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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Please join us on **Sunday, November 15, 2026** immediately following the Divine Liturgy (approximately 12:30 PM) for our fall Parish General Assembly. The meeting will take place in the Parish Life Center Banquet Hall. A light lenten lunch will be provided. During this assembly, we will review and vote on various important business issues facing our congregation, including the proposed 2027 Budget. We will also hear important updates for a few of our ministries. This will be a very important meeting for our parish. Please note some changes will be implemented at the assembly. Knowing so many do not attend because of the perceived longevity of the meeting, we have added duration times for each topic. We will also implement duration times for Q&A. We will allow a parishioner to ask one question and one follow up question, if needed. The time allowed will be one minute for the question and one minute for the follow up. We will try to keep continuous conversation to a minimum. A time keeper will be assigned to keep us on track and the meeting flowing.

The Agenda for the 2026 Fall Parish General Assembly is as follows:

Topic	**Duration (minutes)**
1. Opening Prayer	5
2. Election of a Chairperson	2
3. Approval of the minutes from the previous Parish General Assembly	2
4. Clergy Message	10
5. Parish Council President's Message	10
6. Stewardship Report	10
7. Treasurer's Report	20
a. 2026 Year-End Review	
b. 2027 Proposed Budget	
8. Endowment Report	10
9. 2026 Marietta Greek Festival Report	5
10. Strategic Planning Committee Report	10
11. Nominations for the Election Committee	5
12. Nominations for the 2027 Parish Council	5
13. For the Good of the Parish (suggestions or comments)	10
14. Closing Prayer and Adjournment	5

All members of our Parish in good standing are eligible to vote. To be considered a member in good standing, we need to have a current 2026 Membership/ Stewardship form on record or have received a 2027 Membership/Stewardship Form and you have be baptized according to the rites of the Greek Orthodox Church, or been received into the Greek Orthodox Church through Chrismation. If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Androniki Kleto in the Church office.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Michael Tishel, Th.D.
Protopresbyter



Alex Miltiades
President, Parish Council

General Assembly Meeting Minutes
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church – Marietta, GA
March 29, 2026

1. Opening Prayer – A quorum was reached at approximately 12:50 pm. Father Panayiotis opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Election of a Chairperson – Alex Miltiades was approved as Chair of the General Assembly.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 2025 General Assembly – A motion was made by Alex Miltiades to approve the minutes from the previous General Assembly meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Holmes. The motion was approved.

4. Clergy Message – Father Panayiotis reminded the parish of its mission to help one another reach the Kingdom of God.

5. Parish Council President's Message
Alex Miltiades presented the Parish Council President's Report (see slide presentation).

Highlights:

Thanked Dennis Christopher and Chris Holmes (outgoing Parish Council members) for their service on the Parish Council. He also thanked Steve Tingas and Andy Green for committing to serve another term on the Parish Council.

Welcomed new Parish Council members Eleni Reese and Cherie Cookorinis.

Acknowledged and thanked all Parish Council ministry liaisons, ministry leads, and all stewards.

The 2026 Executive Council was identified as follows:

President: Alex Miltiades
Vice President: Tina Johansen
Secretary: Demetra Lilly
Treasurer: Danny Vlahiotis
Asst. Treasurer: Harry Catrakilis
Second Asst. Treasurer: Steve Tingas

Alex discussed the 2025 milestones achieved and plans for 2026 (see slides).

6. Stewardship – Tina Johansen (see slide presentation).

Highlights:
Tina reminded the parish of this year's Archdiocese stewardship theme: "Rise Up and Build."

Tina reported that according to the stewardship pledge tracker, the parish had reached 81% of its annual goal.

Tina reviewed the following budget statistics:

General Operating Fund: Budget: $1,033,000. YTD pledged: $831,672. YTD pledging stewards: 382

Tina emphasized the importance of closing the budgetary gap by reaching out to households not yet pledged and collecting on current pledges.

7. Treasurer's Report – Danny Vlahiotis (see slide presentation)

Highlights:

General Operating Fund Budget and Actuals (see slides).

Restricted Fund Budget and Actuals (see slides).

Bank Account Balances (see slides).

Danny Vlahiotis moved to approve the 2026 budget. Kevin Lilly seconded the motion.

Dennis Christopher questioned the budget shortfall and the need for continuing the security detail at church services. Dennis moved to amend the budget by removing $10,000. Kate Sklikas seconded the motion. The motion to amend failed, with four attendees voting in favor.

The original motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget was then approved.

8. Endowment Fund

Mike Jacobs and Georgia O'Brien presented the Endowment Fund report (see slide presentation).

Highlights:

Explained that planned giving is a one-time offering from the fruits of our wealth. It is a dedicated fund intended for long-term financial security of the parish and to fund extraordinary projects.

