

## “I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN”

**O**f all of the Apostles, Peter was undoubtedly the most impulsive and boisterous. When our Lord walked across the Sea of Galilee, it was Peter who wanted to join Him. When Jesus questioned the Twelve, inquiring Who they thought He was, it was Peter who boldly proclaimed his belief that He was “. . . *the Christ, the Son of the Living God.*” It is no surprise, therefore to read in the Gospels that when our Lord addressed His followers at the Mystical Supper and predicted that they would all soon abandon Him, Peter loudly protested that even if threatened with death, he would remain loyal to His Master.

As we progress through Lent, we will find that Christ’s words were true. After Jesus was arrested, Peter had several opportunities to prove his faithfulness. With the unfolding of Christ’s trial before Pilate, we witness his cowardly denial -- not once, but three times -- of even knowing Him! As a cock crowed in the distance, Peter remembered Christ’s words, and he wept bitterly. It is no wonder that after our Lord’s Resurrection, He poses the question “*Do you love Me?*” to Peter three times as a reminder of how he fell short of what was expected of him.

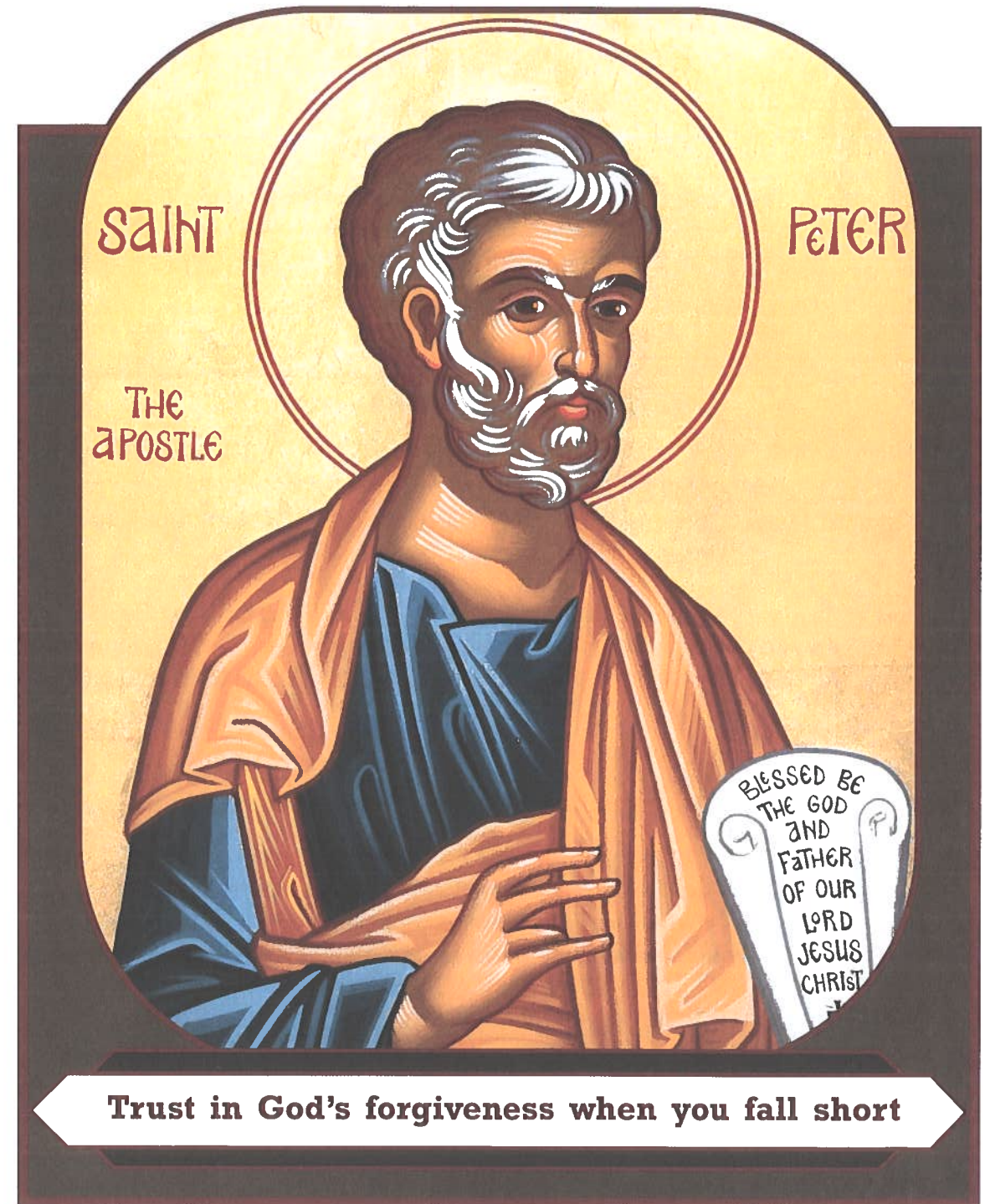
There is a great lesson here for all of us to learn. It is relatively easy to be a loyal follower of Christ when everything is going well in our lives. The difficulty in living a Christian life comes when our faith is tested, and when our belief in Christ and His teachings force us to take a stand on matters that may not be popular or in accordance with the prevailing attitudes of the times. We must remain firm in our faith. Our Lord is not looking for “*fair weather followers.*” Indeed, only those who willingly would give their lives for Him will ever see the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

