

The Annunciator

Thinking Orthodox Understanding & Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind

By Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou, Ph.D.
Some Highlights of An Outstanding Orthodox Book
Summarized by Rev. Fr. Paul A. Kaplanis



Over the years, I have read many books. Sometimes these books were assigned reading for educational purposes. Most often it was to prepare for formal sermons and speeches, and to read to enrich my knowledge of the Orthodox Faith. Oftentimes, my choice of books has been focused on non-fiction and many outstanding well-known classics. The most important and challenging book of all is the timeless and spiritually enriching Holy Bible.

Earlier in my life, there were very few Orthodox books available written in English, which made it difficult to learn in depth the teachings of our Orthodox Church. Thankfully, this is not the case today. Many Orthodox works have been translated and many new books have been written much like the book mentioned above by Presbytera Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou.

It is refreshing that a cradle Greek Orthodox Christian, like Pres. Scarvelis Constantinou informs her readers that she, like many of us,

was not very familiar with Orthodoxy theology growing up. It was later that she became a skilled professor able to articulate aspects of our Faith in many different forums. One of those forums is the popular podcast on Ancient Faith Radio, *Search the Scriptures Live*. In a humble and very thorough manner, she artfully defines and distinguishes Orthodox teachings from western Christian theologians who generally must use logic and philosophy to arrive at truth. In essence, as we will see below, the stark distinction between the Orthodox mind from the Protestant and Catholic mind.

As the author lays out the premise for her excellent work, she makes it clear that unlike the west, **“we do not use precise definitions and statements, it is difficult to find anything in Orthodoxy that is clear, defined and accepted by all, except for conciliar statements. Some would argue that even canons and the Nicene Creed are not actually “definitions,” but simply “language” or formulations that express certain theological limitations.”**

Therefore, in her work, the author defines the



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Orthodox thought process, the Orthodox Phronema. Through her over forty years of experience in reading, studying, speaking, learning, and teaching theology and biblical studies, as a professor and as a guest speaker in Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox settings, as well as giving presentations to secular groups and teaching at public institutions, she offers this book to Orthodox and non-Orthodox as an attempt to explain how Orthodox think and how Orthodox theologians theologize.

Apologies must be stated up front that it is impossible to summarize this rather large volume in a few pages. The purpose here is to wet the readers appetite and encourage them to take the entire journey through the pages, so that whoever reads this treasure will understand the Orthodox Christian mindset as much as it can be defined and expressed.

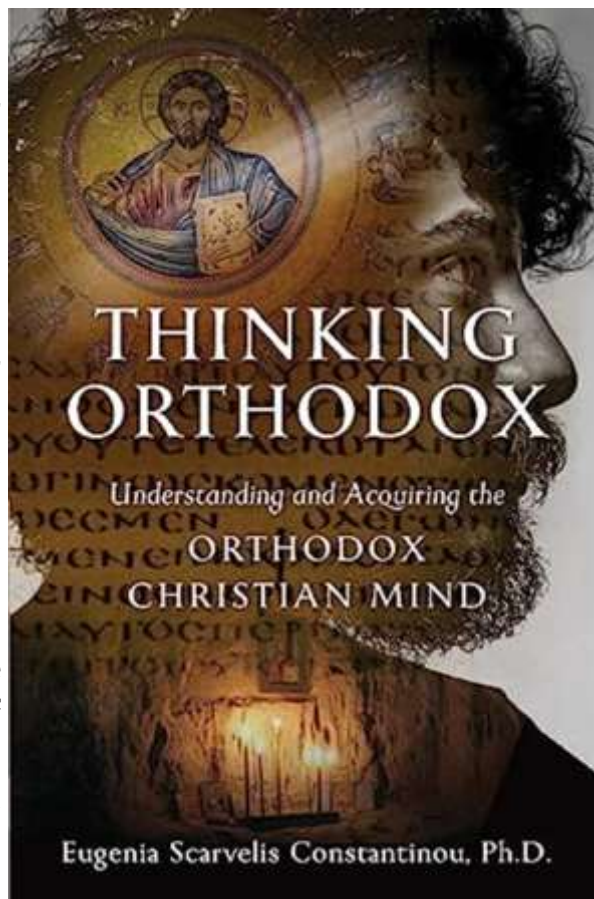
The first chapter begins by outlining **The Distinctiveness of Orthodox Christianity.**

What truly makes Orthodox Christianity different? The author asserts that the answer to this question is complex. The Orthodox phronema (“mentality,” “stance,” or “approach”), is the foundation of Orthodox Christianity. As the author states, “Phronema comes from the Greek root ‘*phren.*’ Although not certain, in Homeric Greek, *phren* referred to the diaphragm, which was considered the locus of one’s intellectual and spiritual activity.” In summary, the Greek philosophers, linked “phronesis” to thought and action, differing from wisdom. Phronesis is a gift from God, and what is divine and phronimon

should rule men. Precisely, “phronema” is viewed as a kind of practical knowledge because it involves behavior in both public and private matters.

The challenge is to articulate this because it is innate in the Orthodox mind. Those who embrace Orthodoxy later in life, must learn not only what to do, but how to think as Orthodox Christians.