Reviewed the steps for establishing the Endowment Fund (see slides):

1. Recruit leadership
2. Prepare endowment documents
3. Approve an official board
4. Promote and acquire seed money

Explained that distributions are made through grant requests.
The Parish Council serves as steward of the funds and oversees their distribution.

Discussion:
Charles Miltiades questioned the 4% distribution amount. Mike Jacobs clarified that for a nonprofit, there is up to a 5% distribution cap. There is risk in the first 5 years.
Larry Gess posed several questions to the Endowment Board. He questioned whether the Parish Council should have authority over the distribution of Endowment funds. Georgia and Mike clarified that all documents were approved by the Metropolis of Atlanta and followed the template provided by the Archdiocese.
David Linebaugh clarified that only the growth of the money goes to fund a specific mission. The endowment advisory board reviews the request and approves.

Andy Green made a motion to approve the documents establishing the Endowment Fund. Alex Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A second motion was made by Andy Green to approve the Endowment Board (see slide). Cedric Dunkerly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Marietta Greek Festival – Eleni Reese (see slide presentation)
Highlights:
Food planning is nearly complete except for pastries.
Pastichio and Greek Lemon Chicken have been added to the menu.
Bowls will now include Briam (roasted vegetable medley).
Culture and Entertainment – Headsets for church tours have been added and included in the budget.
Sponsorships – The goal is to cover all festival expenses.

10. Delegates for Clergy-Laity Conference

Alex Miltiades was nominated by Andy Green and seconded by Tim Tassopoulos.
Mike Jacobs was nominated by Tim Tassopoulos and seconded by Cedric Dunkerly.
Andy Green was nominated by Alex Miltiades and seconded by Tim Tassopoulos. Andy will also be presenting at the Clergy-Laity Conference.

11. Nominations for Audit Committee

Julie Shanahan and Dorian Bafas were nominated by Mary Miltiades and seconded by Mike Jacobs.
Leo Frangis was nominated by Tim Tassopoulos and seconded by Sophia Linebaugh.

12. For the Good of the Parish

Georgia O'Brien suggested considering additional accessible parking spaces and senior parking. Philip George will follow up.
Demetri Miltiades asked how "senior" would be defined. Alex stated that the definition would be considered.
Georgia O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Father Panayiotis at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Approved by the Parish Assembly this _____day of _____, _____.

Attested to by:

_____
Presiding Priest

_____
President of the Parish Council

_____
Secretary of the Parish Council

Budget vs. Actuals_Budget_FY27_P&L_Class_Report

January, 2025-December, 2027

	2025	2026		2027
		OCT 2015		
	Actual	YTD	Budget	Budget
Income				
30000 Income				
31000 Unres. Attributable				
31100 Current Year Stewardship	883,857	711,732	1,033,237	1,012,500
Total for 31000 Unres. Attributable	**883,857**	**711,732**	**1,033,237**	**1,012,500**
32000 Unres. Not Attributable		15,108		
32100 Candles	50,410	44,839	50,000	50,000
32200 Trays	57,874	43,621	55,000	50,000
32250 Flowers	3,266	1,646	3,000	3,000
Total for 32000 Unres. Not Attributable	**111,549**	**105,214**	**108,000**	**103,000**
32052 Non Standard Income	5,061	2,358		
37010 Church Proper Rentals	12,107	10,596	8,500	11,000
37020 Rental Properties	58,904	50,647	58,000	58,000
Total for 37000 Rental/Parking	**71,010**	**61,243**	**66,500**	**69,000**
Total for 33000 Restricted	**2,725**	**24,088**	**0**	**0**
Total for 34000 Fundraiser	**20,000**	**47,779**	**20,000**	**20,000**
Total for 35000 Ministries	**24,361**	**10,363**	**20,410**	**16,100**
36999 Other Incomes	15,987	571,630		
Total for 30000 Income	**1,134,551**	**1,534,407**	**1,248,147**	**1,220,600**
Total Income	**1,134,551**	**1,534,407**	**1,248,147**	**1,220,600**
Expenses				
40000 Expenditures				
41000 Administrative	104,586	83,244	94,752	95,400
42000 Occupancy	196,851	174,209	242,585	233,260
43000 Salaries and Benefits	609,330	552,804	629,200	629,200
44000 Building/Capital Improvements	535	500	0	0
45000 Archdiocese National Commitment	135,564	115,470	138500	138,500
46000 Liturgical	23,870	24,389	29,000	29,000
47000 Fundraiser	0	18,761	0	0
48000 Ministries	38,174	28,652	57,110	63,490
48325 All Other Parish Ministry	13,117	2,515	35,150	15,250
49000 Outreach	29,399	14,571	11,050	16,500
Total for 40000 Expenditures	**1,151,427**	**1,015,116**	**1,237,347**	**1,220,600**
Total Expenses	**1,151,427**	**1,015,116**		**1,220,600**
Net Operating Income	**-16,876**	**519,291**		**0**