

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

The Orthodox Church has had a long-established practice of praying for the departed. This reflects the view that the “communion of the saints” encompasses the church Militant (those on earth) and the Church Triumphant (those who have already passed on to their eternal reward). Our prayers for the departed, therefore, are a continuation of the bond of love that we form in our human relationships with family and friends: a bond that even death cannot sever.

In her infinite wisdom, the Church designates several days in the liturgical year when we are called upon to offer prayers for the departed. Every Saturday is dedicated to those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. It was on the Sabbath day that Christ lay dead in the tomb “resting from all His works and trampling down death by death.” Special Memorial Saturdays, referred to as “All Soul’s Saturdays,” are also commemorated. While differences in these commemorations may arise in various Orthodox jurisdictions, let us all focus on the importance of remembering the dead. Jesus referred to heaven as “My Father’s House.” Knowing that our loved ones are in our Father’s House should motivate us to pray for them. The Church also encourages prayers for the departed on the third, ninth and fortieth day after their death.

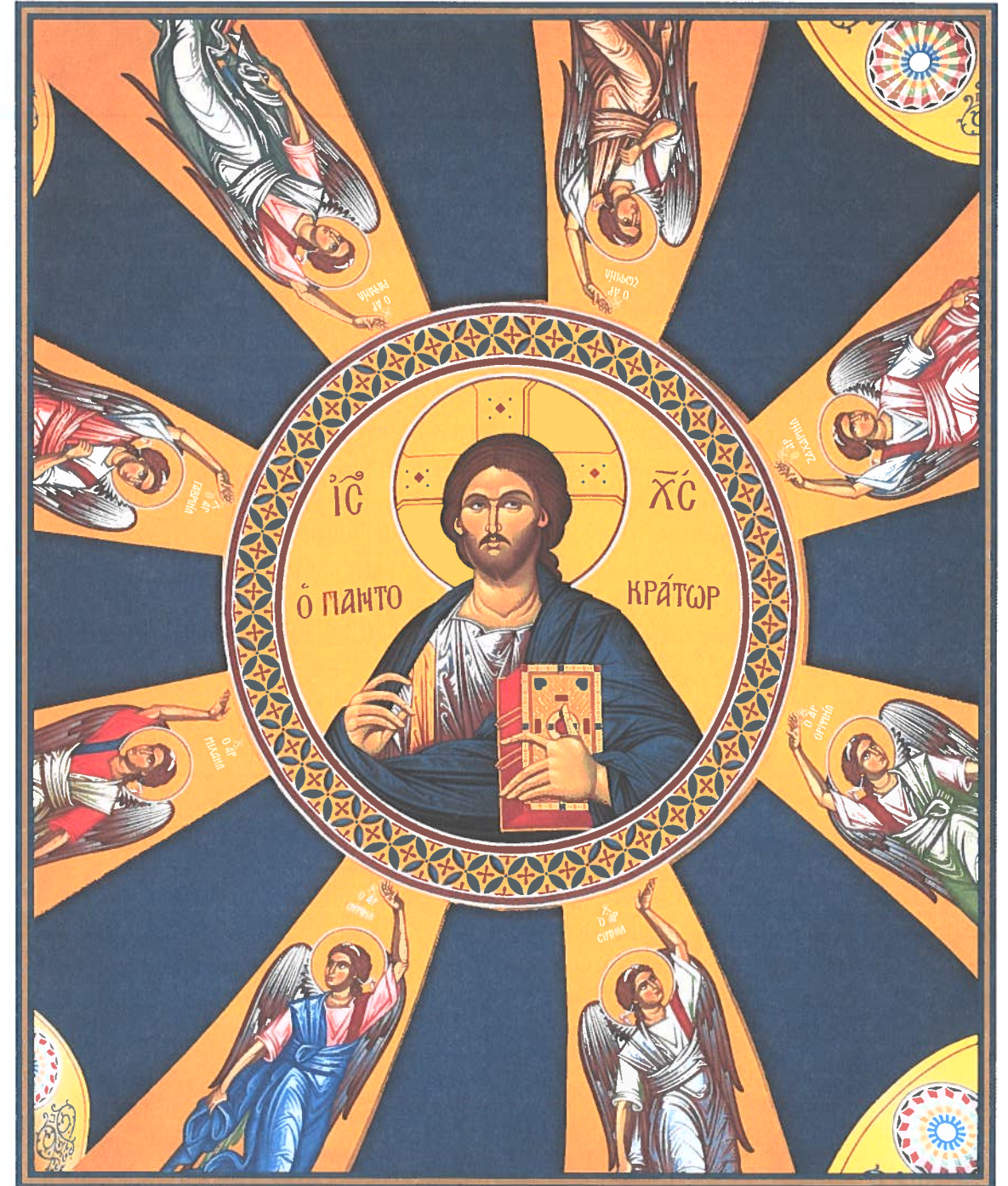
Orthodox prayers for our deceased loved ones are not only for them but also for Christ in Whom they died. “I am the resurrection and the life,” Jesus said, “he who believes in Me though he were dead yet shall he live, and he who lives and believes in Me shall have life everlasting.”

