

THE GREATEST MOTHER OF ALL

On this special day, may we take a moment to honor all the Mothers in our lives. Throughout history, there have been many great mothers. Let's take a look back at the great mothers of the saints of the Church.

Think of how the mothers of all the apostles and disciples shaped their lives. Eunice the mother, and Lois the grandmother of the Apostle Timothy taught the young boy God's Word. Let us honor Nonna, the mother of St. Gregory the Theologian; Emmelia, the mother of St. Basil the Great, and Anthusa, mother of St. John Chrysostom. Remarkable women fill the pages of Church history.

But there is one that ranks above them all. There is one of whom an angel of the Lord called "Blessed amongst women." There is but one called by God's Word "full of grace." She is none other than the Mother of our Saviour, who was the Holy Virgin Mary.

We see her in all humility giving birth to her Son in the most meager of circumstances. She had to flee into Egypt to save His life. Then she fulfills a mother's role in full as she raises her Child in Nazareth.

We see her in all anguish as she stands under the cross as her Son dies the cruel death of crucifixion. What pen can describe the agony of this mother's heart? What words can be adequate to depict that event? There are none.

It has been thousands of years since God said: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Let us do so today, across all of America. And as we pay due respect and acknowledge the debt we owe to our mothers, let us not forget the one who is greatest of all: the Mother of God, the Theotokos, who gave birth to our Savior.

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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 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—May 11, 2025

Sunday of the Paralytic

Musical Mode: Third Mode Fifth Eothinon Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

Readings of the Day: Acts 9:32-42 & John 5:1-15

Today's Saints: Renewal of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Mocius; Methodius & Cyril, Equal-to-the Apostles Illuminators of the Slavs; Theopemptos the Martyr & his Companions; Dioscoros the New Martyr; Argyrios the New-Martyr of Epanomi

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

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

WHERE TO FIND INFO ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Online Sources for theological and spiritual edification:

Trisagion Films: On Youtube, Facebook and webpage www.trisagionfilms.com

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

For audio of spiritual discussions: **Ancient Faith Radio:** www.ancientfaith.com

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

Visit our **Library** at <https://holytransfiguration.info/ministries/education/library/>

If you are interested to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, please speak to Father Panayiotis and he will guide you.

Email him at frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info to schedule an appointment.



TODAY'S HYMNS

Entrance Hymn. 2nd Tone.

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

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. Third Mode.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Parish

[See back of Bulletin]

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.

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

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

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

Readings of the Fourth Sunday after Pascha—the Sunday of the Paralytic Ἀναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς τοῦ Παραλύτου

Πράξεις τῶν Ἀποστόλων (9.32-42)