It is much easier to become knowledgeable about Orthodoxy than to be able to grasp the



experiential aspect of the Faith. As the author points out, **“Learning when to fast, how to fast and why to fast, is much easier than acquiring a correct attitude or understanding about fasting.”** The danger here is to learn the rules of fasting meticulously and easily, not being aware that it may take years to fully grasp the spirit of the rules in order to experience the many spiritual benefits.

So, why is Phronema important? The author answers this question in the following way. **“The Orthodox Phronema is a consistent attitude that has been known and**

experienced in the Church from the beginning and is unconcerned with conforming to the expectations of this world. Our phronema is the reason for the stability of Orthodoxy...as a Church and as individuals, we know who we are, what we believe and where we stand.”

The Orthodox mindset/phronema remains unchanged from the beginning of the Church to the present day. The author cautions that the intellectualization of western culture has contributed to the development of many

amateur theologians who approach the Orthodox Faith as an object of study. This attempt is admirable, but they lack an Orthodox Phronema. This leads to the distorted presentation of Orthodoxy. With the wealth of information available at our fingertips there is the danger of intellectual laziness and a mirage of knowledge. There is also presently a "hostility toward established knowledge" in every aspect of life. **"People tend to become very hostile or combative, when those with actual knowledge and real expertise challenge amateur dabblers."** In essence, you cannot believe everything you read on the internet.

In the Old Testament Septuagint usage, phronesis is considered a characteristic of God and is often translated into English "understanding:" "the Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding [phronesi] he has established the heavens" (Prov. 3:19 LXX). God's understanding is beyond human comprehension.

In the New Testament we see the verb *phroneo* and the noun used in the New Testament and today, *phronema*. Peter insisted that Jesus not go to Jerusalem after He predicted His Passion. Both Matthew and Mark report the Lord's rebuke using the verb *phroneo*: "Get behind me, Satan, for you are not thinking [*ou phroneis*] the things of God but of men" (Matt. 16:23; Mark 8:33). Thus, *phronema* can also be used to refer to an intellectual or spiritual attitude that is *not* correct.

Listen to this great illustration. A virtuous person shows good phronema, since proper intellectual or spiritual attitude is reflected in one's behavior. In modern usage, Greek parents sometimes admonish their children by saying, "Katse phronema!" literally, "Sit mindfully" or in other words, "Behave yourself!"

St. Paul used the word several times in Romans 8:5-7. He says, **"For the mindset [phronema] of the flesh is death, but the mindset [phronema] of the Spirit is life and peace."** St. Paul uses the

word phronema in several places and another example is in Romans 15:5 where it says, **"May the God of patience and consolation grant to you [to have] the same mindset [phronein] among one another according to Christ Jesus."** *Phronema* is sometimes almost synonymous with the well-known term "mind of Christ," (1 Cor. 2:16), although the word Paul uses there is *nous*. Clearly, from the very beginning of the Church, Christians were encouraged to acquire and maintain a specific Christian attitude, manner of thought, and a way of behaving.

Many decades ago, my mentor, of blessed memory, Father George Nicozisin, who for several years served as the director of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Religious Education Department, authored a book entitled, "The Road to Orthodox Phronema," (I have a copy of his book), in which he described how the elements of early Christian life combined to form a specific phronema, which is the phronema preserved today in the Orthodox Church. He states, **"It was the way the early Christians expressed their theology long before doctrines, creeds and canons were promulgated and decreed through official councils. The words of the Lord Jesus Christ were first lived as a tradition and then put into sentences and chapters that formed the written source of knowledge we know as scripture. As tradition and scripture surfaced, they did so through the annual of history, conveyed and blended, they became the pillar and foundation comprising the phronema, and whose mode of expression became liturgical life for both the Church and the believers."**

Father George eloquently expressed how phronema guided lives of Orthodox Christians in the New World:

"When Orthodox people came to the shores of the American continent, they did not come fortified with books of theology, nor even Bibles, for the most part. What they brought with them was something intangible. They

brought with them the Orthodox *phronema*, the *parakatathiki*, (“deposit”), the heritage and legacy of scripture, tradition, doctrine, and history which they received as a deposit from one generation to the another.”

In a work entitled, “The Theologian in Modern Society: Phronema and Behavior” by Stylianos Harkianakis, our author quotes the following: **“Phronema is formed consistently, habitually, regularly through behaviors. But phronema is not merely moral values that people profess. It is a way of life based on complete faith and confidence in the Church. In that respect... phronema is derived not from human experience and wisdom, but from the voice of God through revelation which is self-evident and does not undergo censure or doubt.”**

Faith and phronema intersect and reflect each other. The Western phronema expects, even requires, definition, guidelines, and explanations. This is a product of developments in the West during the Middle Ages. Tradition, phronema, and so many aspects of Orthodoxy are inexplicable and indefinable. Perhaps this is why Orthodox Christians rarely attempt to articulate the nature of phronema. And yet it is our experience of Orthodoxy, impossible to explain or describe, that continually confirms our truth and compels us to adhere to it firmly and with great confidence. We know this reality from actual experience.

