

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

# 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.*



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## SUNDAY—THE LORD’S DAY—MARCH 29, 2026

**Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

**Musical Mode:** First Mode

**Ninth Eothinon Gospel:** John 20: 19-31

**Readings of the Day:** Hebrews 9: 11-14 & Mark 10: 32-45

**Today’s Saints:** Mark, Bishop of Arethusa; Martyr Cyril the Deacon and Those with him; The Holy Martyrs Jonas and Barachesius; Eustathios the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia.

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### APOLYTIKION OF THE PARISH

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμπρον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἀμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἶδιον, 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. First Mode.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!

## For the Devout Woman. Plagal of the Fourth Mode.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

## Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

*[See inside front cover]*

## Kontakion. Second Mode.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

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## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION 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

**Parish Council On Duty:** Lela Bridgers/Harry Catrakilis  
**Greeters On Duty:** Kate Sklikas/Julie Petrakes  
**Ushers On Duty:** Andy Johansen/Steve Kargas/Zack Kollias  
**Prosforo Bakers:** Maria Drumheller/Paulina Vastakis/Susan Awad/Lois Bafas/Evelyn Bilson/Miranda Black

Sun. Mar. 29

**Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

8:45 am Orthros  
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy | Men's Choir  
 11:15 am Youth Catechism classes

A 1 year Memorial Service is given for Helen Petras Chiotellis by her daughters Keli Miltiades and Mary Chiotellis & her grandchildren. May her memory be eternal!

40-Day Blessing of Ensley Nichols and baby

12:30 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour  
 12:30 pm Parish General Assembly

**Sunday Dance Practice Schedule**

12:30-1:00 pm — Pitsirikia (Pre-K)-PLC Classroom 125  
 12:30-1:00 pm — Palamakia (K & 1st)-PLC Classroom 127  
 12:30-1:15 pm — Asteria (2nd & 3rd)-PLC Classroom 128  
 12:30-1:15 pm — Petaloudes (4th & 5th)-PLC Classroom 130  
 12:30-2:30 pm — Phoenix (middle school)-PLC Gym  
 1:00-3:30 pm — Eleftheria (high school)-PLC Gym or Amphitheater

Mon. Mar. 30

5:30 pm Greek School Classes-PLC Lower Level Classrooms  
 6:00 pm Great Compline  
 7:00 pm Spiritual Book Club-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf. Rm.)

Tue. Mar. 31

8:30 am TOA Morning Prayers-Lighthouse  
 9:30 am TOA Classes  
 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium  
 5:30 pm Greek School Adult Classes-PLC Classrooms #132  
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Sanctuary

Wed. Apr. 1

10:00 am Chair Exercise Class-PLC Classroom #127  
 11:00 am Agiasmos—the Blessing of the Waters  
 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)  
 7:00 pm GOYA (Youth Group)

Thu. Apr. 2

8:30 am TOA Morning Prayers-Lighthouse  
 9:30 am TOA Classes  
 5:30 pm Greek School Adult Classes-PLC Classrooms #132  
 6:00 pm Great Compline  
 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice

Fri. Apr. 3

6:00 pm Great Vespers-Resurrection of St. Lazarus

Sat. Apr. 4

**Lazarus Saturday**

9:00 am Orthros / 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish General Assembly:** Join us today after Liturgy for the Parish General Assembly. The meeting will be held in the PLC Banquet Hall. Light lunch provided. We'll review & vote on various issues facing our congregation & also finalize the 2026 Budget.

**Journey to Pascha booklet and Holy Week Service Schedule:** Please scan above QR code to access the Journey to Pascha booklet and Holy Week schedule on Ministry News page.