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον διερχόμενον διὰ πάντων κατελθεῖν καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἁγίους τοὺς κατοικοῦντας Λύδδαν. Εὗρεν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἄνθρωπον τινα Αἰνέαν ὀνόματι, ἐξ ἑπτῶν ὀκτῶ κατακείμενον ἐπὶ κρᾶββάτῳ, ὃς ἦν παραλελυμένος. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος, Αἰνέα, ἰάταί σε Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός· ἀνάστηθι καὶ στῶσον σεαυτῷ. Καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἶδον αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες Λύδδαν καὶ τὸν Ἀσσάρωνα, οἵτινες ἐπέστρεψαν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἐν Ἰόππῃ δὲ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὀνόματι Ταβηθά, ἣ διερμηνευομένη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὕτη ἦν πλήρης ἀγαθῶν ἔργων καὶ ἐλεημοσυνῶν ὧν ἐποίει. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκεῖναις ἀσθενήσασαν αὐτὴν ἀποθανεῖν· λούσαντες δὲ αὐτὴν ἔθηκαν ἐν ὑπερφῶ. Ἐγγὺς δὲ οὔσης Λύδδης τῇ Ἰόππῃ, οἱ μαθηταὶ ἀκούσαντες ὅτι Πέτρος ἐστὶν ἐν αὐτῇ, ἀπέστειλαν πρὸς αὐτὸν, παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνήσαι διελθεῖν ἕως αὐτῶν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνήλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὃν παραγενόμενον ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερφῶν, καὶ παρέστησαν αὐτῷ πᾶσαι αἱ χήραι κλαίουσαι καὶ ἐπιδεικνύμεναι χιτῶνας καὶ ἱμάτια ὅσα ἐποίει μετ' αὐτῶν οὔσα ἡ Δορκάς. Ἐκβαλὼν δὲ ἔξω πάντας ὁ Πέτρος θείσ τὰ γόνατα προσηύξατο· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα, εἶπεν, Ταβηθά, ἀνάστηθι. Ἡ δὲ ἠνοιξεν τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῆς· καὶ ἰδοῦσα τὸν Πέτρον, ἀνεκάθισεν. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα, ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν· φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τὰς χήρας, παρέστησεν αὐτὴν ζῶσαν. Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ' ὅλης τῆς Ἰόππης, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην Εὐαγγελίου (5.1-15)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνέβη ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἔστι δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, ἣ ἐπιλεγομένη Ἑβραϊστὶ Βηθεσδά, πέντε στοᾶς ἔχουσα. ἐν ταύταις κατέκειτο πλῆθος πολὺ τῶν ἀσθενούντων, τυφλῶν, χωλῶν, ξηρῶν, ἐκδεχομένων τὴν τοῦ ὕδατος κίνησιν. ἄγγελος γὰρ κατὰ καιρὸν κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, καὶ ἐταράσσετο τὸ ὕδωρ· ὁ οὖν πρῶτος ἐμβὰς μετὰ τὴν ταραχὴν τοῦ ὕδατος ὑγιῆς ἐγένετο ὃ δὴποτε κατείχeto νοσήματι. ἦν δὲ τις ἄνθρωπος ἐκεῖ τριάκοντα καὶ ὀκτῶ ἔτη ἔχων ἐν τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ αὐτοῦ. τοῦτον ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενον, καὶ γνοὺς ὅτι πολὺν ἤδη χρόνον ἔχει, λέγει αὐτῷ· θέλεις ὑγιῆς γενέσθαι; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ἀσθενῶν· Κύριε, ἄνθρωπον οὐκ ἔχω, ἵνα ὅταν ταραχῆ τὸ ὕδωρ, βάλη με εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν· ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἔρχομαι ἐγώ, ἄλλος πρὸ ἐμοῦ καταβαίνει. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔγειρε, ἄρον τὸν κρᾶββάττον σου καὶ περιπάτει. καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὑγιῆς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, καὶ ἦρε τὸν κρᾶββάτον αὐτοῦ καὶ περιεπάτει. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι τῷ τεθεραπευμένῳ· σάββατον ἐστὶν· οὐκ ἔξεστί σοι ἄραι τὸν κρᾶββάτον. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς· ὁ ποιήσας με ὑγιῆ, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἄρον τὸν κρᾶββάττον σου καὶ περιπάτει. ἠρώτησαν οὖν αὐτόν· τίς ἐστὶν ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ εἰπὼν σοι, ἄρον τὸν κρᾶββάττον σου καὶ περιπάτει; ὁ δὲ ἰαθεὶς οὐκ ᾔδει τίς ἐστὶν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰησοῦς ἐξένευσεν ὄχλου ὄντος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ ταῦτα εὗρισκει αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἴδε ὑγιῆς γέγονας· μηκέτι ἀμάρτανε, ἵνα μὴ χειρόν σοί τι γένηται. ἀπῆλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγγειλε τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ ποιήσας αὐτόν ὑγιῆ.

