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HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ETERNITY

By Father George Wilson

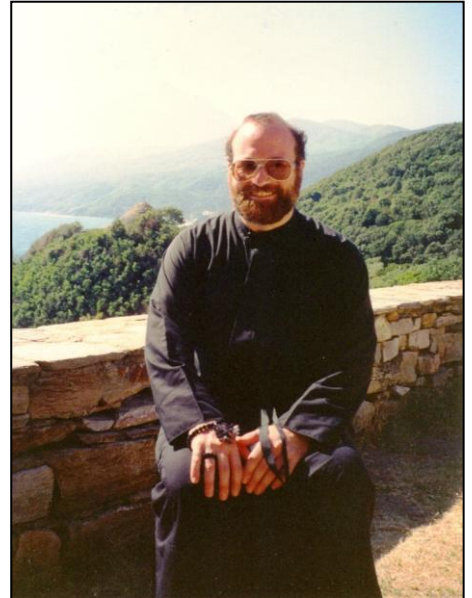
Four years ago the world got a breathtaking video tour of Mount Athos by, of all people, an acclaimed veteran war reporter, CBS correspondent Bob Simon. The segment took me back in time, twenty-two years, in fact, to the summer of 1993, right after graduation from Holy Cross Seminary, when I had the wonderful blessing of visiting Greece, Constantinople (Istanbul), and Mount Athos with three of my classmates and twelve School of Theology seniors.

In his report Simon marveled how walking on the peninsula of Mount Athos and visiting the more than a century old community was like going back in time to a simpler life. Among his many insights was a comment on the Divine Liturgy as it began daily in the early pre-dawn hours. He said, "The monks on Mount Athos pray eight hours a day. The monks say it's an eight hour conversation with God – a dress rehearsal for eternity."

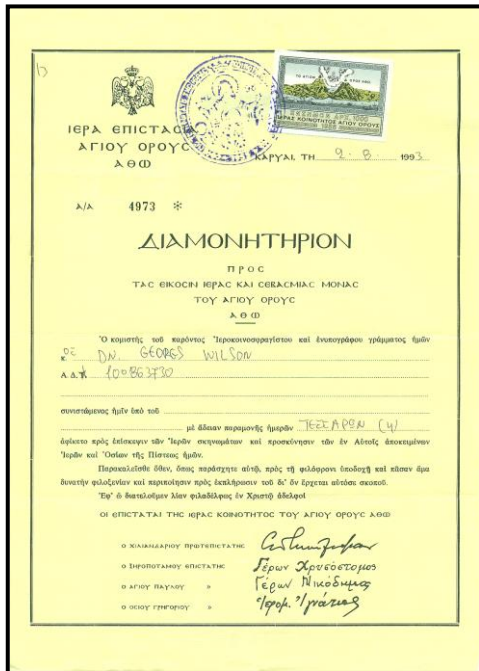
For those of you (men), who have been to Mount Athos, you perhaps have had that same experience. I remember visiting some of the small shops in the central village of Karyes, the administrative center, and picturing in my mind that these little stores probably had not changed in appearance for the past 200 years. Above all, Mount Athos is a place of peace, an oasis for prayer and contemplation.

You may remember that on February 11 this year Bob Simon was tragically killed in an automobile accident in New York City. He may have survived the wreck had he worn his seat belt. You may also remember that a few years before his Mount Athos study, Simon interviewed His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew.

From an outsider's perspective it would seem that Simon may have been exploring his faith through these subjects. We may never know the answer to this thought. But, it is clear that the interview with the Patriarch and the study of Mount Athos can encourage us to learn more about our Faith. Because of this television attention, you might feel the need to visit a monastery here in the United States – whether it is a women's



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or men's monastery. You might choose to explore more closely the scripture passages highlighted in the Mount Athos video as Simon interviewed Father Iakovos, who is a graduate of Hellenic College-Holy Cross in Brookline, Massachusetts.

