



TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fr. Tom Chininis, Pastor

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHEA HUSSON

The Bible Study group helped Dorothea celebrate her 90th Birthday during class on Wednesday, January 4th. Her Birthday was the following Saturday, January 7th. Her daughter, Rose Galvin set it up, commenting that her mother loves Bible Study so much, she thought it would really brighten her day. And it did just that.



(back row, from left) Spike Sintros, Panigiot Stancheva, Bill Arvanites, Fr. Tom Chininis, Elaine Oden, Dean Kimball, Arthur Sparages (middle row, from left) Amanda Apostolou, Olivia Sintros, Lee Blanchett, Virginia Kimball (front row, from left) Toulia Sparages, Dorothea Husson, Dyanne Mitropoulis, (not pictured) Rose Galvin

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FROM FR. TOM



Valentine's Day and Great Lent

WHAT CAN WE GLEAN FROM BOTH?

By Fr. Thomas Chininis

As I sit at my desk thinking about the coming month of February, four things immediately come to mind (not in any particular order), Valentine's Day, the Super Bowl (Go Pats!), school vacation, and this year, the beginning of Great Lent.

Though I would enjoy talking about the Super Bowl and school vacation, two topics that so many of us love to dream about, I will focus my attention on the other two topics, Valentine's Day and Great Lent.

I know, this seems an odd pairing. What on earth can Valentine's Day and Great Lent have in common? On Valentine's Day we express our love to people important in our lives. We are encouraged to do something special for our loved ones, spouses, boy or girl friends, children, classmates, etc. I remember vividly the effort spent preparing special cards for classmates in grade school making sure each one of them received the right card (my cards seemed to always involve cars or sports) and a special piece of candy. That was a long time ago and I am certain the rules may be different in classrooms today, but the results are the same -- expressing to others our friendship and love. As we grow older, the focus of this day shifts. Our attention narrows, we focus on the individuals that mean the most to us. We are encouraged to share our affections with those closest to us.

Great Lent is a 40 day period in which we focus our attention on our spiritual growth in anticipation of the Resurrection of Christ. This year Great Lent begins on Monday, February 27th. We are called to pray more privately and attend additional worship services during the week. We are encouraged to do works of charity; that is, to help those who are in need. Additionally, we are taught to fast in preparation for Pascha during these 40 days. All of these tools of the church are given to us to help us grow and mature spiritually. All of these tools must be used in balance because each of them aids the others. Prayer opens our hearts to the needs of others because it forces us to look beyond ourselves, thus works of charity. As the desire to pray grows within us, our physical needs are less important and fasting then helps us pray more earnestly because our

attention is heightened. The same can be said of charity in light of prayer and fasting. Likewise, fasting can be strengthened through prayer and works of charity.

How does this connect Valentine's Day and Great Lent? The answer is really quite simple. Both require us to think about important relationships we have and how we should share our love with them. Though Valentine's Day in our society today has come to focus on romance, ultimately we are called to honor love and the ones we love. We are reminded to express our love in positive ways in order to deepen our relationships with others.

During Great Lent we are called upon to search our hearts and souls in order to deepen our relationship with Christ and offer our gratitude for the love God shares with us. We hear of God's love for us through our worship and reading of scripture and come to understand and feel His love within our prayer life. We are taught to share this love with others by extending a helping hand in times of need and to simply open ourselves to the needs of others rather than focusing on what we want and think we need. Likewise, our love is strengthened not by adding more, but by taking attention away from self.

The bottom line is that in both Valentine's Day and Great Lent we are participating in the love that God shares with His creation. In the Gospel of John we read, "*God so loved the world that he sent His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life.*" (3:16) We learn that our relationship with God begins and ends with love. We are created in God's love and we find our salvation through God's love. Any time we share love, therefore, we participate in God's creative, salvific gift.

