

## GOD'S ULTIMATE PROMISE FULFILLED

**T**hroughout the course of history, God promised His people many things. He promised the Israelites a land of their own, and after wandering in the wilderness for forty years, they received their promised homeland. God promised that He would send a Messiah to an anxious world, and He did so in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Only-begotten Son. God's greatest promise to mankind was given through Christ, when He said: **"THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES, AND THEY WILL CONDEMN HIM TO DEATH AND DELIVER HIM TO THE GENTILES. THEY WILL MOCK HIM AND SPIT UPON HIM, AND SCOURGE HIM AND KILL HIM. AND AFTER THREE DAYS, HE WILL RISE AGAIN."** (Mark 10:33-34)

Pascha is, indeed, the fulfillment of this wonderful promise. Throughout Holy Week, we walked the way of the Cross with our Savior. We witnessed His arrest and trial. We were present when He was beaten and humiliated. We were there when He breathed His last breath as He hung on the Cross.

Today, we bask in the glory of Christ's Resurrection. Death could not defeat Him! The grave could not hold Him! The empty tomb will forever testify to the undisputable fact that our Lord kept His promise: He DID rise again!

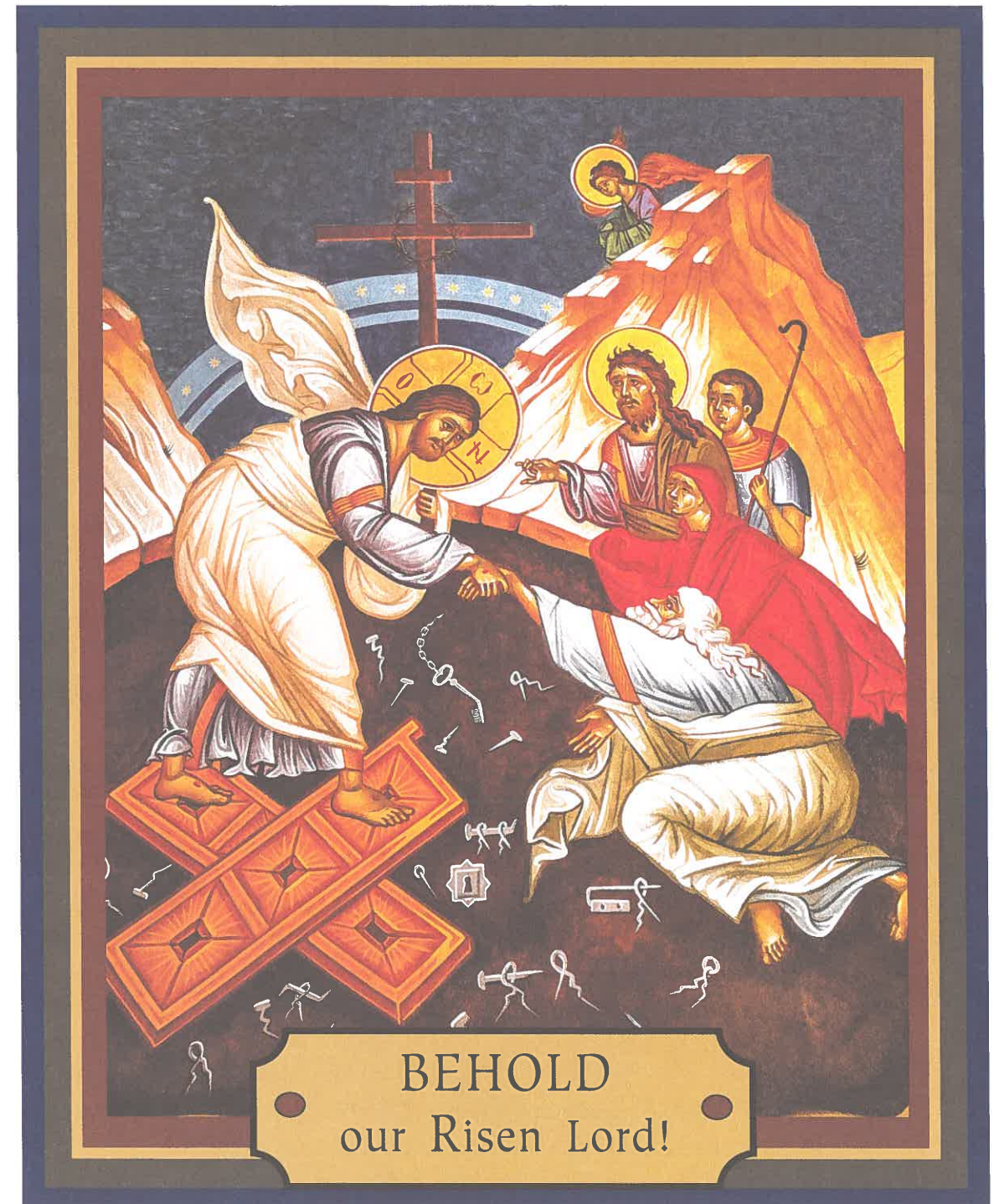
On this Feasts of Feasts, may we all remember that Christ's victory is OUR victory as well. Death will not have a permanent hold on us either. Eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven awaits all of Christ's faithful followers. Let us all lift up our voices today and proclaim: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

