

SUFFERING BRINGS GLORY

At this midpoint of Lent, which the Orthodox Church designates as **CROSS VENERATION SUNDAY**, the symbol of the Cross is put before us. Let these words by Matthew the Poor serve to strengthen and refresh us:

“For Christ, the mystery of the Cross is the mystery of His glory. The overwhelming suffering the Lord underwent, His psychological torment at the injustice and crookedness of His trial, the desertion of His disciples, the treachery of Judas, and the knowledge that the high priests had agreed with one of His disciples to put a value of just thirty pieces of silver on His life — all this was a path for Him to leave the world of passing trivialities and enter into the glory of the Father. We in every time and place must tread the same path. The Cross with its enormous suffering cannot be compared with the glory it brought forth. The Cross did not come by chance into the life of the Lord; He was born for it. “For this purpose I have come to this hour” (Jn. 12:27). Man is born for suffering, and suffering was born for man. But at the same time the Cross was not an irrevocable imposition on the Lord. We feel this from His words and are sure of it in view of His holiness and divinity. He made it irrevocable for Himself — “Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given Me?” (Jn. 18:11) — in order to share with us the inevitability of the suffering.”



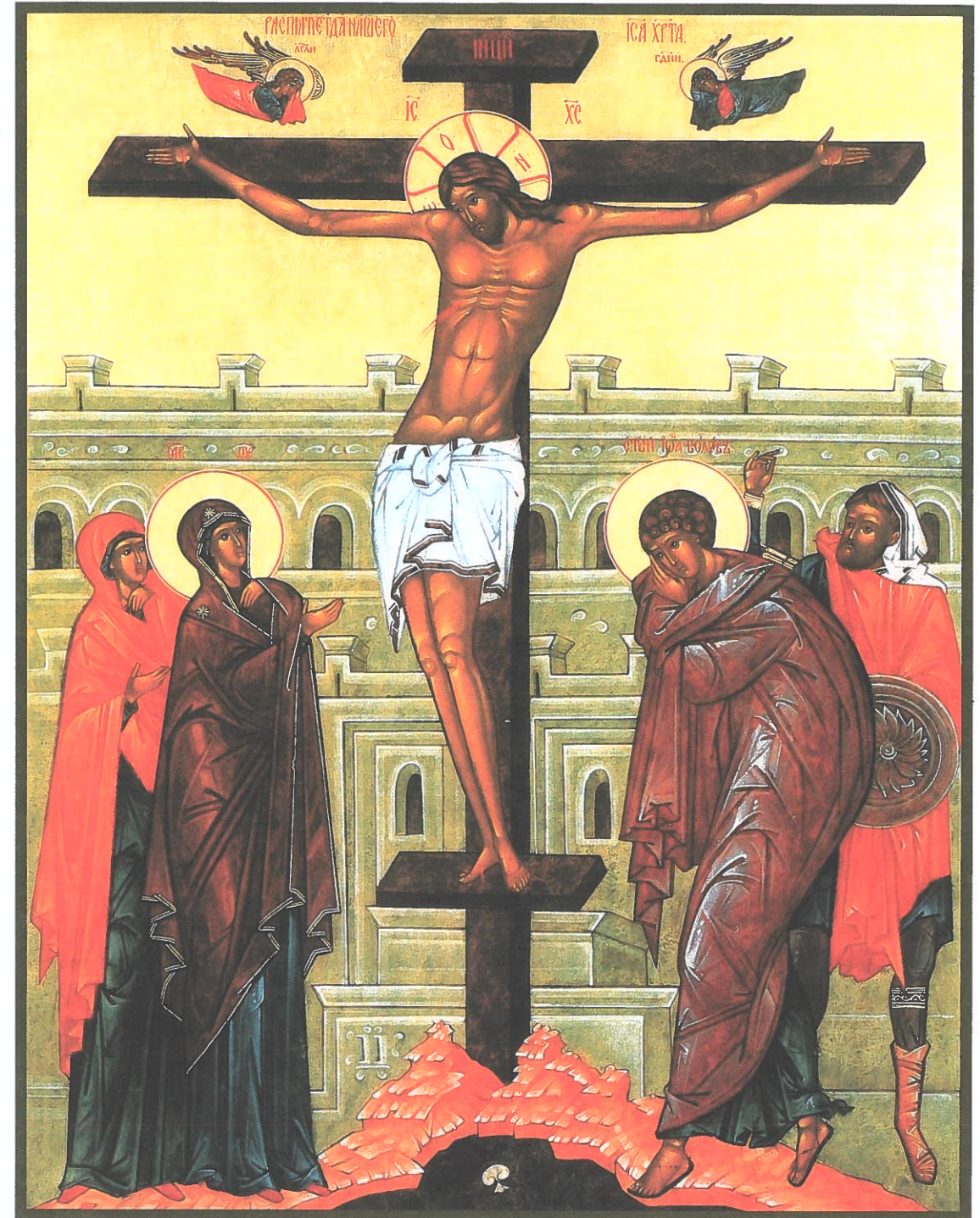
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Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδίων, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Metemorfóthis en to óri, Hristé o Theós, dexas tis Mathités sou, tin dóxan sou kathós idinanto; lampson ke imin tis amartolis, to fos sou to aidion, presvies tis Theotókou, Fotodóta dóxa si.