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

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



**Trust in God’s forgiveness when you fall short**



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## Sunday—the Lord's Day—April 6, 2025

### Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Musical Mode: Pl. of Fourth Mode Eighth Eothinon Gospel: John 20:11–18

Readings of the Day: Hebrews 9:11-14 & Mark 10:32-45

Today's Saints: Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople; 120 Martyrs of Persia;

Gregory of Sinai; Platonis the Nun of Nisibis

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today both in person as well as online from around the world. The live stream of the today's Services can be found on the **Trisagion Films YouTube Channel** at <https://www.youtube.com/@TrisagionLivestreams/streams>

*The daily hymns are printed on the inside of the back cover.*

### WHERE TO FIND INFO ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Online Sources for theological and spiritual edification:

**Trisagion Films:** On Youtube, Facebook and webpage [www.trisagionfilms.com](http://www.trisagionfilms.com)

**Follow our Podcasts:** You can now listen to the entire series on iTunes, Spotify, GooglePlay, PlayerFM, and Sticher. You can find the entire series on iTunes here as well **"An Imperfect Podcast":** <http://tinyurl.com/y5ved9lk>

For audio of spiritual discussions: **Ancient Faith Radio:** [www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)

Visit our **Church Bookstore** for books, icons and other spiritual items for your home.

Visit our **Library** at <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](mailto: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 Fourth Mode.**

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

**Apolytikion for the Devout Woman. Pl. of Fourth Mode.**

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

**Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.**

*[See back of bulletin]*

**Kontakion. Second Mode.**

Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

**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, worshiping the undivided Trinity, for the Trinity has saved us.



## Readings of the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς Ε΄ τῶν Νηστειῶν

### Ἀπόστολος πρὸς Ἑβραίους (9.11-14)

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσῆλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἶμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἶμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεῦειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

### Εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Μάρκον (10.32-45)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητάς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινοῦσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπτύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὁ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν σου καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐκ οἶδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πιεσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαί ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοίμασται. Καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· οἶδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν· οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὅς ἐὰν θέλη γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἐὰν θέλη ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

### Epistle to the Hebrews (9.11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### Gospel according to Mark (10.32-45)

In those days, Jesus and His disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Parish Council On Duty:** Demetra Lilly/Chris Holmes  
**Greeter On Duty:** Chrisa & Ken Farrey  
**Ushers On Duty:** Chris Davis/Philip George/Patrick Hartnett  
**Prosforo Bakers:** Karen Panov/Rosemary Peppas/Marty Driscoll/Eleni Reese

