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orthodox young adult conference

welcome

We are so excited to welcome you to the third annual Connect Orthodox Young Adult Conference!

As we prepare for a weekend of discussion and devotion, consider this – throughout the New Testament, Christ uses paradoxes to explain important points.

- *“He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.”*
- *“For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*
- *“So the last will be first, and the first last.”*
- *“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*
- *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*

Being faithful Orthodox Christians means living in the tension between knowing and not knowing. Our minds want the details of a mystery that only our hearts can experience. We are called to live out Christ’s words in a way that calls out to others who are struggling.

The Mystery of Faithfulness is an invitation to us all. As we discuss that mystery this weekend, we pray you keep an open mind and heart, allowing God to move you to new areas of understanding and appreciation.

We are so thankful you’re here.

**Humbly,
The 2019 Connect Committee**

schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

2:00 - 7:00 PM	Conference Check-In	OUTSIDE HIGHLANDS BALLROOM
6:00 PM	Dinner & Opening Keynote FR. SERAPHIM ALDEA	HIGHLANDS BALLROOM
7:15 PM	Welcome Activities	KENNESAW BALLROOM
8:00 PM	Buses leave for Ormsby's	HOTEL LOBBY
8:30 PM	Social at Ormsby's	ORMSBY'S
11:30 PM	Compline	KENNESAW BALLROOM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM	Morning Prayers	KENNESAW BALLROOM
8:30 AM	Breakfast	ATRIUM
9:30 AM -12:00 PM	Breakout Sessions 1 and 2 DR. PATRICIA BOUTENEFF FR. GREGORY GEORGIU FR. ANDREW DAMICK	ANDOVER BRAYTON GALLERIA
12:00 PM	Lunch	ATRIUM
1:30 - 4:15 PM	Breakout Sessions 3 and 4 MELISSA ELIZABETH NAASKO DR. PETER BOUTENEFF DEEPER DISCUSSION	GALLERIA BRAYTON ANDOVER
4:15 PM	Vespers	KENNESAW BALLROOM
8:00 PM	Mystery & Masquerade Cocktail Party	KENNESAW BALLROOM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 - 9:30 AM	BUSES TO HOLY TRANSFIGURATION	HOTEL LOBBY
8:30 AM	ORTHROS	HOLY TRANSFIGURATION
10:00 AM	DIVINE LITURGY	HOLY TRANSFIGURATION
12:00 PM	LUNCH & CLOSING KEYNOTE FR. SERAPHIM ALDEA	HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OLYMPIC HALL
3:00 PM	OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITY	

things to know



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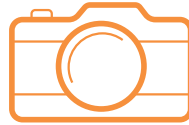
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IMPORTANT LOCATIONS



FRIDAY NIGHT

Ormsby's

1170 Howell Mill Rd
Atlanta, GA 30318

SUNDAY MORNING

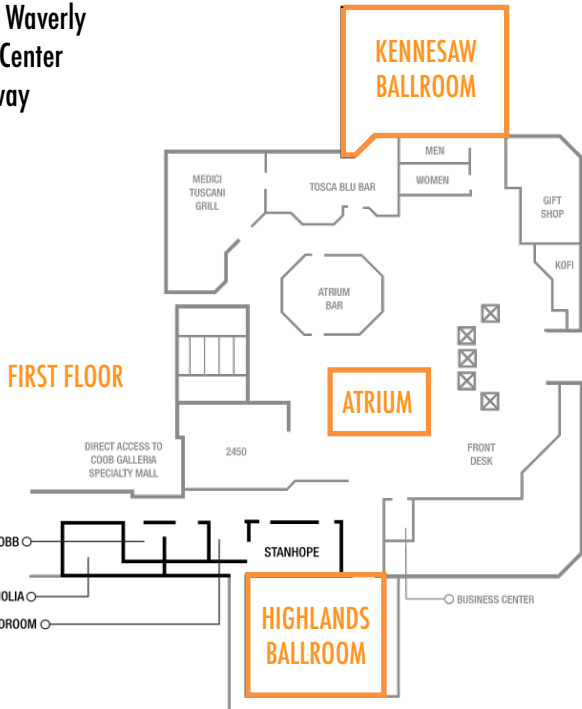
Holy Transfiguration
3431 Trickum Rd
Marietta, GA 30066



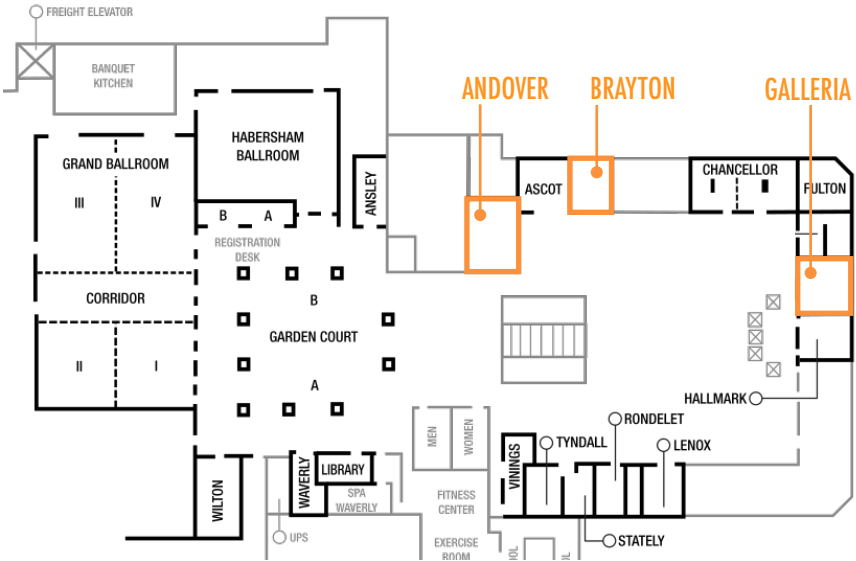
**Luggage storage will be available at the hotel and at the Church.*

