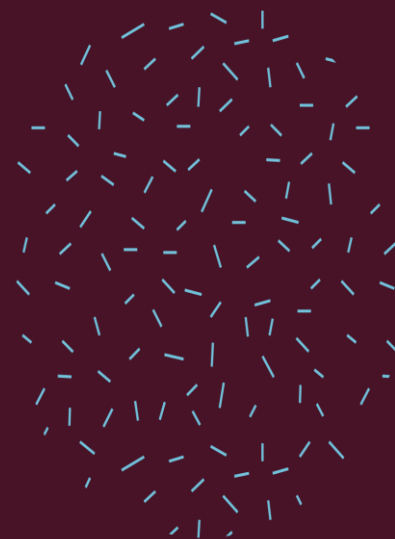




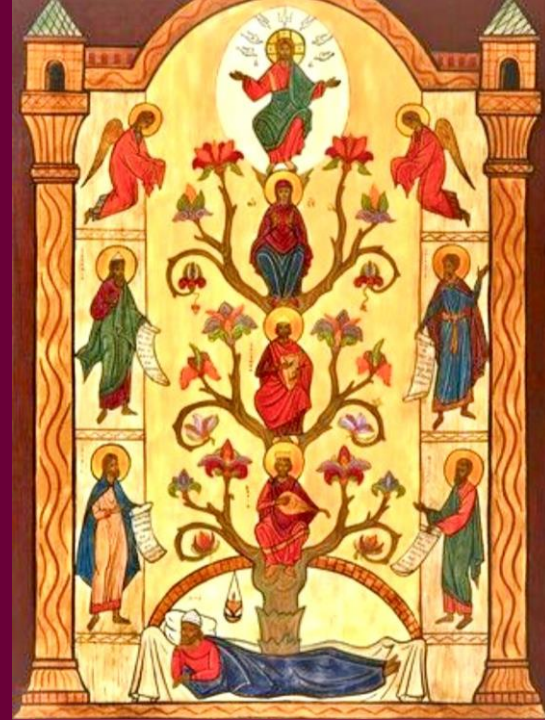
Christmas Pageant

St. Christopher Church,
Peachtree City, GA
December 19, 2021



Sunday of the Genealogy of Christ

On the Sunday before the Nativity of our Savior, we commemorated all our Holy and God-bearing Fathers and Mothers who have been well-pleasing to God, beginning from Adam to Joseph, the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos Mary, according to genealogy, as the Evangelist Luke has recorded historically (Luke 3:23-38), as well as, the Holy and Righteous Prophets and Prophetesses of God, and especially the Prophet Daniel and the Holy Three Youths.



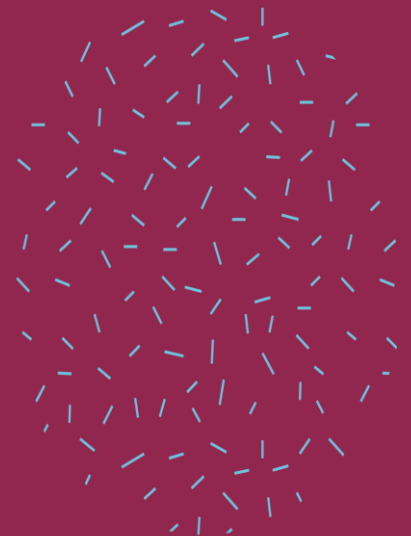
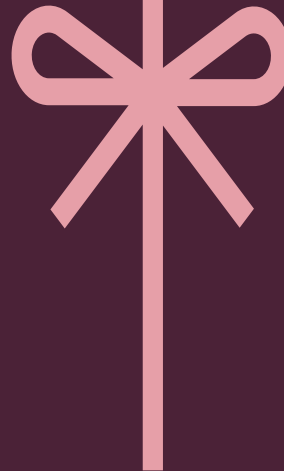
Orthodox Hymnography of the Nativity of our Lord

