

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY



*Icon of Christ the Bridegroom*

# HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Our purpose is to lead people to the Kingdom of God.*

*Our mission is to provide a place of worship  
where people actively gather to practice their authentic  
Orthodox Christian faith to impact the world.*



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

**Fr. John Brown, Protopresbyter**

**Fr. Michael Tishel, Presbyter**

**Fr. Christopher Zaferes, Presbyter**

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## SUNDAY—THE LORD'S DAY—FEBRUARY 22, 2025

**Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday**

**Musical Mode: Fourth Mode**

**Fourth Eothinon Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12**

**Readings of the Day:** Romans 13: 11-14; 14: 1-4 & Matthew 6: 14-21

**Today's Saints:** Finding of the Precious Relics of the Holy Martyrs in the Quarter of Eugenius;  
Our Righteous Fathers Thalassius and Baradatus; Anthousa the Martyr & her 12 Servants

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### APOLYTIKION OF THE PARISH

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.

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### Entrance Hymn. Second Mode.

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. Fourth Mode.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

### Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

*[See inside front cover]*

### Kontakion. Plagal of the Second Mode.

O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

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## WHERE TO FIND INFO ABOUT ORTHODOXY

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

**Follow our Podcasts:** "*An Imperfect Podcast*" - 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: <http://tinyurl.com/y5ved9lk>

For audio of spiritual discussions: **Ancient Faith Radio:** [www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)  
Visit our **Church Bookstore** for books, icons and other spiritual items for your home.  
Visit our **Library** at <https://holytransfiguration.info/ministries/education/library/>

To learn more about the Orthodox Faith, peak to Father Panayiotis and he will guide you.  
Email him at [frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info) to schedule an appointment.



## Readings of Cheese-Fare Sunday, the Sunday of Forgiveness

Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς τῆς Τυροφάγου



### Απόστολος πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 13.11-14.4

Ἀδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἡ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νύξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκοτός, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἔριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἀλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιήσθε, εἰς ἐπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὁς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθιοντα μὴ ἐξουθενεῖτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθιοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θεὸς στήσαι αὐτόν.

### Εὐαγγέλιον κατὰ Ματθαῖον (6.14-21)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἐὰν γὰρ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος· ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, οὐδὲ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὡσπερ οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποί· ἀφανίζουσι γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀπέχουσι τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἄλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι, ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων, ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδώσει σοι ἐν τῷ φανερῷ. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σὴς καὶ βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσι καὶ κλέπτουσι· θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σὴς οὔτε βρῶσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· ὅπου γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θησαυρὸς ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδιά ὑμῶν.

### Epistle to the Romans (13.11-14.4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

### Gospel according to Matthew (6.14-21)

Thus said the Lord: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**Parish Council On Duty:** Steven Pelky/Andy Green  
**Greeters On Duty:** Maria Alberts/Eleni Reese  
**Ushers On Duty:** Steven Pelky/Spiro Priovolos/Eleni Reese/Julie Shanahan  
**Prosforo Bakers:** Christopher Hansard/Eleni Reese/Georgia Hutt/Tina Johansen

Sun. Feb. 22                   **Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)**  
8:45 am                   Orthros  
10:00 am                  Divine Liturgy | Men's Choir  
11:15 am                  Youth Catechism Classes  
11:45 am                  Blessing of the Stewardship Cards  
12:00 pm                  Godparents Luncheon sponsored by Philoptochos  
5:00 pm                   Vespers of Forgiveness

**Sunday Dance Practice Schedule**

No practice           Pitsirikia (Pre-K)-PLC Classroom #125  
No practice           Palamakia (K & 1st)-PLC Classroom #127  
No practice           Asteria (2nd & 3rd)-PLC Classroom #128  
No practice           Petaloudes (4th & 5th)-PLC Classroom #130  
1:30-3:00 pm       Phoenix (middle school)-PLC Gym  
1:30-3:30 pm       Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Gym or Amphitheater

Mon. Feb. 23               10:00 am           Festival Baking/Cooking-PLC Kitchen  
                                  5:30 pm            Greek School Classes-PLC Lower Level Classrooms  
                                  6:00 pm            Great Compline

Tue. Feb. 24               8:30 am            TOA Morning Prayers-Lighthouse  
                                  9:30 am            TOA Classes  
                                  10:00 am           Festival Baking/Cooking-PLC Kitchen  
                                  10:45 am           Kafenion-Atrium  
                                  5:30 pm            Greek School Adult Classes-PLC Classrooms #132  
                                  7:00 pm            Mixed Choir Practice-Sanctuary

Wed. Feb. 25               10:00 am           Chair Exercise Class-PLC Classroom #127  
                                  10:00 am           Festival baking/cooking-PLC Kitchen  
                                  5:30 pm            Greek School Classes-PLC Lower Level Classrooms  
                                  5:45 pm            Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (followed by a  
  Lenten Potluck meal and a presentation in the PLC  
  Banquet Hall: Fr. John on the Mass Conversions to  
  Orthodoxy, part 1: What's Going On?)