I am always excited to see our Holy Orthodox Church on national television in stories such as the Mount Athos and Patriarch Bartholomew pieces. Unfortunately, our Faith,

Church, and Beliefs are not always represented correctly. Recently, there was a CNN study of the ageless life for the people of Ikaria. For the most part, the scenes of the lives of the people from the island of Ikaria also transport one back to a simpler life. I just wish that television reporters would research their comments better – the CNN reporter suggested that during the Panygeri the Greek Orthodox were worshipping the Saint. Please understand, we Orthodox only worship God, but we pray to the Saints that they may pray for us, and we venerate the Saints, which means we honor and respect them for their life in Christ.

I pray that when we have the unique opportunity to glimpse into the lives of the Mount Athos monks, His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, or the village faithful of Ikaria, we too may be filled with wonder and seek to learn more so that we may grow in our Faith in Jesus Christ. As Simon reported a life in prayer, specifically our time in worship at the Divine Liturgy, is a “dress rehearsal” for our life in God’s Eternal Kingdom.

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As an endnote and possibly related at least on a spiritual level: We focus on the period of Forty Days in our Orthodox Christian tradition: when a mother gives birth, she and the child come to the Church for the blessing after the forty days, Great Lent and the Advent Lent are forty days, the time from Pascha to Ascension is forty days. When our loved ones fall asleep in the Lord, we remember them in prayer after forty days. When Bob Simon was captured by the Iraqis during the Persian Gulf War, he was held captive for forty days. His book about the experience is also entitled “Forty Days.” As we complete our forty day Lenten Journey this year, may God’s Mercy and Compassion cover us and may He bring us comfort and desire to grow ever closer to Him!

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Sundays – Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Weekdays (when scheduled) 9:00 am

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Thank you very much for all your Memorial Gifts.

May Their Memory Be Eternal. “Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη”

- ✠ Bethlehem Andrews in memory of Petros Demarinis
- ✠ Katherine Skefos in memory of Joan Fotiades
- ✠ Claudia and Vassilios Voulgarakis in memory of Joan Fotiades



Sunday of Orthodoxy Exhibit

On Sunday, March 1, the Archives Committee created an exhibit of icons from many different Orthodox nations to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy, also known as Feast of Triumph of Orthodoxy. Orthodox of various ethnic backgrounds gathered together to celebrate our unity in

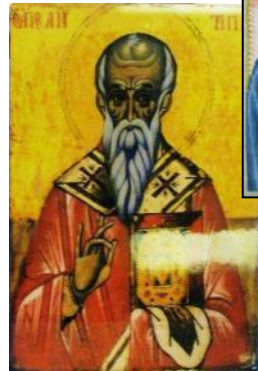
Orthodoxy, sharing the opportunity to experience the richness of our Orthodox iconography by viewing many icons from the Holy Trinity Historic Collection and many that were loaned to us for this special exhibit by our Holy Trinity community members.

Thank you to the following for loaning their special icons for this exhibit:

- † Simona Gronic—Our Blessed Mother Grieving; Gobelintapestry fine needle-point textile icon work in progress from Romania handcrafted by Simona
- † Nebojsa Kostic—Saint Antipas of Romania was a contemporary of the Apostles... John in the Book of Revelation: "...those days wherein Antipas was my faithful Martyr, who was slain among you." St. Antipas is venerated in Montenegro, Nebojsa's birthplace.



- † Lana Lonadier—Panagia icon, written in kraine and displayed in the traditional way with hand-embroidered cloth. Our Savior Jesus Christ icon written in Poland and displayed according to their tradition with hand-embroidered cloth.



- † Marcella Orkoulas—St. Minas of Egypt is venerated by Orthodox in the East and West due to his many miracles.



- † Drs. Karen and David Skaff—St. George the Dragon Slayer, Saint Petersburg, Russia; Hospitality of Abraham written by Yolanda C. Lama on metal in San Antonio, Texas; St. David written by late Russian iconographer Zenia Petrovsky, creator of the St. Andrew Orthodox Church iconostasis in Lexington, Kentucky. Karen and David are the parents of Brandon Skaff, Holy Trinity member. They brought their beautiful icons for our exhibit when they and thirty (30) students from the University of Kentucky visited us on Sunday of Orthodoxy.



