

AN "ICON" IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Just like a picture, an icon can capture the essence of a moment with greater clarity than the written word. It can teach a story instantly. Today we turn our attention to the icon of the FEAST DAY OF THE ASCENSION. If we look at the Book of Acts 1:1-12, we see that the iconic depiction of the holy day carefully follows this scriptural account. The main focus of the icon is Christ Himself, Who was taken up into heaven as His Apostles watched. He is shown in such a way that it is impossible to determine whether He is LEAVING the earth or RETURNING to it. Angels appeared soon after He ascended, saying: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus Who was taken up from you into heaven will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

The Mother of God is also shown prominently in the Ascension icon. Church Tradition tells us that she was present for this joyous event, as well as for the Feast Day of Pentecost. While the Apostles seem to be perplexed by what they have just witnessed, the Theotokos wears an expression of peace on her face, fully comprehending the deep mysteries of her Son's Birth, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. Unlike the Apostles, she is not looking upward into the sky, but rather towards us in prayerful serenity. Note also that the Apostles are depicted without halos, a further symbol of their continued lack of understanding of the moment.

The icon of the Ascension certainly expresses the concept of Christ reigning over His Church. We, His followers, must embark on His Command to "go and teach all nations."

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

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

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



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Sunday—the Lord's Day—June 1, 2025

Fathers of the First Council

Musical Mode: Pl. of Second Mode Ninth Eothinon Gospel: John 21:1-14

Readings of the Day: Acts 20:16-18,28-36 & John 17:1-13

Today's Saints: Justin the Philosopher and Martyr and his Companions; Pyrrhos the Hieromartyr

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

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

WHERE TO FIND INFO ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Online Sources for theological and spiritual edification:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TODAY'S HYMNS

Entrance Hymn. 2nd Tone.

**Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God, who is risen from the dead.
We sing to You, Alleluia.**

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

Apolytikion of the Week. Pl. of Second Mode.

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

Apolytikion of the Feast. Fourth Mode.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion of the Fathers. Pl. of Fourth Mode.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of the Parish
[See back of Bulletin]

Kontakion of Feast. Pl. of Second Mode.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

The Cherubic Hymn.

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care. So that we may receive the King of all.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord Sabaoth, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Hymn.

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.

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

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Seventh Sunday after Pascha—the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Ἀναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς Ἀγίων Πατέρων

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων (20.16-18, 28-36) τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδεν γάρ, εἰ δυνατόν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ ἁγίου ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἄφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα, τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητάς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεται ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα. Αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσιν μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐται. Πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν, Μακάριόν ἐστιν μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θεὶς τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ, σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύδατο.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην (17.1-13) Εὐαγγελίου

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐπῆρε τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ εἶπε· πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σε, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δέ ἐστιν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσί σε τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελείωσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφανέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ ἐστίν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ δέδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον, καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. Ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἔρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἔρωτῶ, ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστί καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ οὗτοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσί, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι. πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου ᾧ δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὥσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου· οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσι τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.

Epistle Reading (Acts 20.16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Mile'tus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading according to John (17.1-13)

At that time Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your son that the son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Parish Council On Duty:		Demetra Lilly/Chris Holmes
Greeters On Duty:		Dennis & Pat Koutouzis
Ushers On Duty:		Dennis Koutouzis/Paul Markley/Daniela Chereches
Prosforo Bakers:		Niki Kakissis/Elena Kay/Tasia Kipreos
Sun., Jun. 1	Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council	
	8:45 am	Orthros
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	A Memorial Service is given by Alex Chuchas and family for Giorgios Nicholau (40 days), Nicholaos Nicholau (23 years), Maria Nicholau (10 years), Alexandros Nicholau (90 years), Athena Nicholau (90 years), Giorgia Boom (21 years), Penelope Constantaras (10 years), Costandinos Constantaras (37 years), Giorgios Callincos (4 years), Giorgios Chuchas (60 years), Anna Chuchas (31 years), Demetrios Papadopoulos (7 years), and Panagiota Papadopoulos (6 years). May their memories be eternal!	
	<i>Philoptochos Presvytera Sunday</i>	
	12:30 pm	Hughes family Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Banquet Hall
Tues., Jun. 3	10:45 am	Kafenion-PLC Atrium
	11:00 am	Philoptochos Book Club-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir practice-Church Sanctuary
Wed., Jun. 4	10:00 am	Chair Exercise class-PLC Classroom #127
	7:00 pm	Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse
Sat., Jun. 7	Saturday of the Souls	
	9:30 am	Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Transfiguration Garden Orthodox Cemetery in Green Lawn Cemetery, 950 Mansell Rd, Roswell, GA
	9:00 am	Rental setup: Hanna Reception- PLC Banquet Hall/Atrium/Kitchen
	2:00 pm	Rental: Hanna Reception- PLC Banquet Hall/Atrium/Kitchen
	3:00 pm	Pan-Orthodox Pentecost Vespers & Picnic (A Pan-Orthodox AIOPA event) at St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church, 3761 Mars Hill Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677
	3:30 pm	Baptism of Theodore Loles-Church Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers-Church Chapel
Sun., Jun. 8	Holy Pentecost	
	8:45 am	Orthros
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & The Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit (Kneeling Vespers)
	12:00 pm	Second Sunday YA Class & Discussion (following Kneeling Vespers)-Lighthouse
	12:30 pm	Fellowship/Coffee Hour-PLC Banquet Hall
	4:00 pm	A 40 day Memorial Service is given for Jimmy Duvlaris by Mary Duvlaris and family. May his memory be eternal!
Mon., Jun. 9	7:00 pm	Spiritual Book Club-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm)
Tues., Jun. 10	10:45 am	Kafenion-PLC Atrium
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir practice-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.

