

# Parish Ministry Handbook

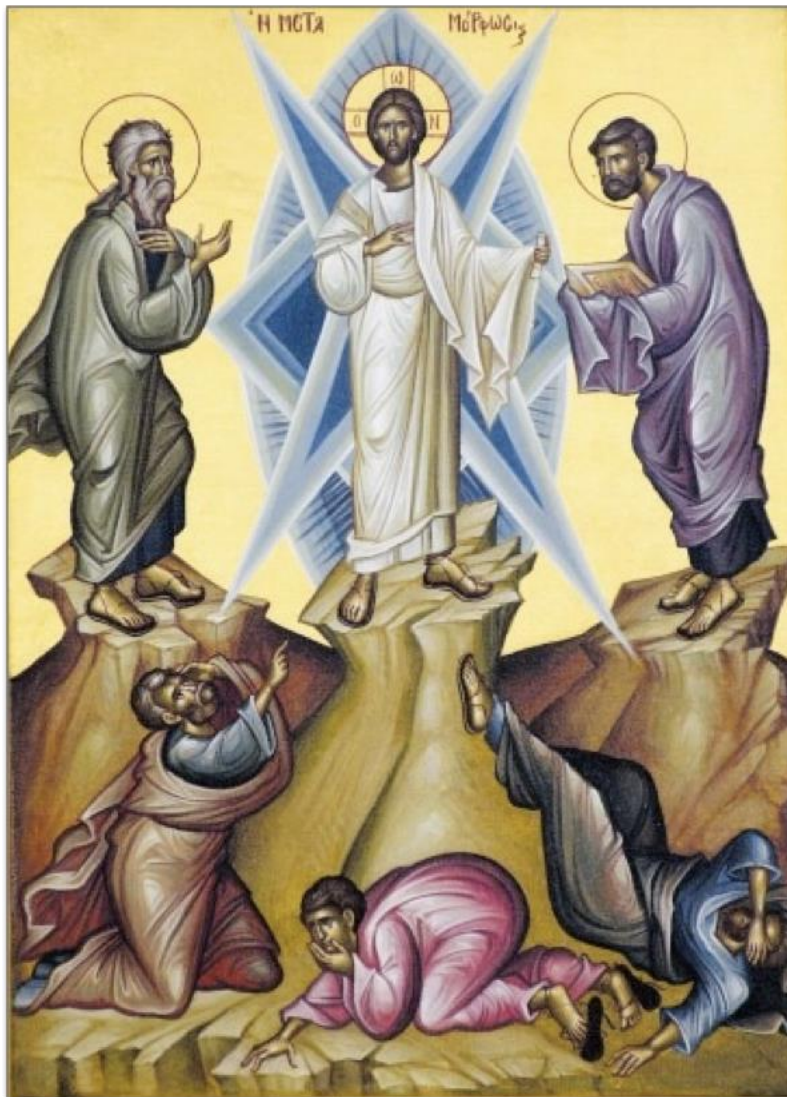
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
Marietta, Georgia

## Weekly Services

Great Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00pm

Orthros on Sundays at 8:45am

Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 10:00am



“Be Holy!”

March 2026

## Our Purpose

Lead people to the Kingdom of God

### **Our Mission Statement**

**Our Parish is the local eucharistic community of the Church in this locality;**

**The aims and purposes of our Parish are to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled.**

**The diakonia (ministry) of the Parish includes proclaiming and teaching the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; sanctifying the faithful through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the other sacraments; enhancing its parishioners' spiritual life; and adding to the numbers of the faithful by receiving persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation. In addition, the Parish has established educational and philanthropic activities to foster the aims and mission of the Parish and to edify its parishioners in the Faith and ethos of the Church.**

**The ultimate goal of our Parish is to lead its members into the Kingdom of God.**

See UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS. CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 15

## Address & Contact Information

3431 Trickum Road NE  
Marietta, Georgia 30066

Phone: 770-924-8080  
Email: [office@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info)  
Website: [www.holytransfiguration.info](http://www.holytransfiguration.info)

Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:30 am—5:30 pm  
*Closed during weekday church services and  
for federal holidays*

## Our Spiritual Leaders and Staff

Reverend Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou, Ph.D., Presiding Protopresbyter  
 Reverend Father John Brown, Protopresbyter  
 Reverend Father Michael Tishel, Presbyter  
 Reverend Father Christopher Zaferes, Presbyter  
 Androniki Kleto, Parish Administrator  
 Casey Pater, Sexton & Alex Couch, Assistant Sexton  
 Michael Gavalas, Facilities Coordinator & Pastoral Assistant

## Parish Council Members 2026

### Executive Committee

Name	Role	Email Address (@holytransfiguration.info)	Phone	Term Expires
Alex Miltiades	President	amiltiades	770.605.2629	12/31/27
Tina Johansen	Vice President	tjohansen	678.524.8672	12/31/27
Demetra Lilly	Secretary	dlilly	678.485.7975	12/31/26
Danny Vlahiotis	Treasurer	dvlahiotis	678.643.0343	12/31/26
Harry Catrakilis	1st Assistant Treasurer	hcatrakilis	678.560.1468	12/31/26
Steve Tingas	2nd Assistant Treasurer	stingas	770.845.5045	12/31/28

### Ministry Liaisons

Steven Pelky	Education, Youth, & Culture	spelky	404.200.8257	12/31/26
Philip George	Facilities	pgeorge	770.296.0383	12/31/26
Demetra Lilly	Festival/Legal/Stewardship	dlilly	678.485.7975	12/31/27
Danny Vlahiotis	Finance Committee	dvlahiotis	678.643.0343	12/31/26
Andy Green	IT/Cyber Security	agreen	678.390.0038	12/31/28
Harry Catrakilis	Liturgical	hcatrakilis	678.560.1468	12/31/26
Steve Tingas	Outreach/Welcoming	stingas	770.845.5045	12/31/28
Lela Bridgers	Parish Life-Lead	lbridgers	404.932.5941	12/31/27
Cherie Cookorinis	Parish Life	ccookorinis	770.457.7177	12/31/28
Eleni Reese	Parish Life	ereese	630.854.2174	12/31/28
Tina Johansen	Stewardship	tjohansen	678.524.8672	12/31/27

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Administration and Communication	Assists office staff with data management, communication, and publication. Includes answering phones, greeting visitors, entering information by computer, and providing general assistance in the office.	Parish Administrator <a href="mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info">office@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Tina Johansen
AHEPA	Men's philanthropic and educational organization that sponsors scholarships for college students (not an official ministry of the parish).	Peter Tiller <a href="mailto:ptiller@bellsouth.net">ptiller@bellsouth.net</a>	Steve Tingas
Altar Servers (Adults)	Adult servers perform crucial roles assisting clergy during the Divine Liturgy. Contact a parish priest for more information.	Father Michael <a href="mailto:frmichael@holytransfiguration.info">frmichael@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Father Chris <a href="mailto:frchris@holytransfiguration.info">frchris@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Harry Catrakilis
Altar Servers (Youth)	Altar service for boys aged 9 to high school.	Nick Levantis <a href="mailto:nicklevantis26@gmail.com">nicklevantis26@gmail.com</a>  Fr. Michael <a href="mailto:frmichael@holytransfiguration.info">frmichael@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Harry Catrakilis
Audit Committee	Nominated at the annual fall General Assembly, consists of 3-4 members, conducts annual audit of church's financial statements, bookkeeping processes and procedures.	Danny Vlahiotis <a href="mailto:dvlahiotis@holytransfiguration.info">dvlahiotis@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Danny Vlahiotis