This Valentine's Day express your feelings with those whom you love, knowing that you are sharing the great gift of love that God has offered to us. As Great Lent begins, use the spiritual tools of the Church to deepen your relationship with Christ and, in so doing, welcome the gift of eternal love that He offers to us through the Resurrection. Remembering St. Paul's words, "*love... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*" (1Cor 13:7-8)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



President's Report

by Christian Zouzas, Parish Council President

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN ZOUZAS

At the parish council meeting this past December, I presented the council with a gift, an icon of the twelve apostles, the original Council of Twelve. The icon (photo right) will hang in the parish council room. Throughout my years on the council I am constantly searching for answers to the question, "what is the role and purpose of a council member?" It is my hope that future council members, from time to time, will see the icon and be encouraged and inspired to find their purpose in our church.

Thank you & God bless
The Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church



Icon of the Twelve Apostles donated to the church by Christian and Hariklia Zouzas, which now hangs in the Parish Council meeting room.

~ SAVE THE DATES ~

April 22nd: Tavli Tournament
June 2nd-3rd: Grecian Festival
September 9th: Golf Outing

Treasurer's Report

by Kon Kalabokis, Parish Council Treasurer

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kkalabokis@gmail.com. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

ACCOUNT SUMMARY (AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017)

Account	Balance
Altar Fund	\$2,496.17
Building Maintenance	\$13,703.98
Endowment Fund	\$8,475.72
General Checking	\$29,704.99
Kitchen & Hall Fund	\$245,105.31
Money Market Savings	\$200,554.15
Outreach Center	\$11,350.89
Rental Account (restricted)	\$118,614.37
Special Events Checking	\$59,432.69
Youth Ministry	\$6,296.05
Account Totals:	\$695,734.32

The church relies on your monthly support to cover monthly expenses. Setting up your monthly gift to the church is easy with Parish Pay.

<https://www.parishpay.com>

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Stewardship Report

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you” John 20:21
by Olivia Sintros, Stewardship Reporter

We gratefully thank our stewards who have answered the call for Stewardship 2017. When we look at account totals (page 3) at \$695,734, it is easy to assume that we are on solid financial ground. Some accounts have grown in large part thanks to the school rental we were blessed to have had for three years. We may have even heard this when speaking with parishioners, and we all know that for some perception is reality. The only reality is that the account that counts when paying our bills is the general checking account. Each month is a struggle and each month we pray for your continued support and donations to come forth. As you reflect on your own commitment to our parish, is it the same as last year? Have you thought about an increase and have you considered ParishPay.com as a means of online stewardship giving?

Remember, perception is not always reality.

2016 Stewardship	As of 1/27/16
Participating stewards	113
Total pledged	\$59,339
Received to date	\$24,626
Budgeted stewardship goal	\$185,000

2017 Stewardship	As of 2/6/17
Participating stewards	91
Total pledged	\$26,080
Received to date	\$20,883
Budgeted stewardship goal	\$165,000



Parish Council Report

by Amanda Apostolou, Parish Council Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

- The next Parish Assembly will be held on April 23rd.
- Eagle Scout candidate George Kalabokis is almost finished with his project building storage downstairs in the former ladies room.
- The church started a collection for new altar boy robes that are in need of replacing. Each robe will cost \$175. If you would like to contribute, please contact the office at info@transchurch.org.

PHOTO BY MELANIE PAPPAS



PHOTO BY AMANDA APOSTOLOU



(above left) 2017 Parish Council (from left) Christian Zouzas, Kon Kalabokis, Bill Arvanites, Marc Gulezian, Fr. Tom Chininis, Fr. Gregory Floor, James Demetri, Costas Tsioulis, Amanda Apostolou, Patricia Mahoney, Olivia Sintros (above right) Nick Kouloungis and Dean Prouyos received the affirmation of office at the January 24th Parish Council meeting.

Thank you to everyone who donated during the Christmas Season.
Please keep the church in mind during Lent as well.

