

2018-2019  
HANDBOOK  
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Greek Folk Dance Ministry



Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
414 Saint Stephens School Rd  
Austin, TX 78746

Welcome to the 2018-2019 dance year at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. We are happy that you have decided to entrust your children to us to teach dances, songs, and traditions of the various regions of Greece. This is a great place for children to grow and develop lifelong friendships. We are a youth ministry that follows the teachings and leadership of our Greek Orthodox religion and is under the guidance of our Spiritual Father, Father Vasilios Flegas.

Inside this hand book, you will find some valuable information, rules, and procedures of the Dance program. It is meant to inform you of what to expect from the program and what the rights and responsibilities are of each parent, dancer, instructor and sponsor.

There are many opportunities to get your feet wet slowly or to dive right in and volunteer. Please come see me regarding any assistance you may be able to give. It truly takes a village to run this program, so new faces are always welcome.

Of course, this is only an overview and each dance group and instructor will run their practices to meet the specific needs of their group. During the course of the year, based on the needs of the program and for the benefit of the children, rules and procedures may change.

Again we welcome you, and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you, as we grow in faith together.

Sophia Koulakis Leakas  
Transfiguration Greek Dance Program Director

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## Contacts

**Father Vasilios Flegas**  
**Program Director:** Sophia Koulakis Leakas  
**Costume Chairperson(s):** Teresa Skevofilax and Mary Hellen Russell

### Ellinakia

**Director:** Smaranda Papanikolaou  
**Assistant Director(s):** Teresa Skevofilax

### Nisiotes

**Director:** Smaranda Papanikolaou  
**Assistant Director(s):**

### Levendia

**Director:** Sophia Leakas  
**Assistant Director(s):** Nick Staviski

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## Dance Groups

**Dance Groups:** The groups within the program will be established by the academic grade of the participants. There will be no advancement or retention of dancers based on ability, talent, coordination, interest or “maturity”. In order to offer a consistent and positive program, dancers will be divided in the following groups:

**Ellinakia** - Elementary School - Kindergarten - 5th Grade

**Nisiotes** - Middle School - 6th - 8th Grade

**Levendia** - High School and College Students

## Tuition Schedule

**Tuition:**

\$ 25.00	Cost for first child
\$ 15.00	Cost for second child
\$ 5.00	Cost for each additional child

**Please Note:** Tuition is not prorated based on when the dancer(s) join the program.

All required paperwork and checks must be turned in to your Sponsor(s) or Program Director. As we welcome all children who want to participate, matter of financial hardship will be considered on a case by case basis. Registration paperwork is due upon enrollment. For safety, no dancer may participate until emergency numbers are on file.

Please make checks payable to: *Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church*

Payment for the 2018-2019 Dance Program is due when the dancers begin the year, no later than **September 30, 2018. There will be a \$10 late fee for any dancer not paid by this date, unless previous arrangements have been made with the Program Director.**

## Practice Schedules

**Dance Calendar:** The Dance year begins in August and will go through until the end of May.

**Special Practice Schedules:** Prior to upcoming performances Directors may request additional practices. If additional Glendi or Performance practices are not listed on the calendar for your dance group, please check in with your Sponsor or Director for any additional practices. This includes additional practices in the summer for performances.

**No Practice:** Please check the calendar for special observances when we will not be practicing.

Practice Schedule:

**Sunday: Ellinakia 12:45-1:30**                      **Location: Between Mt. Tabor Hall and the Church**

**Sunday: Nisiotes 12:00-12:45**                      **Location: Between Mt. Tabor Hall and the Church**

**Sunday: Levendia 12:00-1:00**                      **Location: TBD - Meet at picnic tables 11:50**

**Subject to changes with Prior notice.**

## **Important Dates (subject to change)**

**The dance year goes from August - May. There is dance practice EVERY SUNDAY unless otherwise notated.**

### **2018**

September 22nd - Med Fest - Performance time TBD

November 25th - No Dance Practice

December 23rd - No Dance Practice

December 30th - No Dance Practice

### **2019**

January 20th - No Dance Practice

March 17th - Paid Wedding Performance (Need 8 Dancers Only)

April 7th - No Dance Practice

April 28th - No Dance Practice

May 12th - No Dance Practice

# Transfiguration Greek Dance Program 2018-2019

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of

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hereby authorize any medical examination by licensed personnel on the staff of any licensed hospital in the event such help of an emergency nature becomes necessary. This authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care required, and is given to provide authority and power to render care, which is deemed advisable in the best judgment of the physician. It is understood that every effort will be made to contact the undersigned prior to rendering treatment, but that any accepted medical treatments will not be withheld if the undersigned cannot be reached. In recognition of the possible dangers to my child, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive any right or cause of action of any kind against the members, directors, agents and employees of Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church and its affiliates for any personal injury that may occur at or during dance practice. Nor shall they be liable for any personal injury to my child occurring during the transportation to and from any Dance Program activity. I hereby understand that any medical expenses that my child may incur due to personal injury or illness is my financial responsibility and not that of Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church or any of its affiliates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Transfiguration Greek Dance Registration

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#1 DANCER'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDAY

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GRADE

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#2 DANCER'S NAME

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BIRTHDAY

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GRADE

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#3 DANCER'S NAME

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BIRTHDAY

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GRADE

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#4 DANCER'S NAME

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BIRTHDAY

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GRADE

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MOTHER'S NAME (first and last)

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FATHER'S NAME (first and last)

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FATHER'S CELL

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MOTHER'S WORK

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FATHER'S WORK

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MOTHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

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FATHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

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HOME PHONE

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DANCER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

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DANCER'S CELL

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DANCER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

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DANCER'S CELL

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TUITION AMOUNT

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DATE

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CASH OR CHECK #

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Checks should be made payable to the **“Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church”**



# **Acknowledgement of Receipt of Hand Book and Stewardship Commitment**

We have received a copy of the 2018-2019 Greek Dance Program Handbook and understand the roles and responsibilities that we have as parents and dancers.

We understand the General Rules and Discipline Policies and agree to abide by the requests of the Directors and Sponsors and during practice for the benefit of the dancers/program.

As the focus of the Ministry is to grow in our faith, we understand that regular Sunday Divine Liturgy attendance is expected and that dancers will not be allowed to participate in Sunday practices if they are unable to attend church.

We agree to maintain an active participation in the Youth program at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church and understand that we should become Stewardship Members of the Church to promote spiritual growth and strengthen our faith.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_