

PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Icon of the Resurrection

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—APRIL 12, 2026

Great and Holy Pascha

Musical Mode: Festal Hymns

Second Eothinon Gospel: Mark 16: 1–8

Readings of the Day: Acts 1: 1-8 & John 1: 1-17

Today’s Saints: Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium; Sergius II, Patriarch of Constantinople;
Anthousa the Righteous of Constantinople; Akakios of Kavsokalyvia.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PARISH

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. 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.

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

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

Apolytikion of Pascha. Plagal of the First Mode.

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

Hypakoe. Fourth Mode.

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race.

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

[See inside front cover]

Kontakion of Pascha. Plagal of the Fourth Mode.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Trisagion Films: On YouTube, Facebook and website, 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
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 to schedule an appointment.

Parish Council On Duty: Tina Johansen/Andy Green

Greeters On Duty: Kate Sklikas

Ushers On Duty: Ken Bilson/Pete Bilson/Dennis Koutouzis/Harry Mavromatidis

Prosforo Bakers: Marty Driscoll/Karen Panov/Maria Hagen/Christopher Hansard

Sun. Apr. 12

Great and Holy Pascha

11:00 pm The Canon of Pascha (Saturday)
12:00 am The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
12:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of Pascha
2:00 am Resurrection Meal-PLC Banquet Hall
12:00 pm Agape Vespers
1:00 pm Agape Picnic-PLC Banquet Hall

Mon. Apr. 13

Renewal Monday-OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 pm Greek School Classes-PLC Lower Level Classrooms

Tue. Apr. 14

10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium
11:00 am Philoptochos Book Club-PLC Library
5:30 pm Greek School Adult Class-PLC Lower Level Classrooms
7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice

Wed. Apr. 15

10:00 am Chair Exercise Class-PLC Classroom #127
5:30 pm Greek School Classes-PLC Lower Level Classrooms
7:00 pm Festival Committee Chair Meeting-PLC Banquet Hall
7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)

Thu. Apr. 16

11:00 am Parea General Meeting/Luncheon
5:30 pm Greek School Adult Class-PLC Lower Level Classrooms
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting-PLC Library (St. Basil Conf.Rm.)

Sat. Apr. 18

9:00 am Festival cooking
10:00 am Life and Faith Transitions Group
11:00 am OCF Kennesaw Hike
1:00 pm Baptism of baby of Caroline P. Sloan
5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sun. Apr. 19

Thomas Sunday

8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Youth Catechism Classes

A 40 day Memorial Service is given by Tammy Dionis for her mother Roma Keeser.
May her memory be eternal!

A Memorial Service is given by Mary Duvlaris, Friday Paulson, Sunday Christopher,
Nomikos Duvlaris, and family for Dimitri Duvlaris (1 year), Nomikos Duvlaris (35 years),
Andrew Duvlaris (18 years), and Paraskevi Hatzileris (4 years). May their memory be eternal!

12:30 pm Fellowship Coffee Hour
12:30 pm Hellenic Dance Practice (full schedule in next Wed.'s email)
4:00 pm Wedding of Stuart Blair and Tabitha Bethune

See full calendar for the rest of the schedule: www.holytransfiguration.info/calendar

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Holy Week Meal Volunteers: Requested for Resurrection Midnight Service, and Agape Picnic. We need help with setup & serving the meals. Please email Lela Bridgers at lbridgers@holymt.org 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.

Annual Pacha Picnic at the Alexios Retreat Center on **Sun. Apr. 18**. Agape Service at 12pm; Lunch at 1pm. Roasted lamb, music, and dancing. RSVP to Marlene at the ARC Office (864-732-1537).

Parish Life Committee Seeks Team Members!

Parish Life, the behind-the-scenes group that brings the community together, is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday coffee hour and other events. Please contact:

Eleni: EReese@holymt.org
Cherie: CCookorinis@holymt.org
Lela: LBRidgers@holymt.org

TOA Open House, Jobs, & Applications:

Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is hiring & accepting new students. Also, there will be an Open House on **Tue. Apr. 28**. Please scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

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://holymt.org/ministries/education/catechism/>

Chair Exercise Program: Our next meeting will be **Wed. Apr. 15, 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@holymt.org to join our email list. **Next meeting Apr. 15** 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 Apr. 19** See this week's ministry news email for a detailed schedule. Email Paulina Vastakis at hellenicdance@holymt.org 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 at 404-771-9335 or spanosbj@gmail.com.

Mixed Choir: Next practice **Tues. Apr. 14** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Church.

Men's Choir: Next practice **Thu. Apr. 23** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. 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. Apr. 20 at 7pm** in the PLC Library Email 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) or Ministry Lead (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, 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 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 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/>

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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 01/01/26-03/31/26

Stewardship Contributions:	\$248,854
Other GF Income:	\$29,530
Total GF Income	\$278,384
Total GF Expenses:	—\$315,303
Net General Fund Loss:	—\$36,919

2026 STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 04/02/26

# of Pledged Households:	380
2026 Budget:	\$1,030,102
Total Pledge Amount:	\$889,417
Stewardship Shortfall:	—\$140,685

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 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.



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.

Love Conquers All

A story is told of a man who, while he lived upon the earth, was unconcerned about the state of his soul, or spiritual growth, or eternity. When he died he found himself not enjoying eternal happiness but, rather, suffering eternal torment.

His friends and relatives went down to the gates of hell and tried to intercede for him, giving him a positive endorsement and a good character reference, but the gates of hell would not open to release him. Likewise, his parish priest tried to plead for him saying that he really wasn't all that bad. Still, the gates of hell remained closed. Finally, came his mother. She did not plead for him, she did not try to bargain for him, she did not make excuses for him. She simply said, "Let me in." The gates

of hell opened immediately because they could not withstand the force of love.

Our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom writes: "Let no one fear death, for our Savior's death has set us free. He has destroyed death by enduring it. He has despoiled death by going down to its kingdom. O Death where is your sting, O Hades where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished! Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead, for Christ has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and honor forever!" (*Paschal Sermon*)

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!**