- † Anna Sher—St. Sergius of Radonezh is one of the most venerated saints of the Russian Orthodox.



- † Leonard and Christina Spinu—St. Parascheva is one of the most famous and beloved saints of Romania and the protector of Moldavia.

- † Janice Thames—St. Stefan of Serhia written in Yugoslavia.

Lana with Polish icon





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF} ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

*“We have completed the forty days that profit our souls.
Now let us beg the Lover of Man:
enable us to see the Holy Week of Your passion,
that we may glorify Your mighty work,
Your wonderful plan for our salvation,
as we sing with one heart and voice:
“O Lord, glory to You!”
(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Beloved in the Lord,

Now, after all our preparation during Great Lent, after our fasting and prayer, worship and charity, we are invited to enter “the sanctuary of Holy Week.” In the Orthodox Church, Holy Week is not simply a commemoration of historical events; it is journey from death to life that will transform our lives. We will put aside our worldly cares to walk with our Lord, experiencing His Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

On the Saturday of Lazarus, we witness the return to life of Jesus’ friend after four days in the tomb.

On Palm Sunday, we stand with the crowds in Jerusalem, hailing Jesus with palm branches as He triumphantly comes as King and Messiah, riding on a donkey.

On Palm Sunday evening, and the following two nights, Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday, we prepare our souls for Holy Week at the beautiful Bridegroom Services.

On Holy Wednesday, we receive spiritual and bodily healing in the Sacrament of Holy Unction.

On Holy Thursday, we share in the Mystical Last Supper and in our Lord’s Crucifixion.

On Holy Thursday, we suffer with Him, as we listen to the Gospel accounts of His Crucifixion.

On Holy Friday, we sing the Lamentations as we mourn, accompany His funeral procession, and see His sacred body placed in the tomb.

On Holy Saturday, we anticipate His coming Resurrection, and at night we gather to prayerfully await the Resurrection.

My beloved ones, I encourage you to go out of your way and make a special effort to participate in the services offered during Holy Week, for your own edification and to uplift your spirit. Do not absent yourself or try to avoid the services, but rather understand them as precious opportunities to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Your local parish community can provide you with a schedule of these services.

May God bless us all as we begin this wonderful and sacred journey through Holy Week together!

+ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF} ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

*"We were put to death together with Him,
that we might be cleansed; we rose again with Him
because we were put to death with Him;
we were glorified with Him,
because we rose again with Him."
- St. Gregory the Theologian*



My dear Metropolis of Atlanta family,

With great joy in my heart, I join you in prayerful anticipation of our Lord's Passion and glorious Resurrection and extend my paternal blessings and love, with best wishes for a joyous and blessed Holy Pascha.

The heart of our Faith is the truth revealed to us on Great and Holy Pascha: our salvation has been secured. Let us rejoice together and be glad because this holy day of Resurrection is the day of victory, as our faith and hope are renewed. Christ has indeed destroyed death and the power of the devil, and granted us life everlasting.

On this Holy Day of Holy Days, we are awed by the great love and tender mercy of our God, Who gave Himself up to suffering and death for our sake. Through His Passion and Resurrection, we are truly "born again" into a new life, the life of His Holy Resurrection. Let us come together with joy and thanksgiving to celebrate this glorious Feast, the day the Lord has made to redeem us.

May the blessings of the Lord be with you always and may you walk in peace and love in the new light of His Resurrection! Wishing you and your loved ones Καλὸ Πάσχα, I prayerfully remain,

With paternal blessings and with much love in our Risen Lord,

+ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta

PASCHA 2015

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

At the March meeting the Daughters of Penelope worked on plans for the upcoming AHEPA and Daughters **Palm Sunday Luncheon** to be held **Sunday, April 5**. Elaine Nugent and Vicki McCallef volunteered to chair the luncheon set up for the Daughters of Penelope. All members are asked to please help with the set up of the hall on Saturday, April 4, after church services.