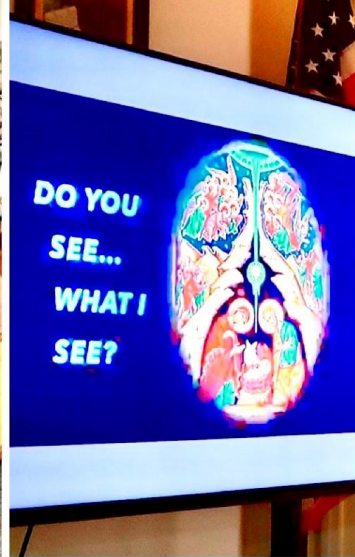
*Orthodox Christians for more than 2,000 years in all parts of the world have proclaimed the Incarnation of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ. Before our Christmas Pageant, Fr. George presented Arabic, Ukrainian, and Greek Chantors and Choirs singing both religious and folk hymns of this blessed event, using images and geographical scenes from the Holy Land. **Glory and thanks be to God for His precious gifts. Christ is born! Glorify Him!***



Fr. George commends our Religious Education Teachers, Choir, Musicians, and Youth for presenting a unique pageant composed of live and pre-recorded scenes. This original pageant highlighted the perspectives of the animals, shepherds, angels, Wise Men, and Mary who were present in Bethlehem at Christ's Birth using the theme: ***"Do you see what I see?"*** The entire script was from sayings from our parish youth. Fr. George presented early first-century Christian commentary concerning the meaning of the Nativity in the early years following the Incarnation. Special thanks to Katie Wilson, our teachers, parent assistants (Holly Longino and Shannon Johns), our cellist and violinist (Chris and Anna Johns), and to our choir members (Jeanie Ellinas, Lydia McGee, and Becky Butler).

***DO YOU
SEE...
WHAT I
SEE?***







Susan Kleto assisting her three years through kindergarten students share the perspective of the animals present at the manger in Bethlehem.



Lydia McGee and Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis assisting their first through third graders share the perspective of the shepherds present at the manger in Bethlehem.



Lydia McGee and Presbyter Marinda Tsahakis assisting their first through third graders share the perspective of the angels present at the manger in Bethlehem.



Becky Butler assisting her fourth through sixth graders share the perspective of the Wise Men present at the manger in Bethlehem.



Katie Wilson and Charles Costas assisting their middle and high schoolers share the perspective of Mary, the Theotokos, the birth giver of our Lord at His blessed birth in Bethlehem.



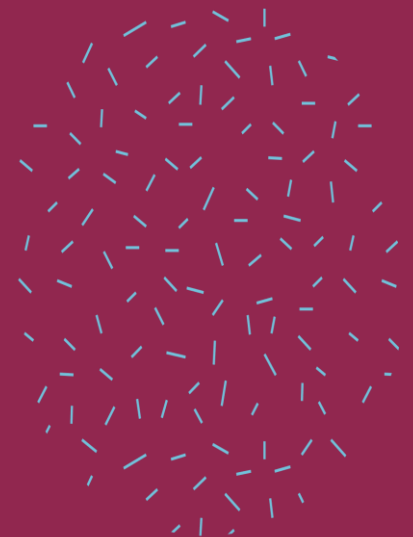
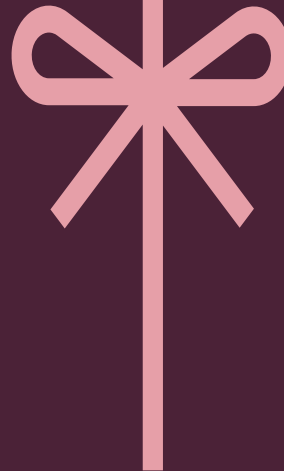
Fr. George Tsahakis, representing the Adult Religious Education Class, sharing theological insights from some of the earliest Christian Apologists – *Defenders of the Faith* - regarding the Incarnation of Christ in Bethlehem.





Fr. George commends Stephen Butler and his supportive team in the kitchen who helped prepare our luncheon entrée, Shrimp & Grits, and warm and set out other Lenten foods brought by our parishioners. New this year was our emphasis on foods from the various countries of our parishioners.

