



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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### Message from Fr. George for Friday, April 1, 2022

*For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, the Body of Christ gathered to venerate our Lord's Cross. In response, Fr. George offers this Haiku:*

**Daffodils in bloom!**  
**The faithful reverence Cross –**  
**Victory proclaimed!**

*"Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your people by Your Holy Cross." (Festal Hymn)*





## **MARCH MEMBERSHIP MONTH**

This month is Philoptochos Membership Month. Time to renew your membership or join for the first time. You have two ways to join.

1. Join every Sunday in March, during coffee at the table
2. Join online:
  - a. Fill out this [Google Form](#)
  - b. Click on [link](#) to complete your Stewardship Pledge

## **What does your Stewardship Pledge go to?**

You and your family members of St. Christopher's Church (at least 18 years of age) are encouraged to join our Philoptochos Society. For each Philoptochos member the first \$15 dollars of your stewardship donation is going to the National Philoptochos and the next \$10 dollars of your stewardship donation is going to the Metropolis Philoptochos. We hope you would consider gifts in excess of \$25 dollars to help our Local Chapter with fixed expenses.

## Paschal Greeting Card

It is time for our Pascha Card 2022. We will be collecting donations for our Philoptochos charities. This is a wonderful way to support the people in need in our communities and beyond. We are asking \$25.00 or more per household to have your name/names printed on the card. The deadline for donations is Sunday April 17, 2022. It is easy to donate to this worthy endeavor. Please go to this [link](#) or See Helen Psihountas or Dedee Panayis.

At the [link](#) you can make your donation and also, in the comments, add your name/names as you wish them to be on the card. The more that is collected, the more we can help in our communities. Thank you for your generous stewardship to our Philoptochos sisterhood.

## Tsoureki Sale

Faye Georgeo & Presbyteria Marinda are offering a maximum of twelve loaves for sale in time for Pascha at \$25 each. Net sales will be donated to Philoptochos to benefit the needy. Order yours using the link below.



## A Special Opportunity!

Faye Georgeo, assisted by Presbyteria Marinda will teach a maximum of six participants how to make Tsoureki (Easter Bread). Workshop registration is \$12.50 per person (with each participant making one personal Tsoureki to take home). Net sales will be donated to Philoptochos to benefit the needy. Register using the link below.



# **"HANDS ON" DAY**

**Saturday, April 2nd  
10-2**



**Come join the fun and fellowship!  
Annual Church Spring Clean Day  
Snacks will be provided!!**

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Every Parishioner is encouraged to assist in our Annual Church Clean- up day. The more volunteers we have the faster we can get it done. We hope you can join us.



*All Sundays in March:  
Bloom Our Youth in  
Fayetteville, Georgia*



**Hands of Love** will be accepting **monetary** and **in-kind donations** to benefit **Bloom Our Youth** through March 2022



**Bloom Our Youth** is a shelter, a resource and a foster agency finding homes for neglected and abused children. Founded in 1986 as the Fayette Youth Protection Homes by **airline pilot Jim Friday** when he discovered there was no shelter for abused children. At **Bloom our youth**, support is provided to children and their families through counseling and advisors.

- **Bloom Foster Parent Program** is licensed to recruit, train, and support a network of family foster care homes
- **Bloom Closet** is stocked with lightly worn clothing in child and youth sizes
- **Bloom University** trains and supports foster families

**There is a year-round need for new backpacks, school supplies and toiletry items. Each child is given a backpack as a welcome gift upon joining the Bloom program.** You may bring your donations to the red "Hands of Love" box in the church narthex, or donate online at:

<https://stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site>

<https://saintchristopherhoc.org/hands-of-love-ministry>

*Faithfully yours,*

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

## 2022 South Atlanta Golf Classic



*All Proceeds Benefiting:*



In now our 4th year of holding the South Atlanta Golf Classic Fundraiser Event St. Christopher Outreach Ministry is honored to partner with Folds of Honor and The Joseph Sams School to raise funds for our Ministry. Folds Of Honor is a national charity that provides scholarships to the children of Fallen Heroes while The Joseph Sams School provides education and support to special need children.

We believe expanding our partnership with Folds of Honor is a natural fit to not only raise money for our Church building but to build strong and lasting relationships that benefit our community. Please join and support us on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at the prestigious Eagles Landing Country Club for a day of golf and fellowship and to play for several worthy causes. Prices start at \$200 per golfer and sponsorship packages are available.

