



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

February 18, 2022



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Message from Fr. George Tsahakis

Friday, February 18, 2022

A Letter from Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis



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To the Clergy and Laity of the Metropolis of Atlanta,

As we have begun the Triodion with the humility of the Publican, I pray that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ blesses us with good health, peace, and discernment.

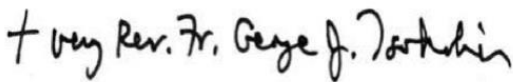
I write this letter, firstly to thank you for the many prayers sent before Almighty God on behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios. Know that as he continues to rest, he appreciates the thoughtfulness and concern you have demonstrated towards him.

I am happy to report that this His Eminence was blessed this very morning with a visit from His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, who was previously scheduled to return to the Archdiocese after a visit to preside over the Leadership 100 Meeting in Naples, Florida. I am also full of joy to say that the visit was an honor for our Metropolitan, and to share the following statement from His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros: *"I was pleased to visit my beloved brother in Christ, especially when I saw him standing strong and optimistic as we all know him. His attending physicians are optimistic about the progress of his health and believe that after a necessary period of treatment and rest, the blessed Metropolitan of Atlanta will be back to his usual self. Glory be to God in all things."* [Clicking here will take you to the news item and photograph prepared by the Orthodox Observer.](#)

As we join Archbishop Elpidophoros in offering glory to God, I kindly ask that we also continue to respect His Eminence's privacy as we seek to help him achieve the "necessary period of rest and treatment" needed to restore him to full and upright health.

Offering praise to the Physician of our souls and bodies,

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Very Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis
Chancellor

General Assembly

Dear St Christopher Family,

Our General Assembly is this Sunday, February 20th after Divine Liturgy.

Please click the links below to access the Agenda, Minutes of the previous meeting, December 2021 Financial reports and the Proposed 2022 Budget.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Faithfully,

St. Christopher Parish Council

[Parish General Assembly 02.20.22](#)

[General Assembly Minutes 11.14.21](#)

[Balance Sheet December 2021](#)

[Revenue & Expense Report December 2021](#)

[Proposed 2022 Budget](#)



Join us for
~An Evening with Friends~

The Ladies and Men of Philoptochos invite you and your spouse to join us for a fun casual evening with friends to reconnect and refresh. Everyone in our parish community is welcome!

February 24, 7-9pm
The Estates Clubhouse
303 Oak Lawn Ct
PTC

**** Adults only**



Sunday, February 13, 2022

"Souper Bowl of Caring"



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th, we ask **each one of us** to **spare one dollar and/or one item of canned food** for those in need. This year 2022 all your donations will be delivered to **Fayette Samaritans** in Fayetteville, GA.

You can donate in person in the Hands of Love red box in the church narthex, or online - <https://StChristopherPhiloptochos.Square.Site>

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, serving as a seminary intern.



During the **last 3 years alone** more than **\$ 25,000,000** was generated through the organization, benefitting thousands of local charities. **We would like to thank you for your generous donations to the "Loaves and Fishes" ministry at "St. John The Wonderworker" Church in Atlanta last year 2021.**

To learn more, visit: <https://tacklehunger.org> and www.fayettesamaritans.org

Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Philoptochos Ministry Chair

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
PRESENTS OUR INAUGURAL

Festival of Faith Retreat

ENGAGE THE MIND
RENEW THE HEART
UPLIFT THE SPIRIT

Keynote Speakers



"Raising Children in an Orthodox Environment"

**His Eminence Metropolitan
Gregory of Nyssa**

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"RENEWING YOU!"

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St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church
Jacksonville, FL



*"The Unexpected Beauty of
an Authentic Christian Life"*

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FEB 25-26, 2022

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Metropolis of Atlanta

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Featured Session Speakers



"Sacramental Living"

Fr. Andreas Houpos

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
Charlotte, NC



"Prayer and Family Life"

Dr. Philip Mamalakis

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, MA



*"Spiritual Growth:
Personal & Communal"*

Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Marietta, GA



*"Building a Successful Adult
Religious Education Program"*

Gerry Clonaris

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
Charlotte, NC

For more information, contact
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[To register, click here.](#)

Festival of Faith Retreat

..... Our Journey For Spiritual Growth

Weekend Agenda



CHECK-IN

WELCOME

**BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION PROGRAM**
Gerry Clonaris

DINNER AND NETWORKING

**RAISING CHILDREN IN
AN ORTHODOX ENVIRONMENT**
His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

FIRESIDE SOCIAL

Fire Pit, weather-permitting, or Dining Hall

1:00 PM

4:00 PM

Dining Hall

4:15 PM

Dining Hall

6:00 PM

Dining Hall

7:00 PM

Dining Hall

8:30 PM

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00 AM

Panagia Chapel

8:45 AM

Dining Hall

9:45 AM

Dining Hall

10:50 AM

Dining Hall

NOON

Dining Hall

12:45 PM

Dining Hall

2:00 PM

Dining Hall

3:30 PM

St. Gregory Hall

4:30 PM

St. Gregory Hall



OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

BREAKFAST & WELCOME
Metropolitan Alexios

RENEWING YOU
Fr. Nicholas Louh

PRAYER AND FAMILY LIFE
Dr. Philip Mamalakis

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:
PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL**
Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou

SACRAMENTAL LIVING
Fr. Andreas Houpos

**THE UNEXPECTED BEAUTY OF AN
AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIFE**
Hank Hanegraaff

CLOSING REMARKS
His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, His
Grace Bishop Sebastian, and Gerry Clonaris

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2022

St. Photios National Shrine Announces

2022 METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS MEMORIAL GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of The St. Photios Foundation Inc., and with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the St. Photos National Shrine is proud to announce the renaming of its Annual Greek Language Essay Contest to **"The St. Photios National Shrine Metropolitan Iakovos Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest."** The Shrine is proud to announce the theme for this year's annual Greek Language essay contest, reflecting on the welcoming of immigrants to this nation. The St. Photios National Shrine commemorates the first Hellenic settlers to arrive in the New World, as well as celebrating the many immigrants to the United States and their experience in this nation.