A donation was made to Sjogren's Foundation in honor of Past District Governor Stacie Thomas, as well as to the Holy Trinity Archives in memory of Mary Giannopoulos and Joan Fotiades. Father George Wilson joined the Daughters after the meeting as everyone enjoyed Lenten refreshments provided by hostesses Mary Ellen Grace, Deborah MacInnes, Vange Malachias, and Barbara Stavis Wolf. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 19.



TOP LEFT—Hostesses Vange Malachias, Barbara Stavis Wolf, Mary Ellen Grace, and Deborah MacInnes with Father George Wilson

TOP RIGHT—Anna Razza, Pauline Caridas, Victoria Bell, Cornelia Koniditsiotis, Angie Kringas, Olga Christakis, and Vicki McCallef at the Daughters meeting

LEFT—Rania Mantikos, Maria Stokes, Elaine Nugent, Mary Kontos, Debbie Funti, Sandy Bouzon, Sophie Theodoron, Vange Malachias, and Angela Pembo enjoying refreshments.

WYES TELEVISION CHANNEL 12 in New Orleans will be airing the documentary - *Greeks in New Orleans: 150 years of Holy Trinity*. The schedule is posted on the right. The Holy Trinity Community is grateful that WYES offered to show this program as a lead to the 2015 Greek Festival, slated Memorial Weekend—May 22, 23, and 24. Parishioners are encouraged to view this special programming on WYES, as well as inform friends and neighbors of this unique opportunity to learn about the history of Greeks in New Orleans and at Holy Trinity.

“GREEKS IN NEW ORLEANS” DOCUMENTARY TO AIR IN MAY

ON WYES—Channel 12

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm
Friday, May 8 at 10:00 pm
Sunday, May 10 at 12:00 pm
Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 pm following Masterpiece
Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 pm
Saturday, May 23, at 10:30 pm

Greek Independence Day at Cathedral Montessori School

Students at Cathedral Montessori School prepared for Greek Independence Day by creating Greek flags.



SAVE THE DATE: VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 13-19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm — Pre-school through Middle School Ages

Volunteer staff is needed for the week. Positions include classroom teachers, arts and crafts coordinator, music coordinator, and recreational coordinator. Please contact Presbytera Harriet Wilson at 504-941-7681, if you are able to commit to this wonderful one week ministry. An important first meeting will take place on **Monday, April 20**, in the boardroom at 6:00 pm.

MYRROFORES

Girls ages 6 to 9 are asked to participate as "myrrofores" (myrrh-bearers) in the Holy Friday night services. Contact Director **Maria Michailakis Huner** at 504-251-4055 or mariamich1276@aol.com for details. The group will practice after Communion Breakfast on Saturday of Lazarus, April 4, 2015.

GREEK SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMEMORATE GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

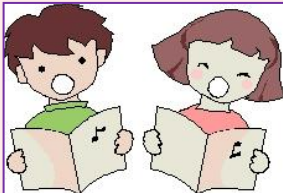


Greek School Director Fay Kalergi extends most heartfelt thanks to her students, their parents, Father George Wilson, the volunteers, and all supporters of the Greek Independence Celebration, which was held on Sunday, March 22, 2015. She also commends the students for their excellent performance, as well as their commitment to the play and their efforts to learn more about Greek history.

SUNDAY SCHOOL "HEIGHTENS" RELIGIOUS AWARENESS



High School Sunday School students studied the special significances of Pre-Lent, Great Lent, and Holy Week Sundays. On March 22 their attention was focused on St. John Climacus (of the Ladder), who is remembered for his treatise on the Spiritual Life, presently known as the Ladder of Divine Ascent. Teachers Viki Moustoukas and Carol Venturatos incorporated visual effects to reinforce the lesson. Students Claire Commagere, Jonathan Labatut, Sophia Marathonitis, Pantelis Patselikos, Nicholas Stokes, and James Venturatos were in attendance.