Our author completes chapter two by expressing the following: **“We begin to truly appreciate the wisdom, love, and sacrifice of our parents only when we reach adulthood. Likewise, our confidence in Orthodox phronema grows as we mature in Orthodoxy. With the passage of time, we come to realize that, through our own personal lived experience, the truth and wisdom of the Church is expressed in the divine services and through the writings of the Fathers and the lives of the saints. Practices**

once performed merely because we were “supposed to” are eventually embraced as genuinely useful, necessary, and organic expressions of inner devotion. Beliefs we simply accepted because Orthodoxy “has always taught this” are recognized as pointing to profound realities beyond words or comprehension. It is our experience through our life in the Church that confirms us in its truth. This is why we adhere so faithfully and firmly to Tradition. Perhaps it is for this reason that a monastic friend told me simply that **“phronema” is Tradition.”**

So now, it is in your hands, dear reader of this article, to seek out this book that has so much more to offer, in the chapters that follow. Of course, you will need to take the initiative. Thank you to Presbytera Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou for authoring this excellent work.



To purchase this wonderful book please visit our book store or click the link below to buy the book on [Amazon](#)

A Brief History of the Dormition of the Theotokos

By Rev. Fr. Christos P. Mars

In the New Testament, death is known as “falling asleep” (1 Thes. 4:13-15). For this reason, the Virgin Mary’s death is called the “Falling Asleep of the Theotokos.”

When did the Theotokos, fall asleep? The tradition and written accounts which have survived tell us that our Panagia lived eleven years after the Transfiguration of our Lord. For three years after His death she visited the temple. When she was at the age of 49, Christ

ascended into heaven. At the age of 60 she fell asleep.

She always lived in the Holy Land, where the God-Man, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, taught the glory of the word for the salvation of humanity and was triumphantly resurrected from the dead.

Our Panagia very often visited the Mountain of Olives where our Lord ascended into heaven. There she prayed to our Heavenly Father and to Her Son.

Three days before she fell asleep, an Angel came from Heaven and notified her that this event would take place in her life. It is said that the Archangel Gabriel, who had earlier brought her the news that she was to bear Christ, also came to tell of her falling asleep. Our Panagia was told not to be disturbed, but she should accept this with humility and with the new meaning of her falling asleep, as it is followed by a life in heaven together with Her Son.

There was no disturbance or sadness to be found in the heart of our Panagia. Instead, the opposite was to be found, her heart flooded with happiness and the desire she had to be close to Christ.

Before, she announced the Holy event, the Theotokos climbed, for the last time, to the Mount of Olives so she could say her prayers. It is said that on the way up the mountain she was greeted by the trees having their branches turned downwards as if they were bowing. In



the future this would be the explanation that is given, that even the outside world without souls showed respect to the Panagia, who gave her entire life for the life and wishes of our Lord.

After she prayed on the mountain, she returned to Jerusalem to begin the preparations for her falling asleep. She lit candles in her house and



invited all of her Christian friends, at which time she announced that she would be falling asleep. They all cried at the thought of her leaving them.

There, after a short while, many gathered miraculously from all over the world. They were taken by a cloud, brought to Gethsemane and to the house of the Theotokos. This was done according to the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with whom all is possible.

Together with the other disciples of Christ, a cloud also brought forth to the Holy City Saint Dionysios the Areopagitis, Saint Timothy, and other Holy Hierarchs.

Since many who gathered began to cry once they learned of our Panagia falling asleep, She said to them: *“Oh, those who are disciples of Christ and our Lord, do not have sadness at my falling asleep.”* And in a short time there appeared the inflamed speaker of the Bible, the Apostle Paul, who with much respect bid goodbye to our Panagia and spoke great words of praise for her.

At this point, in one moment of atmospheric silence, the Theotokos said goodbye to everyone and asked our Lord for peace in the world.

She took her final stance in this life, that is in the “deathbed.” She showed her inspiration and illumination that she had in her Holy soul that went to heaven. She went to take her position next to the throne of our Lord, close to her Son.

Her funeral was a procession in the evening. The apostles held the casket with others leading the procession chanting hymns. Above the human hymns there were also heard hymns chanted from heaven. The harmonious voices heard from heaven were from the Angels and the Bodiless powers.

The disciples of Judas, the unceasing enemies of Christ and the Panagia, organized themselves against the procession and tried to vehemently throw down the Relics of the Panagia. What occurred at this point was a great miracle.

It was not possible for our Lord to allow the

Holy Body of His Mother, the Body that bore the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to be tossed to the street by those who were disrespectful. The justice from our Lord saw those who dared to be disrespectful to be blinded.