Thu. Feb. 26               8:30 am            TOA Divine Liturgy-Lighthouse  
                                  9:30 am            TOA Classes  
                                  5:30 pm            Greek School Adult Classes-PLC Classroom #132  
                                  6:00 pm            Great Compline  
                                  7:00 pm            Men's Choir Practice-Sanctuary

Fri. Feb. 27               7:00 pm            Salutation to the Theotokos

Sat. Feb. 28               9:00 am            Orthros-Miracle of Kollyva wrought by St. Theodore the Tyro  
                                  10:00 am           Divine Liturgy  
                                  5:00 pm            Great Vespers  
                                  6:00 pm            OCF Bonfire-Lighthouse/Pavilion

**See full calendar for the rest of the schedule:** [www.holytransfiguration.info/calendar](http://www.holytransfiguration.info/calendar)

# GREAT LENT

— AT HOLY TRANSFIGURATION —

## MONDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 6PM GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursdays, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2



## WEDNESDAYS @ 5:45PM

### LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, April 1

Note: March 25 Great Vespers - Apodosis of the feast of Annunciation

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK & PRESENTATION

Following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, join us in the PLC Banquet Hall for a fellowship potluck and presentation by a member of the clergy.

See schedule for items to bring to the potluck.



POTLUCK SCHEDULE

Last Name beginning with	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	Apr. 1
A-F	Salad	Veg/Side	Main Dish	Dessert	Salad	Veg/Side
G-M	Dessert	Salad	Veg/Side	Main Dish	Dessert	Salad
N-R	Main Dish	Dessert	Salad	Veg/Side	Main Dish	Dessert
S-Z	Veg/Side	Main Dish	Dessert	Salad	Veg/Side	Main Dish



## FRIDAYS @ 7PM

### SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS

February 27, March 6, 13, 20

### AKATHIST HYMN

March 27

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT GREAT LENT SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY 25

FR. JOHN

THE MASS  
CONVERSIONS TO  
ORTHODOXY  
PART 1: WHAT'S  
GOING ON?



MARCH 18  
FILM VIEWING  
AND MEET THE  
PRODUCER

MARCH 4

FR. JOHN

THE MASS  
CONVERSIONS TO  
ORTHODOXY  
PART 2: WHAT  
DOES IT MEAN?

THE LITURGY  
&  
THE HEART

MARCH 25

FR. CHRIS

MARCH 11  
PARISH  
ORATORICAL  
FESTIVAL



SIMPLY,  
HUMBLY &  
GENTLY

APRIL 1

FR. MICHAEL

JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOLLOWING DIVINE  
LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS IN THE PLC  
BANQUET HALL FOR A POTLUCK MEAL AND  
PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION



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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date:** The evening of **Sat. Aug. 22**, honoring Father Panayiotis' Retirement, immediately following Vespers. More details to come!

**2026 Annual Membership Campaign:** see the Stewardship section to learn more. Blessing of the Stewardship Cards on **Sun. Feb. 22**.

**Godparents' Luncheon:** Parish wide event hosted by Philoptochos on **Sun. Feb. 22**. Please invite your godchild or godparent to lunch or just come to enjoy some delicious spaghetti marinara and have fellowship with friends and family! Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

**Festival Cooking Request for Volunteers: Mon. Feb. 23 thru Wed. Feb. 25** from 10am-4pm. Making melomacaroni. Enter via the back kitchen door.

**Great Lent begins Mon. Feb. 23** Weekly services: Compline on Mondays & Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm followed by potluck dinner and presentation. Salutation to the Theotokos on Fridays at 7:00 pm.

**Cartersville Orthodox Mission:** The next liturgy in Cartersville will be on **Sat. Feb. 28** at 10:00 am. Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

**TOA Falafel Luncheon:** Join us for an amazing Lenten Feast on **Sun. Mar. 1** in the PLC. Enjoy falafel, hummus, salad, soup, and more at this fundraiser for TOA. All are invited! Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page and to purchase an advance ticket.

**Pan-Orthodox Vespers:** Join metro area Orthodox Christians at 5:00 pm on **Sun. Mar. 1** for the Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Annunciation Cathedral. Guest speaker will be Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa.

**TOA Enrichment Day:** Transfiguration Orthodox Academy will host Enrichment Day, a Charlotte Mason-inspired curriculum that promotes good habits, art & nature study, and journaling on **Mon. Mar. 2 & Mon. Mar. 16** from 10am-2pm in the Lighthouse. Email Joanna at [office@toamarietta.com](mailto:office@toamarietta.com) for more information.