2016 Poinsettia Donations

Jim Karamanolis

Dina Eliopoulos - In memory of Michael P. Eliopoulos and for the health of Antionette Eliopoulos and the Eliopoulos, Sepulveda and Tsai families

Beverly Patsourakos - In memory of my husband Vasilios P. Patsourakos

Ellen and Ernie Dobi - For the health of the Koutsis & Dobi families

With love from Elaine, Bob and Teddy Masse - In memory of Tina Sarantos

Jennie Coumas - In memory of Louis Coumas

Mary Nicholaides - For the health of the Nicholaides-Pappas & Gill families

Nick and Christine Nicholaou - In memory of deceased loved ones

George and Jill Laganas - In memory of Crystal and William Laganas

Patricia Mahoney - In memory of John "Jack" Mahoney and Antoinette Apostolakos

Antoinette Eliopoulos - In memory of Michael P. Eliopoulos

Polyxene Bouras - In memory of my parents Elene & George Tsecrintzis, and in memory of my husband Socrates Bouras

Elizabeth Balamotis

Edward and Patricia Costa - In memory of Christos & Stella Anganes

Christmas Offering Donations

Marina Balkas

Polyxene Bouras

Patricia Costa

Alice Danas

Antionette Eliopoulos

Dina Eliopoulos

George Eliopoulos

Theano Eliopoulos

Marc Gulezian

George and Jill Laganas

Gary and Sandra Mastas

Charles Mitsakos

Dee Moore

Mary Moskovites

Sandra Musgrave

Mary Nicholaides

Steve Siotas

Dcn John Vaporis

Samuel Zouzas

Despena Zouzas

Peter Zouzas



Donors Needed for Icon of the Theotokos

During Great Lent our parish customarily decorates the Icon of the Theotokos for the Salutation Services on Friday evenings. This year Great Lent begins Monday, February 27th.

The Salutation Services are held on the first five Friday's of Great Lent: March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, and March 31st.

If you wish to make an \$85.00 donation to the Transfiguration Church in order to decorate the Icon of the Theotokos for one of these services, please call the Church Office at 978-458-4321.

PARISH GROUPS



Philoptochos Society Report

by Ellen Dobi, Philoptochos Society President

Happy New Year to all our Transfiguration Church Family! The holidays brought a flurry of activity with programs and events to brighten the season for those in need. With the New Year now upon us, we turn to our Membership Drive. Each parish family should have received an invitation to join or continue membership in Philoptochos. I am so grateful to our current membership for your support and participation. Each and every contribution is needed and highly appreciated. I welcome and encourage new members to make this the year you join. Together we enjoy friendship and camaraderie and collectively aid those in need to make a difference. Philoptochos is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Church and we would love every woman in our parish to be a member of our chapter.

Christmas Card

Thank you to Corrine Dubay for coordinating the Transfiguration Family Christmas Card and thank you to the Tuesday morning ladies for helping with the mailing. Many thanks to all parishioners for supporting this Philoptochos endeavor. The proceeds from this project are earmarked for our philanthropic missions.

*We also thank George and Jill Laganas, Ernest and Patricia Deveres, and Ethel, Christine, and Helen Eliopoulos for their donations. We are sorry that their names did not make it onto the card. Thank you to all for your support!

OUTREACH & FUNDRAISERS

Fall Calendar Raffle: Congratulation to our raffle winners:

\$25 Winners: Thea Tully, Tina Dzedulonis, Harry & Christine Stamas, Demetra Danas, Sandra Gulezian, Lisa & Steven Coupe, Andrew & Selma Coravas, Polyxene Bouras, Susan

Pappas, Daphne Easton, Barbara Souza, Ed Costa, Elizabeth Letsou, Ellen Dobi, Dyanne Mitropoulis, Eva Dukakis, Helen Eliopoulos, Joyce Limberopoulos, Sarah Dobi, Demi Flanagan, Rena and Milton Monoxelos

\$50 Winners: Sandra Gulezian, Andrew & Selma Coravas (twice), Steve Goulas, John Bertos, Gary Mastis, Stacy Felix, Valarie Letsou,

\$100 Winner: Helen Elipoulos

Annual Benefit Tea: See the article and pictures from the Tea on page 13.