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples, Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You.



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Sunday—the Lord's Day—March 23, 2025

Sunday of the Holy Cross

Musical Mode: Pl. of Second Mode Sixth Eothinon Gospel: Luke 24:36-53

Readings of the Day: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 & Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Today's Saints: Sunday of the Holy Cross; The Holy Righteous Martyr Nikon and His 199 Disciples; Anatolios & Protoleon the Martyrs converted by the martyrdom of St. George; Luke the New Martyr of Mytilene

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. Pl. of Second Mode.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Feast. First Mode.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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 the Third Sunday of Great Lent - Veneration of the Holy Cross

Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς Γ' τῶν Νηστειῶν—Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως

Απόστολος πρὸς Ἑβραίους (4.14 - 5.6)

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περὶκεῖται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

Εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Μάρκον (8.34 - 9.1)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

Epistle to the Hebrews (4.14 - 5.6)

Brethren, since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek."

Gospel according to Mark (8.34 - 9.1)

In those days, Jesus called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Parish Council On Duty: Harry Catrakilis/Dennis Christopher
Greeter On Duty: Jon Papastrat/Barbara Panagiotou
Ushers On Duty: Patrick Hartnett/Ken Bilson
Prosforo Bakers: John McDermott/Alexandra Milios/Jennie Miltiades/Mary Miltiades

Sun., Mar. 23 **Sunday of the Holy Cross (3rd Sunday of Lent)**
 8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Men's Choir
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes
 12:30 pm Greek Independence Celebration & Commemoration of the Annunciation of the Theotokos Luncheon with Presentation by Holy Transfiguration Greek School students-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

Mon., Mar. 24
 5:30 pm Greek School Classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 6:00 pm Great Vespers for the Annunciation of the Theotokos
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-PLC Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church
 7:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Tues., Mar. 25 **Annunciation of the Theotokos**
 8:30 am TOA Divine Liturgy-Chapel
 8:45 am Orthros-Main Church
 9:15 am TOA classes-PLC lower level classrooms
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy-Main Church
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium

Wed., Mar. 26
 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
(Potluck Dish: A-F Salad, G-M Dessert, N-R Main Dish, S-Z Vegetable/Side)
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-PLC

Thur., Mar. 27
 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

Fri., Mar. 28
 5:45 pm Young Adult Lenten Book Discussion-Lighthouse
 7:00 pm Fourth Salutation to the Theotokos

Phishing Scam Awareness

We are aware that several phishing-type communications have been received by parishioners from supposed members of the church leadership. The church (priests, staff, Parish Council, ministry leads) will never email or text you asking for you to buy gift cards or send money for any reason. If you receive such a message, it is a scam. Please disregard the request and report it to the church office. Always verify requests for financial assistance through direct communication with the church office. Protect yourself, your personal information, fellow parishioners, and the church by being cautious of these fraudulent attempts.

