

OUR MEANS OF RECONCILING WITH GOD

From the time Adam and Eve exercised their free will to choose to disobey God, man has had the need for forgiveness. We all have fallen short of the high expectations that the Lord has for all of His children, allowing sin to overcome us again and again. Sin separates us from our Heavenly Father, but fortunately, He has provided us with a means of reconciling with Him through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Since Confession is such an important part of the Lenten season, let us take a closer look at this Mystery of the Church.

Confession entails much more than merely listing and expressing some degree of sorrow for our sins. Before coming to Confession, it is necessary for us to examine our conscience – we must sincerely search our souls and determine where we have strayed from the path God has

charted for us. Our confession must be an honest attempt to admit the many ways we have transgressed God's Laws. Certainly, our All-Knowing God cannot be fooled! For the Grace of God to truly enter us through the Sacrament of Confession, however, we must experience a real feeling of REPENTANCE. Repentance literally means "to change." Confession must bring about a change in our lifestyle. Confessing our sinful ways is one thing . . . casting aside and walking away from our sinful deeds is another matter entirely!

During the Great Fast, may we all avail ourselves to the wonderful opportunity the Church gives us to "make things right" with the Lord, through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Seek out the spiritual help this Sacrament provides.

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Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδυναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἶδιον, 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.

CONFESSION



THE SINS OF THOSE WHO
ASK FOR PARDON ARE FORGIVEN

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Sunday—the Lord's Day—February 16, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Musical Mode: First Mode First Eothinon Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Readings of the Day: I Corinthians 6:12-20 & Luke 15:11-32

Today's Saints: Pamphilus the Martyr & his Companions; Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Romanos the Younger

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. First Mode.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

[See back of bulletin]

Kontakion. Third Mode.

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me. * Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out, * I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father. * O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

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 of the Prodigal Son
Αναγνώσματα Κυριακή τοῦ Ἀσώτου

Απόστολος πρὸς Κορινθίους α'
(6.12-20)

Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆς κοιλίας, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆς πορνείας, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἠγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆς πόρνης ἐν σώματι ἐστίν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύματι ἐστίν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος ἐστίν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἦ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστίν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

1st Epistle to the Corinthians (6.12-20)

Brethren, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"— and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.



Εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Λουκᾶν (15.11-32)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς, καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας, καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον, καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως, δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι, καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους, καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατιῶν ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ, εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου, καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ, ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν, εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἤμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου, εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὸς ἦν καὶ εὗρέθη, καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παιδῶν ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα, ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτόν ἀπέλαβεν, ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἠθέλην εἰσελθεῖν, ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν, ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὸς ἦν καὶ εὗρέθη.

Gospel according to Luke (15.11-32)

The Lord said this Parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Parish Council On Duty: Alex Miltiades/Dennis Christopher
Greeter On Duty: Tammy Dionas/Barbara Panagiotou
Ushers On Duty: Eleni Reese/Alicia Turner
Prosforo Bakers: Panayota Brotsis/Athena Burke/Amanda Constantinides

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!
 A 7 year Memorial Service is given for Terry Bliss's mother, Betty (Spyridoula) Bliss. May her memory be eternal!
 A 10 year Memorial Service is given for Christos Roulidis. May his memory be eternal!
 12:15 pm Vacation Church Camp Volunteer Meeting-St. John Chrysostom Conf. Rm (downstairs PLC)
 12:30 pm Christopher family Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Parish Hall
 NOTE: No Hellenic Dance Festival practice

Mon., Feb. 17 5:30 pm Adult Hellenic Studies/Greek School class-PLC lower level classroom #130
 NOTE: No Youth Greek School classes (holiday)
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church

Tues., Feb. 18 NOTE: No TOA Morning Prayers or classes (holiday)
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium
 4:30 pm Rental: Les Marmitons of Atlanta
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Main Church

Wed., Feb. 19 10:00 am Chair Exercise class-LL PLC Classroom #127
 NOTE: No Hellenic Studies/Greek School classes (holiday)
 6:30 pm Marietta Greek Festival Committee Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse

Thur., Feb. 20 NOTE: No TOA Divine Liturgy or classes (holiday)
 11:00 am Festival Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 11:00 am Parea General Meeting/Luncheon-PLC Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church

Fri., Feb. 21 all day AHEPA Game Night Set-Up-PLC Parish Hall/Atrium/Kitchen/Gym

Sat., Feb. 22 **Saturday of Souls**
 9:00 am Orthos
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel
 8:00 pm AHEPA Scholarship Game Night

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., Feb. 23

Judgement Sunday

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!
 A 6 month Memorial Service is given for Stella Argentis by her daughter, Toula and family. 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
 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
 1:30 pm - Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Gym or Amphitheater

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AHEPA Chapter #519, 12th Annual Scholarship Game Night:** will be held on **Saturday, February 22nd** in the Parish Hall. In the past eleven years, this event has raised over \$50,000 and has provided over 100 college scholarships for deserving men and women in the Marietta area. This annual event promises a fabulous dinner and an exciting evening of games and prizes for everyone. **Make it a Date Night!** Please see the enclosed flyer for information on how to RSVP for the event, and feel free to forward it to family and friends, and/or visit ahepa519.info for more information. **You can also RSVP / pay for the event, and/or purchase tickets for 50/50 Drawing on Sundays in the PLC, after the Divine Liturgy.** Finally, if you are unable to attend the Scholarship Game Night, and would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Ron Sprouse at 404.408.7875 or ron@ronsprouse.com (see flyer)
- **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's Stewardship page (<https://holytransfiguration.info/join/>).



2025 COFFEE HOUR

- **Mixed Choir:** The Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Next practice **Tues. Feb. 18.**
- **Men's Choir:** Practice on **Mon. Feb. 17 & 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@holytransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead Maria H. (youngadults@holytransfiguration.info).
- **AMAZING IN-HOME CARETAKER SEEKING NEW EMPLOYMENT (IN GREECE):** My dear Theia Dimitra (Aunt Dimitra) fell asleep in the Lord last week in Athens, Greece. Her full-time, in-home caretaker had been with her for over 9 years and had become like a member of our family. She is loving, meticulous, and mostly importantly ... trustworthy. She is seeking employment with a new family for elderly caretaking (preferably of an elderly woman), and we want to ensure she is with a good home / family and be treated as well as we treated her. The position would be in Greece (preferably Athens) as that is where she is now. For details please reach out to Christina Pallas, email: christinapallas@gmail.com



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@holytransfiguration.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!

On Thursday February 20th Parea will be meeting at 11 am in the PLC.

A lite lunch will be served at the cost of \$5.00. We will have fun playing Bingo and having great conversations.

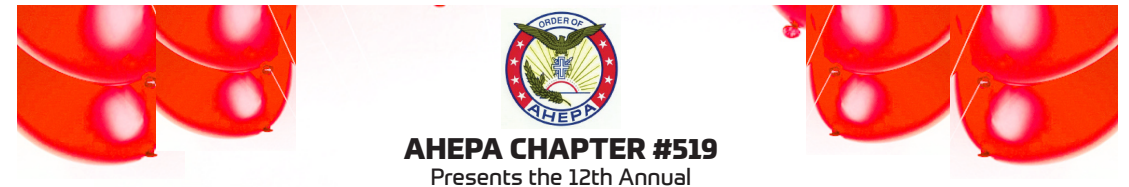
Looking forward to being together with you.

Pat Koutouzis, 404-542-1924



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



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

**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 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)

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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.

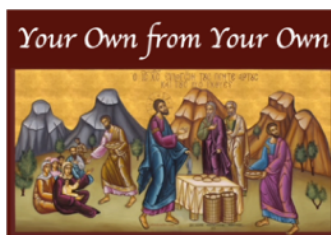
2025 Stewardship Campaign

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> or on the website's Stewardship page (<https://holytransfiguration.info/join/>).

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.



