

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: A DAY OF TRIUMPH

The importance of the use and veneration of icons by the Orthodox Church is well-documented today. There was a time, however, when their use was forbidden. Those who opposed the use of icons were referred to as “**iconoclasts,**” which literally means “**image breakers.**” This controversy raged for over 100 years, and was seemingly settled at the 7th Ecumenical Council, which convened in Nicea in 787 A.D. The Church Fathers decreed that the veneration of icons was a long standing tradition of the Church, and that this practice was not, in any way, in conflict with the Second Commandment, which directs us “**not to make unto ourselves any graven image.**”

The 7th Ecumenical Council, however, did not completely settle

this issue. The conflict over icons continued until 843 A.D. when a local council, led by Patriarch Methodios of Constantinople, established the 1st Sunday of Lent as a day of celebration of the “**Triumph of Orthodoxy**” and the return of holy icons to their rightful place in churches everywhere.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is a celebration of all of the faithful men and women who struggled for the Faith in times of persecution. On this great day, all Orthodox Christians are called upon to remember the example of these holy ones and to renew our own commitment to Christ and His Church. We proudly proclaim today that the rich Orthodox Faith that we possess is truly “**THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES . . . THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS . . . THE FAITH WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE.**”

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*Icons are to be Venerated;
God alone is to be served in Faith*



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

Metemorfóthis en to óri, Hristé o Theós, 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—March 9, 2025

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Musical Mode: Fourth Mode Third Eothinon Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Readings of the Day: Hebrews 12:1-10 & John 1:43-51

Today's Saints: The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia; Caesarios the Righteous

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. Fourth Mode.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Apolytikion of the Feast. Second Mode.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Apolytikion of the Saints. First Mode.

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

[See back of bulletin]

Kontakion. Pl. of Fourth Mode.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

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 Sunday of Orthodoxy

Ἀναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας



Ἀπόστολος, Τεσσαράκοντα Μαρτύρων (Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ιβ' 1-10)

Ἀδελφοί, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορώντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν, ὃς ἀντὶ τῆς προκειμένης αὐτῷ χαρᾶς ὑπέμεινε σταυρόν, αἰσχύνης καταφρονήσας, ἐν δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ Θεοῦ κεκάθικεν. ἀναλογίσασθε γὰρ τὸν τοιαύτην ὑπομεμενηκότα ὑπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν εἰς αὐτὸν ἀντιλογίαν, ἵνα μὴ κάμητε ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν ἐκλυόμενοι. Οὕτω μέχρις αἵματος ἀντικατέστητε πρὸς τὴν ἁμαρτίαν ἀνταγωνιζόμενοι, καὶ ἐκλέλησθε τῆς παρακλήσεως, ἣτις ὑμῖν ὡς υἱοῖς διαλέγεται· υἱέ μου, μὴ ὀλιγώρει παιδείας Κυρίου, μηδὲ ἐκλύου ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ ἐλεγχόμενος. ὄν γὰρ ἀγαπᾷ Κύριος παιδεύει, μαστιγοῖ δὲ πάντα υἱὸν ὃν παραδέχεται. εἰ παιδεῖαν ὑπομένετε, ὡς υἱοῖς ὑμῖν προσφέρεται ὁ Θεός· τίς γὰρ ἐστὶν υἱὸς ὃν οὐ παιδεύει πατήρ; εἰ δὲ χωρὶς ἐστε παιδείας, ἧς μέτοχοι γεγόνασι πάντες, ἄρα νόθοι ἐστὲ καὶ οὐχ υἱοί. εἶτα τοὺς μὲν τῆς σαρκὸς ἡμῶν πατέρας εἶχομεν παιδευτὰς καὶ ἐνετρεπόμεθα· οὐ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ὑποταγησόμεθα τῷ πατρὶ τῶν πνευμάτων καὶ ζήσομεν; οἱ μὲν γὰρ πρὸς ὀλίγας ἡμέρας κατὰ τὸ δοκοῦν αὐτοῖς ἐπαίδευσον, ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ συμφέρον, εἰς τὸ μεταλαβεῖν τῆς ἀγιότητος αὐτοῦ.

Κυριακῆ τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας (Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:43-51)

Τῇ ἐπαύριον ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν καὶ εὕρισκε Φίλιππον. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ἀκολουθε μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκε Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὁν ἔγραψεν Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ, Ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ [ὁ] Φίλιππος, Ἐρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναήλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ, Ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλῆτης ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἐστίν. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ, Πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἰδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ, Ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ βασιλεὺς εἶ τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Ὅτι εἶπόν σοι ὅτι εἰδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψη. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγῶτα καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

Epistle Reading

(Hebrews 12:1-10)

BRETHREN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.

