

\* \* \* WHO IS THIS MAN? \* \* \*

**W**hile all four Evangelists offer an account of Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on the first PALM SUNDAY, St. Matthew provides a thought-provoking verse in his Gospel: "And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying: WHO IS THIS MAN?" (Matthew 21:10) Indeed, this question sets the tone for Holy Week, for everything we re-live in the coming days will hinge on Who people perceived Christ to be.

Some thought that He was a great Teacher; others a mighty Warrior, Who would lead them to victory over the Romans and establish again the ancient kingdom of Israel. The religious leaders viewed Him as a dangerous Revolutionary, Who would bring the wrath of Rome down upon them if He were not stopped. Although the masses greeted Christ with palms and cheered His coming to the Holy City, we can rightly conclude that they did not really know Who He was.

For us to fully benefit from the sacred days ahead, we must be able to properly answer that question: WHO IS THIS MAN? Jesus Christ is much more than a Teacher, Healer, Prophet or Social Activist. He is our GOD. He is our SAVIOR. He is our REDEEMER. He is our Heavenly KING.

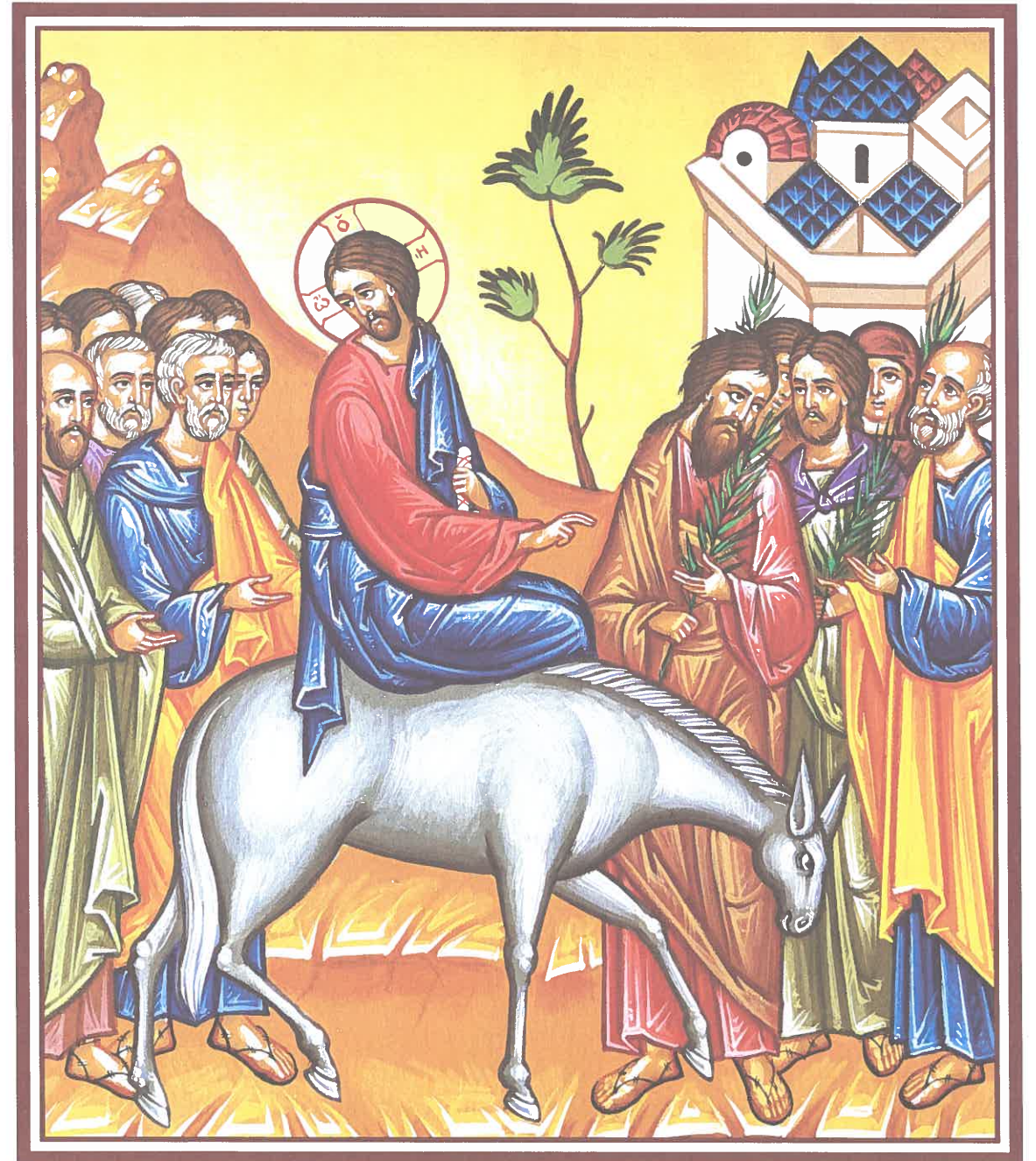
If we truly know Who Christ is, we can never be lukewarm in our feelings for Him. Christ said it Himself: "He who is not with Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) Yes, if we love and serve Him with our entire being, then when the sadness of Holy Week is transformed into the joy of the Resurrection, we will be able to abundantly share in Christ's triumph over death.