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Vasilopita coin finder Mary Nicholaides and Philoptochos President Ellen Dobi.

Vasilopita and Family

Dinner: Our traditional Vasilopita / Gold Coin celebration and Family Dinner was held on Sunday, January 15th, 2017. Father Tom cut the parish ministries' "Vasilopita" upstairs at the end of Divine Liturgy. Then lunch was served downstairs and Vasilopita pieces with the hidden gold coin were distributed during this time. Eighty five parishioners purchased a piece of bread this year and a chance at the gold coin.

The lucky winner was Mary Nicholaides. We wish her good health and many blessings in 2017.

Thank you to Soula Spaziani and Pat Mahoney for coordinating the Vasilopita gold coin fundraiser. The proceeds of this event are earmarked for St. Basil's Academy, one of our national commitments.

Thank you also to Olivia Sintros for spearheading the Family Dinner team of kitchen helpers, waitstaff and cleaners, the Koufogazos family and Pantelis Karakatsanis

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for preparing the meal. Thank you to all who donated the desserts. As always, everything was delicious.

Family Literacy Program: As we clean out our children's bookshelves after Christmas, please consider placing gently used books in our book collection bins. The goal is to collect as many books as possible for the children at a local Lowell elementary school. We will again give you the opportunity to buy books at church. Look for the table coming soon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Christmas Decorations: Many thanks to Marc Gulezian and his team for decorating the church so beautifully for the Christmas season. Through your generous donations received during our flower collection in the spring, we are able to decorate the church all year long.

February Meeting: Thank you to all who were able to attend the February meeting. A big thank you to Susan Mitchell who prepared a delicious, heart healthy brunch and arranged for our speaker, Sherri Sarrouf, a Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach who gave a wonderful presentation on how we all can make healthy lifestyle changes.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Membership: The membership package has been sent. Every woman over the age of 18 is eligible to become a member. Please consider becoming a member in 2017. Thank you to those of you who have sent in your membership envelopes. If you haven't done it yet, you may

mail it to the church or give it to one of the Board members any Sunday and we'll be sure that Daphne gets it. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chair, Daphne Easton, at daphneeaston1@yahoo.com or 978-251-8395.

Koulourakia and Soup Sales: We will be baking koulourakia after church on Sunday, February 26th. All who are able to help roll and bake are welcome. The koulourakia go on sale Sunday, March 5th, \$7 per dozen, 3 dozen for \$20. We will also be selling Lent appropriate soups. If you are able to make some soups, we will have quart size containers available in the upcoming weeks. It is important the vegan recipes do not contain olive oil and dairy. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Next Meeting: Our next General Meeting is Monday, March 6th after compline.

Trivia Night, April 22nd: See the flyer on page 8. Gather a group of 10 or join with another group. It promises to be a great night.

Scholarships: Scholarship applications will be available in the church office and on the church website beginning March 15th. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors planning on attending college in the fall and also meet the scholarship guidelines included. Applications must be submitted to the church office by May 1. Contact Pat Mahoney at 978-436-0998 or pmahoney7@comcast.net with any questions. College and post-secondary graduates will also be recognized.

HOSPITAL NOTIFICATION

Please contact the church office when a family member has been admitted to the hospital or care facility. This will allow Fr. Tom to make a pastoral visit. Because of HIPAA regulations hospitals are reluctant to inform the local clergy of parishioners who have been admitted to their facility. So, the responsibility of notifying the parish falls upon the family. Better six calls about someone in the hospital or in need, than none.