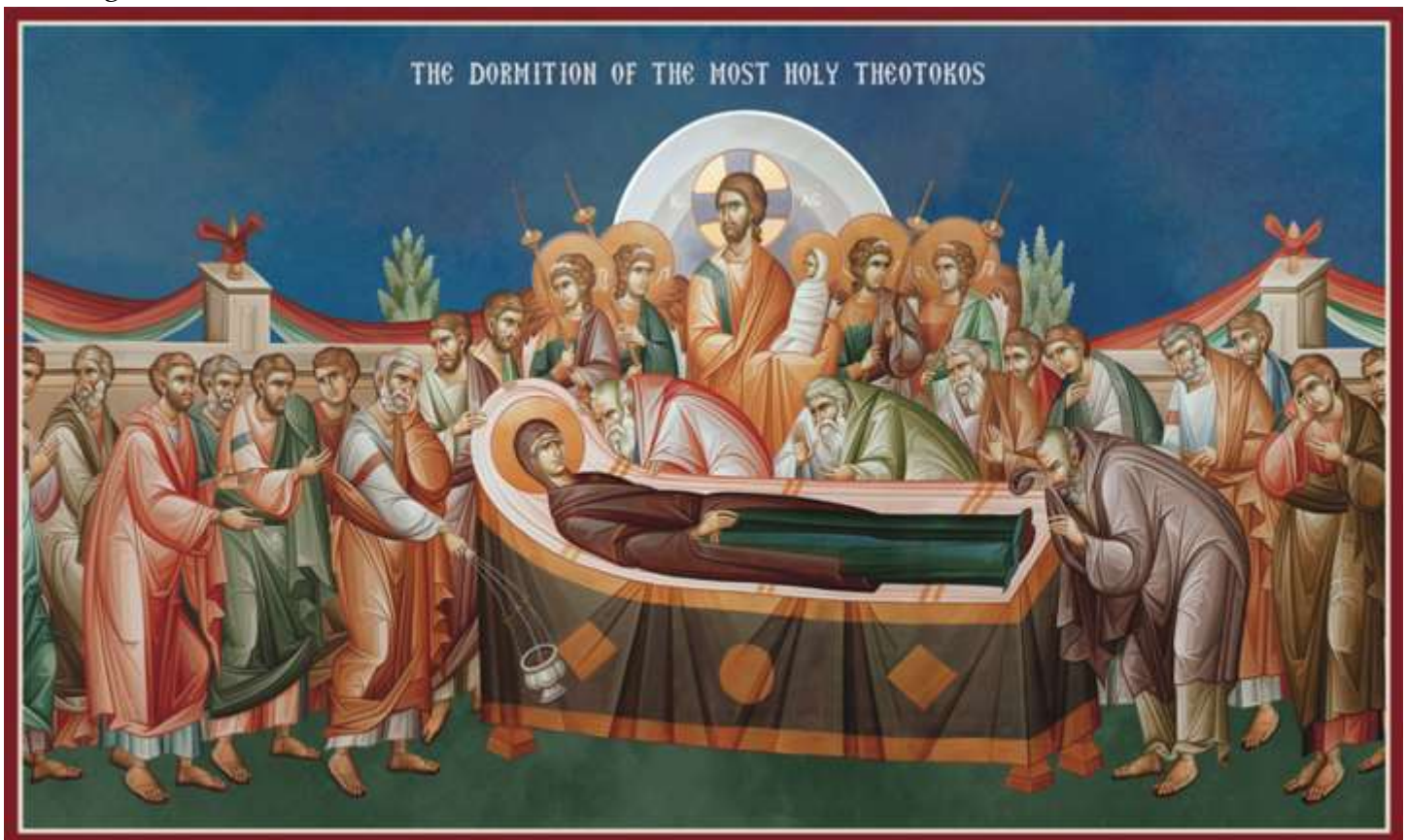
One of the disciples of Judas, who went so far as to try to take the casket, was met with even stronger punishment. Not only was he blinded, but he also had his hands cut off and stuck on top of the casket where he had dared to place his hands. This action saw him feeling contrition for his actions, made him believe in Christ and allowed himself to become familiar with the Mother of God.

After he sought confession, he was healed. It is said that he received one small piece of the Panagia's clothing, and that through his faith, it allowed him to be healed of his blindness and severed hands. This piece of the Panagia's clothing also healed all of those who

consequently were blinded, then believed and regained their sight.

This is just a brief history of the last moments of the Panagia's life. To celebrate this great Feastday we must all come together as a Cathedral Parish Family and sing the Small and Great Paraklisis that will take place on the first 15 days of August at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of you, praying that our Most Holy pure blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary, will intercede for us to her Son and our God.

May these 15 days of prayer and fasting, bring us closer to Christ and His Holy Mother.



HOPE & JOY

Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education & Junior Orthodox Youth

2023-2024 SCHEDULE

THEME: LITURGICAL ITEMS

August 13	"I love the smell of prayer in the morning"...The censor		
September 10	"Setting the table for a very special meal"...The Chalice and Paten (Outdoor Picnic)		
September 22-24			
October 1	"I'm sick"...Visitation of the sick		
November 12	"The staff of power and other cool things"...What the Bishop holds		
November 25	Sandwich Making for Soup Kitchen		
December 2	Breakfast with St. Nicholas with Christmas Party hosted by GOYA		
January 14	"Bath time for all Orthodox"...the Baptismal Font		
February 11	"What to wear today?...Orthodox Vestments		
March 10	"Not Heinz 57, but the same number of ingredients"...Holy Chrism		
April 14	"It's three clothes in one!"...The Antimension		
May 5	Easter		
May 19	"The Priest plays with water"...Rosewater Sprinkler		

GOYA

Please join us for our upcoming GOYA events!

- Sunday August 20th from 12:30-2:30
Kickball Slip & Slide
- Saturday September 9th
AIOPA Cross Divine Event in Macon Georgia (the time is TBD but will get this information out once we know more)
- Sunday September 10th 1:00pm
Braves Game outing, buses will leave immediately after church
- Saturday September 16th
Parish Appreciation Greek Glendi
Upperclassman (11th- 12th Graders) lock-in following the Glendi.
- Sunday September 17th 12:30-2:30
Dodgeball
- September 22nd- 24th:
Volunteer at the Atlanta Greek Festival



YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

FEASTDAY AUG 15 BURGERS & BREWS

7PM



Celebrate the Feast of the Dormition with us at SweetWater Brewing Company.
Meals purchased individually.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

**AUG 27
12PM**



Monthly college & graduate student luncheons being for new school year. Immediately following Divine Liturgy.