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So You Know

Operating Income and Expense 01/01/24-12/31/24

Income Received:	\$1,028,659
Total Expenses:	\$1,029,814
Net Income:	-\$1,155

Stewardship Report as of 02/07/25

# of Pledges to date:	174
Pledges to date (\$):	\$539,153
2024 Budget:	\$1,160,000
\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$620,847

- John & Kim Moustoukas
- Paul & Alicia Moustoukas
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- Eleftheria & Rachid Zoheir

Pledged Households: 174



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)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

GODPARENTS luncheon

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD	in the Parish Hall, following Divine Liturgy
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\$15 ADULTS
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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



Aquinas Center of Theology Catholic-Orthodox Initiative March 6, 2025

Spiritual Wisdom from The Desert Mothers and Fathers

One of the greatest sources of Christian spiritual wisdom — including insight into the practice of prayer, meditation and contemplation — is the wisdom of the “Desert Mothers and Fathers,” Christians of the 3rd, 4th and 5th centuries who lived as hermits, monks or nuns in the deserts and wilderness of Egypt, Palestine and Syria. These ancient spiritual masters are respected both in Eastern and Western Christianity as great teachers of the interior life, wise men and women who truly show us the way to a deeper and more fulfilling spiritual life.

In this program, author Carl McColman will introduce us to some of the most colorful and remarkable stories of the Desert Mothers and Fathers, and explore how their ancient, timeless wisdom remains meaningful and relevant for all Christians today.

Our Speaker

Carl McColman is a contemplative Christian writer and blogger based in Clarkston, GA. He is a spiritual director affiliated with the Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center, and travels widely to monasteries, churches and retreat centers where he speaks and leads retreats on the Christian spiritual life. He is passionate about the history of Christian spirituality and loves to share the wisdom of our tradition with people of all churches and faiths. Carl’s website is www.anamchara.com.



Registration Link: https://bit.ly/aquinas_co_03_06_2025

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
2855 Briarcliff Road NE
Atlanta, GA

Happy Hour - 6:30 pm
Dinner - promptly at 7:00 pm
Presentation - 7:45 pm
Table Discussion - 8:15 pm

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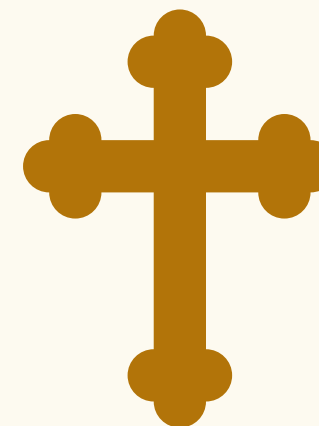
Saturday, March 8

10:00 am

At

St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church

850 Douthit Ferry Road
Cartersville, GA 30120



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Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 9, 2025 Vespers at 5:00 pm

The Invisible Made Visible The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

2500 Clairmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA

Guest Speaker: Fr. Barnabas Powell

Lenten Reception to Follow in Carlos Hall

Fr. Barnabas (Charles) Powell is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Having been raised in a small Pentecostal church as a boy, Barnabas grew to love the church, enjoy the music, and eventually came to be the youth pastor of his home church.

Barnabas attended Toccoa Falls College, an Evangelical Protestant school in Northeast Georgia, and received his theology degree there in 1988. He then went on to establish a new church in the Atlanta area. While pastoring, Barnabas also was heavily involved with Evangelical Christian media, radio, television, and print.

A reading program in Church History and Theology would eventually lead him to enter the Orthodox Church, along with several of the families that had been with him during his pastorate in November of 2001.

In 2007 Barnabas was given the blessing of Metropolitan ALEXIOS of Atlanta to enter Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. On November 8th 2009, Barnabas was ordained to the diaconate in his hometown of Atlanta, GA at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios and on Sunday March 8, 2010 he received ordination to the holy priesthood at the same cathedral. He is now the proistamenos (senior pastor) of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA. Fr. Barnabas founded Faith Encouraged Ministries in 2014 and was the host of Faith Encouraged LIVE talk show on Ancient Faith Radio until January of 2019.



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, 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.

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:

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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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.

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- Several scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement.
- Several scholarships will be awarded based on both scholastic achievement and financial need.
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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@ahempaATLscholarship.org

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST:
OLYMPIA PAPAGEORGIU

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025



Holy Transfiguration Greek School
Est. 2009

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.

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

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

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.

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- Love for education and Willingness to
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- Respect for our Orthodox Christian Values



READY TO JOIN?

Email Us: office@toamarietta.com
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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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