We will have a shotgun start again this year with the exciting \$100,000 Shoot Out culminating with the \$1,000,000 Shotgun and helicopter ball drop capping off the day's event. Purchase your golf ball and receive your numbered golf ball directly online via PC or mobile. This is a great and easy way to support the event, even for our nongolfers, so tell your friends! Each numbered golf ball is \$20 or 6 for \$100. The golf ball dropped from the helicopter landing closest to the marker will receive \$1000. To participate in the Helicopter Ball Drop, pay and receive your numbered golf ball online, go to [SouthAtlantaGolfClassicBallDrop](#).

For more information, click this link: [SouthAtlantaGolfClassic](#) to reserve your golfers or click on the attached flyer.



**Benefiting:**



**FOLDS of HONOR**



**August 23, 2022**

**Eagles Landing Country Club  
Tee-Off at 9AM**

Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) whose mission provides Christian based charitable giving with educational, cultural and spiritual enrichment to Orthodox Parishes, to those in need and for the youth in the communities we serve in South Metro Atlanta and beyond.

**Helicopter Ball Drop  
\$1,000 to ball closest to the marker**

[SouthAtlantaGolfClassBallDrop](#)



Confirm your registration or corporate sponsorship  
TODAY online at: [SouthAtlantaGolfClassic.com](#)



An Important Message from His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
**METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA**

March 3, 2022

To the Reverend Clergy, the Ladies Philoptochos Societies and all the faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I greet you with love in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we prepare to greet the beginning of the Springtime Fast, I am mindful of the terrible conflict that has befallen the citizens of Ukraine, Orthodox and nonOrthodox, because of the Russian invasion.

Even as we enter a period of repentance, and shall pray more fervently for peace and goodwill to be restored, I am proud to write to you that our Archdiocese has established [the GOARCH Ukraine Relief Fund](#). This Fund (which shall receive beneficial advice from International Orthodox Christian Charities) *"...aims to raise \$1 million for both immediate and long-term support of the Ukrainian people"*. I am also pleased to announce that yesterday afternoon His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America donated \$100,000 to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, on behalf of our Archdiocese, to support the efforts of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

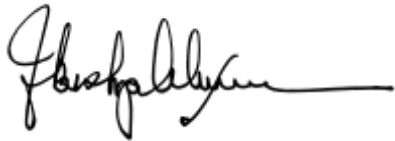
[This easy to use page \(available by clicking here, or visiting](#)

[www.goarch.org/donate/ukraine](http://www.goarch.org/donate/ukraine)) allows for an individual to select their donation amount, and then to specify their Metropolis and their home parish. In this way we all--individual persons, families & parish communities--can do our part to uplift the Ukrainian nation through prayer and monetary assistance.

To quote His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros' coming encyclical, *"We join our spirit to the spirit of His All-Holiness and exhort all our Faithful: offer prayers and tangible support for all the Ukrainian People, those of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and those of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the Moscow Patriarchate, those of the Ukrainian Catholic and Jewish communities, and all who find themselves in the dire circumstances of war."*

Standing with the people of Ukraine, and praying for a quick and peaceful resolution, I remain,

Paternally yours with love and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexios', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

**+ ALEXIOS**

Metropolitan of Atlanta



## Help Us Raise \$1 Million for Crisis Response

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, IOCC is working with partners in country and across the region to help address immediate needs, while looking ahead and planning for longer-term aid.

Initial efforts in and near Ukraine include providing partners with funds for:

- Baby supplies including diapers, bottles, and wipes
- Emergency food and water
- Generators and fuel
- Flashlights, batteries, and candles
- Cots, blankets, mattresses, and other bedding
- Hygiene items

Your support will help IOCC adjust and respond even more effectively as needs change. Please give what you can today. Thank you.

**GIVE NOW**



# Youth, Education & Hellenic Culture

*'I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and all things visible and invisible. ~ The Nicene Creed*



St. Stephen's Summer Camp has a rich tradition, dating back to the 1980's, and is grounded on the principals of living a true Orthodox lifestyle. There are liturgical services twice a day, opportunities for reflection, team building activities, community living and meals, athletics, arts & crafts, and nightly social activities.

St Stephen's Summer Camp offers teens of the Metropolis of Atlanta entering 6th through 12th grades when school begins in the fall an opportunity to spend one week at our beloved Diakonia Retreat Center. [More...](#)

## Summer 2022

**Week 1: June 26 - July 2**

**Week 2: July 3 - July 9**

**Week 3: July 10 - July 16**

**Week 4: July 17 - July 23**

**Week 5: July 24 - July 30**

**Camper Registration will open Tuesday, April 12 at 12:00 p.m. ET**

Camper Registration Cost is \$450.00 per camper.