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

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

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





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## Sunday—the Lord's Day—April 20, 2025 Great and Holy Pascha

Musical Mode: Grave Mode      Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8  
Readings of the Day: Acts 1:1-8 & John 1:1-17

Today's Saints: Theodore the Trichinas; Zacchaeus the Apostle of Caesaria; Gregory & Anastasios, Patriarchs of Antioch; Athanasios, Founder of the Monastery of Meteora

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:

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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.

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead.

We sing to You, Alleluia.

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

#### Apolytikion of Pascha. Pl. of First Mode.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (3)

#### Hypakoe. Mode Four

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race."

#### Kontakion of Pascha. Pl. of Fourth Mode.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

#### 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

Let our mouths be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Your glory, because You have made us worthy to partake of Your Holy Mysteries. Keep us in Your sanctification, that all day long we may meditate upon Your righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Readings of Holy Pascha  
Readings for the Midnight Service of the Resurrection

**Κατὰ Μάρκον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου (16.1-8)**  
Διαγενομένου τοῦ Σαββάτου, Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα, ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ λίαν πρῶτ' τῆς μιᾶς Σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου, καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον, εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· Μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε. Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρηνὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος, ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε, εἵπατε τοῖς Μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

**Gospel according to Mark (16.1-8)**  
And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

Service of the Gates at the Resurrection

**Ἱερεὺς:** Ἀρατε πύλας, οἱ ἄρχοντες ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐπάρθητε, πύλαι αἰώνιοι, καὶ εἰσελεύσεται ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης.

**Ἀρχοντες:** Τίς ἐστὶν οὗτος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης;

**Ἱερεὺς:** Κύριος κραταιὸς καὶ δυνατός, Κύριος δυνατὸς ἐν πολέμῳ. οὗτος ἐστὶν ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης.

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**Ἱερεὺς:** Κύριος τῶν δυνάμεων, οὗτος ἐστὶν ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης.

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**Ἱερεὺς:** Κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστός ὁ Ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, αὐτός ἐστὶν ὁ Βασιλεὺς τῆς Δόξης.

**Priest:** Lift up your gates! O princes. Be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may enter.

**Archontes:** Who is this King of glory?

**Priest:** The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! He is the King of Glory.

**Priest:** Lift up your gates! O princes. Be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may enter.

**Archontes:** Who is this King of glory?

**Priest:** The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory!

**Priest:** Lift up your gates! O princes. Be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may enter.

**Archontes:** Who is this King of glory?

**Priest:** The LORD Jesus Christ who has Risen from the dead, He is the King of Glory!

Cf. Ps. 24.7-10 (LXX 23.7-10)

## Readings of the Divine Liturgy of Holy Pascha

**Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων (1.1-8) τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.**

Τὸν μὲν πρῶτον λόγον ἐποίησάμην περὶ πάντων, ὦ Θεόφιλε, ὧν ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς ποιεῖν τε καὶ διδάσκειν ἄχρι ἧς ἡμέρας ἐντειλάμενος τοῖς ἀποστόλοις διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου οὓς ἐξελέξατο ἀνελήφθη· οἷς καὶ παρέστησεν ἑαυτὸν ζῶντα μετὰ τὸ παθεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν πολλοῖς τεκμηρίοις, δι' ἡμερῶν τεσσαράκοντα ὁπτανόμενος αὐτοῖς καὶ λέγων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ συναλιζόμενος παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων μὴ χωρίζεσθαι, ἀλλὰ περιμένειν τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς ἣν ἠκούσατέ μου· ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν ὕδατι, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἐν πνεύματι βαπτισθήσεσθε ἁγίῳ οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς ταύτας ἡμέρας. Οἱ μὲν οὖν συνελθόντες ἡρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες, Κύριε, εἰ ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ ἀποκαθιστάνεις τὴν βασιλείαν τῷ Ἰσραήλ; εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτούς, Οὐχ ὑμῶν ἐστὶν γινῶναι χρόνους ἢ καιροὺς οὓς ὁ πατὴρ ἔθετο ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ· ἀλλὰ λήψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσεσθέ μου μάρτυρες ἐν τε Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ Σαμαρείᾳ καὶ ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς.

**Κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἁγίου  
Εὐαγγελίου (1.1-17)**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ Λόγος, καὶ ὁ Λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ Λόγος. Οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν ὃ γέγονεν. ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν. Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος ἀπεσταλμένος παρὰ Θεοῦ, ὄνομα αὐτῷ Ἰωάννης· οὗτος ἦλθεν εἰς μαρτυρίαν, ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσιν δι' αὐτοῦ. οὐκ ἦν ἐκεῖνος τὸ φῶς, ἀλλ' ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός. Ἦν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον, ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον. ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω. εἰς τὰ ἴδια ἦλθεν, καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι αὐτὸν οὐ παρέλαβον. ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα Θεοῦ γενέσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, οἳ οὐκ ἐξ αἱμάτων, οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος σαρκὸς, οὐδὲ ἐκ θελήματος ἀνδρὸς, ἀλλ' ἐκ Θεοῦ ἐγεννήθησαν. Καὶ ὁ Λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐθεασάμεθα τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ, δόξαν ὡς μονογενοῦς παρὰ πατρός, πλήρης χάριτος καὶ ἀληθείας. Ἰωάννης μαρτυρεῖ περὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ κέκραγεν λέγων· Οὗτος ἦν ὃν εἶπον, Ὁ ὀπίσω μου ἐρχόμενος ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. Καὶ ἐκ τοῦ πληρώματος αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς πάντες ἐλάβομεν, καὶ χάριν ἀντὶ χάριτος· ὅτι ὁ νόμος διὰ Μωϋσέως ἐδόθη, ἡ χάρις καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐγένετο.

**Epistle Reading of Pascha (Acts 1.1-8)**

In the first book, O Theoph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth."



**Gospel according to John (1.1-17)**

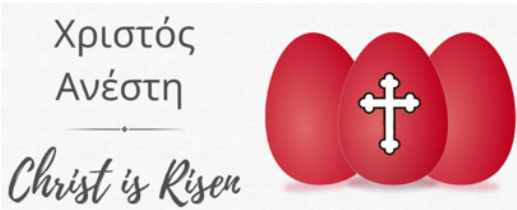
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The

true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



**Parish Council On Duty:** Lela Bridgers/Dennis Christopher/Philip George/Andy Green/  
Chris Holmes/Tina Johansen/Demetra Lilly/Alex Miltiades/  
Steven Pelky/Steve Tingas/Danny Vlahiotis  
**Greeter On Duty:** Kate Sklikas  
**Ushers On Duty:** Jamie Hughes/Mike Jacobs/Steve Kargas  
**Prosforo Bakers:** Fran Tucker/Tina Vamvakias/Paulina Vastakis/Lois Bafas

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**  
**CANCELLED**  
*NOTE: NO SERVICES*  
5:30 pm Greek School Classes-PLC Classrooms  
7:00 pm Festival IT Meeting-St. John Chrysostom Conference Rm

Tues., Apr. 22 **Renewal Tuesday**  
*NOTE: NO TOA Prayers or Classes*  
10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Atrium  
4:30 pm Rental: Les Marmitons of Atlanta-PLC Kitchen & Parish Hall  
6:00 pm Great Vespers-Feast of St. George-Chapel

Wed., April. 23 **Renewal Wednesday - St. George the Great Martyr**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
*TIME CHANGE* 11:30 am Chair Exercise class  
5:30 pm Greek School Classes  
6:00 pm GOYA Leadership Team Meeting-Lighthouse  
7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse

Thur., Apr. 24 **Renewal Thursday**  
*NOTE: NO TOA Liturgy or Classes*  
11:00 am Parea General Meeting/Luncheon-PLC Parish Hall  
7:00 pm Men’s Choir Practice-Church Sanctuary

Fri., April. 25 **Renewal Friday**  
5:00 pm Rehearsal for Van de Veire/Deliyiannis Wedding-Church Sanctuary