Sun., Apr. 6 **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt (5th Sunday of Lent)**  
 8:45 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC Classrooms  
 A 40 day Memorial Service is given for Christine (Chrysanthe) Dickos by her family, Fran & Jim Tucker and Christina Dinur. May her memory be eternal!  
 A 7 year Memorial Service is given for Ioannis Koutouvos by his sister & brother-in-law, Mary & Konstantinos Atmatzidis and family. May his memory be eternal!  
 12:30 pm Kipreos family Fellowship/Coffee Hour - for the feast of St. Savvas the New of Kalymnos (celebrated April 7)-PLC Parish Hall  
 NOTE: NO Hellenic Dance Practices  
 1:30 pm GOYA Advisors Meeting-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Mon., Apr. 7 NOTE: NO Greek School Classes-Spring Break  
 6:00 pm Great Compline-Church Chapel  
 7:00 pm Spiritual Book Club-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Tues., Apr. 8 8:30 am TOA Morning Prayers-Church Sanctuary  
 9:15 am TOA Classes-PLC Classrooms  
 10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Atrium  
 11:00 am Philoptochos Book Club-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)  
 6:30 pm Parish Council meeting-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)  
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Church Sanctuary

Wed., April. 9 10:00 am Chair Exercise class-PLC Classroom #127  
 NOTE: NO Greek School Classes-PLC Classrooms  
 5:45 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (followed by a Lenten Potluck meal & a Presentation)-Church Sanctuary & PLC Parish Hall  
**(Potluck Dish: A-F Main Dish, G-M Vegetable/Side, N-R Salad, S-Z Dessert)**  
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-PLC Parish Hall

Thur., Apr. 10 8:30 am TOA Lenten Service-Lighthouse  
 9:15 am TOA Classes-PLC Classrooms  
 6:00 pm Great Compline-Church Chapel  
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Church Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

Fri., April. 11 6:00 pm Great Vespers for the Resurrection of St. Lazarus-Church Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Young Adult Lenten Book Discussion-Lighthouse

Sat., Apr. 12 **Lazarus Saturday**  
 9:00 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

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.

11:30 am Lazarus Saturday Breakfast & making of palm crosses  
 12:00 pm Mixed Choir Lenten Workshop-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)  
 12:00 pm HOPE/JOY Activity-PLC Parish Hall/Gym  
 1:00 pm GOYA Lenten Daytime Lock-in-PLC upstairs Atrium/Gym & Lighthouse  
 3:30 pm Baptism of Thomas Bell, Nicholas Bucci, Colin Carter,  
 Bryan Da Silva, Athanasios Grivakis, Danielle Fannin, Jim Moore, Daniel Robinette, Tyler Potter,  
 Ashley Turner, Harper Van de Veire, Paul Westbrook-Church Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Great Vespers for Palm Sunday-Church Chapel

Sun., Apr. 13 **Palm Sunday**  
 8:45 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
 Chrismation of Christina & Horatiu Barbulescu  
 NOTE: NO Youth Catechism classes  
 11:30 am Second Sunday Young Adult Class & Discussion-Lighthouse  
 12:30 pm Palm Sunday Luncheon-PLC Parish Hall  
 NOTE: NO Hellenic Dance Practices  
 7:00 pm Bridegroom Service | Men's Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chair Exercise Program:** Our next meeting will be **Wed. Apr. 9, 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.  
**NOTE: NO CLASS Apr. 7, 9, 14, & 16.**  
**Next classes: Apr. 21 & 23**

**Hellenic Dance:** MGF (Marietta Greek Festival) dance practice has begun. See practice groups/times on previous page. **NOTE: NO PRACTICE Apr. 6, 13 or 20. Next class: Apr. 27**

**Marietta Greek Festival VOLUNTEER SIGNUP** or see enclosed flyer for QR code.

**Mixed Choir:** The Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Next practice **Tues. Apr. 8. \*\*\*Special Lenten Workshop Sat. Apr. 12 at 12:00 pm in the Church Library (St. Basil Conference Room).**

**Men's Choir:** Practice on **Thur. Apr. 10** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Apr. 27.**

**Parea:** On **Thur., Apr. 24**, 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 - 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](mailto:frmichael@holytransfiguration.info)) or Ministry Lead Maria H. ([youngadults@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:youngadults@holytransfiguration.info)).