\$200.00 deposit upon registration and the remainder will be due by June 15, 2022.

## Staff Applications

All Staff must be 18 years old with one year post high school experience. We are looking for a Logistic Coordinator, Medical Staff, 12 Cabin Staff, Lifeguard, Utility Staff, Arts & Crafts and Rope Course Leaders each week. **Be a part of the Best Week(s) of the year!**

**Apply Today!**



## Amazon Wishlist



We have put together an Amazon Wish List of items to assist in making St. Stephen's Summer Camp the best week of the year. Please take a moment and see if you can help in any way. All items will be shipped directly to the Metropolis in Atlanta.

If you do give us a gift, please let us know who you are so we can Thank You! [\*\*Click Here!\*\*](#)

**A special THANK YOU to Leadership 100 & The Metropolis of Atlanta's Philoptochos for your support.**



## BYZANTINE CHANT & ICONOGRAPHY

**August 21 - 27, 2022**

**AT THE DIAKONIA RETREAT CENTER**

in Salem, South Carolina

**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 14**

[Visit our Website](#)

The Liturgical Arts Academy offers training in Byzantine chant or iconography in the tradition of the Orthodox Christian Church. The Academy is a one-week intensive program led by experts in these disciplines. Instruction is available for all levels of competency.



### **Byzantine Chant**

Instructors: John Michael Boyer,  
Gabriel Cremeens, and Samuel Herron

Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels offered, includes 5-6 hours of daily instruction along with 3 hours of worship services.

[Byzantine Chant Workshop](#)

## Iconography

Instructor: Fr. Anthony Salzman

Students will complete an 8 x10 gold gilded icon according to the Byzantine technique, under the skilled guidance of Fr. Anthony. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced proficiency welcomed.

### Iconography Workshop



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**TLAA is subsidized through a generous grant from the Renaissance Fund** to encourage the liturgical arts and vital worship in our communities. This gives students the opportunity to improve their skills as a blessed offering to the Church.

Contact us with your questions at  
[info@theliturgicalarts.org](mailto:info@theliturgicalarts.org)

Register early, we expect to fill!



## CYBER SECURITY WATCH

Provided by the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology



**CYBERCRIME HAS BEEN INFILTRATING OUR LIVES FOR YEARS.**

More recently, parishes and religious communities around us are being targeted by a phishing scam where the attacker poses falsely as the parish priest and asks the recipient for money usually in the form of gift cards.

**EDUCATE** yourselves and others about the dangers of emails and phone scams.

**YOUR PARISH PRIEST should never** reach out via personal email to request immediate financial assistance. Be vigilant if you do receive an email that fits this description! Here are some *do's* and *do not's* to guide you:

### DO NOT...

- ❌ reply to the message
- ❌ click on any links
- ❌ download any attachments
- ❌ use the contact information provided in the email
- ❌ share personal or financial data via email or phone

### DO...FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- ✅ **VIGILANCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- ✅ **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
- ✅ **VERY OFTEN** change your passwords

**REPORT CYBERCRIME IMMEDIATELY** to the following Federal agencies and to the Archdiocese:

- **Federal Trade Commission:** [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)
- **FBI:** [fbi.gov/tips](https://www.fbi.gov/tips)
- **Archdiocese Technical Support:** [techsupport.goarch.org](https://techsupport.goarch.org)

**LEARN MORE** by visiting [blogs.goarch.org/internet-ministries](https://blogs.goarch.org/internet-ministries) by contacting the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology with your questions at [techsupport.goarch.org](https://techsupport.goarch.org).



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

According to new CDC guidelines, indoor mask mandates are being relaxed for those areas of the US where hospitals are not greatly impacted by COVID-19 cases. In response, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios on March 2nd wrote to the Metropolis of Atlanta faithful offering His guidance. **Please read it by [clicking here](#).**

**As before, those who continue to wear masks have every right to do so, whether or not our parish falls into a low or medium risk area. Whether others continue to wear masks for the sake of their friends or family, or even out of caution for their own health, their decisions should be respected as demonstrations of Christ-like love.**

**May our collective intercessions to our Creator help to bring a spirit of healing and peace to our world.**

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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or call the church office at (770) 347-7729.

**[Click here](#) for Online Giving Instructions**



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