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Bible Study	Come join us to discover the Christian faith as revealed through the books of the New Testament. Listen and participate in the discussion of the fascinating books of the New Testament from an Early Christian Patristic perspective.	Clergy	
Bookstore	Operated by our Ladies Philoptochos Society; offering a variety of books, cards, icons, baptism and wedding supplies.	Parish Administrator <a href="mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info">office@holytransfiguration.info</a>	
Catechism - Adult	Provides opportunities for continuing, lifelong education for adults. This ministry includes Bible study, Intro to Orthodoxy, Lenten religious study, parenting education, and the spiritual book club.	Father Panayiotis <a href="mailto:frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info">frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Father Michael <a href="mailto:frmichael@holytransfiguration.info">frmichael@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Panayiotis & Steven Pelky
Catechism - Youth	Religious Education for ages 3 through high school, held on Sunday mornings after Holy Communion, during school year.	Leslie Hansard <a href="mailto:catechism@holytransfiguration.info">catechism@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steven Pelky
Chanters	Our purpose is to facilitate a prayerful liturgical atmosphere, uplift and inspire the faithful to draw closer to God.	Paul Bilson <a href="mailto:pbilson@holytransfiguration.info">pbilson@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Panayiotis & Harry Catrakilis

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Choir	Music and hymns during Liturgy and special services. Begins at 9:45 am on Sundays; Mixed Choir practices on Tuesday evenings. Men's Choir practices on Thursday evenings.	Mixed Choir Kristina Hampton <a href="mailto:mixedchoir@holytransfiguration.info">mixedchoir@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Men's Choir Demetri Miltiades <a href="mailto:menschoir@holytransfiguration.info">menschoir@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Michael & Harry Catrakilis
Coffee Hour	Responsible for scheduling families to host coffee hour; Manages the kitchen; makes sure the kitchen is stocked with supplies.	Lela Bridgers <a href="mailto:lbridgers@holytransfiguration.info">lbridgers@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Lela Bridgers
College Outreach	Focuses on the needs of and outreach towards college students in the Atlanta Metro area.	Annette Jacobs <a href="mailto:annettejacobs@gmail.com">annettejacobs@gmail.com</a>	Fr. Michael
DivorceCare Support Group	Provides a welcoming environment for individuals navigating the path of recovery after separation or divorce. It offers a safe space for healing, allowing participants to connect with others who have experienced similar challenges. Through shared experiences and support, members can find comfort and guidance as they work toward healing and rebuilding their lives.	Alina Fortis <a href="mailto:coachingwithalina@gmail.com">coachingwithalina@gmail.com</a>	

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Driver Ministry	Supports 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, or other essential local needs.	Eleni Reese <a href="mailto:elenireese@gmail.com">elenireese@gmail.com</a>	Steve Tingas
Education/Youth/ Culture (EYC)	This is a committee formed at the direction of the Metropolitan of Atlanta, the purpose of which is to oversee and act as a resource for the various educational, cultural and youth programs.	(inactive)	Steven Pelky
Facilities Maintenance	Responsible for maintenance, building and repair projects related to the church buildings and grounds.	"Michael Gavalas <a href="mailto:mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info">mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Dennis Koutouzis <a href="mailto:koutouzisjd@gmail.com">koutouzisjd@gmail.com</a>	Philip George
Facilities Planning Committee	Evaluates future growth of our church and its membership and recommends building and facility changes to accommodate the growth.	(inactive)	Alex Miltiades

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Festival	The annual Marietta Greek Festival benefits our Building Fund and other ministry projects; all church members are requested to volunteer during the festival, held every year on the weekend after Mother's Day. Various aspects include planning and preparing, working during the festival, promotion, set-up, clean-up, decoration, food preparation, food service, and Sanctuary tours.	Eleni Reese <a href="mailto:ereese@holytransfiguration.info">ereese@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Eleni Reese
Finance Committee	Headed by Treasurer, reviews cash flow, establishes and monitors budgets, makes financial recommendations to Parish Council.	Danny Vlahiotis <a href="mailto:dvlahiotis@holytransfiguration.info">dvlahiotis@holytransfiguration.info</a> Harry Catrakilis <a href="mailto:hcatrakilis@holytransfiguration.info">hcatrakilis@holytransfiguration.info</a> Steve Tingas <a href="mailto:stingas@holytransfiguration.info">stingas@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Harry Catrakilis, Parish Council Treasurer
GOYA	Youth fellowship for grades 6 - 12. Meets every Wednesday evening year-round from 7 pm to 9 pm.	Sophia Linebaugh <a href="mailto:goya@holytransfiguration.info">goya@holytransfiguration.info</a> Father Michael <a href="mailto:frmichael@holytransfiguration.info">frmichael@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steven Pelky