• **YA Lenten Book Discussion, Fri. Apr. 11 on Fridays** following Great Vespers for St. Lazarus in the Lighthouse. We will be discussing *The Mountain of Silence* by Kyriacos Markides.

• **Upcoming: Apr. 13** Second Sunday-Lighthouse



# 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

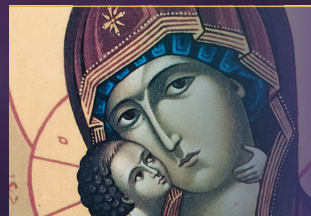
## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK & PRESENTATION

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

# 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](mailto: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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FINAL FESTIVAL FOOD PREP DAY!



MANY HANDS NEEDED,  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

**Saturday, April 26th, 9-4 pm - Dolmades**



### Program Overview:

DivorceCare is a 13-week, support group program designed to help people find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. It offers a safe, caring environment where participants can receive understanding, encouragement, and practical tools for recovery.

### Key Features:

- Expert-led video sessions
- Small group discussions
- Personal workbook for reflection and application

### Starting Date:

The next DivorceCare session begins on April 26th, 2025.

### Benefits for Participants:

1. Understanding and acceptance from others facing similar challenges
2. Encouragement and hope from those who have been through divorce
3. Practical advice from counselors and divorce recovery experts
4. A structured approach to help manage emotions and organize thinking

### How to Join:

Contact the program leader Alina Fortis - ph: 312-388-1484, email: [coachingwithalina@gmail.com](mailto:coachingwithalina@gmail.com)





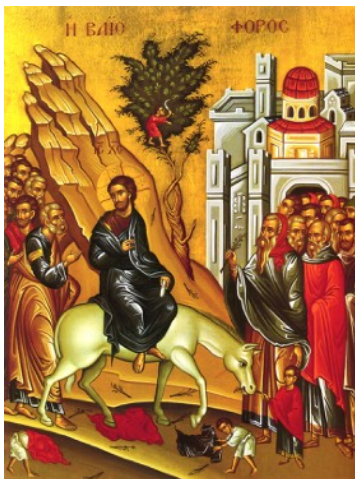
# Palm Sunday

LUNCHEON — APRIL 13, 2025  
Sponsored by the Parish Life  
Ministry

Psari Plaki (Baked Fish in tomato sauce  
with onion, garlic & peppers), Rice,  
Green Beans, Greek Salad, Dessert

Adults \$17  
Children \$12 (under 10 yrs.)  
Maximum per family \$60

Tickets will be sold at the door.



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## Divine Services for Holy and Great Week and Pascha 2025

### April 13, Palm Sunday

Orthros 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Today we eat fish

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

### April 14, Holy and Great Monday

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

### April 15, Holy and Great Tuesday

Evening: Bridegroom Service 7:00 pm

### April 16, Holy and Great Wednesday

Morning: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 9:30 am

Afternoon: Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing) 3:00 pm

Evening: Small Compline 6:45 pm, Holy Unction (service of Holy Oil for Healing) 7:00 pm

### April 17, Holy and Great Thursday

Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Morning: Vespers of Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am

Evening: The Service of the Passion of Christ 7:00 pm

### April 18, Holy and Great Friday

The Crucifixion and Burial of Christ

Morning: The Great Hours 9:30 am

Afternoon: The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for His Burial 3:00 pm

Evening: The Burial of Christ--Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios) 7:00 pm, followed by Procession of the Tomb of Christ

### April 19, Holy and Great Saturday.

Morning: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am. The Descent of Christ into Hades.