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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 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.



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Sunday—the Lord's Day—February 23, 2025

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

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

Readings of the Day: I Corinthians 8:8-13;9:1-2 & Matthew 25:31-46

Today's Saints: Polycarp the Holy Martyr & Bishop of Smyrna; Proterios, Archbishop of Alexandria; Gorgonia the Righteous, sister of Gregory the Theologian; Damian the New Martyr of Mount Athos; Boswell, Abbot of Melrose Abbey

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 <https://holytransfiguration.info/ministries/education/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 Parish. Grave Mode.

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Kontakion. First Mode.

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

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 of Meat-Fare Sunday

Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς τῆς Ἀπόκρεω

Ἀπόστολος πρὸς Κορινθίους α' (8.8-13, 9.1-2)

Ἀδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακειμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οικοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολείται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῆ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἀμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἀμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἐώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμὶ· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.

Εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Ματθαῖον (25.31-46)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἅγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ ἐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δὲ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δὲ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ ἐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενῆς καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

1st Epistle to the Corinthians (8.8-9.2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Gospel according to Matthew (25.31-46)

The Lord said to His disciples: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Parish Council On Duty: Demetra Lilly/Steve Tingas
Greeter On Duty: Eleni Reese/Kate Sklikas
Ushers On Duty: Paul Jacobs/Andy Johansen
Prosforo Bakers: Cathy Costarides/Christos Costarides/Marty Driscoll

Sun., Feb. 23 **Judgement Sunday**
 8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Men's Choir
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 A 40 day Memorial Service is given for Fr. George Pallas by his children and grandchildren, Tasi, Dean & Christina, Dimitra and George, Vicki & Evan, Nicholas and Alexander. May his memory be eternal!
 A 6 month Memorial Service is given for Stella Argentis by her daughter, Toula and family. May her memory be eternal!
Blessing of the Stewardship Cards
 12:30 pm Philoptochos Godparent Luncheon-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
 1:15 pm Hellenic Dance Board meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 1:30 pm Hellenic Dance Festival Practice: Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Gym or Amphitheater
 3:30 pm Barsky Baptism (Victor)-Main Church
 4:30 pm Rental: Hristova/Barsky Baptism Reception-PLC Atrium & Kitchen

Mon., Feb. 24 5:30 pm Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 6:30 pm Strategic Planning Committee Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Tues., Feb. 25 8:30 am TOA Morning Prayer-Main Church
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Main Church

Wed., Feb. 26 10:00 am Chair Exercise class-LL PLC Classroom #127
 5:30 pm Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 7:00 pm Philoptochos Ladies Night-PLC Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse

Thur., Feb. 27 8:30 am TOA Divine Liturgy-Lighthouse
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms

Fri., Feb. 28 5:00 pm Festival cooking-PLC Kitchen

Sat., Mar. 1 **Cheesefare Saturday (2nd Saturday of Souls)**
 9:00 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.