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Greek School	Greek Language and Cultural Education - Ages 4-Adult. Classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings during the school year - 5:30PM - 7PM. A New Testament Greek class is also available on demand.	Georgia Loupeti & Sophia Peppas <a href="mailto:greeksschool@holytransfiguration.info">greeksschool@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steven Pelky
Greeter Ministry	The Greeter Ministry welcomes visitors, provides them with information, and helps them feel comfortable and connected within the parish.	Pat Koutouzis	Steve Tingas
Hellenic Dance	Greek Dance instruction and performances for youth aged 3 to adults. Performs at Marietta Greek Festival each year. May also perform at other festivals throughout the year. Voluntary participation in the Metropolis-wide annual Hellenic Dance Festival (HDF).	Paulina Vastakis <a href="mailto:hellenicdance@holytransfiguration.info">hellenicdance@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steven Pelky

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
HOPE/JOY	Youth fellowship for grades K - 5. Meets at various times during the year; coordinates outings as well as parent discussions during HOPE/JOY meetings.	Rachel Kourey & Laura Kwiatkowski <a href="mailto:hope-joy@holytransfiguration.info">hope-joy@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steven Pelky
Intro to Orthodoxy	a multi-week series that meets once a year beginning in October. This class is not only for those entering the Orthodox Church, but is also beneficial to everyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Faith and continue to learn new things.	Clergy	
IT/Cyber Security Committee	Oversees Information Technology and Cyber Security needs of parish.	Andy Green <a href="mailto:agreen@holytransfiguration.info">agreen@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Andy Green
Kafenion	A group of senior men who meet every Tuesday for coffee and commentary.	Peter Sklikas <a href="mailto:kate.sklikas@gmail.com">kate.sklikas@gmail.com</a>	
Legal Committee	Addresses any legal issues involving the parish.	Demetra Lilly <a href="mailto:dlilly@holytransfiguration.info">dlilly@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Demetra Lilly

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Library	Located in the St. Basil Conference Room, the library offers books for all age levels to provide information on our Orthodox faith, Greek culture and history. There is a collection of books in the Greek language as well. Books are checked out on designated Sundays during coffee hour or by appointment.	Paula Christopher <a href="mailto:dennispaula@comcast.net">dennispaula@comcast.net</a>  Mike Kwiatkowski <a href="mailto:library@holytransfiguration.info">library@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Panayiotis & Steven Pelky
Life and Faith Transitions Group	We support and encourage each other through the myriad of life changes, challenges and transitions. The goal is to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to enhance our service on behalf of our Lord.	BJ Spanos <a href="mailto:spanosbj@gmail.com">spanosbj@gmail.com</a>	Fr. Panayiotis
Liturgical	Supports the clergy by helping to make the experience of worship as beautiful and orderly as possible.	Michael Gavalas <a href="mailto:mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info">mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Harry Catrakilis

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Myrophores	In the Greek Orthodox Church, <i>Myrophores</i> represent the myrrh-bearing women that visited Christ's tomb between His Crucifixion and Resurrection. During Holy Week, we invite girls ages 8-17 to participate in the burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the different Divine Services.	Parish Administrator <a href="mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info">office@holytransfiguration.info</a>	
OCF - Orthodox Christian Fellowship	Focuses on the needs of and outreach towards college students in the Atlanta Metro area.	Michael Gavalas <a href="mailto:mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info">mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Michael
Outreach & Welcome	Organizes efforts to make parishioners and visitors feel welcomed. Sponsors events to help foster a "family" environment within the church.		Steve Tingas
Parea	A group of friends who gather together purely for the enjoyment of each other's company. They share experiences in life, their philosophies, values, ideas, and goodies with coffee.	Pat Koutouzis <a href="mailto:parea@holytransfiguration.info">parea@holytransfiguration.info</a>	