TRANSFIGURATION PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS

TEAMWORK TRIVIA NIGHT

WITH DJ "MR. ED"

SATURDAY APRIL 22nd, 2017

TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH HALL

25 FATHER JOHN SARANTOS WAY, LOWELL MA 01854

\$25 PER PERSON (includes games, pizza, dessert, and prizes)

\$10 HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE STUDENTS

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

TRIVIA QUESTIONS START PROMPTLY AT 7:00PM

HOW IT WORKS

- Form your own team of ten players, or we may add you to another team
- Any team that chooses a fun name and dresses in theme will be awarded 5 bonus points
- A cash bar and raffle table will be available

TEAR AND MAIL

TABLE OF 10 (FULL TEAM) x \$25 / \$10 = \$ _____

OR

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS () x \$25 / \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CONTACT: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TRANSFIGURATION PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

MAIL TO:
 TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
 ATTN: TRIVIA NIGHT
 25 FATHER JOHN SARANTOS WAY
 LOWELL, MA 01854

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 PLEASE CONTACT NANCY LANE
 DCLane7@verizon.net (978) 256-7472

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Transfiguration Ladies Philoptochos Society
Chair Fundraiser

Philoptochos is coordinating the effort to purchase new banquet chairs for the Fellowship Hall.

Donation: \$50 per chair

Anyone interested in making a donation to purchase a chair(s), please fill out form below and return to:

Angela Hastings ~ 978.649.8708 ~ anafforem@verizon.net or
 Nancy Lane ~ 978.256.7472 ~ dclane7@verizon.net or
 the church office.

Chair Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Number of chairs _____

Other Amount gratefully appreciated _____



I would like my donation recorded and acknowledged as:

- General Chair Fund _____
- In memory of _____
- In honor of (person/occasion) _____

Please make checks payable to Transfiguration Ladies Philoptochos Society

PARISH GROUPS (CONTINUED)



Sunday School News

by Connie Gkolias, Sunday School Director

Hello Girls, Boys and Parents,

We survived the Christmas holiday and now we look toward beginning our Lenten journey, beginning February 27. The Sunday School staff encourage parents to work with them to insure our children learn as much as they can about this time in the church year. Parents are encouraged to have their children in church by 9:30am in order to participate in Divine Liturgy. After Holy Communion they can join their fellow students for class. Our dedicated Sunday School teachers are excited to teach their classes and help parents with their children's religious formation. This is one of the most important things we can all do for our children.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 27 ~ Lent Begins
- March 4 ~ Lenten Camp
- April 14 ~ Holy Friday
- April 16 ~ Great and Holy Pascha

STUDENTS HELPING AT CHURCH

Recycling



PHOTO BY THEA TULLY

As part of their lesson on being green, 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School students created a recycle bin for the Fellowship Hall! The bin is clearly marked with their beautiful handmade signs, located next to the trash can near the kitchen.

PHOTO BY OLIVIA SINTROS



PHOTO BY KON KALABOKIS

S.W.A.T.

Stewards Working at Transfiguration

For the past few months, a group of parishioners, including GOYA members, have been working at the church to clean, organize, and do whatever needs to be done to keep it looking nice. They have cleverly named themselves the S.W.A.T. team, and we are thankful for their efforts. Interested in joining the team? Please contact Derek Piper.



Scout Sunday

Sunday School students Aniston and Jackson Apostolou help collect donations on Scout Sunday to help Eagle Scout candidate George Kalabokis complete his Eagle project at our church. George will be building a storage area in the ladies room for the downstairs hall.



GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS

2017 Lenten Church Camp

Saturday, March 4

**Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts**

Dear Parents, Campers, and Friends:

On Saturday, March 4th, we welcome our children to participate in our parish's annual Lenten Day Camp. The day will begin with Liturgy at 9:30 am (Third Saturday of Souls). Registration will open at 9:30 am. Liturgy will be followed by snack time then sessions. Of course, it wouldn't be a Church Camp without all the wonderful music, crafts, food, fun and games that we've all come to expect. Camp will conclude at 2pm.