**Back to Books:** On **Sun. Mar. 8**, Philoptochos is excited to welcome Eleni Catrakilis, author of *Under*

*an African Sky*, for a book launch and signing. Everyone is welcome to join us after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Lenten Retreat: Save the Date — Sat. Mar. 14** from 8:30-4:30 pm in the PLC. The theme is *The Meeting of Psychology & Orthodox Pastoral Theology*. To register scan the QR code to access flyer & registration link on Ministry News page.

**Metropolis Philoptochos Retreat:** Join us at the Alexios Retreat Center from **Mar. 20-22** for the annual Philoptochos Retreat. Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

**Vacation Church School Camp:** Mark your calendars. **Mon-Fri, Jun. 22-26**. Theme: Behold the Light! Registration details coming soon.

## RECURRING MINISTRY EVENTS

**Catechism (Youth PreK-12th grade):** Classes meet on Sundays in the classrooms of the PLC following Communion. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED! Register online, <https://holytransfiguration.info/ministries/education/catechism/>

**Chair Exercise Program:** Our next meeting will be **Wed. Feb. 25, at 10:00 am** in PLC Classroom #127. Please text Ann Zakreski at 770.329.7421 if you plan to come.

**GOYA:** For rising 6th-graders thru High schoolers. Weekly meetings for fun and fellowship on Wednesdays. Contact [goya@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:goya@holytransfiguration.info) to join our email list. **Next meeting Wed. Feb. 25** after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in the PLC.

**Greek School Registration:** Greek School classes began in August, but the program is still accepting students. Biblical and Modern Greek Classes available! Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

**Hellenic Dance:** Practices for all groups continues **Sun Feb. 22**. See the previous page for the schedule. See also the parish website or scan the above QR code to see this week's ministry news email for a detailed schedule. Email Paulina Vastakis at [hellenicdance@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:hellenicdance@holytransfiguration.info) with questions.

**Life and Faith Transitions Group:** Join us as We Discover *Christ in the Psalms*. Upcoming Session via Zoom: **Sat. Mar. 7**. For info & Zoom invite reach out to BJ Spanos at 404-771-9335 or [spanosbj@gmail.com](mailto:spanosbj@gmail.com).

**Mixed Choir:** Next practice **Tues. Feb. 24** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Men's Choir:** Next practice **Thu. Feb. 26** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Feb. 22**.

**Parea:** Our next meeting is on **Thu. Mar. 19**. We will meet at 11:00 am in the PLC Banquet Hall.

**Philoptochos 2026 Membership Drive:** renew or join for the first time, <https://holytransfiguration.info/philoptochos>

#### **Upcoming Philoptochos Events:**

Tue. Mar. 3: Philoptochos Book Club

Sun. Mar. 8: Back to Books

Sat. Mar. 14: Parish Lenten Retreat

**Philoptochos Book Club:** Calling ALL Book Lovers! Come join the Philoptochos Book Club! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 am in the PLC Library followed by optional lunch out. ALL book lover readers are welcomed to come. **NEXT MEETING - Tue. Mar. 3**, at 11:00 am. Book - *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach.

**Spiritual Book Club:** We are reading *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* (available in bookstore). We'll discuss on **Mon. Mar. 16 at 7pm** in the PLC Library. Email [mgalvas@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:mgalvas@holytransfiguration.info) to register. Scan above QR code to access flyer.

**Young Adults** in their 20's and 30's meet twice a month for continuing education & 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 ([youngadults@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:youngadults@holytransfiguration.info)).  
**Next meeting: Sun. Mar. 8** (Second Sunday)

## **LINKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Request a Home Visit with Clergy or Pastoral**

**Assistant:** 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 scan or click the QR code to fill out a form and we will do our very best to arrange times to

visit! Scan QR code (on left page) to access further details on Ministry News page.

**Driver Ministry:** The Driver Ministry is here to support our parish family by offering transportation to those who need assistance getting to: Medical or personal appointments, Grocery stores and errands, Church services and parish events, and other essential local needs. This ministry is open to any parishioner who may benefit from a little extra help. We are also warmly welcoming volunteer drivers who feel called to serve. Even one ride a month can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. If you or someone you know needs a ride — or if you'd like to volunteer — please contact Eleni Reese, [elenireese@gmail.com](mailto:elenireese@gmail.com), or 630-854-2174.

**Philoptochos Assistance:** If you or someone who's part of your community is in need, Philoptochos is here to help. Please contact Jamie Hughes at 770-710-7733 or [jahughes421@gmail.com](mailto:jahughes421@gmail.com) for details.

**Phishing Scam Awareness:** 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 ([office@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info) or 770-924-8080). 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.

**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. Scan QR code (on left page) to access further details on Ministry News page.

