

# Holy Trinity - St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church



## TRANSFIGURATION

*His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias. Standing before Him as reverent servants. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- August 5 - 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- August 6 - 10 a.m. Liturgy (Transfiguration), 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- August 10 - Parish Council Meeting
- August 12 - 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- August 13 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- August 15 - 10 a.m. Liturgy for Dormition
- August 17 - First Day of Sunday School
- August 19 - 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- August 20 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- August 26 - 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- August 27 - 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis
- August 29 - 10 a.m. Liturgy (John the Baptist)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>27</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>3</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Transfiguration 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>
<div>10</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Parish Council Meeting</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</div>	<div>13</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Dormition</div>	<div>16</div>
<div>17</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy First Day of Sunday School</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>20</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>
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## **A Message from Fr. Mike**

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Soon we will have a Liturgy for the Transfiguration of Christ. When we think of this event, we know that Christ revealed His divine glory. We also know that we are created in the image and likeness of God. As we continue to be blessed with many positive developments in our parish, let us remember that the outward transformation of our church is ultimately meant to facilitate an inward transformation of ourselves. We have the opportunity now to remind ourselves that each of us has the potential to reflect God's light into the world and demonstrate the ability of our spiritual life to transform a fallen person into an icon of Christ.**

**• Fr. Mike**

## **From the Parish Council**

**The parish council meeting took place on July 13<sup>th</sup>. It was relatively brief and rehashed topics such as A Taste of Greece, a narthex, the bookstore, the pantocrator project, the new Old Canton sign, and the marble sign from the old church.**

**The Pantocrator project has progressed with only the iconography remaining. It is now expected to be completed in September. The marble sign from the old church, which has been in the rear of the church for over a decade, is now being explored for potential repair and utilization. More to follow.**

**Lastly, we continue to gather information on the building of a narthex to complete our sanctuary renovation. This would be built inward, and the latest, partial quote received came in much lower than expected. We hope to share more information soon.**

**Your Servants,  
The Parish Council**



# New Sunday School Director



We would like to thank Ellen Hontzas for her many years of service as our Sunday School director. She will continue to help with teaching the children, but will pass the torch to Heather, who will be our new director, and Chrissy, who will be the assistant director. We will look forward to a fruitful year with updated curriculum for our children. The following shows the classes and teachers:

Kari and Mary - Middle School and High School

Heather - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Sarah - Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Malissa - Preschool

## New Sign Installed

The new sign on Old Canton has been installed, and we will now figure out how to get power for lighting more cost-effectively.







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## 2 Dates, 2 Locations, 4 Featured Speakers

August 9 | Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church, Charlotte, NC



**Dr. Albert Rossi**

Dr. Rossi is the resident Clinical Psychologist at St. Vladimir's Seminary and has served on its Faculty Council for over 20 years. He is the author of *Becoming a Healing Presence* and *All is Well*, and hosts a biweekly podcast, *Becoming a Healing Presence*, on Ancient Faith Radio. A former Associate Professor of Psychology, he retired after 24 years of teaching at Pace University.



**Anastasia Stonestreet**

Anastasia is a homeschooling mom, former Montessori teacher, and longtime youth ministry leader with a degree in Religious Studies from UVA. For over 20 years, she's developed and led catechism programs for young children, most recently at St. Nektarios. Her work is guided by her training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and a deep commitment to Orthodox faith.

August 16 | Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church, Boca Raton, FL



**Dr. Helen Nixon**

Dr. Helen Nixon is the Sunday School Coordinator at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Washington, DC, where she has served for five years. She is the Director of Human Resources for the United Mine Workers of America and has over two decades of experience as an educator and executive leader in K-12 schools. Dr. Nixon holds degrees from Clemson, Virginia Commonwealth, and The George Washington University, and teaches graduate courses at Bowie State University.



**Fr. Mark Leondis**

Fr. Mark Leondis is the Senior Pastor of Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, Florida, and formerly served as National Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Archdiocese. He holds a BA from Hellenic College, an MDiv from Holy Cross, and pursued graduate studies in youth ministry and leadership. A dedicated educator and leader, he has served in parishes across the U.S., chaired Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Hellenic College Holy Cross.

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For more information on the August 9 session, contact Gerry Clonaris at 704.574.6179 or Dr. Thomas Copulos at 561.706.3562 regarding August 16.



# SAVE THE DATE

**Our next Taste of  
Greece  
will be held on  
February 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2026 at Old  
Capital Inn.**

## **Choir Practice and Orthodoxy 101**

**Choir Practice and Orthodoxy 101 will be held on most Sundays after the Liturgy. Our choir has been working to update their musical material to match the hymnal found in the pews. This transition will cover from the beginning of the Liturgy up to the sermon. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we undertake this important process to better enable everyone to sing together. We expect this process to be completed over the next couple of months. We encourage anyone interested in the basics of our faith to join us in Orthodoxy 101, and anyone willing to help us build our music program to attend choir practices. We will look forward to seeing you there.**

# New Bookstore Inventory

The bookstore has been updated with floating shelves, new inventory for adults and children, and more. Other parishes speak highly of the importance of their bookstore and the role it plays in providing a functional resource for new and existing members. We thank Cristina Nica for her willingness to take on this project as it progresses.