The camp, as always, is supported by your free-will offerings. For more information please contact Olivia Sintros at (978) 902-6152, Fr. Tom Chininis (603) 672-8357 or the church office at (978) 458-4321.

Pre-registering your children will help us properly prepare for the day and is greatly appreciated.

✂-----Please Cut Here and Return Registration Form to the Church Office-----✂

Lenten Camp 2017 Registration

	Name of Participant(s)	Birthdate	Grade (in Sept. '16)
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
Parents' Names _____			
Address _____			

Phone _____		E-Mail _____	
Parish _____			

I give my child(ren) permission to participate in Transfiguration Lenten Church Camp. I give the staff permission to administer or seek medical attention should it be required and I cannot be contacted. My child may be photographed during the camp activities.

Our emergency contact numbers are _____ and _____

Please list any allergies: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

CHURCH EVENTS AND OUTREACH

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

PHOTOS BY MELANIE PAPPAS



CHURCH EVENTS AND OUTREACH

Philoptochos 63rd Annual Benefit Tea

By Katrina McCann

The more things change, the more they stay the same.” Many changes have occurred over the past 63 years, however one of the constants we have had at our church is the Annual Benefit Christmas Tea. On the afternoon of Sunday, December 4th, the Ladies Philoptochos Society and their family and friends, dressed in their finest, and gathered at Indian Ridge Country Club to celebrate this annual event.

The dedication and hard work of Sandra Gulezian, Tea Chairperson, and her committee resulted in a festive and memorable affair. Guests began their afternoon by indulging in scrumptious spanakopita as they chatted with friends and viewed the table displaying the sought-after raffle prizes. Once seated at tables with whimsical

centerpieces, Ellen Dobi, Philoptochos President, graciously welcomed the crowd and introduced Father Tom, who blessed us with an opening prayer. (Along with promising to keep us abreast of the score of the Patriots game!)

Philotimo, the theme of Sandra’s opening remarks, paired perfectly with the mission of the Ladies Philoptochos. In a simple translation, philotimo means friend and honor. Its deeper meaning, however, encompasses that feeling one has to do good for others. And as mentioned by later by Father Tom, this work “shall be performed with discretion, courtesy, and kindness.” Funds raised by this event allow Philoptochos to continue their work and accomplish their mission. Sandra also took time to introduce Sophia Purville. At 8 years old, she is learning the meaning of philotimo by donating her time to help make the centerpieces with her Yiayia, Angela Hastings.

Guests then enjoyed a delicious dinner and desserts, including baklava. They were entertained by the angelic voices of the Tyngsboro High School Theater Program. Soloists, Stephanie Gulezian, Hope Canniff, Zachary Gulezian, and Olivia Gulezian impressed the audience with their renditions of Broadway Classics. An ensemble of talented students followed with a medley of songs from popular musicals.

The raffle prizes did not disappoint. The prizes were generously donated by the many patrons of the Philoptochos and local businesses and ranged from a beautiful icon, to a Bruins ticket package, handmade jewelry, a lottery ticket basket, fur vest, a Dutch oven, restaurant gift certificates, and Kate Spade purses. Many went home happy winners! The event concluded with a prayer from Father Lenny Faris, a close friend of our parish. Guests gathered their coats, kissed their friends good bye, and left with a feeling of hope for a wonderful Christmas season and the feeling of philotimo. (And happy for a Patriots win!)



PHOTO BY ANNMARIE TSITSIPAS

Tea guests enjoying themselves (from left) Lora Maglicocco, Janette Wilson, Marina Apostolou, Kennedy Apostolou, and Melanie Pappas.



PHOTO BY SANDRA GULEZIAN

Sibling Soloists (from left) Olivia, Zach, and Stephanie Gulezian

CHURCH EVENTS AND OUTREACH (continued)

FFN Gingerbread Night

PHOTOS BY AMANDA APOSTOLOU



MITTEN TREE
Thanks to the generosity of FFN participants, we collected over 50 hats, gloves, and scarves for Catie's Closet of Lowell! Thank you all!