Sat., Mar. 29
 9:00 am Parish Lenten Retreat-PLC Parish Hall & Kitchen
 4:00 pm Set-up: TOA Lenten Scholarship Luncheon-PLC Parish Hall & Kitchen
 5:00 pm Great Vespers-Chapel

Sun., Mar. 30 **Sunday of St. John Climacus (4th Sunday of Lent)**
 8:45 am Orthros | Metropolitan Sevastianos presiding
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Men's Choir
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes
 A Memorial Service is given for William Harry Koss and Evan William Koss by Mary Koss Nicholas and the Nasr family. May their memories be eternal!
 A 5 year Memorial Service is given for Michael Jay Christopher by the Christopher family. May his memory be eternal!
 12:30 pm Transfiguration Orthodox Academy Luncheon with Presentation by TOA students-PLC Parish Hall
 12:30/1:30 pm Hellenic Dance Festival Practices: see previous page for groups

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wed. Mar. 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.



Greek School: Greek Language classes for children and adults that meets in-person on Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm. **Next classes: Mar. 24 & 26.**

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 **Mon. Mar. 24.**

Men's Choir: Practice on **Mon. Mar. 24 & Thur. Mar. 27** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Mar. 30.**

Parea: On **Thur., Apr. 24**, Parea will meet at 11 am in the PLC Parish Hall.

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

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 - Apr. 8, 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. **Upcoming:** Second Sunday, April 13-Lighthouse



SUNDAY,
 MARCH 30, 2025

WE ARE HONORED TO
 WELCOME
 HIS EMINENCE
 METROPOLITAN
 SEVASTIANOS
 OF ATLANTA

FOR AN ARCHPASTORAL
 VISIT AND
 DIVINE LITURGY



2ND TRAY FOR HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS

On the third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, when the joy of Pascha may feel too far off, we are presented with the Cross as “the Tree of Life” like it was in the Garden of Eden.

The Church fathers are reminding us that if we bind ourselves to the Cross, we will never encounter death but inherit eternal life. In short, it is another foretelling of the Resurrection and a reminder that Lent is a time when we are crucified with Christ. The Cross represents comfort and rejuvenation to strengthen us as we continue our Lenten journey.

On this mid-Lent Sunday, we ask you to remember the students at Hellenic College Holy Cross through your prayers and financial support. Consider becoming an HCHC Advocate, a monthly donor, who supports the education of the future clergy and lay leaders of our parishes. Indeed, the future of our church is in your hands. Give today by visiting <https://www.hchc.edu/give/give-online>.



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****





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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.



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

“SEEING THE GOSPEL”

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Sponsored by Philoptochos

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

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
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Seeing the Gospel



An Interpretive Guide to Orthodox Icons

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Foreword by Richard Mouw

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June 24, 2025.

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the day of the event



GUEST SPEAKER: DR. EVE TIBBS

“SEEING THE GOSPEL: AN INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TO ORTHODOX ICONS”

Retreat Schedule -- March 29, 2025

8:30 am: Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:00 am: Welcome, Opening Prayer

9:15 am: Session 1 (including Q&A)
“SHOW AND TELL”

A primer on the visual language of Orthodox icons

10:15: A Word from Leslie Hansard, Philoptochos President
Break

10:30 am: Session 2 (including Q&A)
“A NEW HOPE: THE BEGINNING OF OUR SALVATION”
Icons: The Annunciation, Theophany

11:30am - 12:15pm: Lenten Lunch Break

12:15 am: Session 3 (including Q&A)
“JERUSALEM BEFORE THE CROSS”
Icons: Palm Sunday, Raising of Lazarus, Washing of Feet,
Mystical Supper

1:15pm: Break

1:30pm: Session 4 (including Q&A)
“THE CROSS, THE TOMB, THE RESURRECTION”
Icons: Crucifixion, Myrrhbearing Women at
the Tomb, Resurrection

2:30pm: Closing Comments and Prayer

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Transfiguration Orthodox Academy

Invites you to our OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2025

RSVP REQUIRED BY MARCH 29TH

We invite all K-8th grade families interested in applying for the 2025-2026 school year. Meeting with our TOA family will give you a glimpse into what makes our school a nurturing and outstanding academic environment, filled with the love and light of Christ.