Gospel Reading (John 1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee and he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Beth-sa'ida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathan'a-el said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



Parish Council On Duty: Philip George/Danny Vlahiotis
Greeter On Duty: Pat & Dennis Koutouzis
Ushers On Duty: Dennis Koutouzis/Rosa Lubbers/Paul Markley
Prosforo Bakers: Jamie Hughes/Tina Johansen/Niki Kakissis/Elena Kay

Sun., Mar. 9 **Sunday of Orthodoxy (1st Sunday of Lent)**
 8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Chanters
 NOTE: No Youth Catechism classes-students participate in icon procession
Procession of the Holy Icons
 11:30 pm Second Sunday Young Adult Class & Discussion-Lighthouse
 12:15 pm Oratorical Festival Workshop-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 12:30 pm Philoptochos sponsored Fellowship/Coffee Hour
 (Welcoming Fr. Chris, Pres. Sophia and their children)-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 Hellenic Dance Festival Practice: Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Gym or Amphitheater
 5:00 pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation (followed by a presentation from Fr. Barnabas Powell)

Mon., Mar. 10
 5:30 pm Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 6:00 pm Great Compline-Chapel
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church
 7:00 pm Spiritual Book Club-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Tues., Mar. 11
 8:30 am TOA Morning Prayers-Main Church
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 10:00 am TOA Curriculum Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium
 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Main Church

Wed., Mar. 12
 10:00 am Chair Exercise class-LL PLC Classroom #127
 5:30 pm Greek School classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 5:45 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (followed by a Lenten Potluck meal & a Presentation)-Main Church & PLC Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse

Thur., Mar. 13
 8:30 am TOA Lenten Service-Lighthouse
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 6:00 pm Great Compline-Chapel
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church
 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

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.

Fri., Mar. 14 5:45 pm Young Adult Lenten Book Discussion-Lighthouse
 7:00 pm Second Salutation to the Theotokos | Men's Choir

Sat., Mar. 15 10:00 am Life & Faith Transitions Group-online
 2:00 pm HOPE & JOY Lenten Activity-PLC: Atrium, Kitchen
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel

Sun., Mar. 16 **Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas (2nd Sunday of Lent)**
 8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-students participate in Sunday of Orthodox procession — bring an icon)
Marietta Greek Festival Kick-off Sunday
 12:00 pm Altar Server Meeting-Chapel
 12:30 pm Marietta Greek Festival Kick-off Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Parish Hall
 12:30 pm GOYA Leadership Team Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
 12:30 pm Hellenic Dance Festival Practices: see previous page for groups
 1:30 pm GOYA Advisors Meeting

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. Mar. 12, 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.



Greek School: Greek Language classes for children and adults that meets in-person on Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm. **Next classes: Mar. 10 & 12.**

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. Mar. 11.**

Men's Choir: Practice on **Mon. Mar. 10 & Thur. Mar. 13** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Salutations to the Theotokos on **Fri. Mar. 14** and Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Mar. 23 & 30.**

Parea: On **Thur., Mar. 20**, Parea will 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 Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Sipple (available on Kindle Unlimited).

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). **YA Lenten Book Discussion**, Mar. 7-Apr. 11 on Fridays at 5:45 pm in the Lighthouse. We will be discussing *The Mountain of Silence* by Kyriacos Markides.



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



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

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Use the new electronic 2025 Membership Form to join or renew your membership in Philoptochos.

If you have not already joined or renewed your membership in Philoptochos, please do the following:

1. Go to the church's website: holytransfiguration.info.
2. From the "home" page, select MINISTRIES from the heading at the top of the page.
3. Under Philanthropy, select PHILOPTOCHOS.
4. On the Philoptochos page, select 2025 Membership Form (Download).
5. Save the Membership Form to your computer.
6. Follow the directions at the bottom of the form to complete, make payment to the Philoptochos Square account, and submit your completed form.



GREAT LENT

— AT HOLY TRANSFIGURATION —

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 6PM GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 7
Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10



WEDNESDAYS @ 5:45PM

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 3, 10

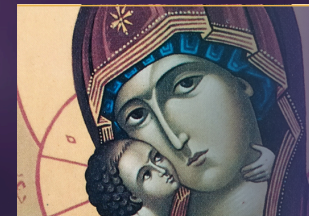
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK & PRESENTATION

Following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, join us in the PLC Parish Hall for a fellowship potluck and presentation by a member of the clergy.

See schedule for items to bring to the potluck.