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 10:00 am Festival cooking: Keftedes-PLC Kitchen
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel

Sun., Mar. 2 **Forgiveness 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 is for Takanori Shoji by Mari and Anna Shoji, Ryan Lau. May his memory be eternal!
 A 40 day Memorial Service is given is for Nathalie Nicolaou by her husband, Harry Nicolaou. May her memory be eternal!
 12:15 pm Parish General Assembly-PLC Parish Hall
 12:30 pm Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Atrium
 12:30 pm Hellenic Dance Festival Practices: see previous page for groups
 5:00 pm Vespers of Forgiveness-Main Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for 2025 – 26
Academic Year: Students residing in the greater metro Atlanta area meet residency requirements for all scholarships offered by the AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund Inc. Scholarships will range from \$1000 to \$3000. **The application deadline is March 15, 2025.** For more information and to apply via the online application, go to <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/AHEPAApp25>.

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wed. Feb. 26, 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/>).

Mixed Choir: The Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Next practice **Tues. Feb. 26.**

Men's Choir: Practice on **Mon. Mar. 3 & Thur. Mar. 6** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Salutations to the Theotokos on **Fri. Mar. 7** and Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Mar. 23 & 30.**

Parea: On **Thur., Mar. 20**, Parea will meet at 11 am in the PLC Parish Hall.

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: christinampallas@gmail.com

Need to contact the Parish Office?
 Make sure you are emailing
office@holytransfiguration.info

FINAL BLESSING OF THE STEWARDSHIP CARDS

Today, 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.

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

- Roy & Ashley Abrahamian
- Charles & Paula Agne
- Maria & Jeff Alberts
- Stephanie Alberts
- Toulia Argentis
- John & Susan Awad
- Ben & Liz Azimzadeh
- Thomas & Kimberly Ball
- William & Jane Barber
- Gregoriy Barsky & Dora Hristova
- Evelyn Bilson
- Kenneth & Celeste Bilson
- Paul & Elaine Bilson
- Pete & Kathie Bilson
- Miranda Black
- Mark & Thea Blalock
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- Florence Carr
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- Daniela Chereches
- Dennis & Paula Christopher
- Eleni & Everett Cleveland
- Maria Comsudes
- Amanda Constantinides
- Marios O'Connell & Cherie Cookorinis
- Cathy Costarides
- Leonard & Joanne Costopoulos
- George Coundouriotis
- Bryan Da Silva
- Dr. Despina & Shawn Dalton
- Kathryn Dalton & Jonathan Hanks
- Marysia Larisa & Christopher Danos
- Christopher & Annemarie Davis
- Judith L. Davis
- Harry & Christine Demakis
- Rick & Angeliqe Denius
- Eleni Dodys
- John & Elizabeth Doulgarakis
- Marty Driscoll
- Cedric & Peggy Dunkerly
- Ken & Chrisa Farrey
- Dr. Boban & Natali Fidanoski
- Constantinos & Casey Fotopoulos
- Jason & Lucia Frazier
- Anna Galifianakis & Hal Bradford
- Constantine Gavalas
- George & Rachel Gavalas
- Michael Gavalas
- Larry & Niki Gess
- Terrance Glamp
- Leycei & Caleb Gordon
- 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.
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- Stephen & Marla Hendrix
- Dr. Julia Hill
- Chris & Katie Holmes

- Phillip & Irene Hrisak
- Wayne & Jamie Hughes
- Chris & Georgia Hutt
- Katie Jacobs
- Mike & Annette Jacobs
- Paul Jacobs
- Brian & Victoria Jansma
- Tina & Andrew Johansen
- Jennie Johnson
- Ioannis & Maria Kapsalis
- Basil & Sandra Karampelas
- Josephine Kastner
- Vangeli Katsoudas
- David & Elena Kay
- Harry & Rosemary Kipreos
- Steve Kipreos
- Manolis & Tasia Kipreos
- Greg Kirbabas
- Nicholas & Gerre Klementzos
- Androniki Kleto
- Athanasios & Loretta Kollias
- Zach & Margaret Kollias
- Jim Kontrafouris
- Dr. Michael & Phyllis Kostas
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- Dennis & Pat Koutouzis
- Steve & Peggy Kyratsous
- Theodora Kyratsous
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- George & Linda Lopus
- David & Dr. Stephanie Lukens
- Dora Lymberopoulos
- Dr. Bobby & Dorothy Macris
- Christy Macris
- Argy & Michael Major
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- Nicholas & April Mason
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- Filipos Mavromatidis
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- Panayiotis Michael & Marianna Constantinou
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- Charles & Jennie Miltiades
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- John & Kim Moustoukas
- Paul & Alicia Moustoukas
- Erik & Alexa Musto
- George & Denise Nakos
- Costa & Maro Neocleous

