

# HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

### *Revised Pandemic Guidelines*

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

If you have any signs of the cold, flu, Covid-19 or any other contagious illness or if you suspect that you have been exposed to any illness, then out of love for others, please stay home.

If you are not vaccinated, or if you are in a high risk category for Covid-19, please consider participating from outside, or via live stream from home.

There is also a CCTV live stream of most services in the Fellowship Hall. Please check in with the host before going to the Hall, and observe all pandemic guidelines.

Each available pew can accommodate one family, or two singles may occupy opposite ends of the same pew. Space will be available on a first come, first seated basis, with assistance from the Host.

The Host will record attendance for contact tracing, as well as managing seating/spacing as needed.

Hands should be sanitized upon arrival and departure, before handling candles, pens, or anything else, after coughing or sneezing, prostrations, etc.

Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between households at all times, especially when in line.

Face masks are to be worn at all times, indoors and outdoors. When the mask is removed for eating Antidoron, please observe social distancing.

Icons may be venerated by bowing rather than kissing.

Please follow directional markers.

## Christ is Risen!

I wanted to personally express my thanks to all for the sacrificial contributions that enabled us to again enjoy a successful Holy Week. We are a small parish and it takes everyone doing something, no contribution is too small, to pull off what we do every year, especially this year. Someone is always forgotten when you try to recognize those that participated, so first please accept this very simple and heartfelt thank you for all that each of you do for our parish every day. There are so many things in our parish that are done to the Glory of God that are never seen, they just happen. I am truly thankful for those quiet blessings to the parish.



So give yourself a pat on the back and receive this virtual hug if during Holy Week you: baked bread, replaced light bulbs, set up or took down sound equipment, prepped candles, greeted visitors, stuffed eggs, dyed eggs, hid eggs (that we will still be finding at Christmas), rang bells, set up tables and chairs, made lunch for fifty or dessert for one, pulled weeds, watered plants, changed batteries, bought plastic table cloths, taped up plastic table cloths, picked up trash, took out trash, chanted, sang along (quietly of course), silently prayed, contributed money, served food, swept up, made coffee, washed dishes, vacuumed, ironed vestments, put up tables and chairs, cleaned icons, made someone feel welcome, arranged flowers, or took care of a hundred other things to free up others to do something else, and so on ...

I would be remiss if I did not take just a few minutes and thank Father David and Presbytera Mary for their steadfastness and dedication to our parish each week but especially during the Lenten and Holy Week celebrations. We are greatly indebted to them both for their continued shepherding of our parish for so many years, literally traveling over one hundred thousand miles (I did the math) to lead us in the liturgy each week. Holy Week is a special time of service and sacrifice for them both, so please join me in thanking them for their service to God on our behalf.

Also, a huge thanks to Deacon Stephen and Diakonissa Claudia (I had to lookup that term!) for your continued dedicated weekly contributions to the parish. We see Deacon Stephen each week as he selflessly guides us through the liturgy, Claudia prefers to stay more behind the scenes but she is responsible for so many of those unseen things that just seem to happen around the parish. Holy Week is a huge commitment of time and effort for them both and their unselfish gift of time to the parish is truly appreciated.

Likewise, special thanks to Garrett for his dedication and hours of preparation in order to lead us in worship each week. Holy Week is tiring for us all, but it can be overwhelming for the chanter. Garrett has always expressed a sense of true worship in his chanting style. I speak from experience when I say I have had the joy of watching him mature as a worship leader over the last twenty years. I'm just a little proud!

Lastly, I want to thank the Bowmans for their sacrificial gift of time and the sharing of their talents in preparing and serving lunch for the parish picnic. Lunch was a great success and we could not have pulled it off without them.

There are so many more I could thank but I would truly forget someone so I'll stop here. I am truly thankful to be part of a parish that worships God and cares for its people.

Peace

Kevin

Sunday, May 9, 2021 - Orthros, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

## Today's Liturgy

*Antipascha / The 2nd Sunday of Pascha / Thomas Sunday*

### The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

*The Antiphonal Psalm verses are for the Feast.*

*2nd Antiphon:* Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to you: Alleluia!

*3rd Antiphon: Pascha Apolytikion:* Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

*The Entrance Hymn:* 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.

*Hymns after the Gospel Entrance*

*Thomas Sunday Apolytikion (p 155):* While the tomb was sealed You shone forth from it as light, O our life, Christ our God. And though the doors were closed You appeared in the midst of Your disciples. O resurrection of all, through them restore in us a new spirit in Your great mercy.

*Pascha Kontakion (p 275):* Into the grave You descended, Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor You arose, O Christ our God; You proclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women a greeting of joy, You brought peace to Your holy apostles, and to the fallen You granted resurrection.

*The Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20.* In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

*The Gospel Reading:* John 20:19-31 . On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

*The Festal Megalynarion (chanter):* Mother of our God, we see you: a brightly shining lamp, your conspicuous glory. You are the highest of everything created. We sing your praise and magnify you.

*Communion Hymn (p 320):* Exult in the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia!

*Instead of "We have seen," the Festal Apolytikion:* Christ is risen from the dead.... (above)



# PRAYER LIST

Pr Ioan	Frances	Andrew	Holly	Sharyl
Pr Theodore	Jean	George	Richard	April
Nun Theodora	Matthew	Randy	Nathan	Tatiana
Marius	Fanica	Patrick	Raluca Maria	Ignatius
Nicolas	Marie	Katherine	Anastasia	Macrina
Natalie	Anna	Robert	Ananias	Amanda
Kenner	Coy	Mikayla	David	Casey
Harry	Richard	Gavin	Mario	Elizabeth
Debra	Lonnie Paul	Avery	John	Anthony
Steven	Stacy	William	Jonathon	Helen
James	Claudia	Stamatia	Elizabeth	Anthony
James	Jon	Nicholas	Carolina	Robin
Larissa	Linda	Rebecca	Yianni	Lily
Seraphina	James	Macrina	Michael	Lenutza
Anastasia	Loralee	Gabriel	Genevieve	Seraphim
Luminitza	Ronnie	Julia	Elizabeth	Maria
Charlene	Betty	Nash	Michael	Emma
Kenneth	Tyler	Skylar	Courtney	Gibb
Cera	Leigh Anna	Shelley	Benn	Evonne
Kim	Deborah	Aurel	Galina	Sandra
Erin	Elizabeth	Tammy	Lubov	
Ryan	Remmie Lynnne	Allen	Penny	

# May 2021

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, Columbus, Georgia

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Holy Saturday 10 a.m. - Liturgy ✝  11:30 p.m. - Vigil & Lit
2 HOLY PASCHA 11 a.m. - Agape Vespers	3 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i>	4	5	6	7	8 Food Pantry
9 Thomas Sunday 9 a.m. - Orthros 10 a.m. - Liturgy <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12 ☩	13	14 ☩	15
16 Myrrhbearers 9 a.m. - Orthros 10 a.m. - Liturgy	17	18	19 ☩	20	21 ☩ <i>Sts Constantine &amp; Helen</i>	22
23 Sun of Paralytic 9 a.m. - Orthros 10 a.m. - Liturgy <i>Hood Baptism</i>	24 <i>7 - Parish Council</i>	25	26 ➡  Mid-Pentecost	27	28 ☩	29
30 Samaritan Woman 9 a.m. - Orthros 10 a.m. - Liturgy	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>					