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Parents Ministry	An informal monthly discussion and fellowship group for parents of children ages 0-18. Discussions focus on topics relevant to family life and parenting.	Christopher Hansard <a href="mailto:parentsministry@holytransfiguration.info">parentsministry@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Michael
Parish Life	Coordinates all parish functions sponsored by the Parish Council; works with parish organizations other than youth.	Lela Bridgers <a href="mailto:lbridgers@holytransfiguration.info">lbridgers@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Cherie Cookorinis <a href="mailto:ccookorinis@holytransfiguration.info">ccookorinis@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Eleni Reese <a href="mailto:ereese@holytransfiguration.info">ereese@holytransfiguration.info</a>	
Philoptochos	This is the women's philanthropic arm of our parish. In addition to helping the needy, this ministry also operates the parish bookstore and assists the sick and shut in.	Annette Jacobs, President <a href="mailto:philoptochos@holytransfiguration.info">philoptochos@holytransfiguration.info</a>	
Prosforo Ministry	The Prosforo Ministry (or Holy Bread Ministry) is a service in the Orthodox Church where parishioners bake and prepare the special "offering bread" (Prosforo) used in the Divine Liturgy.	Parish Administrator <a href="mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info">office@holytransfiguration.info</a>	

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Spiritual Book Club	The purpose of the Spiritual Book Club is to draw practical lessons and inspiration from the lives of the saints and related spiritual texts, which can then be applied to our own lives within our given circumstances. We meet on the second Monday of every month.	Pres. Patty Brown <a href="mailto:batiushka@msn.com">batiushka@msn.com</a>  Michael Gavalas <a href="mailto:mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info">mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info</a>	
Stewardship	The primary focus of the Stewardship Ministry is to assist the parishioners in developing a full understanding of the true meaning of Christian stewardship and how to apply this understanding to their daily lives. The Ministry is also responsible for managing the annual membership/stewardship drive for the parish.	Tina Johansen <a href="mailto:tjohansen@holytransfiguration.info">tjohansen@holytransfiguration.info</a>  Demetra Lilly <a href="mailto:dlilly@holytransfiguration.info">dlilly@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Tina Johansen
Strategic Planning Committee	Evaluates the overall wants and needs of the parish as dictated by strategy planning sessions held with the parish.	Charles Miltiades <a href="mailto:charlesmiltiades@gmail.com">charlesmiltiades@gmail.com</a>	Alex Miltiades
Transfiguration Orthodox Academy	K-8 hybrid school serving the Metro Atlanta Orthodox Christian Community.	Office Manager <a href="mailto:office@toamarietta.com">office@toamarietta.com</a>	

## Council of Ministries 2026

Below are the current ministries as well as a brief description of each ministry and the leaders' contact information. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries or would like to join, please contact the leaders or Parish Council Liaisons. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed for various tasks and responsibilities related to the ministries. We also welcome the opportunity to form new ministries that serve to accomplish the Mission of our Church. Please contact the Priest or Parish Council President to discuss.

<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Ministry Lead(s) and Assistants</b>	<b>PC Liaison</b>
Usher Ministry	The Usher ministry focuses on hospitality, providing a welcoming environment by greeting parishioners and visitors, assisting with seating, distributing bulletins, and answering questions.	Parish Administrator <a href="mailto:office@holytransfiguration.info">office@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steve Tingas
Vacation Church School (Summer Day Camp)	Religious and social program conducted for 1 week during June. For ages 4 through 5th grade.	Hazel Bruce <a href="mailto:vcs@holytransfiguration.info">vcs@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Steven Pelky
Young Adults	YA's in their 20's and 30's meet twice a month for continuing education and fellowship. Second Sunday YA Class & Discussion meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, and Third Thursday Social Gathering meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month.	Ana Sparages, George Pogorelov & Alex Couch <a href="mailto:youngadults@holytransfiguration.info">youngadults@holytransfiguration.info</a>	Fr. Michael & Steven Pelky

**+ Glory to God for all things! +**