Many of those immigrants came to America through Ellis Island in New York City and would have viewed the Statue of Liberty upon entering New York Harbor. There, at the pedestal of Lady Liberty, is memorialized a plaque with the poem "The New Colossus," by Emma Lazarus, with the most famous line reading, *"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."*

Essay contest theme

In an essay, written in Greek, please discuss why or why not the lines from of the poem, "The New Colossus," by Emma Lazarus found at the Statue of Liberty in New York City are still relevant for our nation?

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Essay contest details

- Participants must be ages 13-19, and permanent residents of the United States of America or Canada.
- Maximum word count: 1,000
- A single essay will be selected as the winner by a committee and will receive a \$1,000 prize.
- All participants will receive a certificate.
- All essays become property of St. Photios Shrine and can be used for various publicity purposes, always with the byline of the author.

Submit essays **NO LATER THAN March 3, 2022** via email to: Polexeni Maouris Hillier, Executive Director of St. Photios National Shrine at phillier@stphotios.com Winner will be announced Friday, March 25, 2022.

The 2022 Metropolitan Iakovos Memorial Greek Language Scholarship Essay Contest
is made possible by the generosity of Stella Kokolis, M.Ed.,
President of the Federation of Hellenic American Educators

ATLANTA METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS

VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

MARCH 19, 2022

Thinking Orthodox:

Understanding and Acquiring an Orthodox Christian Mind

How did the early Christian Communities function?

How did the first Christians know what to believe or how to behave?

Acquiring the mind of Christ is essential for a correct interpretation of the scriptures, for our correct behavior, for every aspect of our spiritual lives and for our salvation itself.

Presented by:



Presvytera Jeannie Constantinou, PhD

Presvytera Jeannie Constantinou is known for her dynamic speaking style and energetic presentations. She has led bible studies, taught and lectured on the Bible, early Christianity and Orthodoxy at parishes, conferences, retreats and seminars for over thirty years. She began the first Orthodox internet bible study podcast, "an interesting and accessible bible study for busy people," called [Search the Scriptures](#) on Ancient Faith Radio. In a short time Search the Scriptures has gained an enthusiastic following among people all over the globe.

Dr. Jeannie Constantinou, the author of the book [Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind](#), will explain why the Orthodox Church is confident that it has the mind of Christ – what that means and why it is the foundation of everything we do and believe.

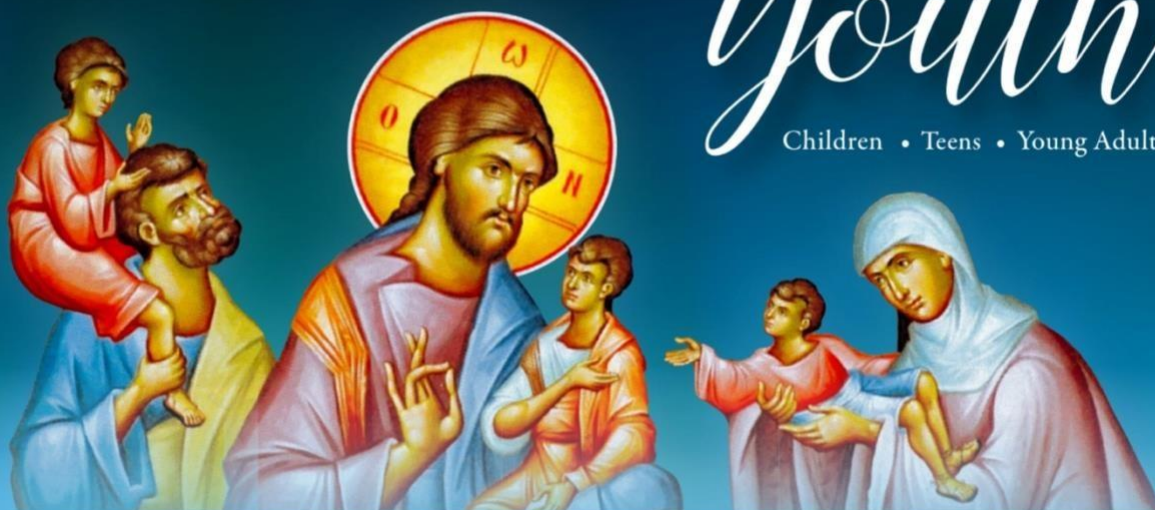
To register and for detail information about the retreat:

<https://atlmetropolis.org/virtual-spiritual-retreat-2022>

"Let the children come to Me"

Matthew 19:14

YEAR OF *The Youth*
Children • Teens • Young Adults



Meet The Bishops: TOWNHALLS

*An opportunity for youth to meet hierarchs of the
Assembly of Bishops in a townhall setting.*

Hierarchs attending:



*Metropolitan
Gerasimos*



*Metropolitan
Joseph*



*Metropolitan
Gregory*



*Archbishop
Michael*



Bishop Irinej

February 23rd | 8:00 pm EST

Register: assemblyofbishops.org/ministries/youth/register



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We welcome you to join us in person for church services.

Parishioners and visitors who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. We strongly encourage all parishioners who visit to resume wearing masks to slow the spread of the Delta variant in response to His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios' request to our Clergy and Parish Councils to do so.

Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.



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For questions, please email communications@saintchristopherhoc.org
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