PARENTS ~ SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 11, 2015 ~ 9:00 am SHARP!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMNOLOGY

On **Holy Saturday Morning, April 11**, the students will chant the Hymn of the Three Youths. All children of the community are welcome to participate! Children must be in church by 9:00 am on April 11. They are also learning Christos Anesti - Christ is Risen. The response to the Hymnology Program has been wonderful. If you have any questions about this ministry, feel free to email Viki Moustoukas at vmoustouka@aol.com.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be a brief rehearsal in church immediately after Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday, April 4, 2015.

SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR REMINDER

Sunday, May 17, marks the end of the 2014-2015 Sunday School year. A special program for all Sunday School students will follow Divine Liturgy that day. Sunday School Director Patrick Latour hopes that all eighty (80) registered students will be in attendance to receive their promotional certificates and particularly the four graduating high school seniors, who will receive a graduation certificate, as well as a gift from the community. Each senior is asked to kindly submit to teachers Viki Moustoukas or Carol Venturatos a picture, a short biography, and the name of the university he/she will attend in the fall. The information will be published in the May issue of **The Flame**. Patrick thanks everyone for making this a spectacular year with excellent Sunday School teachers, great activities, and good attendance.

Consider volunteering as a teacher or teacher's assistance for the 2015-2016 Sunday School year. If interested, please contact Sunday School Director Patrick Latour (patlat@att.net) or Father George.

Palm Sunday

LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 5 - 12 Noon

Sponsored by the New Orleans
Order of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope

Tickets on Sale at the Door
\$10.00 ADULTS - \$6.00 CHILDREN



THE
SAINT NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE
AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

Raffle fund raiser also being held for
St Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero

AGAPE SERVICE READERS

The passage from the Gospel of St. John 20:19-25 will be read in various languages during the Agape Vespers celebrated on Pascha Sunday, April 12, at 12:00 pm to show that the good news of Christ's saving Resurrection is for all people in the world. Father George looks forward to having as many languages as possible during this service and encourages anyone interested in reading the Gospel in a different language to contact the Cathedral office at 504-282-0259 to give Vickie your name and the language you wish to read.

PASCHA AZALEAS

Forms for purchasing potted white azaleas, which will adorn the solea, in honor or in memory of someone are available in the Cathedral office. The cost is \$10 per plant. Please submit your completed form and payment to the Cathedral office no later than Tuesday, April 7, 2015.



**The Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish Council
invites all Parishioners
to celebrate together Christ's Resurrection
at the annual**

FEAST OF FEASTS PASCHA DAY PICNIC

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

approximately 1:30 pm after Agape Service and Easter Egg Hunt

Donation \$8 per Person • Children 10 and under free

**Enjoy Lamb sti Souvla (Lamb on the Spit), Oven Roasted Lamb, Potatoes, Orzo,
Traditional Cracking of Red Eggs for Good Luck, and Dessert**

LIVE MUSIC!

A VISIT FROM THE PASCHA BUNNY • WATERSLIDE • VOLLEYBALL

Contact Constandinos Vennis at 504-282-2670, if you have any questions, would like to help prepare food for the picnic, or would like to donate an item.

2015 HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL STEWARDS

As of April 1, the Cathedral office has received **133** commitments totaling **\$91,055.04**. Of this **\$50,150.01** was paid with an average pledge of **\$684.62** per unit. Thank you to all, who support the 2015 Stewardship Ministry.

Reverend George and Presbytera Harriet Wilson

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PARISH REGISTRY

Celebrations, Milestones, Comfort, and Support

BAPTISMS

- March 7, 2015 **Demetrios Alfredo Galleguillos**
 Son of Christina (Foroglou) and Jason Galleguillos
 Godmother: Ioanna Kladou
- March 28, 2015 **Lila Cedotal**
 Godfather: Artemios Arapoglou

FUNERALS

- March 12, 2015 Joan Fotiades
 March 27, 2015 Ioannis (John) Tsatsoulis
 April 2, 2015 Dorothy Bratsas, PhD

MEMORIALS

- March 8, 2015 Calliope Kyriakos, 1-Year
 March 29, 2015 Paraskevas Kanares, 3-Years
 Styliane Kanares, 16-Years
 Maria Soare, 4-Years

May their memories be eternal!