This year's tree decorating contestants (above & right) had a blast making their trees look beautiful in under a minute!



Thank you to our wonderful hosts for their hard work. With any ministry, it takes teamwork to make it great!





*February 28th @ 11:30 a.m.
At the Outreach Centre, 465 Fletcher Street*

On the fourth Tuesday of each month a luncheon is provided for members of our church community, as well as the community at large. The monthly meal is served at the Transfiguration Church Outreach Centre. All are welcome, bring a friend.

TRANSFIGURATION KAFENEION



Wednesdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Transfiguration Outreach Centre
465 Fletcher Street, Lowell

EVERYONE WELCOME!

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Is Your Information Correct?

To update your name, salutation, phone number, address, or email,
 please call the office, we are happy to help. Thank you!

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Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Lowell, MA

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Bible Study 10am Kafeneion @ Center 10am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Dinner 6pm		Salutations 6:30pm	3 rd Sat. of Souls Liturgy 9:30am Trivia Night 7pm Lenten Camp
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Procession with Icons Monthly Trisagion Lenten Vespers @ Transfiguration 6pm	Compline 6:30pm Philoptochos Meeting following	Tuesday Morning Ladies 9:30 am Parish Council Mtg 6:30pm	Bible Study 10am Kafeneion @ Center 10am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Dinner 6pm		Salutations 6:30pm	LTLC dinner
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2 nd Sunday of Lent Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Lenten Vespers @ Holy Trinity 6 pm	Compline 6:30pm	Tuesday Morning Ladies 9:30 am	Bible Study 10am Kafeneion @ Center 10am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Dinner 6pm		Salutations Service 6:30pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Veneration of the Holy Cross Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Lenten Vespers @ St. George (Antiochian) 6pm	Compline 6:30pm	Tuesday Morning Ladies 9:30 am Community Kitchen 11:30am	Bible Study 10am Kafeneion @ Center 10am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Dinner 6pm	House of Hope Dinner	Great Vespers & Salutations 6:30pm	Feast of the Annunciation- Liturgy 9:30am
26	27	28	29	30	31	
4 th Sunday of Lent Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:30am Lenten Vespers @ St. George (Greek) 6pm	Compline 6:30pm	Tuesday Morning Ladies 9:30 am	Bible Study 10am Kafeneion @ Center 10am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Dinner 6pm		Salutations Service 6:30pm	

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SERVICES, SACRAMENTS, AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Services

SUNDAY SERVICES

Orthros: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
 Monthly Trisagion Feb 4, following Liturgy

Special Services

February 2

Liturgy 9:30 am
 Feast of Presentation of Christ

February 18

Liturgy 9:30 am & Memorial
 Saturday of Souls

February 25

Liturgy 9:30 am & Memorial
 Saturday of Souls

Sacraments

BAPTISMS

No Baptisms this month

CHRISMATIONS

No Chrismations this month

WEDDING & MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

No Weddings or Marriage Blessings this month

FUNERALS: MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL

December 26 - Christos Mavraïdies

January 6 - Christos Tournas

January 10 - Elizabeth Spanos

Calendar of Events

VACATION CHURCH CAMP (VCC)

March 4: Lenten Camp
 April 14: Holy Friday Camp

YOUTH MINISTRY

February 5: GOYA meeting
 February 10: Family Fun Night
 February 17-20: Metropolis Winter Camp

SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 5, 12, 19 & 26: Classes

CHOIR

Rehearsals as announced

BIBLE STUDY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday February 1, 8 15 & 22: 10:00 am

OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

February 7, 14, 21 & 28: Ladies' Group Meeting 9:30 am
 February 1, 8, 15 & 22: Kafeneion @ Outreach Center
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

OUTREACH AND SPECIAL EVENTS

February 11: LTLC Dinner
 February 16: House of Hope Dinner
 February 28: Community Kitchen 11:30 am



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