Epistle Reading (Acts 9.32-42)

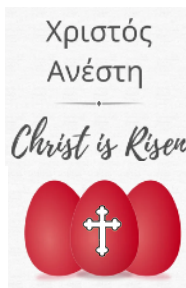
Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aene'as, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aene'as, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel according to John (5.1-15)

At that time, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel went down at a certain season into the pool and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatever disease he had. And a certain man was there, who had an infirmity for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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 Rosa Lubbers/Barbara Panagiotou
 Sophia Linebaugh/Rosa Lubbers/Alexandra Milios
 Cathy Costarides/Christos Costarides/Marty Driscoll



Sun., May 11

Sunday of the Paralytic | Mother's Day

8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 11:30 am Second Sunday YA Class & Discussion-Lighthouse
 Philoptochos Board Oath of Office
 Youth Catechism Graduation
 12:30 pm Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Parish Hall
 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

Mon., May 12

10:00 am Festival food prep: Melomacaronas-PLC Kitchen
 7:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Eleftheria-Amphitheater

Tues., May 13

8:30 am TOA Prayers-Church Sanctuary
 9:15 am TOA Classes-PLC Classrooms
 10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Atrium
 5:00 pm Festival food prep: pastry packing/tzatziki making/hummus & tzatziki packing-PLC Kitchen & Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir practice-Church Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Eleftheria-Amphitheater

Wed., May 14

4:30 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Pitsirikia-Amphitheater
 5:00 pm Festival food prep: pastry packing/tzatziki making/hummus & tzatziki packing-PLC Kitchen & Parish Hall
 5:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Palamakia-Amphitheater
 5:30 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Asteria-Amphitheater
 6:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Petaloudes-Amphitheater
 6:00 pm Festival Dance Practice: Phoenix (middle school) & Eleftheria (high school)-Amphitheater
 7:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Phoenix-Amphitheater
 7:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Eleftheria-Amphitheater
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse

Thur., May 15

10:00 am Festival food prep: pastry packing/tzatziki making/hummus & tzatziki packing-PLC Kitchen & Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Hellenic Dance practice: Eleftheria-Amphitheater

Fri., May 16

4:00 pm Marietta Greek Festival

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., May 17

11:00 am Marietta Greek Festival

Sun., May 18

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

8:15 am Orthros
 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
 11:00 am Marietta Greek Festival

Tues., May 20

8:30 am TOA Liturgy & Graduation Ceremony-Church Sanctuary
 10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Atrium
 11:00 am TOA Field Day-Outdoor Pavilion/Lighthouse
 6:00 pm Great Vespers-Sts. Constantine & Helen-Church Chapel
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir practice-Church Sanctuary

Wed., May 21

Sts. Constantine and Helen

9:00 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 Memorial Service for Presvytera Kalliopi Vastakis
 TOA testing-PLC classrooms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Exercise Program: TWO WEEK BREAK - Our next meeting will be **Wed. May 28, at 10:30 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.



Mixed Choir: The Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. **Next practice: Tues. May 13.**

Men's Choir: SUMMER BREAK...Next practice **Thur. Jul. 24** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Jul. 27.**

Parea: On **Thur. May 22**, 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 - June 3, at 11:00 am.** Book - *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge (available on Kindle Unlimited).

Spiritual Book Club: Next meeting June 9th.

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@holymtransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead Maria H. (youngadults@holymtransfiguration.info). **Next meeting: May 11**



Request a Home Visit: Are you or someone you know unable to attend church due to illness or some other reason? Would you or someone you know like a visit from a member of our clergy team or lay volunteer? If so, please fill out this form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyq22qMuE_c9iBNeODUsFpXp890yK_EgfXahu21YxEij696w/viewform?usp=sharing) and we will do our very best to arrange times to visit!

Drivers Needed: Our Outreach Committee is always concerned about shut-ins and other parishioners that can't drive to church, doctors' appointments, grocery stores, etc. Most are elderly or recovering from a medical procedure. We are in need of drivers to volunteer to be available to drive such parishioners. If you are willing to do so, please contact Steve Tingas, our Outreach Chairman, at stingas@holymtransfiguration.info or 770-845-5045. We would like to have as many volunteer drivers as possible so as to cover our entire parishioner footprint in the northwest Atlanta area. Thank you, in advance, for volunteering.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK, SEE SCHEDULE



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

Signup Genius web link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EACA829A7FD0-55738963-2025#/

VOLUNTEER GIFT CARD PROCEDURES

As a thank you for your time and efforts, volunteers are receiving gift cards to use at their leisure during the festival.