**Youth Ministries Registration:** Registration for our 2025-2026 youth ministries (Catechism, Hellenic Dance, HOPE & JOY, GOYA) is now open! Registration is mandatory for youth to participate in these ministries. Register online via the Catechism webpage, Youth section, <https://holytransfiguration.info/ministries/education/catechism/>

#### **BEYOND HOLY T.**

Scan QR code on previous page to access flyers on Ministry News page.



# 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

## How to submit your 2026 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 may complete the Online Membership/Stewardship Form on the website's Stewardship page (<https://holytransfiguration.info/join/>).

**3. SCAN:** use this QR code. Simply point your camera at the QR code and click the yellow link that appears in the image frame.



## SO YOU KNOW

GENERAL FUND (GF) INCOME AND EXPENSES 01/01/26-01/31/26	
Stewardship Contributions:	\$84,247
Other GF Income:	\$11,191
Total GF Expenses:	-\$123,292
Net General Fund Loss:	-\$27,854
2026 STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 02/18/26	
# of Pledged Households:	291
2026 Budget:	\$1,033,327
Total Pledge Amount:	\$776,383
Stewardship Shortfall:	-\$256,944

## KEEP UP TO DATE ON MINISTRY NEWS

- 1. To keep up with events digitally, please register** with our email database if you haven't already at <https://tinyurl.com/yudcpubr>. If you're on our list, make sure you've added [office@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info) to your safe senders list and contact list.
- 2. Ministry News** is emailed every Wednesday complete with flyers and details about special events, recurring ministries, and events beyond Holy Transfiguration. Scan the QR code on the right to access the most recent email.
- 3. The Church Website** has an up-to-date calendar and ministry pages and can be found at <https://holytransfiguration.info>.
- 4. Weekend Email** with livestream links and a weekend schedule reminder goes out every Friday.
- 5. Check out the Ministry Bulletin Boards** on the upper and lower level of the Parish Life Center for details about upcoming events.



# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED A 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM OR COMMUNICATED A PLEDGE

- Abrahamian, Roy & Ashley
- Adams, Nick & Page
- Adams, Teresa & Tom
- Agne, Charles & Paula
- Alberts, Maria & Jeff
- Alberts, Stephanie
- Argentis, Toula
- Atala, Hanna & David
- Awad, John & Susan
- Azimzadeh, Ben & Liz
- Bafas, Eleni
- Bafas, Tom & Lois
- Bakalis, Nicholas & Alyssa
- Baleno, Brian & Irene
- Ball, Thomas & Kimberly
- Barber, William & Jane
- Barbulescu, Horatiu & Christina
- Bell, Thomas
- Bilson, Ashley
- Bilson, Evan
- Bilson, Evelyn
- Bilson, Kenneth & Celeste
- Bilson, Paul & Elaine
- Bilson, Pete & Kathie
- Black, Lisa & Julio
- Black, Miranda
- Blalock, Mark & Thea
- Blasetti, Tony & Katerina
- Bliss, Terry & Irma
- Botni, Dorothy
- Brewer, John & Elizabeth
- Bridgers, Mark & Lela
- Brooks, Daniel & Irene
- Brooks, Lee & Peggy
- Brown, Fr. John & Patty
- Brown, Mr. Andrew
- Brown, Nicholas & Angela
- Bruce, Olen & Hazel
- Bruno, Anne
- Buchan, Anastasia
- Buchan, Kerry & Debra
- Buchan, Matthew
- Buchholz, Kirk & Alexis
- Bylos, Constantine & Katherine
- Bylos, Cosmon & Erin
- Cable, Mark & Roberta
- Cacavias, John & Anastasia
- Camareno, Mark & Chantelle
- Cantrell, Patrick & Alexandria
- Cardona, Jason & Bridgett
- Carlos, Jimmy & Helen
- Carr, Florence
- Carstoiu, Oana
- Catrakilis, Harry & Elene
- Christopher, Dennis & Paula
- Cleveland, Eleni & Everett
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*I made a donation, why is my name not on the list?*

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*How do I complete a 2026 Membership card?*

- See 2026 Membership Campaign section of bulletin

## 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.

*“As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.” (Mark 2:19)*

This evening, Forgiveness Vespers begins the Great Fast. Texts from the propers of Vespers include the following:

Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence; in prayer and with tears let us seek the Lord our Savior, and, that we might turn away from our evil deeds, let us say to Him: we have sinned against You, O Christ our King, save us as You saved the Ninevites of old, and in Your goodness, grant us a share in the kingdom of heaven.

When I see my deeds that deserve such punishment, I am without hope, O Lord; for I have disobeyed Your holy commandments, and I have led a foolish

life. Therefore, I beseech You: purify me in the waters of repentance by fasting and prayer, O Savior, full of goodness; do not reject me, O Benefactor of the Universe.

Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our flesh. Let us not fast only from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. And let us faithfully persevere in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of His holy Resurrection.

*Text from the Lenten Triodion,  
Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA.*