



## From Father Anthony

### **A New Year a New Vision**

Based on the roar coming from the social hall this past Sunday, I could tell people were genuinely happy to be together and thoroughly enjoying each other. It makes my heart glad to see such joy and refreshment following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. “Let us love one another that with one mind we might confess” we say in the Divine Liturgy. The fact is, being of one mind takes vigilance and constant work because it is a quality that can easily be corrupted by misunderstandings, impatience, selfishness, bitterness, unforgiveness, jealousy, resentment, pride, and the list of community breaking maladies goes on and on. So to hear the buzz of good conversation means that at least this Sunday, we have managed to escape the wiles of the evil one. Can this attitude be sustained or does familiarity breed contempt? Do we take it for granted? Maturity requires that some people must put in some effort to make the environment for others to enjoy; that is just a fact. The more people that put in the effort then the less effort it takes from just a few. If we believe that there is something special and worth investing in then each of us is called upon to do our part to sustain the high quality of fellowship that we enjoy. In the end we are called upon to serve Christ, and Christ has taught us that He is in our neighbor. Therefore we serve Christ by serving our neighbor. No one wants to think of themselves as “selfish”, but that is what we are when we are stingy in sharing the care for our community, the body of Christ in Athens, GA. With a little effort from each of us, we will be refreshed by our work, and edified by our efforts. But if we only take, then we come away with an anorexic soul and spirit, starved because of a lack of generosity. What we want to share with the rest of the Athens community is the joy of Christ as Orthodox Christians. “They will know we are Christians by our love.” “See how they loved one another”. The roar of joy I heard on Sunday is the sound of people blessed by the Holy Spirit, full of the love of Christ, without enmity, strife or pride; in self forgetfulness loving one another. That is what our faith should do for us. Resolve this year to step out and do something in the Church. Get involved in a committee, offer your services. It doesn’t have to be big; it just has to be something.

Have a blessed New Ecclesiastical Year.

Fr. Anthony Salzman

# Parish Happenings

**General Assembly** will be Sunday Sept. 7th. It is very important that we all plan to attend.

**Covered Dish Lunch** will follow the General Assembly Meeting on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Regular Schedule:** On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular Sunday worship times of 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**OCF Kayaking** on the Broad River Monday Sept 1st, contact Alexis Economou to sign up. [alexise@uga.edu](mailto:alexise@uga.edu)

**Spaghetti Dinners** every Thursday evening 5-7, Adults \$6, children under 12, \$3. Please tell your friends, and distribute flyers. Volunteers needed, please contact Takis Iakovou.

**Sunday School Classes** begin August 31. Education in our faith is a privilege and a gift for young *and* old. Regular attendance, frequent Confession and Communion strengthen us to become the person God created us to be; full of His Holy Spirit and a light unto the world. Please register your children and plan to participate in this beautiful program.

**Adult Education Class:** A catechetical program will start up after the Greek Festival. If interested please contact Robi Ragan or Alex Johns and look for future announcements.

**GOYA Advent Retreat:** "Living Orthodoxy in Our Contemporary World" Nov. 14th-16<sup>th</sup> at the Diakonia Center.

For information see Robi Ragan or go to [www.atlanta.goarch.org](http://www.atlanta.goarch.org)

**Greek Festival** will be September 13 & 14. There has been a lot of hard work and preparation leading up to this event. Please sign up during coffee hour for your assignments to work that weekend. Or call Barbara Knisely at 770-725-2639 to see where you are needed. We are asking that everyone work as much as they can for this two day event.

**Golf Tournament:** Sept. 22nd at the Georgia Club. Visit our website for more information. [www.stphilothea.ga.goarch.org](http://www.stphilothea.ga.goarch.org) and get your team registered.

**The Bookstore:** The Bookstore is open every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy and has a wonderful collection of resources to enrich our spiritual lives.

**Online Parish Information**  
<http://www.stphilothea.ga.goarch.org/>

**Parish & Marswood Hall Calendar**  
<http://calendar.goarch.org/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.exe?level=marswood hall>

**Congratulations:** We welcome Paul Lavelle and Panos Dekazos to the Parish Council.

\*Announcements for the bulletin can be emailed to [Greekgirl1087@aol.com](mailto:Greekgirl1087@aol.com)

## Prayer Requests:

*Georgia Parthemos  
Bertha Bourney  
Mihail, Bojana & Baby Miletkov*



**COFFEE HOUR HOST**

Please contact Lynn Manzione for any changes and explanation of duties. New this year: Host is asked to contribute \$10 towards purchase of supplies. Money can be turned in to Lynn or our Treasurer, Andrew Shih. Thank you for supporting this fellowship ministry!