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

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

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



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## Sunday—the Lord's Day—April 13, 2025

### Palm Sunday

Musical Mode: First Mode      Matins Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17

Readings of the Day: Philippians 4:4-9 & John 12:1-18

Today's Saints: Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome; Theodosios the Martyr; Zoilos the Martyr

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.*

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

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If you are interested to learn more about the Orthodox Faith,  
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### TODAY'S HYMNS

#### Entrance Hymn. 2nd Tone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt.  
We sing to You, Alleluia.

*Please sing along with us after the Small Entrance, as you are able.*

#### Apolytikion of the Feast. First Mode.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

#### Another Apolytikion of the Feast. Fourth Mode.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

#### Kontakion. Pl. of Second Mode.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, \* You were carried, O Christ our God; \* and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, \* "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

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#### 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

#### Thanksgiving Hymn after Holy Communion (Instead of "We have seen")

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## Readings of the 6th Sunday of Lent—Palm Sunday

Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς ΣΤ' τῶν Νηστειῶν—Κυριακῆς τῶν Βαΐων

### Ἀπόστολος πρὸς Φιλιππησίους (4.4-9)

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπὸν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἐπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην (12.1-18) Εὐαγγελίου

Πρὸ ἕξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἠγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἠλείψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἠγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπῆγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. εὐρὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἠγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεπονηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

### Epistle to the Philippians (4.4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### Gospel according to John (12.1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Laz'arus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Laz'arus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

## Reading for the Procession of the Palms—Gospel Reading from Orthros

### Εὐαγγέλιον Κατὰ Ματθαῖον (21.1-11, 15-17)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὅτε ἤγγισαν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα καὶ ἦλθον εἰς Βηθσαφαγὴ πρὸς τὸ ὄρος τῶν ἐλαιῶν, τότε ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀπέστειλε δύο μαθητὰς λέγων αὐτοῖς· πορεύθητε εἰς τὴν κώμην τὴν ἀπέναντι ὑμῶν, καὶ εὐθέως εὐρήσετε ὄνον δεδεμένον καὶ πῶλον μετ' αὐτῆς· λύσαντες ἀγάγετέ μοι. καὶ ἐάν τις ὑμῖν εἴπη τι, ἐρεῖτε ὅτι ὁ Κύριος αὐτῶν χρεῖαν ἔχει· εὐθέως δὲ ἀποστέλλει αὐτούς. τοῦτο δὲ ὄλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· εἶπατε τῇ θυγατρὶ Σιών, ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται· σοιπραῦς καὶ ἐπιβεβηκὼς ἐπὶ ὄνον καὶ πῶλον υἱὸν ὑποζυγίου. πορευθέντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ καὶ ποιήσαντες καθὼς προσέταξεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἤγαγον τὴν ὄνον καὶ τὸν πῶλον, καὶ ἐπέθηκαν ἐπάνω αὐτῶν τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐπεκάθισεν ἐπάνω αὐτῶν. **ὁ δὲ πλεῖστος ὄχλος ἔστρωσαν ἑαυτῶν τὰ ἱμάτια ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ, ἄλλοι δὲ ἔκοπτον κλάδους ἀπὸ τῶν δένδρων καὶ ἔστρώννουν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ.** οἱ δὲ ὄχλοι οἱ προάγοντες καὶ οἱ ἀκολουθοῦντες ἔκραζον λέγοντες· ὡσαννὰ τῷ υἱῷ Δαυῖδ· εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου· ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις. καὶ εἰσελθόντος αὐτοῦ εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἐσεισθη πᾶσα ἡ πόλις λέγουσα· τίς ἐστὶν οὗτος; οἱ δὲ ὄχλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς ὁ προφήτης ὁ ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ τῆς Γαλιλαίας. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ γραμματεῖς τὰ θαυμάσια ἃ ἐποίησε καὶ τοὺς παῖδας κρίζοντας ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ λέγοντας, ὡσαννὰ τῷ υἱῷ Δαυῖδ, ἠγανάκτησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· ἀκούεις τί οὗτοι λέγουσιν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς λέγει αὐτοῖς· ναί· οὐδέποτε ἀνέγνωτε ὅτι ἐκ στόματος νηπίων καὶ θηλαζόντων κατηρτίσω αἶνον; καὶ καταλιπὼν αὐτούς ἐξῆλθεν ἔξω τῆς πόλεως εἰς Βηθανίαν καὶ ἠύλισθη ἐκεῖ.