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3

**SEP 8
~6PM**



Join us for dinner and a movie! More details coming.
Meals & tickets purchased individually.

OOT: PROJECT MEXICO

**SEP 14
7-9 PM**



Young adults Julia Hill and Maria Linebaugh will speak on their recent mission trip with Project Mexico.
Dinner provided.

HTGOC PANIGIRI & PANEL

**AUG 19
& 20**



Not All Who Wonder at Lost hosted by HTGOC YAL: Vespers & Panigiri (Sat); Divine Liturgy & Panel (Sun)
\$15. Registration Required.
tinyurl.com/htgocpanel

SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

**SEP 6
6-7PM**



Zoom classes begin for this semester's Wednesday NITE Life (adult education).
Details at atlhoc.org/wnl

AIOPA CROSS TOSS & BBQ

**SEP 9
3PM**



Local Orthodox churches will be gathering together in Macon, GA.

PARISH APPRECIATION GREEK GLENDI

**SEP 16
6-11 PM**



Enjoy an evening of food, fellowship and dancing. No charge; parishioners only. Registration required.
tinyurl.com/atlhocglendi

PLEASE CHECK GROUPME FOR MORE INFO.

Thank You to our Youth Volunteers

Thank you Youth Volunteers for your
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Thank you to our Altar Boys, Handmaidens,
and Epistle Readers



Congratulations



Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients

Olga Biehler Memorial Scholarship: **Eliana Vallianatos** is attending Georgia College & State University.

Anna Mae Livaditis Scholarship: **Nikolaos Constantinides** is attending Georgia Tech.

Philoptochos Scholarship: **Nicolas Moore** is attending UGA

2023-2024 GOYA Officers

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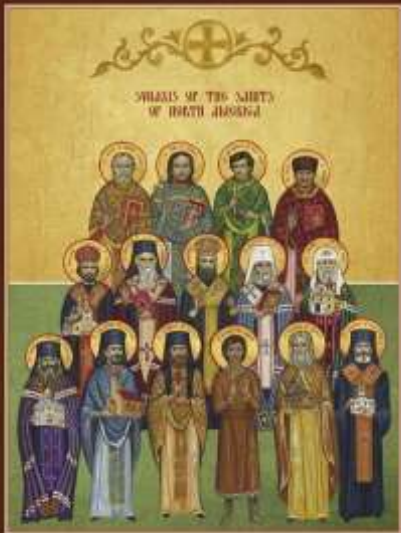
Anastasia Zaharis – Secretary

Michael Costopoulos -Treasurer

Gabriella Mayes - Historian



Wednesday “NITE” Life



Wednesday “NITE” Life classes will take place via Zoom . This course is designed to explore the various Saints of North America, and to have a better understanding of these local Saints who help shaped the Orthodox Church in North America. The classes are facilitated by Rev. Fr. Paul A. Kaplanis & Rev. Fr. Christos P. Mars

Classes are on Wednesday, from 6:00–7:00PM

- **September 6**
- **September 13**
- **NO CLASS on September 20th (Atlanta Greek Festival Preparation)**
- **September 27**
- **October 4**
- **October 11**
- **October 18**
- **October 25**
- **NO CLASS on November 1st (National Clergy Retreat)**
- **November 8**
- **November 15**
- **NO CLASS on November 22nd (Thanksgiving Preparation)**
- **November 29**
- **December 6**
- **December 13**
- **December 20, The Sacrament of Holy Unction in the Cathedral. This is the last day that all classes meet for the semester**

Saint Lazarus Bereavement Ministry

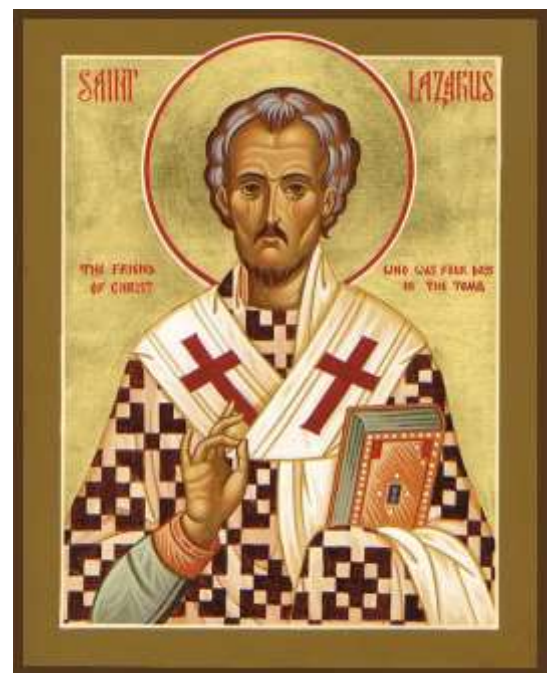
Saint Lazarus Bereavement Ministry is an eight-session course based upon the book *Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians* by Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli and published by Ancient Faith Publishing.

Participants in this class are asked to purchase and read the book and will be working with a carefully designed bereavement curriculum designed by Dr. Byrne-Martelli.