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., Apr. 26 **Renewal Saturday**  
9:00 am Festival Cooking: Dolmades-PLC Kitchen  
9:30 am DivorceCare Support Group-Church Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)  
3:30 pm Wedding of Mihalīs Deliyiannis and Harper Van de Veire-Church Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Great Vespers-Church Chapel

Sun., Apr. 27 **Thomas Sunday**  
8:45 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Men’s Choir  
11:15 am Youth Catechism classes-PLC Classrooms  
A Memorial Service is given for Gerasimoula Tsagaratos (40 days) and Aristides Tsagaratos (23 years). May their memories be eternal!  
12:30 pm Baleno family Fellowship/Coffee Hour (Xristos Anesti! Aleothis Anesti!)  
12:30 pm Festival Dance Practice:  
- Pitsirikia (Pre-K) // PLC Classroom #126  
- Palamakia (K & 1st) // PLC Classroom #128  
- Asteria (2nd & 3rd) // PLC Classroom #125  
- Petaloudes (4th & 5th) // PLC Lower Level Atrium  
- Phoenix (middle school)-PLC Gym  
1:00 pm Festival Dance Practice-Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Amphitheater

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chair Exercise Program:** Our next meeting will be **Wed. Apr. 23, at 11:30 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: Apr. 21 & 23**

**Hellenic Dance:** MGF (Marietta Greek Festival) dance practice has begun. See practice groups/times on previous page. **NOTE: NO PRACTICE Apr. 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. May 13.**

**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)).



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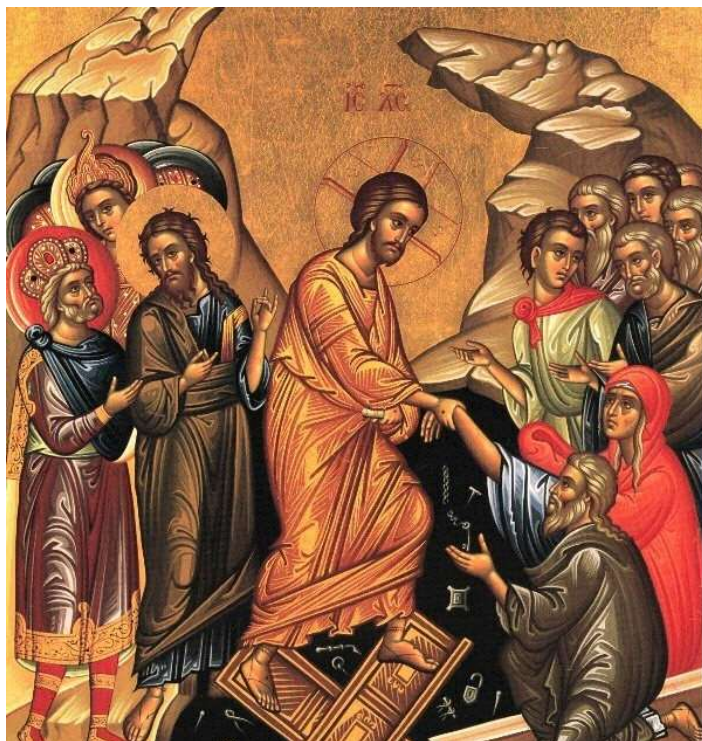
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- John & Beth Doulgerakis for the health of their children and grandchildren.
- Marty Driscoll in memory of Bob Driscoll and daughter, Stephanie Driscoll.
- Marty Driscoll in memory of Theodore, Eleni, Peter, James and Faith Sikaras.
- Cedric & Peggy Dunkerly for the health of Alayna & Chris, Katina & Rett.
- Kenneth & Chrisa Farrey in memory of Phillipa & Margarita Poutsela.
- Kenneth & Chrisa Farrey for the health of Nektarios, Barbara, & Phillip Stampul.
- Larry & Niki Gess in memory of Vivian Gess and Judy Schroeder
- Larry & Niki Gess for the health of Larry Gess & Dorothy Botni.
- Patrick & Cat Hartnett in honor of Robert & Brenda Hartnett.
- Andrew & Tina Johansen in honor of the Johansen/Michaels families.