### Orthros Gospel Reading (Mt. 21.1-11, 15-17)

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. **Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.** And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

## PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Εὐχὴ εἰς τὸ εὐλογῆσαι τὰ Βαῖα

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ: Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῶν Χερουβεὶμ, ὁ ἐξεγείρας τὴν δυναστείαν, καὶ ἀποστείλας τὸν μονογενῆ σου Υἱόν, τὸν Κύριον ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, ἵνα σώσῃ τὸν κόσμον διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, τῆς Ταφῆς καὶ τῆς Ἀναστάσεως αὐτοῦ, οὗ παραγενομένου ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ ἐπὶ τὸ ἐκούσιον Πάθος, ὁ λαός, ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότει καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου, λαβόντες τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα, τοὺς κλάδους τῶν δένδρων, καὶ τὰ βαῖα τῶν φοινίκων, τὴν Ἀνάστασιν προεμήνυσαν. Αὐτός, Δέσποτα, καὶ ἡμᾶς, τοὺς κατὰ μίμησιν ἐκείνων, τῇ προεορτίῳ ταύτῃ ἡμέρᾳ βαῖα καὶ κλάδους δένδρων ἐν χερσὶ φέροντας, διατήρησον, καὶ ὡς ἐκεῖνοι οἱ ὄχλοι καὶ οἱ Παῖδες, τὸ Ὡσαννὰ σοι προσφέροντας, διαφύλαξον, ὅπως ἐν ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς καταξιοθῶμεν τῆς ζωοποιοῦ καὶ τριήμερου Ἀναστάσεως, ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν, μεθ' οὗ εὐλογητὸς εἶ, σὺν τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν

PRIEST: Lord our God, enthroned above the Cherubim, You have stirred up Your power and sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem the world through His Cross, His burial and His Resurrection. When He came to Jerusalem to His voluntary Passion, the people, living in darkness and the shadow of death, taking up the symbols of victory, boughs of trees and palm branches, foretold the Resurrection. Master as we too imitating them, carry Palms and branches on this eve of the feast, watch over us. And as we offer You Hosanna, like those multitudes and the children, safeguard us, so that in hymns and spiritual songs we, too, may worthily witness the lifegiving Resurrection on the third day, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good and lifegiving Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Parish Council On Duty:** Danny Vlahiotis/Steven Pelky  
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**Ushers On Duty:** Paul Jacobs/Chris Kastner/Chris Holmes  
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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



Mon., Apr. 14 **Holy and Great Monday**  
*NOTE:* NO Greek School Classes  
 7:00 pm Bridegroom Service | Men's Choir

Tues., Apr. 15 **Holy and Great Tuesday**  
 8:30 am TOA Morning Prayers-Church Sanctuary  
 9:15 am TOA Classes-PLC Classrooms  
 10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Atrium  
 7:00 pm Bridegroom Service

— THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DURING ALL HOLY WEEK CHURCH SERVICES —

Wed., April. 16 **Holy and Great Wednesday**  
 9:30 am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
*NOTE:* NO Chair Exercise class  
*NOTE:* NO Greek School Classes  
 3:00 pm Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing)  
 6:45 pm Small Compline followed by Holy Unction (the service of Holy Oil for Healing)  
*NOTE:* NO Youth Group (GOYA)

Thur., Apr. 17 **Holy and Great Thursday**  
*NOTE:* NO TOA Liturgy or Classes  
 9:30 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
 7:00 pm The Service of the Passion of Christ