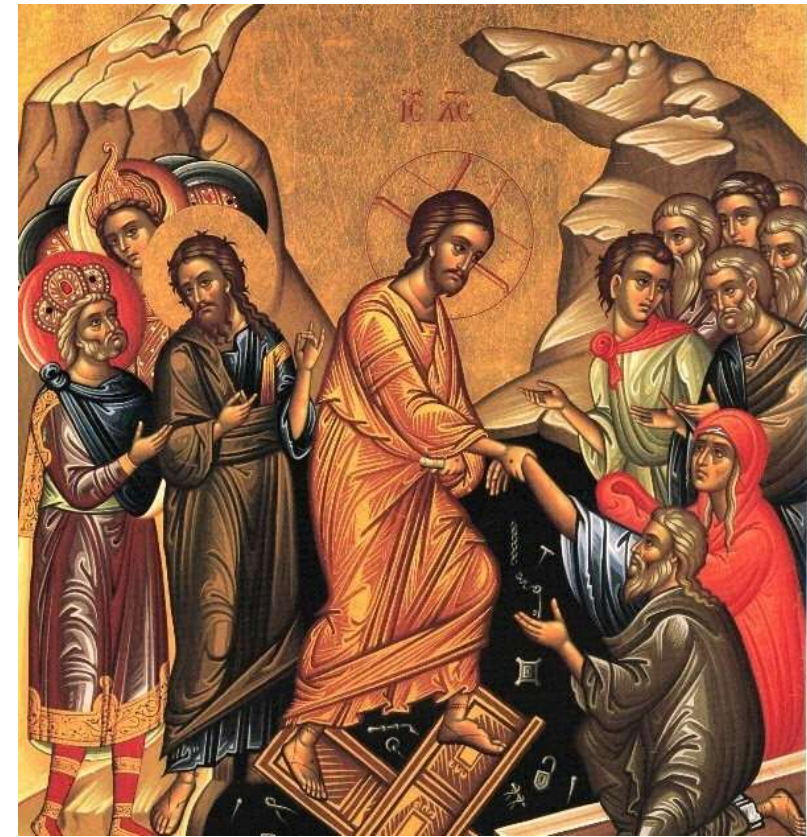
**Midnight Resurrection Services:** The Canon of Easter 11:00 pm,  
12:00 Midnight, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
12:30 am, Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha

### April 20, The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day)

Noon: Great Vespers of Love 12:00 pm. During this Service the Gospel is read in various languages. A Pascal Picnic follows!

### April 21, Renewal Monday, Monday of Renewal

Orthros 9:30 am and Divine Liturgy 10:30 am



# PASCHA SUNDAY AGAPE PICNIC

Please Join Us **April 20th** from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Come celebrate the Bright Day with the Holy Transfiguration family. Enjoy a delicious lunch of Roasted Lamb, Chicken Oreganata, Greek Salad, Dessert and more.

Spend time with the Easter Bunny, Hunting Eggs, Fellowship and Fun Surprises.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

For the Health of (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check  Vanco



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



## LUMINARIES for HOLY FRIDAY SERVICE

Luminaries will be lit at dusk on Holy Friday and remain illuminated throughout the service, creating a path of loving memory and honor. After the service, you may take your luminary home with you. Luminaries are \$10.



Drop a check off at the church office or  
Order online using Vanco or click the link below

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z20M/campaign/C-10TMG>

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st bag

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Deadline to purchase is APRIL 11

Thank you for supporting this beautiful Pascha campaign and the Hellenic Dance Program

# HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

## Altar Servers, Myrophores, & Handmaidens

Before and during Holy Week this year, we are happy to welcome back those willing to serve as handmaidens, myrophores, and altar servers. If you or your child are eligible to serve, please follow the below instructions:

- Altar Servers:** All altar servers are encouraged to serve during Holy Week. Email Michael Gavalas at [mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info) with any other questions.
- Myrophores for Holy Friday (Friday, April 18th):** Middle and high school girls are invited to serve as myrophores (myrrh-bearing women) during the Holy Friday afternoon (3 p.m.) and evening services (7 p.m.). To participate, girls should wear a modest (knee-length or preferably lower) black dress. We'll have black shawls available if you don't already have one. Please sign-up for either or both services at <https://tinyurl.com/a24u8j8f>. Email Klio Henderson at [hendersonk3@fultonschools.org](mailto:hendersonk3@fultonschools.org) with any questions.
- Handmaidens for Holy Saturday (Saturday, April 19th):** 3rd through 5th grade girls are welcome to serve as handmaidens in the Saturday morning service (9:30 a.m.). To participate, girls need to wear a white dress and arrive by no later than 10 a.m., if not earlier. Please email Laura Kwiatkowski at [lkwiatk@gmail.com](mailto:lkwiatk@gmail.com) and Rachel Kourey at [rachel.kourey@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.kourey@gmail.com) to confirm participation or if you have any questions.

## Epitafios

**Epitafios Volunteers for Holy Friday (Friday, April 18th):** 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. 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. **(10 of the 16 spots are filled)** 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 Harry Catrakilis at 678-464-8450.**



## Holy Week Meals

**Holy Week Meals Volunteers for Palm Sunday, April 13, Resurrection Midnight Service, April 19, and Agape Picnic, April 20, 2025:** During "Holy Week" we have several opportunities to celebrate our faith with prayer during the liturgies and food afterwards. We need volunteers to help with serving and setup at each meal. Please help setup for and serve the traditional meals for Palm Sunday, The Resurrection (midnight), and the Agape Picnic. Our parish cannot provide these meals without your help. Parish Life appreciates your Time and Talent. **Text Dennis Christopher at 678-485-6395** to volunteer your help.



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 SATURDAY MAY 17 . . . . . 11:00am - 10:30pm  
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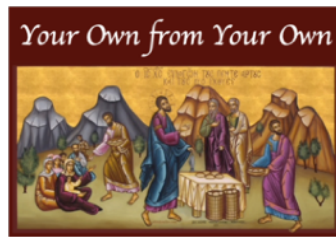
**MAY 16, 17, 18**  
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

**Our festival is now CASHLESS!**

Fliers are available in the PLC—please grab them and help us spread the word in the community! Bring to schools, offices, doctor offices, community spaces, etc.



Contact **Steven Pelky 404-200-8257** &  
**Andy Johansen 678-438-9598**  
 with any questions



**2025 Stewardship Campaign**

**How to submit your 2025 Membership/Stewardship Card:**

- 1. PAPER:** Grab a paper Stewardship form from a Parish Council member in the Narthex on Sunday. You may mail back the completed paper form to the Church or drop the completed form in the offering tray.
- 2. ONLINE:** You can complete the Online Membership/Stewardship Form at <https://forms.gle/D6aTSDEMtm9W3Rgd6> or on the website's Stewardship page (<https://holytransfiguration.info/join/>).



**3. SCAN:** use this QR code. Simply point your camera on the QR code and click the yellow link that appears within your picture frame.

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OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES 01/01/25-03/11/25		STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 04/04/25	
Income Received:	\$192,161	# of Pledged Households:	253
Expenses to date:	\$194,103	Total Pledge Amount to date:	\$674,375
		2025 Budget:	\$1,160,000
Net Income:	-\$1,942	\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$485,625

**JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER CHRIST IN THE PSALMS**

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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:**  
 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](mailto:lifeandfaith@holytransfiguration.info)






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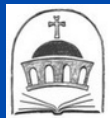
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# Sensing God

Vacation Church School

June 23rd - 27th

8:45 - 12:45

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!

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



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

*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.

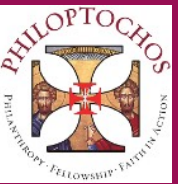
Non-Orthodox Christians may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) offered at the conclusion of the service, but not Holy Communion. They may come up to receive a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish.

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.

## 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](http://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.

Need to contact the Parish Office? Make sure you are emailing [office@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info)