2015 LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT

**"Healing a Wounded World, Healing Wounded Lives,
 Healing Wounded Hearts"**

Many thanks to Father Paul Cosotopoulos of Birmingham, Father Anthony Monteleone of Baton Rouge, Father George Wilson, Presbytera Harriet Wilson, Retreat Chairperson Viki Moustoukas, ECYM Committee Chairperson Steve Psarellis, and Parish Council President Costa Vennis, whose contributions and assistance made the Lenten retreat on March 14, 2015, an enjoyable venture for Cathedral family members of all ages.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



ATHENIAN PLAYGROUND CHAIRPERSON NEEDED—A chairperson for the children's area Athenian Playground is needed this year. Please call Ginny Zissis or Stacy Rico at 504-282-0259 with any questions about this position.

CALLING ALL HERB GARDENERS!—The Greek Festival Committee is asking all herb gardeners to include extra plantings of thyme, basil, rosemary, and oregano, which can be sold at the Festival. These herbs are most welcome additions in the Greek Grocery. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Rico at 504-282-0259.

GREEK FESTIVAL PASTRY WORKSHOPS—Greek Festival Pastry Workshops are every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, except Holy Week. Lunch is provided, and everyone is asked to come lend a hand with the preparations. Please join the weekly sessions.

GREEK FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Please contact Festival Volunteer Coordinator Maria Anastasiou at 504.456.1780 and sign up as a volunteer. Lots of workshops are underway, or soon to be scheduled, and extra hands are always welcome. And, don't forget to ask your family and friends to join as well.

HELLENIC DANCERS PRACTICE—Those participating in the Hellenic Dance group should note that practice is every Thursday at 6:30 pm and every Sunday at 1:00 pm at the Hellenic Cultural Center, unless otherwise advised.

JUNIOR HELLENIC DANCERS— ATTENTION: REHEARSALS FOR GREEK FESTIVAL BEGIN APRIL 18

The Junior Hellenic Dancers will perform on Sunday, May 24, at 4:00 pm. Dancers must be upstairs and in costume by 3:30 pm. Each dancer must attend a minimum of three (3) of the five (5) scheduled practices with mandatory attendance on either May 8 or May 15. All practices will be on the Hellenic Cultural Center stage. Dancers should make every effort to wear a traditional costume. If not possible, then solid navy blue pants/white shirt/ black tennis or dress shoes for boys, and solid navy blue skirt/white shirt/white tights for girls, will be required. Questions? Contact Evagelia Vatakis—504-373-1000 or vatakie@gmail.com, or Donna Venturatos—504-915-2786 or venturmom@gmail.com. Below is the schedule.

Dance Practices: April 18 and April 25

- For those who attend Greek School at 10:00 am, it will be from 11:00 am to 11:45 am.
- For those who attend Greek school at 11:00 am, it will be from 10:15 am to 11:00 am.
- For those who do **not** attend Greek School, **EITHER** the 10:15 am or the 11:00 am practice is permitted.

May 1, 8, and 15 – Dance Practice from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm

POSTERS STILL NEEDED—Call Stacy Rico at 504-282-0259, if you have Greek Festival posters from 1992 and/or 1997. These two are needed to complete the Cathedral collection that hangs in the Hellenic Cultural Center foyer.

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METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
Holy Trinity Cathedral
Greek Orthodox Community of New Orleans
1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