The session dates are as follows:

- ◆ **Session 1: September 6**
- ◆ **Session 2: September 13**
- ◆ **Session 3: September 27**
- ◆ **Session 4: October 4**
- ◆ **Session 5: October 11**
- ◆ **Session 6: October 18**
- ◆ **Session 7: November 1**
- ◆ **Session 8: November 8**

Saint Lazarus Bereavement Ministry is held, in person, on **Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00PM** at the Cathedral Kafenion. Facilitated by Dr. Nickitas Demos, DMA



Road to Orthodoxy

Road to Orthodoxy is designed for those who are interested in embracing the Orthodox Faith as well as for those who would like to “brush up” on their rudimentary knowledge of the Orthodox faith. Classes are facilitated by Mr. Scott Davenport

Classes are virtual on Wednesday, from 7:00–8:00PM

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Golden Group

Get out your calendars, please! It's time for you to mark some special days on your schedule so you won't miss out on our monthly luncheons and programs in the Kartos Ballroom and our sightseeing trips around Atlanta and surrounding cities.

Our first trip of the season is to the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville on Tuesday, October 17. Whether you are a serious car collector, a car enthusiast, or a local tourist this world-class museum aims to educate and entertain. On the way back to church we will stop and dine together at Yeero Village in Marietta. More information will follow, but please contact Mary Anne Chanos (404-556-8619) if you are interested in joining Golden Group for this fun-filled excursion.

Other field trip possibilities during the year include the Governor's Mansion, Diakonia Center and Buc-ees.

Our luncheon/program dates (all Thursdays) are: October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 7, April 11, and May 16. Please also save Monday, March 18, on your calendar as this is the first day of Lent, and Golden Group hosts the Lenten Pot Luck Luncheon after the Service of Holy Unction.

If you have any suggestions for speakers, activities, or excursions or if you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor a luncheon in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Cindy Stanton (770-925-1220). She would love to hear your ideas.

Check out the pictures below from our Greek Picnic in May. AHEPA and Danaos Society graciously hosted our delicious dinner - souvlaki and all the trimmings. Vickie Henson, Entertainer Extraordinaire, entertained our group with Greek music, Greek dancing and Greek comedy! Vickie was honored along with Stacie Nefos, Chris Loumakis, and Ted Carnegie for sharing their time, talents and treasures throughout the year to make our Golden Group luncheons and outings such a success.

Plans are in the works for entertaining and informative luncheon programs and speakers as well as field trips around Atlanta and surrounding cities. If you have any suggestions for an activity or a speaker or if you would like to sponsor a luncheon in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Cindy Stanton (770-925-1220).



ANNUNCIATION PARISH APPRECIATION GREEK GLENDI

September 16th
6:00 pm Kartos Ballroom

Save the Date!

Our Festival is only as strong as our parishioners who volunteer and everyone's time and talents are greatly needed and appreciated!

Enjoy an evening of food, fellowship & dancing!

The deadline to register is Monday, September 11. There will be no "Day of Event" walk-ins. There is no charge for the event and it is open to Parishioners ONLY! Click [HERE](#) to register.





ANNUNCIATION
AFTERNOON GREEK SCHOOL
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We look forward to another great year with our Afternoon Greek School on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Greek School begins September 6 with the Blessing of the Waters and Meet the Teacher.

We must have 25 students register for the program to be sustainable.

Click [HERE](#) to register for classes today!

Reminder: Those who register and pay in full by September 1st will receive a \$50.00 discount on tuition this year!

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All registrations after deadline
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K-8th grade: Sundays @12:00 pm

High School: Mondays @6:45pm

Adult: Mondays @8:00 pm



Register Today: atlhoc.org/dance For info: danceministry@atlhoc.org



ANNUNCIATION DAY SCHOOL

Centered in Christ, Children and Community



Annunciation Day School (ADS) welcomed back 165 students on August 7th, adding 40 new families to the school community! This year, they are embarking on a capital campaign and Gala initiative themed *"Building a Legacy."* The campaign will help fund the construction of an additional school building to add more classrooms, media center & administrative offices, and to renovate the existing school building including Carlos Hall. ADS invites the entire Cathedral parish to join them on Friday, October 27th at 7:00pm in the Kartos Ballroom for this spectacular Gala evening benefiting the *"Building a Legacy"* campaign.



Tickets will include a champagne reception with hors d'oeuvres with a filet medallion & sea bass dinner. Live and silent auctions will include exclusive travel and dining packages, an adorable puppy, Atlanta United Soccer suite at Mercedes-Benz, and more! Gala tickets and sponsorships will go live by the end of August at www.adsatlanta.org.



ADS has another busy and exciting year ahead of them including their annual Ice Cream Social, International Night, 5K Spartan Run, field trips including Mercedes-Benz Corporate offices, Tellus Science Museum, Center for Puppetry Arts, and 4H Camp, Father/Daughter & Mother/Son dances, and defending their championship titles in both soccer and basketball in the MAAC league.



The ADS Spartan community is looking to surpass last year's gross revenue of \$1.5 million (not including the \$3.3 million raised for the new Canakarlis Athletic Field), with a net revenue of \$76,258.60. Important to note that the school reimburses the Cathedral an annual building usage fee totaling \$137,500 (2022-2023 school year).



If you have school-aged children from Pre-School to 8th grade, ADS invites you to come to their Open House on Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30pm in Carlos Hall. You will get a chance to hear from the Head of School, meet teachers, review curriculum, and learn about before & after school activities. We look forward to growing our Spartan community with more Cathedral families! Visit www.adsatlanta.org to learn more or contact their Marketing Director, Sophia Tsiotsias, at marketing@adsatlanta.org; (404) 565-2850 for a tour.