Please note the following rules/procedures:

- In order to receive a gift card you must be a registered volunteer (you have to sign-up on SignUp Genius)
• You will receive 1 gift card for the length of the festival, which you will be able to reload with your allotted daily amount when you check-in at Volunteer table.
• DO NOT LOSE GIFT CARD: VOLUNTEER GIFT CARDS ARE NOT BEING REPLACED
• Daily amounts are as follows, based on sign up:
- Volunteering 1 shift: \$15
- Volunteering multiple: \$20
• If you do not use entire amount, you can use it again next year! HOLD ON TO YOUR GIFT CARD
• Tip: Take a photo of back of your gift card. IF you lose it, we can enter manually into SquarePay. Parents, it is strongly suggested you do this for your children if they are volunteers.



HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Program Overview:

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Key Features:

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

Next Session:

Sat. May 24, at 9:30 am in the Church Library.

Session Schedule:

4/26, 5/3, 5/10, (break), 5/24, 5/31, (break), 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, (break), 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16

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

Spiritual Book Club



We meet on the second Monday of every month in the Church Library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. / co-hosted by Pres. Patty & Michael Gavalas, Please email us at mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info to be added to our email list.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, June 9th: *Come Let us Worship: A Practical Guide to the Divine Liturgy*

Monday, July 14th: *Come Let us Worship: A Practical Guide to the Divine Liturgy*

Come, Let Us Worship walks the reader through the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, explaining the meaning of each element and how the congregant may best participate in this fundamental act of Orthodox worship. Those new to Orthodoxy and those who wonder about the meaning of the Liturgy will find this small guide a helpful and informative companion. We will also discuss how the liturgy developed from the early Christian period through today.

Monday, August 11 and September 8: Selection to be determined.

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

LIFE AND FAITH TRANSITIONS GROUP

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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.

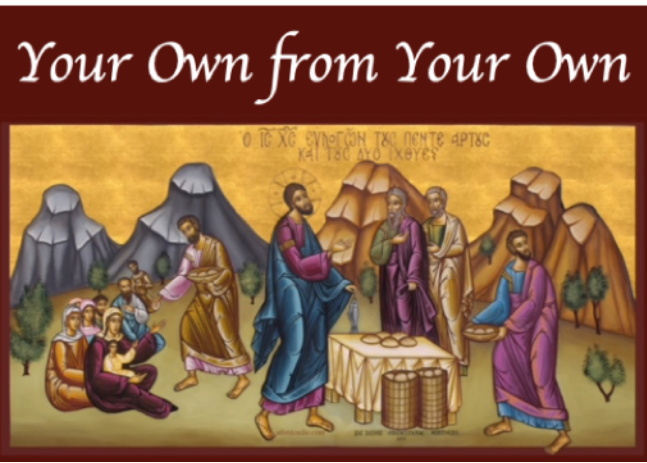


Our discussions focus on supporting and encouraging each other through the myriad of life and faith changes, challenges and transitions. Our goal is to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to strengthen our relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to enhance our service to others on behalf of our Lord.

UPCOMING SESSIONS VIA ZOOM:

MAY 24, JUNE 14 AND 28, JULY 5 AND 19, AUGUST 2, 16, AND 30 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 lifefandfaith@holytransfiguration.info



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 01/01/25-05/06/25		STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 05/09/25	
Income Received:	\$387,235	# of Pledged Households:	275
Expenses to date:	\$398,399	Total Pledge Amount to date:	\$683,207
		2025 Budget:	\$1,160,000
Net Income:	-\$11,164	\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$476,793

We invite you to the

ORTHODOX Divine Liturgy

IN CARTERSVILLE, GA

June 21
10:00 am

At
St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church
850 Douthitt Ferry Road
Cartersville, GA 30120

Sponsored by
Holy Transfiguration Greek
Orthodox Church of Marietta



OUR SCHOOL IS GROWING COME TEACH WITH US

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

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

TO APPLY: Please email your resume, two reference contacts (priest and professional), and one paragraph describing why you would love to teach with us to our office manager, Joanna Nicolopoulos, at office@toamarietta.com.



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**TRANSFIGURATION
ORTHODOX ACADEMY**

2025-2026 OPEN ENROLLMENT

**Now
Open!!**

Enrollment Now Open for 2025-2026!!