APRIL 2015

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
	6:00 pm	Presanctified Divine Liturgy and Pot Luck Dinner
THURSDAY, APRIL 2	6:30 pm	Hellenic Dancers Practice
FRIDAY, APRIL 3	5:30 pm	HTC Youth Soccer
SATURDAY, APRIL 4	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Saturday of Lazarus
	10:15 am	PTA Communion Breakfast
	10:30 am	GOYA Meeting
	11:00 am	Making of Palms
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5	9:00 am	Orthros
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	12:00 pm	Annual AHEPA Family Palm Sunday Luncheon
	7:00 pm	Nymphios (<i>Bridegroom</i>) Service
HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 6	7:00 pm	Nymphios (<i>Bridegroom</i>) Service
HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 7	7:00 pm	Nymphios (<i>Bridegroom</i>) Service—<i>Hymn of Kassiani the Nun</i>
HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8	4:00 pm	Sacrament of Holy Unction
	7:00 pm	Sacrament of Holy Unction
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9	6:00 am	Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
	7:00 pm	Service of the Holy Passion—<i>The Twelve Gospels</i>
HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 10	8:00 am	Service of the Royal Hours
	9:00 am	GOYA Easter Egg Wrapping Kouvouklion Preparations
	3:00 pm	Vespers of the Cross (<i>Taking our Lord down from the Cross</i>)
	7:00 pm	Service of the Lamentations and Procession
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11	9:00 am	Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
	11:00 pm	Orthros
	12:00 am	Service of the Resurrection Resurrection Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Pascha Reception
PASCHA SUNDAY, APRIL 12	12:00 pm	Agape Vespers
	1:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt
	1:30 pm	Pascha Picnic—Feast of Feasts
MONDAY, APRIL 13	6:00 pm	Adult Beginner Greek School
	6:30 pm	Hellenic Dancers Practice
	7:00 pm	Adult Elementary Greek School
	7:00 pm	Education, Cultural, and Youth Ministries Committee Meeting
TUESDAY, APRIL 14	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
	6:00 pm	St. Bernard Avenue Construction Meeting
THURSDAY, APRIL 16	6:30 pm	Hellenic Dancers Practice
FRIDAY, APRIL 17	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Renewal Friday, Theotokos of the Life-Giving Font
	5:30 pm	HTC Youth Soccer GOYA SERVICE PROJECT—April 17-19

SATURDAY, APRIL 18	10:00 am	Youth Beginner Greek School and Junior Hellenic Dancers Practice	
	11:00 am	CANTILLON BAPTISM	
	11:00 am	Youth Elementary Greek School and Junior Hellenic Dancers Practice	
	1:00 pm	ROTARI BAPTISM	
SUNDAY, APRIL 19	9:00 am	Orthros	
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy JOAN FOTIADES 40-DAYS MEMORIAL 100th Anniversary Commemoration of Armenian Genocide Armenian Reception	
	12:00 pm	Kids' Cafe	
	12:00 pm	Youth Greek School	
	12:30 pm	Daughters Meeting	
	1:00 pm	Hellenic Dancers Practice	
	MONDAY, APRIL 20	6:00 pm	Adult Beginner Greek School
		7:00 pm	Adult Elementary Greek School
	TUESDAY, APRIL 21	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
THURSDAY, APRIL 23	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy—St. George the Great Martyr	
	6:30 pm	Hellenic Dancers Practice	
FRIDAY, APRIL 24	11:00 pm	Archives Committee Meeting	
	5:30 pm	HTC Youth Soccer—Last Spring Session	
SATURDAY, APRIL 25	10:00 am	Youth Beginner Greek School and Junior Hellenic Dancers Practice	
	10:30 am	Philoptochos Meeting	
	11:00 am	Youth Elementary Greek School and Junior Hellenic Dancers Practice	
	2:00 pm	Philoptochos Ozanam Inn	
SUNDAY, APRIL 26	9:00 am	Orthros	
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Sunday of the Holy Cross IOANNIS (JOHN) TSATSOULIS 40-DAYS MEMORIAL	
	12:00 pm	Kids' Cafe	
	12:00 pm	Youth Greek School	
	1:00 pm	Hellenic Dancers Practice	
	MONDAY, APRIL 27	6:00 pm	Adult Beginner Greek School
		7:00 pm	Adult Elementary Greek School
	TUESDAY, APRIL 28	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29	9:30 am	Festival Pastry Workshop
	THURSDAY, APRIL 30		Festival Lamb Workshop
6:30 pm		Hellenic Dancers Practice	