

Sun., May 17

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Altar Boy Team II

EXPERIENCE GREECE! At the 20th Annual



"The Best Family Entertainment Value in Cobb County"

May 15
Friday
3PM-11PM

May 16
Saturday
10AM-11PM

May 17
Sunday
11AM-7PM

- ❖ *SAVOR Homemade Greek Food & Pastries*
- ❖ *ENJOY Live Greek Music & Dancing*
- ❖ *TOUR our Byzantine Sanctuary*
- ❖ *LEARN about Greek Culture & Traditions*
- ❖ *SHOP for Imported Greek Gifts & Jewelry*
- ❖ *PLAY in our Kids Art Area*

On the Church Grounds

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
3431 Trickum Road * Marietta, GA 30066
(Between Sandy Plains Road and Shallowford Road)
Admission \$2.00 (Children 12 and under free)

Visit www.mariettagreekfestival.org for special promotions
and free admission coupons Festival Hotline: 770/924-8080

Parking and Shuttle Bus Service is available at:
Simpson Middle School, Trickum Road
Church of Latter Day Saints, Trickum Road (except Sunday)
Lassiter High School, Shallowford Road
Shallowford Crossing Shopping Center, Shallowford & Trickum Roads

Parish Council Members On Duty: George Lopus/Stephen Miltiades
Greeters On Duty: Michelle Broussard-Hanes/Amanda Kudratov

8:15am Orthros-Sanctuary

9:30am Divine Liturgy

One year Memorial Service is given by James Peters for his mother, Maria.
May her memory be eternal!

CHURCH SERVICES:

Wed. May 20 6:00pm Great Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Constantine & Helen

Thurs. May 21 Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen
9:00am Orthros-Chapel
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sat. May 23 10:30am Kebede/Bayleyegn Wedding-Sanctuary
4:00pm Spade Baptism (Jessie) -Sanctuary
5:00pm Great Vespers-Sanctuary

Sun. May 24 Sunday of the Blind Man. Memorial Service for those who fell
during the Fall of Constantinople (May 29, 1453)
8:45am Orthros-Sanctuary
10:00am Divine Liturgy
4:00pm Andreeva/Williams Wedding-Sanctuary

THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES WILL BE MEETING:

Sun. May. 17 11:00am Festival

Wed. May 20 7:00pm GOYA Meeting-PLC

Thurs. May 21 7:00pm Education, Culture & Youth Committee Meeting-OCR

Sun. May 24 **Rental:** 5:00pm Seniors' Graduation Party-PLC

Fr. Gregory Waynick of St. Luke's in Mooresville, NC, lost his son and his home in a fire last weekend. If you would like to help out the Waynick family, please send a check to the "Waynick Fund" at: *St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church*
PO Box 1513
Mooresville, NC 28115

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 only the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

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 and asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt, and Prayer (there is a special set of prayers called "Preparation for Holy Communion" to help you prepare).

If you have further questions regarding the proper preparation for Holy Communion, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another Orthodox parish and would like to receive Holy Communion, please identify yourself to the greeters in the Narthex.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Student Gathering--Thursday, May 28th, 8:00pm-11:00pm: *Screen on the Green* in downtown Atlanta. For more information, contact Paul Lundberg at 770-924-8080 or lundberg.htgoc@gmail.com

Philoptochos: End of Year Luncheon: Sunday, June 7th; 1:00 pm at THE DINER at NORTHPOINT; 2355 Mansell Road, Alpharetta, owned and operated by the Liakakios Family. Entrée choices are Grilled Tilapia Filet, Eggplant Parmesan or Greek Chicken Oreganato and includes Sides, Greek Salad, Dessert, Drink, and Tax & Gratuity. Tickets are \$16.95 per person and will be on sale on May 22nd and 29th during coffee hour. Please RSVP Evelyn Bilson at evelynbilson@hotmail.com or contact the church office. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Soup Kitchen: Thursday, May 28th; MUST Ministries; 11:30 am. With the growing recession, every day more people are finding themselves homeless and hungry. Unless you've been hungry for more than a few hours, you don't know what homeless people struggle with every day. They never know how or when they'll eat their next meal. Hunger affects their ability to concentrate and function, making it more difficult for them to find ways to help themselves. In April we fed over 125 homeless people. It takes at least 15 parish volunteers to prepare baked chicken and rice or soup for salad, salad dressing and apples each month. If you are able to cook chicken and rice, it can be dropped off on Tuesday or Thursday at the church. If you are unable to cook, you may purchase salad or apples and bring them to the church. Another way to help is simply by making a monetary donation. Please contact Athena Burke at ibgreek@bellsouth.net or 678.462.9775 if you are able to serve on this committee.

Philoptochos will be awarding \$2,000.00 for the Charles Salome Scholarship(s) this year. Applicants must be either a currently enrolled undergraduate college student or a high school senior planning on beginning this fall at an accredited school and working toward the completion of an undergraduate degree. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who best demonstrates the spirit of Philoptochos. **Applications must be submitted by registered mail by June 30, 2009.** Applications are in the church office and the bookstore. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Lukens at dsclukens@bellsouth.net.

Attention Singles! Orthodox Young Professionals feeds the Homeless! This Memorial Day, come join OYP as we volunteer at the Fish & Loaves ministry located at St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. Volunteers are needed to help shop for, prepare, and serve the food. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Lokos at (404) 545-2917 or orthodoxyoungprofessionals@gmail.com for details.

From the Wisdom of the Fathers of the Church.

From St. John Cassian (The Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers: Second Series Vol. XI; Eerdmans pg. 298):

"This should be our main effort: and this steadfast purpose of heart we should constantly aspire after: specifically, that the soul may cleave to God and to heavenly things. Whatever is alien to this, however great it may be, should be given the second place, or even treated as of no consequence, or perhaps as hurtful. We have an excellent example in the case of Martha and Mary: for when Martha was performing a service which was certainly a sacred one, since she was ministering to the Lord and His disciples, and Mary being intent only on spiritual instruction was clinging close to the feet of Jesus which she kissed and anointed with the ointment of good confession, she is shown by the Lord to have chosen the better part, and one which should not be taken away from her: for when Martha was toiling with pious care, and was cumbered about her service, seeing that of herself alone she was insufficient for such service she asked for help of her sister from the Lord, saying: 'Do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone: bid her therefore that she help me' – certainly it was to no unworthy work, but to a praiseworthy service that she summoned her: and yet what does she hear from the Lord?

'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things: but few things are needful, or only one. Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her' (Lk. 10:40-42). You see then that the Lord makes the chief good consist in divine contemplation: whence we see that all other virtues should be put in the second place, even though we admit that they are necessary, and useful, and excellent, because they are all performed for the sake of this one thing. For when the Lord says: 'You are careful and troubled about many things, but few things are needful, or only one,' He makes the chief good consist not in practical work however praiseworthy and rich in fruits it may be, but in contemplation of Him, which indeed is simple and 'but one;' declaring that 'few things' are needful for perfect bliss, that is, that contemplation which is first secured by reflecting on a few saints: from the contemplation of whom, he who has made some progress rises and attains by God's help to that which is termed 'one thing,' that is, the consideration of God alone.

'Mary' therefore 'chose the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.' And this must be most carefully considered. For when He says that Mary chose the good part, although He says nothing of Martha, and certainly does not appear to blame her, yet in praising the one, He implies that the other is inferior. Again when He says, 'which shall not be taken away from her,' He shows that from the other her portion can be taken away (for a bodily ministry cannot last forever), but teaches that this one's desire can never have an end."