Have a great fall and we can't wait to see you at the Gala on Friday, October 27th where we will be honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ron & Vicki Canakarlis with the St. Kosmas of Aetolia award, and Mrs. Connie Mondore with the ADS Volunteer Award.



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Daughters of Penelope

August Kickoff Dinner Meeting & Initiation

Tuesday, August 29th @ 6pm
AHEPA ONE, 2025 Ludovie Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Come hear about this year's exciting calendar!

Please RSVP to dopmenelaos53@gmail.com so that we may get a head count for dinner. This will be our only night meeting for 2023.

If you need a ride to the meeting please let us know when you RSVP as we have Sisters that have volunteered to drive.

Save the Date
My Big Fat Greek
Wedding 3
On Sunday, September
10th
Time and theater TBD.
The whole Community
is invited



AHEPA

AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Foundation Awards \$66,500 In Scholarships

The AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Foundation awarded \$66,500 to thirty-three students from the greater Atlanta area. The presentation of the AHEPA 2023 Scholarships was made on Sunday, June 11 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation. Vice Chairman Charlie Burland and Board of Director Mary Tena Melissas made the scholarship presentations. The AHEPA MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER No. 1 EDUCATIONAL FUND was established in 1986 and serves the cultural and educational programs of AHEPA Chapter No. 1, DOP Chapter No. 53 and AHEPA Chapter No. 519. Over \$1,286,300 has been awarded to 962 recipients for scholastic achievement and financial need since 1986. This year, a scholarship was presented in memory of Kurt Knisely.



AHEPA Mother Lodge No. 1 Educational Fund Scholarships 2023-2024

Recipients	Endowment	Major	College
Laila Azimzadeh	George Makas	Marketing	Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication
Anastasia Buchan	Johnny Economy	Accounting	University of Georgia
Nikolaos Constantinides	James A. Fotos	Public Policy	Georgia Institute of Technology
Peter Demetrios Constantinides	Kipreos Family	Finance	University of Georgia
Noah Covey	John & Angeliki Durbetaki	Mathematics	Harvard College
Nicholas Demakis	Louis D. & Deppie M. Zakas	Economics	Georgia Institute of Technology
Kira Marlee Doppel	Pete & Kiki Economy	Undecided	Undecided
Hailey Franz	Nassos Family Scholarship in Memory of Andrea E Nassos	Marketing	University of Georgia
Maddie Grace Franz	Pete G & Mary D George	Agricultural	University of Georgia
Theodore Alexander Gassert	Charles A Alexander Scholarship in Recognition of Scholar Athletes	Education	University of Georgia
Michael Gavalas	The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation Scholarships in Memory of Rev. Panos & Presb. Eurydice and Very Rev. Homer and Presb. Christine Goumenis, and the Reverend Panos and Presb. Eurydice Constantinides Scholarship	Master of Divinity	Antiochian House of Studies
Ava Hatzilias	Sam & Katherine Kantsios	Industrial Engineering	Kennesaw State University
Sophia Karampelas	Eugen & Martha Megerle	Marine Biology	Undecided
Nicolas Panagiotis Kipreos	John C. Stamatiades	Health Science Studies	Texas A&M University
D'Jani Lewis	Pete & Fotini Patterson	Computer Engineering	Georgia Southern University
Adrianna Mancil	Michael G. Vasilos	Biology	Georgia Institute of Technology
Caliope McBride	George T. Gerakitis, Sr.	Physical Therapy	Mercer University
Penelope Anna Melissas	Janice Tsurutis	Communication Disorders	University of Georgia
Glory Olowojoba	Emmanuel G. Pappas	Biology	Duke University
Angela Zoe Pappadakis	Mazacoufa Family	Nursing	University of Alabama
Gabriella Sophia Pappas	William C. Marianes	Elementary Education	Kennesaw State University
Emily Paulson	Dr. Vasilis Economopoulos	Economics	University of Georgia
Joanna Paulson	Daughters of Penelope Menalaos Chapter No. 53 Scholarship in Memory of Diane Marie Vail-Lozier	Marketing and Sport Management	University of Georgia
Matthew Paulson	Pete J. Caras	Business Analysis	University of Georgia
Nicholas Constantine Price	Berinato Platanis	Management Information Systems	University of Georgia
Sanjay Pranav Rajeev	Christopher K. Nastopoulos	Biochemistry	Georgia Tech
Katherine Vasiliki Spetseris	Charlie Vlass	Pharmacy	Undecided
Charles Stewart	Bess V. Marianes	Mathematics	Georgia State University
Alexander Tsismanakis	AHEPA Mother Lodge No. 1 Scholarship in Memory of Kurt Krisely	Recreation and Tourism	Undecided
Gabriel Constantine Tsismanakis	George T. Sarris	Political Science	Georgia State University
Elianna Vallianatos	Dr. George Simitses	Computer Science	Georgia College and State University
Dagan Weathers	Eugen & Martha Megerle	Marketing	Undecided
Arthur Doua Xiong	George S & Krystalia Metropoulos	Computer Animation	Savannah College of Art & Design



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Friday, October 27, 2023

Kartos Ballroom | 7:00pm

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Class of 2023

Butch Hansen, PGA, Atlanta, Ga.