hotel map

Renaissance Atlanta Waverly
Hotel & Convention Center
2450 Galleria Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339



SECOND FLOOR



let's eat

Grab some friends and make reservations for Saturday night dinner!
Here are a few of our suggestions...

WALKING DISTANCE - THE BATTERY

Garden & Gun Club	Yard House	PH'EAST	BURN
El Super Pan	Goldberg's	Antico	El Felix
H&F Burger	C. Ellets		

SHORT DRIVE

Chipotle Mexican Cantina	Zoe's Kitchen	Taco Mac
Copeland's of New Orleans	Grub Burger Bar	Schlotsky's
Shane's Rib Shack	Bonefish Grill	Chick-fil-A

IN CUMBERLAND MALL

Stoney River Steakhouse & Grill	Buffalo Wild Wings
Cheesecake Factory	Fresh to Order

breakout speakers

DR. PATRICIA BOUTENEFF

Breakout Topic: “Happy Paradoxes Within Orthodox Lay Leadership: In the Parish and Beyond”

Sometimes it seems that if you want to be a leader—or at least have a significant chance of making a difference with the Orthodox church—you have to be ordained. Nothing could be further from the truth either within your parish, your diocese, or your jurisdiction. In this workshop, we’ll look at what paths a wide variety of people have forged and how you can follow in their footsteps.



DR. PETER BOUTENEFF

Breakout Topic: “The Lightness and Joy of the Repentant Sinner”

This session will explore the paradoxes of the Church’s penitential language. While we might expect it to bring us down and make us miserable, my identity as “a sinner” before a loving God can help me become a whole and integrated person, full of compassion for others.



FR. ANDREW DAMICK

Breakout Topic: “Faithful Hearts, Froward Tongues: Portraits from the Tolkien Legendarium”

In the works of master story-teller J. R. R. Tolkien, a persistent theme of judging not by appearance but by the heart is frequently revisited. Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick explores some examples from these works and will lead a discussion in how this dynamic may be attended to in our personal relationships and spiritual lives.



MELISSA ELIZABETH NAASKO

Breakout Topic: “Taking Your Spiritual Medicine”

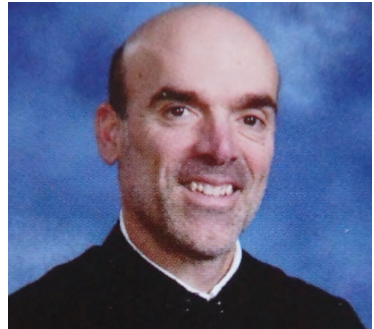
It is a rite of adulthood to make sure that you are prepared for the trials of life. This extends into our spiritual lives as well. It is no longer your parents', grandparents' or godparents' responsibility to create a “shoebox” that you keep your medicines and tools in. It is yours now. As young adults, you need to check your spiritual medicine shoeboxes and make sure that they are stocked up before you need them. If you wait until you are already in trouble, it is a lot harder to get the help and medicine you need. So what kinds of things do you need to store in your spiritual medicine shoebox? There is the time-honored list of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving but I am going to add to that list. You also need weekly Liturgy, regular Confession, and regular Fasting. In this talk, we will explore how these things add to your spiritual health.



FR. GREGORY GEORGIU

Breakout Topic: “Fools, folly, and foolishness: The paradoxical nature of Orthodox Christian living”

St. Paul, a learned and astute Christian, stated, “...If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God” (1 Cor. 3:18-19). In this session, we will explore the relationships that we have with Christ, others, and ourselves in order to distinguish folly from wisdom. Specifically, we will investigate how faithfulness to our Orthodox Christianity may lead us to think and act in a paradoxical manner from the world if we want to experience the peace, joy, and meaning that are possible in this life. Be prepared with questions because we will be challenged to examine ourselves and evaluate whether our thoughts and practices are truly wisdom or folly.



keynote speaker

FR. SERAPHIM ALDEA

Fr. Seraphim Aldea was tonsured as a monk in 2005 at Rasca monastery in Bucovine, North Moldavia. He has a Ph.D. in Modern Theology from the University of Durham (UK) for a thesis on Archimandrite Sophrony Sakharov's Ecclesiology. He hosts the Ancient Faith podcast *Through a*



Monk's Eyes, through which he shares stories of the places he visits and the people he meets as he travels the world to found the first Orthodox monastery in the Celtic Isles of Scotland in a thousand years. The Monastery is dedicated to All Celtic Saints, and you may support its founding at mullmonastery.com.

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