- Iancu Nica
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- Stephen Novell
- Alexandra Opdyke
- Brendan Opdyke
- Julie & Gus Orogas
- Dean & Christina Pallas
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- Nikolai & Karen Panov
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- Julian P. Wade
- Marc & Christina Westmoreland
- Mary Ann Williamson
- Anastasios & Virginia Yiannovits
- Matthew & Ann Zakreski
- Marco & Rebecca Zavala
- Eleftheria & Rachid Zoheir

Pledged Households: 193

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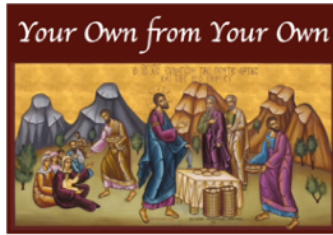
I donated, but I do not see my name on the list?

- We greatly appreciate donations by our stewards. This list is comprised of everyone who has completed a 2025 Membership/Stewardship form. By completing the form, we ensure your household and contact information are up-to-date, (re-)confirm your ministry interests, and are able to manage our annual budget. See next page for instructions to complete a form.

2025 Stewardship Campaign

How to submit your 2025 Membership/Stewardship Card:

- 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.
- 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/>).
- 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

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



Sunday, March 2nd

Please join us immediately following the Divine Liturgy (approximately 12:30 pm) for our spring Parish General Assembly. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, and a light lunch will be provided. During this assembly, we will review and vote on various business issues facing our congregation and also finalize the 2025 Budget. This will be a very important meeting for our Parish.

Please note: In order to be eligible to vote, you must have filled out a 2025 Membership/Stewardship form and be a baptized/chrisdated Eastern Orthodox Christian.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

GODPARENTS Luncheon

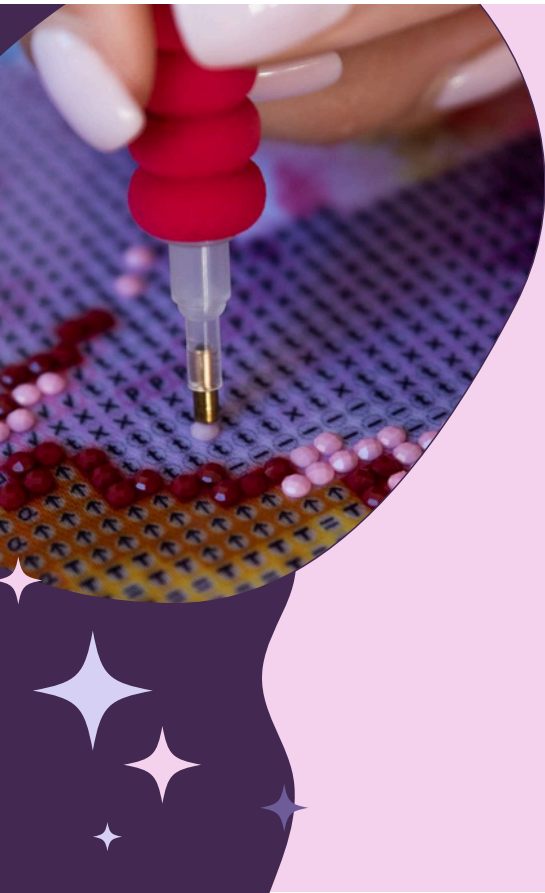
FUNDRAISER FOR
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIAL
SERVICES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD	in the Parish Hall, following Divine Liturgy
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PRICE:
\$15 ADULTS
\$10 KIDS, 12 & UNDER
FREE, AGES 3 & UNDER

COME FOR YUMMY SPAGHETTI, SALAD,
BREAD AND DESSERT. SPEND SOME
QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR GODFAMILY!

**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**



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

Philoptochos Ladies Night

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN SOCIAL EVENT WITH DIAMOND DOTZ PAINTING KITS!