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

Step 2. Visit toamarietta.com and fill out our 2025-2026 TOA Application Form

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

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

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



Contact us

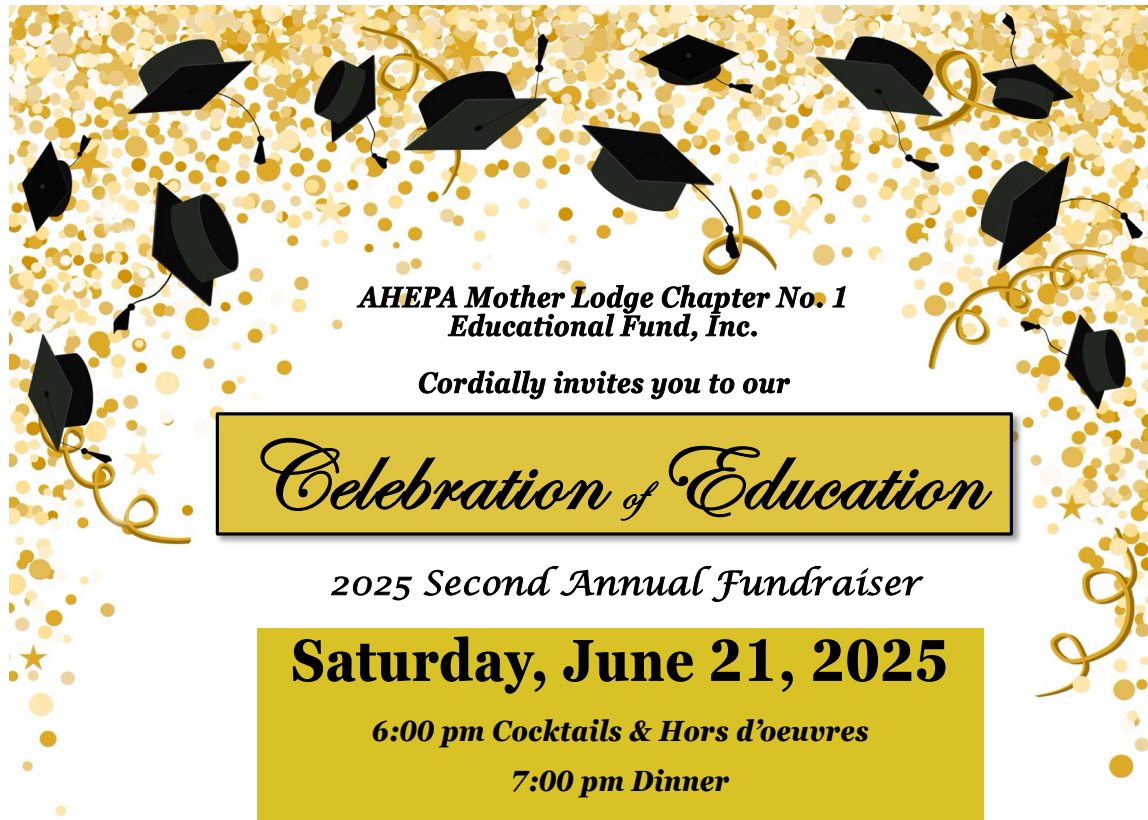
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Kartos Ballroom
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
2500 Clairmont Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Tickets - \$150 per person

Tables of 10 Available

To Purchase Tickets Click on the Link Below

- <https://www.ahepaatscholarship.com/tickets-1/ahepa-educational-fund-celebration-of-education-fundraiser>
- Or Scan this QR Code



For more information, Email or Call:

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Receiving Holy Communion

Orthodox Christians who have prepared spiritually are invited to come forward “with the fear of God, with faith, and with love” to receive Holy Communion.

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

Preparation for Holy Communion includes confession of sins (even of sinful thoughts) and repentance, making peace with those around us, forgiving those who hurt us, asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt, and prayer. There is a special set of prayers called "Preparation for Holy Communion" to help prepare.

If you have further questions regarding the proper preparation for Holy Communion, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.

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

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

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