Wed., Jun. 11	10:00 am	Chair Exercise class-PLC Classroom #127
Wed., Jun. 11-Sun., Jun. 15	Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy-Laity Assembly	
Sat., Jun. 14	10:00 am	Life & Faith Transitions Group-online
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
	A six month Memorial service is given for Eliseiu Colhon by his daughter, Eliza Markley and family. May his memory be eternal!	
	A Memorial service is given by Daniela Chereches for her father Nicolae; grandparents Gheorghe, Profira and Elisabeta; and aunts Tudorina and Iliana. May their memories be eternal!	
Sun., Jun. 15	Sunday of All Saints Father's Day	
	8:45 am	Orthros
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	A Trisagion Service is given for Anita Pettola by her niece, Jamie Hughes and family. May her memory be eternal!	
	12:30 pm	Chereches family and Markley family Fellowship/Coffee Hour (In memory of Daniela Chereches's father, Nicolae; grandparents Gheorghe, Profira and Elisabeta; and aunts Tudorina and Iliana. In memory of Eliza Markley's father, Eliseiu.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wed. Jun. 4, at 10:00 am** in PLC 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.



Young Adults in their 20's and 30's meet twice a month for continuing education and fellowship. Want to learn more? Join the HTGOC Young Adults GroupMe chat for notifications on events. Contact Fr. Michael (frmichael@holytransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead Maria H. (youngadults@holytransfiguration.info). **Next meeting: Jun. 8 following the Great Vespers of the Holy Spirit (Kneeling Vespers)**

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. 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, Outreach Chairman, at stingas@holytransfiguration.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.



Parea: On **Thur. Jun. 19**, 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 - Jun. 3, at 11:00 am.** Book - *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge (available on Kindle Unlimited).



Join us at Transfiguration Garden Orthodox Cemetery at
Green Lawn Cemetery, 950 Mansell Rd, Roswell, GA 30076
for our annual
Saturday of the Souls Orthros & Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 7, 2025
9:30 am

Pentecost Picnic

St Philothea Greek Orthodox Church

3761 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville, GA

Saturday, June 7
3:00 pm Vespers
& Picnic

Indoor & Outdoor Seating



Blessed are You,
O Christ our God,
who made fisherman all-wise,
by sending down upon them
the Holy Spirit, and through them,
drawing all the world into Your net



RSVP: Please scan the QR code



Or go to: StPhilothea.org
For more information call 706-340-6366

This is a Pan-Orthodox AIOPA Event
Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their families!

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

Mondays, June 9th & July 14th

Come Let us Worship: A Practical Guide to the Divine Liturgy

Mondays, August 11 & September 8: selection to be determined

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.

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

LIFE AND FAITH TRANSITIONS GROUP



PRAYER • EXPLORATION • PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH •
STRONGER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD • CONFIDENTIALITY •
LIVELY DISCUSSIONS • RESPECTFUL LISTENING AND SHARING •
SERVICE TO OUR LORD

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:

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



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

Next Session:

Sat. Jun. 21, at **9:00 am** in the Church Library. (Note time change)

Session Schedule:


4/26, 5/3, 5/10, (break), (break), 5/31, (break), 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, (break), 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23

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



We invite you to the **ORTHODOX**

Divine Liturgy

IN CARTERSVILLE, GA

June 21, 2025 at 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



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 01/01/25-05/06/25		STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 05/23/25	
Income Received:	\$387,235	# of Pledged Households:	282
Expenses to date:	\$398,399	Total Pledge Amount to date:	\$688,812
		2025 Budget:	\$1,160,000
Net Income:	—\$11,164	\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:	\$471,188

Sensing God

Vacation Church School

June 23rd - 27th

8:45 - 12:45

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

Register **NOW**

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

CAMPER REGISTRATION

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

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

Contact: Hazel Bruce for more information:
vcs@holytransfiguration.info
770-870-5977

To volunteer use the QR codes or let Hazel know.

GOYA VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

ADULT VOLUNTEER SIGNUP



Camper QR code GOYA Volunteer Link Adult Volunteers



Transfiguration Orthodox Academy

OUR SCHOOL IS GROWING COME TEACH WITH US

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

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

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



Now
Open!!

2025-2026 OPEN ENROLLMENT

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!

READY TO JOIN?

Email Us: office@toamarietta.com
Visit Our Website: <https://toamarietta.com/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

K-8 GRADE HYBRID CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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



EST. 2023

REQUIREMENTS

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

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.

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2025 Second Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, June 21, 2025

6:00 pm Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 pm Dinner

Kartos Ballroom
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Tickets - \$150 per person

Tables of 10 Available

To Purchase Tickets Click on the Link Below

- <https://www.ahepaatlscholarship.com/tickets-1/ahepa-educational-fund-celebration-of-education-fundraiser>
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