POTLUCK SCHEDULE						
Last Name beginning with	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2	Apr. 9
G-M	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side
N-R	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad
S-Z	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert
A-F	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish



FRIDAYS @ 7PM SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS

March 7, 14, 21, 28

AKATHIST HYMN

APRIL 4

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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



2025 KICKOFF


Sunday, March 16th | Coffee Hour

COME GET A TASTE OF WHAT THE
FESTIVAL IS ALL ABOUT!

Discounted gift cards will be available for purchase.
Lenten frappes will be served. Volunteer sign-ups and
printed fliers will also be available!

Contact Steven Pelky and Andy Johansen with any questions



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



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



Scan to buy your pre-sale tickets or click [HERE](#)

“SEEING THE GOSPEL”

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION
GREEK ORTHODOX
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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**

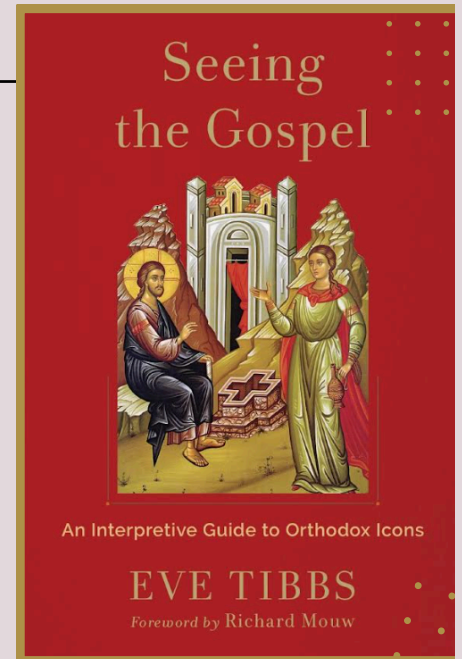
AFFILIATE PROFESSOR OF
THEOLOGY, FULLER
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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.



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

Scan to pre-pay registration or click [HERE](#)



SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME
HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN SEVASTIANOS
OF ATLANTA

FOR AN ARCHPASTORAL VISIT AND
DIVINE LITURGY



Pascha Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for decorating the tomb of Christ and the sanctuary for Pascha, please fill out the form below and turn it into the office together with your payment. You may also make your donation online through Vanco.

Name: _____

For the Health of (please print): _____

Donation Amount: _____ Cash Check Egiving

Donor Names and Dedication will be published in the bulletin for the Resurrection Service on Pascha, April 20th.



TRANSFIGURATION
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The Light Of Christ Illumines All
Save the date to Support
Transfiguration Orthodox Academy
Scholarship Luncheon

Join us for an amazing Lenten feast of tasty Falafel, Hummus, Salad, Soup, delicious Desserts and more.

Sunday, March 30, 2025
after Liturgy.

We are serving Falafel plates with two sides of your choice, pita bread and a bowl of red lentil soup .

Dine in or Take out

Tickets: \$20 per Adult

\$12 per Child

Use the QR code below for advance ticket purchase,
or pay at the door.






OUR SCHOOL IS GROWING COME TEACH WITH US


Transfiguration Orthodox Academy, a growing K-8 Orthodox Christian hybrid school serving families in the Metro Atlanta area, is seeking part-time Elementary and Middle School Teachers who are passionate about Orthodox Education.

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- Orthodox candidates strongly preferred

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**TRANSFIGURATION
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2025-2026 OPEN ENROLLMENT

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Enrollment Officially Opens March 15th!

Step 1. Email office@toamarietta.com to schedule an Educational Consultation

Step 2. Visit toamarietta.com and fill out our [2025-2026 TOA Application Form](#)

Step 3. Schedule a Family Interview with our Head of School

Step 4. Upon acceptance, you will then be able to register your children once window opens March 15th

**SECURE YOUR SPOT AS
SPACE IS LIMITED!**

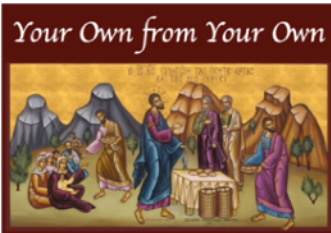


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2025 Stewardship Campaign

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.



So You Know

Operating Income and Expense

01/01/25-2/18/25

Income Received:	\$150,537
Total Expenses:	\$130,374
Net Income:	\$20,163

Stewardship Report as of 03/07/25

# of Pledges to date:	233
Pledges to date (\$):	\$638,929
2024 Budget:	\$1,160,000
\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$521,071

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FINAL FESTIVAL FOOD PREP DAY!



MANY HANDS NEEDED,
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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



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
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