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., April. 18 **Holy and Great Friday**  
 9:30 am The Great Hours  
 3:00 pm The lowering of the Body of the Lord from the Cross and preparation for Burial  
 7:00 pm The Burial of Christ-Lamentations at the Tomb of the Lord (Epitaphios), followed by Procession of the Tomb of Christ

Sat., Apr. 19 **Holy and Great Saturday**  
 9:30 am Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil-The Descent of Christ into Hades  
 11:00 pm The Canon of Pascha

Sun., Apr. 20 **The Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha (the Bright Day)**  
 12:00 am The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
 12:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha  
 2:00 am Resurrection Meal  
 12:00 pm Vespers of Love (followed by the Agape Picnic)

Mon., Apr. 21 **Renewal Monday - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
 9:00 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
 5:30 pm Greek School Classes-PLC Classrooms  
 6:30 pm Strategic Planning Committee Meeting-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chair Exercise Program:** Our next meeting will be **Wed. Apr. 23, 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. 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. 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. 22.**

**Men's Choir:** Practice on **Thur. Apr. 24** 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 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 - May 6, at 11:00 am.** Book - *Lonely Hearts Book Club* by Lucy Gilmore (available on Kindle Unlimited).

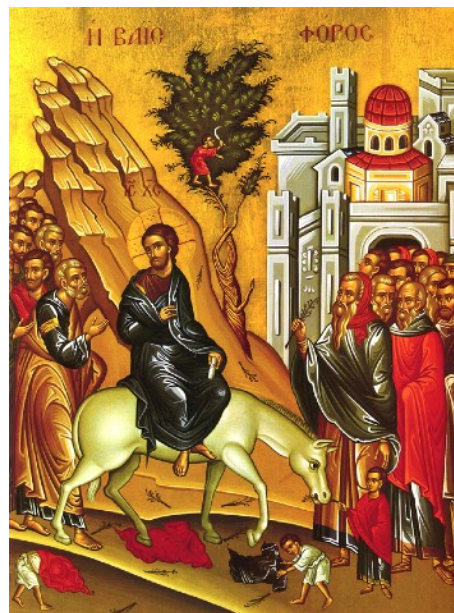
**Spiritual Book Club:** Next meeting May 12th.

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





# 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.

## 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:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

### 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.



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

MANY HANDS NEEDED, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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

If you can help prepare dolmades, please contact **Steve Tingas** at [stingas@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:stingas@holytransfiguration.info) or 770-845-5045. Thank you.





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Rev. Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D., Protopresbyter

### 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 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!

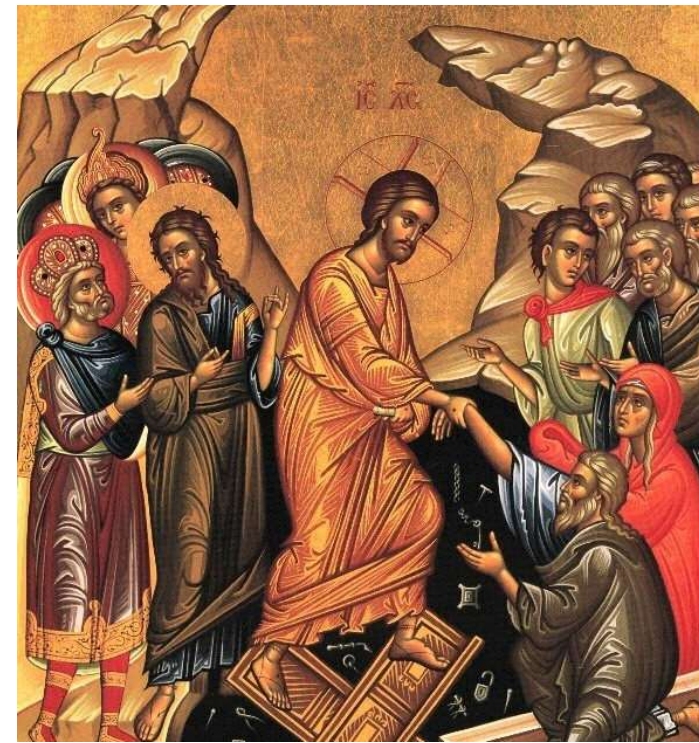
#### April 21, Renewal Monday, Monday of Renewal

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



#### HOLY WEEK OVERFLOW PARKING

Simpson Middle School's parking lot (3340 Trickum Rd, Marietta, GA 30066) will be available on Friday, April 18th during the Lamentations Service (6:30 pm-10:30 pm) and Saturday, April 19th during the Resurrection Service (10:30 pm-4:30 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.