7-Sep	Covered Dish <b>Herrington</b>
14-Sep	Strict Fast <b>GREEK FESTIVAL</b>
21-Sep	<b>Horescu</b>
28-Sep	<b>Iakovou</b>
5-Oct	Teaching Liturgy/Covered Dish <b>Johns &amp; Bahtu James</b>
12-Oct	<b>Kefalas</b>
19-Oct	<b>Kimbaris</b>
26-Oct	<b>Kovak &amp; Lavelle</b>
2-Nov	Covered Dish <b>Knisely</b>
9-Nov	<b>Lambros</b>
16-Nov	Advent Fast Begins <b>Lamson</b>
23-Nov	<b>Lieffring</b>
30-Nov	<b>Lubimov &amp; O'Malley</b>
7-Dec	Covered Dish <b>Mahoney</b>
14-Dec	<b>Majsztrik &amp; Moore</b>

21-Dec	<b>Pagonis &amp; Papadopoulos</b>
28-Dec	<b>E. Pappas</b>
4-Jan	Covered Dish <b>Parthemos &amp; Manzione</b>
11-Jan	<b>Pottier</b>
18-Jan	<b>Ragan</b>
25-Jan	<b>Salzman</b>
1-Feb	Covered Dish <b>Shih</b>
8-Feb	<b>Shurdha &amp; Seiss</b>
15-Feb	<b>Spring</b>
22-Feb	<b>Stiles</b>
1-Mar	Covered Dish: <b>Svoronos</b>
8-Mar	Great Lent <b>Tseggai</b>
15-Mar	<b>Vlahos</b>
22-Mar	<b>Volk</b>
29-Mar	<b>Wright</b>
5-Apr	Covered Dish
12-Apr	
19-Apr	Holy Pascha
26-Apr	
3-May	Covered Dish

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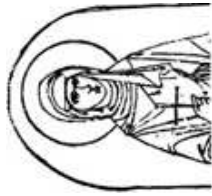
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## September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
8:30a <a href="#">Orthros and Divine Liturgy</a>	1 <a href="#">OCF Kyaking on the Broad River</a>	2 <a href="#">11:00a OCF lunch at Bull Dawg Cafe</a>	3 <a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a>	4 <a href="#">5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12</a>	5 <a href="#">12:00p Jordan rehearsal</a>	6 <a href="#">12:00p Jordan, Misty-wedding-c-reception</a>
7	8 <a href="#">Nativity of the Theotokos</a>	9	10 <a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a>	11 <a href="#">6:00p OCF Dinner and Discussion, Church</a>	12	13 <a href="#">12:00p Greek Festival</a>
14 <a href="#">Elevation of the Holy Cross</a> <a href="#">12:00p Greek Festival</a>	15	16 <a href="#">12:00p Athens Tech 5-7:30</a>	17 <a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a> <a href="#">7:00p Parish Council</a>	18 <a href="#">12:00p Athens Tech 5-7:30</a> <a href="#">5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12</a> <a href="#">6:30p OCF Dinner and Discussion 6:30 On campus</a>	19 <a href="#">12:00p Thuerk rehearsal</a>	20 <a href="#">12:00p Thuerk Sarah Wedding-c-reception</a>
21	22 <a href="#">12:30p Golf Tournament, Georgia Club</a>	23 <a href="#">11:00a OCF lunch at Bull Dawg Cafe</a>	24 <a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a>	25 <a href="#">5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12</a>	26 <a href="#">Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian 12:00p Looney rehearsal</a>	27 <a href="#">12:00p Gallegos,Emillia Birthday-Tentative</a>
28 <a href="#">12:00p Looney/Riggan Wedding/reception/C</a>	29	30	1 <a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a>	2 <a href="#">5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12</a> <a href="#">6:00p OCF Dinner and Discussion, Church</a>	3	4 <a href="#">12:00p Keshia Walker-carlos Wynn Wedding&amp;Reception-c</a>

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