikas
- Lukas Smith
- Ron & Christine Sprouse
- Martha Spyridon
- Connie Stratigos
- Brett & Elizabeth Strauch
- John & Kateryna Tamburi
- Zacharias & Theresa Taoushiani
- Timothy & Maria Tassopoulos
- Hagen Thacker

- Steve & Diane Tingas
- Anne Trainor
- Dimitrios & Mary Beth Tsoukalas
- Ray & Ellie Turner
- Peter & Anita Tziahanas
- Michael & Evangelia VanPatten
- Dimitri & Paulina Vastakis
- Theodoros & Crystallenia Vatzakas
- Julian P. Wade
- Marc & Christina Westmoreland
- Mary Ann Williamson
- Anastasios & Virginia Yiannovits
- Matthew & Ann Zakreski
- Marco & Rebecca Zavala
- Eleftheria & Rachid Zoheir

Pledged Households: 165



## FINAL BLESSING OF THE STEWARDSHIP CARDS

Sunday, February 23rd

### Your Gifts in Service to God

Through stewardship, we offer our time, talents, and treasure as members of the Body of Christ, striving to reach our full potential in Him. Your generosity supports our church's mission and transforms lives—both within and beyond our parish.

# GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION *and Commemoration of the ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS*



WITH SPECIAL GUEST:  
OLYMPIA PAPAGEORGIU

SUNDAY,  
MARCH 23,  
2025



**Time:** Immediately after the Divine Liturgy at the Parish Life Center

**Main Event:** Traditional Fish Luncheon - \$15/ticket - fried fish, rice, salad, bread, skordalia and desserts!

Tickets available for purchase after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday March 9th, 16th, and the day of the event near the PLC entrance.

This is a very popular event in our community and seating at the PLC will sell out. Please get your tickets early!!

\*\*There will be a limited number of to-go lunches available for purchase the day of the event\*\*



# “SEEING THE GOSPEL”

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION  
GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH  
MARIETTA, GA

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 29

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Sponsored by Philoptochos

CHECK IN  
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

PROGRAM  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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”.

Her new book, Seeing the Gospel, is a narrative journey through eighteen pivotal events in the life of Jesus illuminated through the form and color of icons.

- Join us as we engage with Holy Scripture through these “windows into heaven” and reach beyond the limits of the natural world into the divine realm.

Seeing  
the Gospel



An Interpretive Guide to Orthodox Icons

EVE TIBBS  
Foreword by Richard Mouw

Book available from Amazon and other online publishing sites starting June 24, 2025.

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

TO REGISTER, CONTACT THE CHURCH  
OFFICE, 770-924-8080



TRANSFIGURATION  
ORTHODOX ACADEMY

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JOIN OUR MISSION! ✨ MAKE AN IMPACT, GAIN  
EXPERIENCE, AND BE PART OF OUR  
SUPPORTIVE, FAITH-DRIVEN COMMUNITY!



## K-8 GRADE HYBRID CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- K-8 Classroom Assistance
- Event Assistance
- Recess Monitors
- Administrative Support

## REQUIREMENTS

- Availability for a few hours, Tuesdays/  
Thursdays
- Love for education and Willingness to  
serve
- Respect for our Orthodox Christian Values



**READY TO JOIN?**

Email Us: [office@toamarietta.com](mailto:office@toamarietta.com)  
Visit Our Website: <https://toamarietta.com/>

## 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

† HELLENIC STUDIES OF  
HOLY TRANSFIGURATION  
GREEK ORTHODOX  
CHURCH

# GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION



REGISTRATION STILL OPEN USING THE LINK BELOW

<https://tinyurl.com/4v8636zn>

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