

THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints

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—JUNE 7, 2026

Sunday of All Saints

Musical Mode: Plagal of Fourth Mode **First Eothinon Gospel:** Matthew 28: 16–20

Readings of the Day: Hebrews 11: 33–40; 12: 1–2 & Matthew 10: 32–33; 37–38; 19: 27–30

Today’s Saints: The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra; Our Righteous Fr. Panagis (Paisios) Basias; Tarasios & John the Martyrs; Sebastian the Wonderworker; Zenais the Martyr

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.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.
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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Plagal of the Fourth Mode.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Saints. Fourth Mode.

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Parish. Grave Mode.

[See inside front cover]

Kontakion of Feast. Plagal of the Fourth Mode.

Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

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, speak to Father Panayiotis and he will guide you.
Email him at frpanayiotis@holytransfiguration.info to schedule an appointment.

Readings of the Sunday of All Saints Αναγνώσματα Κυριακῆς Ἁγίων ΠΑΝΤΩΝ

Απόστολος πρὸς Ἑβραίους (11.33-12.2)

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἄλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρεῖττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πεῖραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὃν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρεῖττόν τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

Εὐαγγελίου Κατὰ Ματθαῖον

(10.32-33, 37-38, 19.27-30)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς οὖν ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω καγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσηταί με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν καγὼ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὃς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἰδοὺ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμεν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. καὶ πᾶς ὃς ἀφῆκεν οἰκίαν ἢ ἀδελφούς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

Epistle Reading (Hebrews 11.33-12.2)

Brethren, all the Saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel according to Matthew

(10.32-33, 37-38, 19.27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

Parish Council On Duty: Eleni Reese/Steven Pelky
Greeters On Duty: Jamie Hughes/Spiro Priovolos
Ushers On Duty: Spiro Priovolos/Daniela Chereches/Nick Kourey/Ken Bilson
Prosforo Bakers: Jamie Hughes/Sophia Tidwell/Fran Tucker/Tina Vamvakias

Sun. June 7

Sunday of All Saints

8:45 am Orthros
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

- A Memorial Service is given for Ellen (Eleni) Macris Young (40 days), Dennis (Dionysios) Macris (42 years), Irene Macris (13 years) given by the Young, Johnson & Macris families. May their memory be eternal!
- A 6 month Memorial Service for Konstantinos Dames is given by his wife Paula Dames (nee Tzortzis) and family. May his memory be eternal!
- A 6 month Memorial Service for Evangelia Zaharogiannis is given by Michael & Chrisoula Zaharogiannis and family. May her memory be eternal!
- A 20 year Memorial Service for Janice (Efthemia) Kostulakos is given by Dennis (son) & Virginia Kostulakos. May her memory be eternal!

Philoptochos Presvytera Sunday

12:45 pm Kostulakos family Fellowship Coffee Hour (in memory of Janice Kostulakos)
 1:30 pm YA Bible Study-Lighthouse

Tue. June 9

10:00 am TOA Teacher Training-PLC Classroom #130
 10:45 am Kafenion-PLC Upper Atrium
 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting-PLC Library
 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Church Sanctuary

Wed. June 10

10:00 am Chair Exercise Class-PLC Classroom #127
 7:00 pm Intro to Orthodoxy-PLC Classroom #130
 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)

Thu. June 11

7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting

Sat. June 13

10:00 am Life and Faith Transitions Group-Online
 1:00 pm Carr Baptism (Charles & George)
 5:00 pm Great Vespers
 6:00 pm Reception and Presentation by Metropolitan Myron of New Zealand

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Catechism and Bible Study:

— **Intro to Orthodoxy** next meets on **Wed. June 10** and continues every Wednesday through Aug. 26 (except Aug. 5). Fr. John will lead the meeting in Classroom #130 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

— **Bible Study** (Colossians) starts on **Wed. Aug. 19** and continues every Wednesday through Sept. 16 (except for Aug. 26). Fr. John will lead the meeting in the PLC Library from 11:00 am-12:30 pm.