- Manolis & Tasia Kipreos and family for the health of Manolis, Tasia, Angeliki, Themelina & Michael.
- Dennis & Virginia Kostulakos for the health of our children & grandchildren - Jonathan, Kelley, Collin, Lillian.
- Dennis & Patricia Koutouzis for the health of the Koutouzis family.
- Michael & Laura Kwiatkowski and family for the health of Beatrix Kwiatkowski.
- George & Linda Lopos for the health of the Lopos family.
- John & Kim Moustoukas for the health of the Moustoukas family.
- Iancu Nica in memory of Aglaia Nica and for the health of Iancu.
- Carl & Mary Nicholas for William Koss and Evan Koss.
- Dean Pallas Family in memory of Fr. George & Presvytera Toula.
- Nick & Patti Patellis in memory of Dimosthenes & Argyro Patellis and Harold, Martha, & Harold Mulkey.
- Nick & Patti Patellis for the health of Nick & Patti Patellis; Argyro, Richard, Emma & Ricky Deitz and the Kiritsis Family.
- Tim, Dina & Nicholas Rury in memory of Tom Gramates, Sr.
- Tim, Dina & Nicholas Rury for the health of Dennis and Sheila Rury.
- Peter & Kate Sklikas for the health of Art London.
- Peter & Anita Tziahannas for Tom & Doreen Tziahannas and Midge Ehgotz.
- Virginia Yiannovits for the health of Anastasios, Virginia, Alexia, Efterpi, Areti, Elias, Anna, Petros, and Athanasios.







# 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  
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# BRIGHT WEEK CELEBRATION

BENEFITTING  
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**Atlanta**

RSVP

**April 24 - 7:00 PM**

ST. ELIAS ANTIOCHIAN  
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DINNER - MUSIC -  
CHANCE AUCTION

LEARN ABOUT THE EXCITING  
GROWTH OF OCF ATLANTA!  
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## RETOLD AND REMEMBERED: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND ITS LESSONS CONFERENCE



Keynote and Featured  
Speakers



Panel Discussion



Heritage Celebration

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.

26th April @ 2 pm

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

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

Free Admission



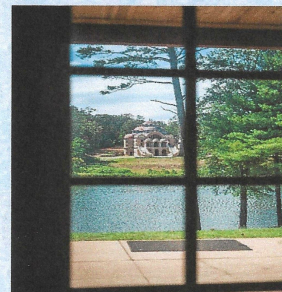
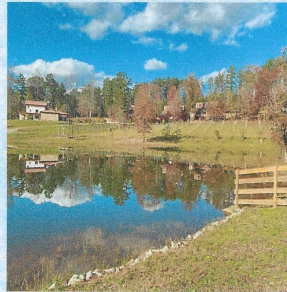
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FINAL FESTIVAL FOOD PREP DAY!



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@hollytransfiguration.info](mailto:stingas@hollytransfiguration.info) or 770-845-5045. Thank you.



**Annual Pascha Picnic**  
at the Diakonia Retreat Center  
Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Vespers – 11 am  
Lunch – 1 pm

Join us for Christian Fellowship with Food, Music and Dance.  
Roasted Lamb -Chicken-Pastitsio -Lemon Potatoes - Greek Salad and  
~LOUKOUMADES  
Suggested donations of \$17.00 per person

RSVP to Marlene at the DRC office (864-732-1537)

**Volunteers Needed!**



### 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

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### UPCOMING SESSIONS VIA ZOOM:

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# 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.



RAIN OR  
SHINE!

**FRIDAY MAY 16 . . . . . 4:00pm - 10:30pm**  
**SATURDAY MAY 17 . . . . . 11:00am - 10:30pm**  
**SUNDAY MAY 18 . . . . . 11:00am - 4:00pm**

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

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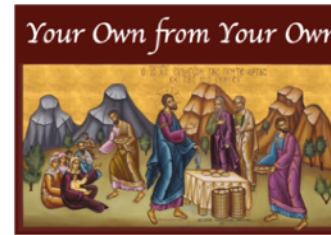


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## 2025 Stewardship Campaign

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

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

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



### SO YOU KNOW

OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES 01/01/25-04/08/25		STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 04/18/25	
Income Received:	\$291,009	# of Pledged Households:	267
Expenses to date:	\$310,058	Total Pledge Amount to date:	\$676,710
		2025 Budget:	\$1,160,000
Net Income:	—\$19,049	\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$483,290

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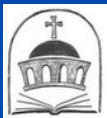
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**Step 2.** Visit [toamarietta.com](http://toamarietta.com) and fill out  
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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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@holymtransfiguration.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.

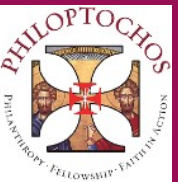
Non-Orthodox Christians may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) offered at the conclusion of the service, but not Holy Communion. They may come up to receive a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish.

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.

## PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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



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

1. Go to the church's website: [holymtransfiguration.info](http://holymtransfiguration.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@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:office@holymtransfiguration.info)