Location: Parish Life Center Lower Level
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE AGENDA

- Meet our Head of School
- Teachers & Curriculum
- Campus Tour
- Q&A Session

CONTACT US

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JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER CHRIST IN THE PSALMS



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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:
APRIL 5, MAY 10 AND 24, JUNE 14 AND 28
FROM 10 AM TO 11:30 AM

For more information an a Zoom invite, please reach out to BJ Spanos at 404-771-9335 or by email at lifeandfaith@holytransfiguration.info

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.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 7th
Meditations for Holy Week

Great book to read before entering Holy Week. In this short work, Fr. Vassilios brings his liturgical and devotional insights and warm, accessible style to bear on the services of Holy Week, helping the reader enter fully into this most rich and intense period of the Christian year. Available in the Church bookstore.





Pascha Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for decorating the tomb of Christ and the sanctuary for Pascha, please fill our 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.



HOLY FRIDAY LUMINARY INFORMATION COMING SOON

EPITAFIOS Volunteers

Friday, April 18, 2025

Carrying the EPITAFIOS on the Kouvouklion (wooden tomb) is always a great honor. I think it is one of the things that as Orthodox Christians is a great privilege.

Last year, which was a huge success.

We will have 4 teams of 4 to help with the EPITAFIOS procession that occurs on Holy Friday night during the Lamentations service.

Teams will be arranged based on height.

If you wish to join you can enter your details on the sign up sheet at the Narthex or you can send a TEXT to me, Harry Catrakilis, at 678-464-8450.



35TH ANNUAL marietta GREEK FESTIVAL

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FRIDAY MAY 16 4:00pm - 10:30pm

SATURDAY MAY 17 11:00am - 10:30pm

SUNDAY MAY 18 11:00am - 4:00pm

***FREE ADMISSION FRIDAY 4:00 - 5:30PM**

Greek Food & Pastries • Church Tours • Live Music
Children's Activities • Greek Dancing
Vendor Marketplace

RAIN OR SHINE!



**PRESALE TICKET
OPTIONS NOW
AVAILABLE**

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLES ALL WEEKEND!

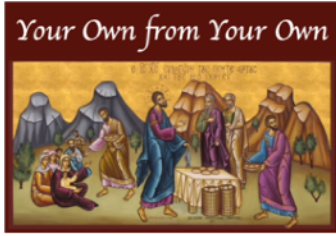
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2025 Stewardship Campaign

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/D6aTSEm9W3Rgd6> 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 EXPENSES 01/01/25-03/11/2025		STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 03/14/25	
Income Received:	\$192,161	# of Pledged Households:	237
Expenses to date:	\$194,103	Total Pledge Amount to date:	\$649,668
		2025 Budget:	\$1,160,000
Net Income:	-\$1,942	\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$510,332

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR
FINAL FESTIVAL FOOD PREP DAY!



MANY HANDS NEEDED,
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Saturday, April 26th, 9-4 pm
(Dolmades)



Transfiguration Orthodox Academy

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.



- Open to candidates with a variety of backgrounds, credentials, and experience levels
- Qualified candidates will receive training in our school approach and philosophy
- Orthodox candidates strongly preferred

TO APPLY: Please email your resume, 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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Save the Date
for the *Second Annual*

Celebration of Education

2025 AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1
Educational Fund, Inc. Scholarship
Saturday, June 21, 2025

6:00 PM COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES
7:00 PM DINNER

Kartos Ballroom
2500 Clairmont Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

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.

Sensing God
Vacation Church School
June 23rd - 27th
8:45 - 12:45

Join us for five days of crafts, songs, fun activities and stories about the Orthodox Church.

VCS is for potty-trained 3 year olds up to rising 5th graders.

Rising 6th graders and above: We would love your help! Please volunteer!

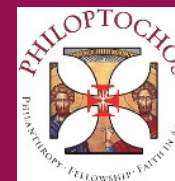
Contact: Hazel Bruce for more information:
vcs@holytransfiguration.info
770-870-5977
To volunteer use the QR codes or let Hazel know.

Register **NOW**

Registration fee:
\$50 before 4/15
\$75 after 4/15

Camper QR code GOYA Volunteer Link Adult Volunteers

PHILOTOCHOS 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.