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Pastoral Message from Fr. George for Friday, May 30, 2025



May 29th was truly special! On the Feast of Holy Ascension, the presence of Fr. Ted Sirotko, an 89-year-old retired Orthodox Priest worshiping with us at our Divine Liturgy was deeply meaningful for all who were present. Father's recollection of his journey into Orthodoxy after decades of service was

filled with wisdom, faith, and devotion. His beautiful testament to faith and divine calling recalled the voice of God leading him from the business world to serve as one of His ministers. His

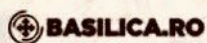
heartfelt insights reflected a deep spiritual understanding that we are led not just by circumstance, but by a higher purpose. Fr. Ted's journey to become an Orthodox Priest brought a sense of joy and encouragement especially to our youth present. For those who couldn't be there, I hope they can feel the same warmth and inspiration through these words, since our livestreaming video did not succeed in broadcasting his remarks to share with those viewing from home.

On this Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, it's inspiring to see how God calls people from different walks of life into His service, sometimes in ways they never expected. Hearing stories like Fr. Ted's reminds us that faith often requires courage and the willingness to start anew.

God reveals His grace through the deep humility and resilience of those who have faced difficult challenges and risen above them. I always feel it is incredibly moving to witness someone



seize opportunities and use their experiences to help others connect with the Lord. Indeed, God uses each of us to help transform humanity through our faith and obedience to His will.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

TROPARION, TONE IV



O CHRIST GOD, YOU HAVE ASCENDED IN GLORY,
GRANTING JOY TO YOUR DISCIPLES BY THE PROMISE
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THROUGH THE BLESSING THEY
WERE ASSURED THAT YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD,
THE REDEEMER OF THE WORLD!



George Tsahakis is with Marinda Tsahakis and Jeanie McGee at Georgia National Cemetery.

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As I noticed a wild turkey roaming the cemetery, free and untethered, I was reminded of the protection provided by those who stood on the front lines, ensuring that the ideals of freedom endure. The turkey, like all of us, moves through life in the shadow of sacrifices made by countless servicemen and women.



Join Us This Sunday with Your Family

Sunday, June 1st -Fathers of the 1st

Ecumenical Council

8:00 Orthros

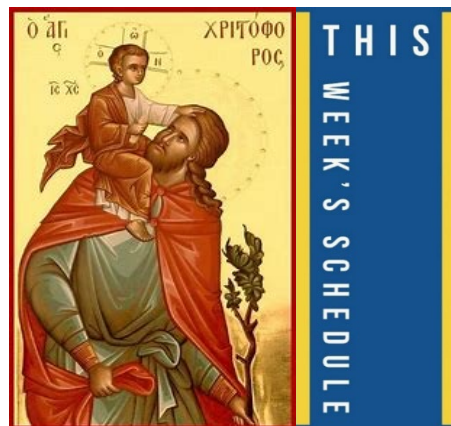
9:00 Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service

(PatMacDougall- 3 years & Manuel Rozakis - 3 months)

10:30 Blessing of Five Loaves *(offered by*

Presbyteria Marinda and Fr. George Tsahakis) & June Commemorations

11:30 Philoptochos General Meeting



Saturday, June 7th – Saturday of the Souls

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service

3:00 Pan-Orthodox Vespers for Pentecost

Join our Atlanta Orthodox parishes at St. Philothea Church in Athens for this Vespers Service featuring the Gospel to be read in various languages followed by an outdoor picnic celebration. It is a truly Orthodox family gathering. It is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to ensure that we have a relaxed fellowship/dinner following the Vespers and return to our homes before dark!

Sunday, June 8th – Holy Pentecost

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Vespers of the Feast of the Holy Spirit

11:00 Blessing of Prayer Shawls & Bloom Our Youth Presentation

Property Update