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 2025

7:00 PM

PARISH LIFE CENTER

COST: \$10 FOR SUPPLIES & SNACKS

RSVP appreciated to Leslie Hansard at philoptochos@holymtransfiguration.info

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)



Volunteers Needed



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

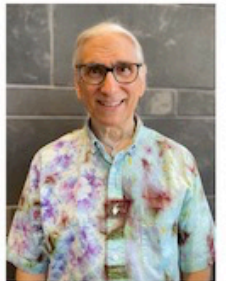
Spiritual Wisdom from The Desert Mothers and Fathers

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

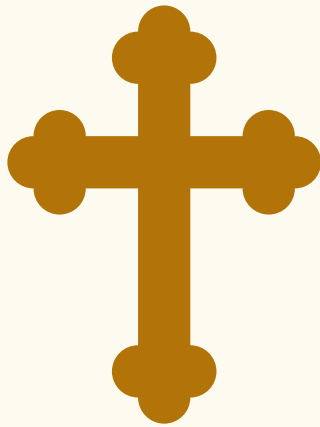
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
2855 Briarcliff Road NE
Atlanta, GA

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

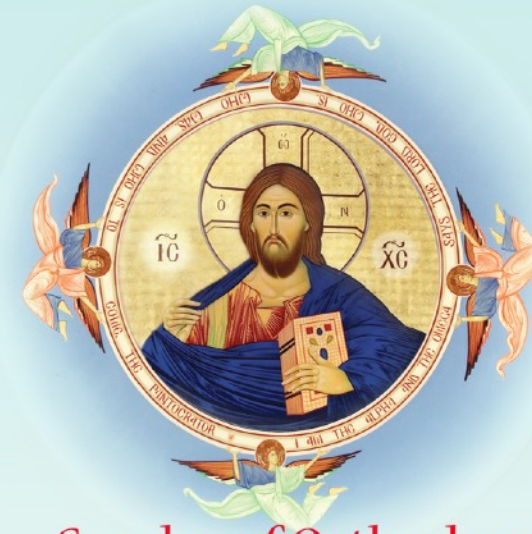
We invite you to the
ORTHODOX
Divine Liturgy
IN CARTERSVILLE, GA

Saturday, March 8
10:00 am

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



Sponsored by
Holy Transfiguration Greek
Orthodox Church of Marietta



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@holytransfiguration.info 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.

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

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

AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc., 3212 Northlake Parkway, #451369, Atlanta, Georgia 31145

GREEK INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION and Commemoration of the ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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”

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Sponsored by Philoptochos

DR. PARASKEVE (EVE) TIBBS

AFFILIATE PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY, FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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

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

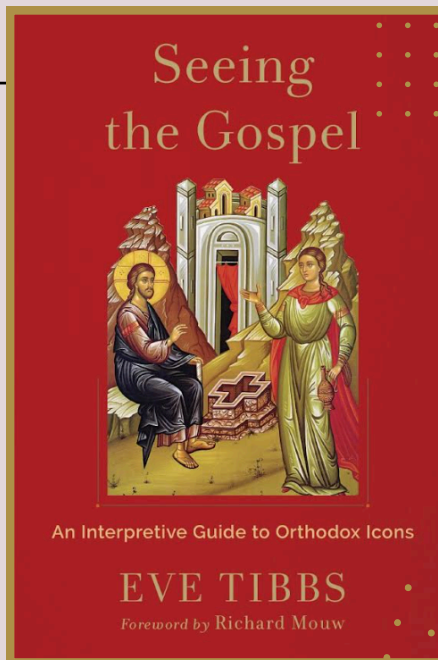
TO REGISTER, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE, 770-924-8080

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MARIETTA, GA

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

CHECK IN 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

PROGRAM 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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

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

GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION

HELLENIC STUDIES OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



REGISTRATION STILL OPEN USING THE LINK BELOW

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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
Visit Our Website: <https://toamarietta.com/>



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OUR SCHOOL IS GROWING COME TEACH WITH US

Transfiguration Orthodox Academy, a growing K-8
Orthodox Christian hybrid school serving families in
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Elementary and Middle School Teachers who are
passionate about Orthodox Education.

- Open to candidates with a variety of
backgrounds, credentials, and experience levels
- Qualified candidates will receive training in our
school approach and philosophy
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two reference contacts (priest and professional),
and one paragraph describing why you would
love to teach with us to our office manager,
Joanna Nicolopoulos, at office@toamarietta.com.

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