A Special Hierarchical Visit: From His Eminence Metropolitan Myron of New Zealand & Oceania. Join us **Sat. Jun. 13** at 5:00 pm for Great Vespers and 6:00 pm for a light meal & presentation by the Metropolitan. He will discuss the missionary work unfolding currently in Tonga, Fiji, and Samoa. Come learn about the beautiful and life-changing work being carried out in Oceania — and hear firsthand how Orthodox missions are touching lives. All are welcome! He will also be raising funds for this mission.

TOA Summer Open House & Info Session: TOA will host an open house on **Wed. Jun. 17** from 7-8:30 pm. Learn more about our PK4-8th grade hybrid school, Monday enrichment program, and a la carte classes for 7th & 8th graders. Visit tinyurl.com/TOA/OpenHouse to register by Jun. 16.

Cartersville Divine Liturgy: All are invited to the Orthodox Divine Liturgy in Cartersville, GA on **Sat. Jun. 20** at 10:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church; 850 Douthit Ferry Rd; Cartersville, GA 30120.

Vacation Church School Camp: Mon.-Fri., Jun. 22-26, 8:45 am-12:45 pm. Theme: Behold the Light! Cost is \$75 per child. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

TOA Come Teach with Us: Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is hiring & also accepting new students. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

TOA 2026-2027 School Year: Enrollment is open! Visit www.toamarietta.com for more info.

TOA Offering Middle School Courses: Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is excited to

offer new Middle School Courses in Math, Science, Composition, and History. 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!

Parish Weekend Retreat: with Pres. Constantina Palmer, author of "The Scent of Holiness" & other books. **Fri. Aug. 28 & Sat. Aug. 29.** Scan QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

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. Jun. 10, 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. Email goya@holytransfiguration.info to join our email list. **Next meeting Jun. 10.**

Greek School: Greek language and culture classes for youth and adults, funded through tuition. The 2026-2027 school year will begin in August. Registration will open later this year and run through Aug. 14. Scan above QR code to access flyer on Ministry News page.

Hellenic Dance: Greek dance troupes for Pre-K through adults. On summer break. Email Paulina Vastakis at hellenicdance@holytransfiguration.info with questions.

Life and Faith Transitions Group: Join us as We Discover *Christ in the Psalms*. Upcoming Session via Zoom: **Sat. Jun. 13.** For info & Zoom invite reach out to BJ at 404-771-9335 or spanosbj@gmail.com.

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

Men's Choir: Next practice **Thu. Jun. 18** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Singing the Divine Liturgy on **Sun. Jun. 28.**

Parea: Our next meeting is on **Thu. Jun. 18.** Join us as all are welcome.

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

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. Sept. 1, at 11:00 am. Book - *My Friends* by Frederick Bachman.

Spiritual Book Club: We are reading *Everyday Saints* (available in church bookstore). Join us on **Mon. June 15 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 (frchris@holytransfiguration.info) or Ministry Lead (youngadults@holytransfiguration.info).
Next meeting: Sun. June 14 (Second Sunday).

LINKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Clergy or Pastoral Assistant 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 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.

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.

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@holytransfiguration.info
Cherie: CCookorinis@holytransfiguration.info
Lela: LBridgers@holytransfiguration.info

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.

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 above QR code to access flyer 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.



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| GENERAL FUND (GF) INCOME AND EXPENSES 01/01/26-04/30/26 | |
| Stewardship Contributions: | \$310,511 |
| Other GF Income: | \$94,787 |
| Total GF Income | \$405,298 |
| Total GF Expenses: | —\$419,771 |
| Net General Fund Loss: | —\$14,473 |
| 2026 STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 06/04/26 | |
| # of Pledged Households: | 422 |
| 2026 Budget: | \$1,030,102 |
| Total Pledge Amount: | \$909,982 |
| Stewardship Shortfall: | —\$120,120 |

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.

From the Fathers

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power ...

St. John Chrysostom

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

St. Augustine of Hippo

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

St. Clement of Alexandria

In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

St. Athanasius the Great

The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. “For they travailed in this life and shall to the end,” and “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

St. John of Damascus