Butch Hansen is a PGA golf professional who has devoted his career to serving the game and giving back to the golf community through charitable efforts, elevating junior golf programming around the state.

Born in Miami, Fla., Hansen moved to Virginia as a junior and attended high school at Granby High School in Norfolk. He enrolled at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg and captained the golf team (1961-63), where he was the number one player in 1961. After college Hansen served in the U.S. Navy, won 20 Navy golf tournaments, and was a member of the All-Navy Golf Team and All-Service Golf Team in 1964.

In 1965, Hansen officially began his career with a move to Atlanta as he accepted the assistant professional position at Cherokee Town & Country Club. He became a PGA member in 1966. From 1967-1969, Hansen was the head golf professional at Berkeley Hills Country Club in Duluth, and from 1969-1971, he was the head golf professional at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta. Hansen's responsibilities expanded when he joined Brookfield West Country Club (now Brookfield Country Club) in Roswell in 1972 as the head golf professional and general manager, where he would be for 19 years.

The next few years Hansen would be instrumental in bringing together state organizations to benefit the golf community. In 1973, he led a joint effort to bring together the Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA) and the Georgia PGA to form the Georgia Junior Golf Foundation, where he would serve as its first president. Then in 1977, Hansen assisted in the founding of the Atlanta Junior Golf Association, serving as its first president as well.

Brookfield West hosted the Georgia Open Championship in 1974, which Hansen served as the general chairman and tournament director. He secured a total purse of \$26,000, which was the largest this event had seen. A year later in 1975, the purse grew to \$33,000 with a record attendance of 30,000 spectators. Proceeds were donated to the Georgia Junior Golf Foundation. Hansen would garner praise from his peers and the media, often described as a spiritual philanthropist for his efforts in giving back to the community through golf.

His next endeavor came when he served as tournament chairman and host professional for the Lady Tara Classic/Lady Michelob on the LPGA circuit, from 1977 to 1985. After declining in interest in previous years, under Hansen's leadership and guidance, the event raised thousands, all benefiting the Georgia Special Olympics, while at the same time becoming a favorite event to the LPGA players and fans alike.

His philanthropic efforts would continue for several years. In 1987, while still at Brookfield West, Hansen would take on the role of head golf professional simultaneously at Polo Golf & Country Club in Cumming. There he founded the Polo Golf Classic, a 36-hole event that included a total purse of \$100,000 and a \$25,000 first-place prize. Proceeds, once again, benefited the Georgia Junior Golf Foundation.

Along with mentoring many PGA professionals who would go on to achieve success of their own, Hansen has been honored and celebrated numerous times over the years. In 1996, he was the Georgia PGA North Chapter Professional of the Year. He was honored by the Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame as Georgia's Sportsman of the Year in 1975 and is a member of the Granby High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Golf: Longtime Polo PGA pro Butch Hansen inducted into GSGA Hall of Fame - Forsyth News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLG5fyp-mdM>





AHEPA: Help IOCC Rebuild in Kentucky & Louisiana

Want to help others get back on their feet after disasters in the United States? In the wake of a disaster, families often need help rebuilding and repairing their homes. Volunteer for a week or a day to help individuals and families move toward long-term recovery.

REQUIREMENTS & COST

- You don't need to be skilled – just energetic!
- You must be 18 years old or older, but 16+ may volunteer if accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Louisiana: \$50 a day covers all your costs on the ground (room/board, local transportation, and site supervision)
- Kentucky: \$30 a day covers all your costs on the ground (room/board, local transportation, and site supervision)

DATES

- Louisiana: Now - July 2023
- Kentucky: Now - October 2023

Go to iocc.org/homebuild to register.

For more information, contact Krista Hamann: 667.331.9812 or
volunteercoordinator@iocc.org



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Thursday, September 28, 2023, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Happy Hour 6:30 pm | Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Location: Transfiguration Catholic Church
1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta, GA 30066

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Parish Registry

Births

Baby Girl born to Chelsea and John Dennison
Baby Girl born to Pinelopi & Esthimios Lironis
Baby Girl born to Alex and Emily Orr
Baby Boy born to James & Taylor Esdale
Baby Girl born to Areti and Brandon Saurine
Baby Boy to Alexandra & Nick Grivas (Boston)

Baptisms

Parents: Carolyn & Keith Ciccotello
Baby: Julia
Godparent: Kimberly Klamon

Parents: Christina & Nicholas Sousounis
Baby: Anastasios
Godparents: Leah & Peter Kouloumberis

Parents: Alexa & William Caras
Baby: Demetrios
Godparents: Eleni & John Caras

Parents: Vasiliki & Benjamin Mote
Baby: Noa
Godparents: Ryan & Nafsika Hayburn

Parents: Jessica & Andrew Berlo
Baby: Joseph
Godparent: John Sloan

Parents: Jessica & Andrew Berlo
Baby: Andrew
Godparent: James Sloan

Weddings

Marianna Alexander Beverly & Ted Pruitt
Melina Blasetti & Luke Dinges
Rachel Samaras & George V. Gavalas
Mary Katheryn Elliot & Jonathan Radivoj

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Maria Tagalos Ramsaier-Kirk
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The family of Michael Snider would like to thank their Parish Family for their prayers and support over the past five months.
May his memory be eternal.