Assisting Stephen were Becky Butler, Presbyteria Marinda Tsahakis, Faye Georgeo, Julie Skouteris, Julie and Victor Torres, Pete & Susan Kleto, Bill Wiley, Dedee Panayis, Jim Sliwinski, Michael Butler, and Nicholas Wilson.





2021

Nativity Vigil & Services

Friday, December 24
(Vigil of Nativity of Christ):

8:00 a.m.

Service of Great Hours

9:00 a.m.

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil

Saturday, December 25
(Nativity of Christ):

7:45 a.m.

Orthros Service

9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy for Holy Nativity

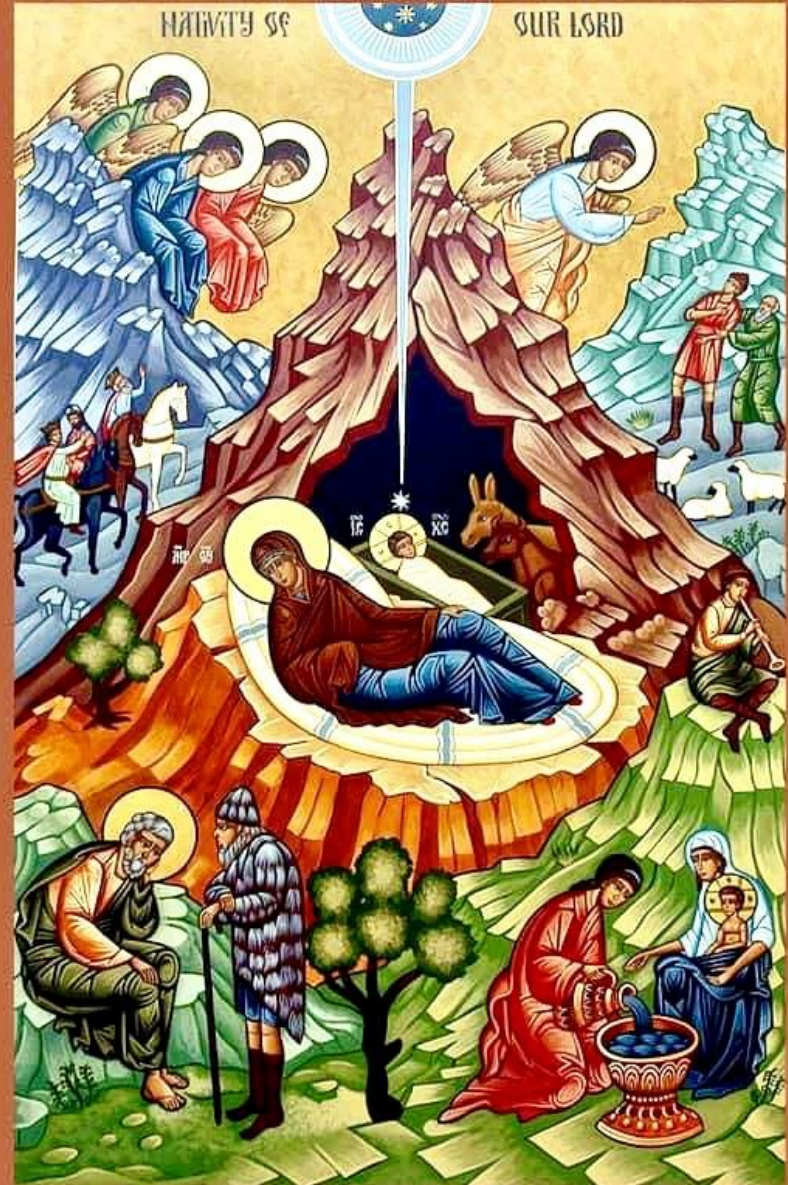


Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Χριστός Γεννάται!

Δοξάσατε!





We Wish You a Merry Christmas

1. We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHORUS:

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.