**Palm Sunday Luncheon:** Join us **Sun. Apr. 5** after liturgy for our Palm Sunday Luncheon. We will serve baked fish, rice, beans, salad, and a dessert. Adults \$17, Children (under 10) \$12, or \$60 max/family. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Holy Week Meal Volunteers:** Requested for Palm Sunday, Resurrection Midnight Service, and Agape Picnic. We need help with setup & serving the meals. Please email Lela Bridgers at [lbridgers@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:lbridgers@holymtransfiguration.info) to volunteer.

**Agape Picnic:** Join us **Sun. Apr. 12** after Agape Vespers for the Agape Picnic (1:30-3:30 pm). Enjoy lamb, chicken, & more. Adults \$20, Children (under 12) \$8, or \$60 max/family. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Great Lent:** 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. Great Vespers for Lazarus this Friday at 6:00 pm. Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page for Wednesday speaker schedule.

**Pascha Flowers & Luminaries:** If you'd like to donate for Pascha Flowers and/or Holy Friday Luminaries in memory of family or friends who have reposed, please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page. There will also be a table set-up in the PLC lobby this Sunday. **Final day for online donations is Apr. 3.**

**Marietta Greek Festival:** Save the Date (May 15-17) & sign-up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/signup-MGF> or scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

**AHEPA Celebration of Education:** Save the Date **Sat. June 6** for AHEPA's 3rd Annual Fundraiser. Please scan above QR code to access flyer.

**Vacation Church School Camp:** Mark your calendars. **Mon-Fri, Jun. 22-26.** Theme: Behold the Light! Registration details coming soon. Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

**TOA Offering Middle School Courses:** Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is excited to offer new Middle School Courses in Math, Science, Composition, and History. Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

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

## 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://holymtransfiguration.info/ministries/education/catechism/>

**Chair Exercise Program:** Our next meeting will be **Wed. Apr. 1, 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@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:goya@holymtransfiguration.info) to join our email list. **Next meeting Apr. 1** after 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 Mar. 29.** 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@holymtransfiguration.info](mailto:hellenicdance@holymtransfiguration.info) with questions.

**Life and Faith Transitions Group:** Join us as We Discover *Christ in the Psalms*. Upcoming Session via Zoom: **Sat. Apr. 18.** 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. Mar. 31** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Men's Choir:** Next practice **Thu. Apr. 2** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Bridegroom Service **Sun. Apr. 5 & Mon. Apr. 6**. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Apr. 26**

**Parea:** Our next meeting is on **Thu. Apr. 16**. Join us as all are welcome.

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

### **Upcoming Philoptochos Events:**

Tue. Apr. 14: Philoptochos Book Club

**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. Apr. 14*, at 11:00 am. Book - *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

**Spiritual Book Club:** We are reading *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* (available in bookstore). This month, we are focusing on the sayings of Abba Anthony, Agathon, Arsenius, Poemen and Amma Syncletica & Theodora. Join us on **Mon. Mar. 30 at 7pm** in the PLC Library Email [mgavalas@holytransfiguration.info](mailto:mgavalas@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. April 19** (Second Sunday)

## **LINKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2026 Annual Membership Campaign:** see the Stewardship section to learn more.

**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 appts., Grocery stores & errands, Church services & parish events, & 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 want 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, & 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 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 01/01/26-03/24/26

Stewardship Contributions:	\$222,934
Other GF Income:	\$24,273
Total GF Expenses:	—\$278,785
Net General Fund Loss:	—\$31,577

### 2026 STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 03/24/26

# of Pledged Households:	333
2026 Budget:	\$1,030,102
Total Pledge Amount:	\$831,672
Stewardship Shortfall:	—\$198,430

## KEEP UP TO DATE ON MINISTRY NEWS

- 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.
- 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.
- The Church Website has an up-to-date calendar and ministry pages and can be found at <https://holytransfiguration.info>.
- Weekend Email with livestream links and a weekend schedule reminder goes out every Friday.
- Check out the Ministry Bulletin Boards on the upper and lower level of the Parish Life Center for details about upcoming events.



## 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.

### *Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's*

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid - Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum - they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got - nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*