We Look Forward to Seeing Everyone

## CHRISTOS ANESTI!

THE AGAPE PICNIC  
ON BRIGHT  
SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION

PASCHA SUNDAY,  
APRIL 20, 2025  
FOLLOWING THE  
GREAT VESPERS OF  
LOVE, 12:00PM

Adults \$20  
Kids (under 12) \$8  
Maximum per family \$60

Cash Wine Bar  
\$7 Glass \$18 Bottle

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YOU ARE INVITED!

# BRIGHT WEEK CELEBRATION

BENEFITTING  
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN

## Atlanta

### April 24 - 7:00 PM

ST. ELIAS ANTIOCHIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

DINNER - MUSIC -  
CHANCE AUCTION

LEARN ABOUT THE EXCITING  
GROWTH OF OCF ATLANTA!  
OCF ATLANTA CAMPUS  
MISSIONARY, & DN. MAREK  
SIMON, OCF EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

RSVP



## RETOLD AND REMEMBERED: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND ITS LESSONS CONFERENCE



Keynote and Featured  
Speakers



Panel Discussion



Heritage Celebration

26th April @ 2 pm

DoubleTree by Hilton  
Atlanta - Roswell  
1075 Holcomb Bridge Rd,  
Roswell, GA, 30076

Join us for a thought-provoking and meaningful conference commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Through dialogue, education, and cultural expression, this event honors the memory of the victims while promoting justice and peace. The event will also incorporate relevant insights provided by the Greek Community in Atlanta.

Free Admission

Organized by:  
The Armenian Church of Atlanta  
and  
School of Conflict Management,  
Peacebuilding, and Development at  
Kennesaw State University



### 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 at 9:30 am.

### 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)

## JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

### Life and Faith Transitions Group



PRAYER • EXPLORATION • PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH •  
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### UPCOMING SESSIONS VIA ZOOM:

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 [lifecandfaith@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:lifecandfaith@holymtransfiguration.info)





# MAY 16, 17, 18

## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!



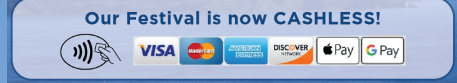
Contact **Steven Pelky 404-200-8257** &  
**Andy Johansen 678-438-9598**  
with any questions

### 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.



FREE PARKING & SHUTTLES ALL WEEKEND!  
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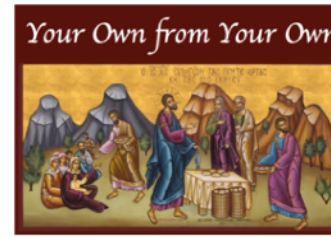
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SATURDAY MAY 17 . . . . . 11:00am - 10:30pm  
SUNDAY MAY 18 . . . . . 11:00am - 4:00pm

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



PRESALE TICKET OPTIONS  
NOW AVAILABLE!

[www.mariettagreekfestival.com](http://www.mariettagreekfestival.com) | [Buy Tickets](#)



### 2025 Stewardship Campaign

How to submit your 2025 Membership/Stewardship Card:

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



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

### SO YOU KNOW

OPERATING INCOME AND 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

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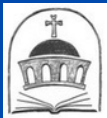
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**Step 2. Visit [toamarietta.com](http://toamarietta.com) and fill out our 2025–2026 TOA Application Form**

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

**Step 4. Upon acceptance, you will then be able to register your children below:  
[2025-2026 TOA Registration Form](#)**

**SECURE YOUR SPOT AS  
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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JOIN OUR MISSION! ✨ MAKE AN IMPACT, GAIN EXPERIENCE, AND BE PART OF OUR SUPPORTIVE, FAITH-DRIVEN COMMUNITY!

## K-8 GRADE HYBRID CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- K-8 Classroom Assistance
- Event Assistance
- Recess Monitors
- Administrative Support

## REQUIREMENTS

- Availability for a few hours, Tuesdays/Thursdays
- Love for education and Willingness to serve
- Respect for our Orthodox Christian Values



**READY TO JOIN?**

**Email Us:** [office@toamarietta.com](mailto:office@toamarietta.com)  
**Visit Our Website:** <https://toamarietta.com/>

# 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.

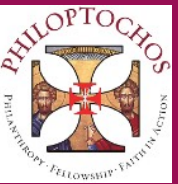
Non-Orthodox Christians may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) offered at the conclusion of the service, but not Holy Communion. They may come up to receive a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish.

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)