



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

October 13, 2023



## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210

Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

Phone: (770) 347-PRAY (7729)

Website: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org)

Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, Pastor

Stephen Sarantis, President, Parish Council

Jackie Sarantis, Office Administrator



1

### Pastoral Message from Fr. George for 10.13.23



As Christians we are called to pray for those in harm's way. This past Saturday, the Palestinian militant group Hamas brutally attacked Israel, with its fighters killing and raping residents, taking hostages, and killing and beheading babies. As of Tuesday night, reports indicated Hamas massacred more than 1,200. In addition to the Israeli casualties, Americans were killed and taken hostage. Hamas is sworn to Israel's destruction and seeks to replace it with an Islamic state. Please pray with me for God's mercy for those being persecuted:

*In places where there is violence, bring peace. In places of spiritual darkness, bring the Light of Christ. In places of sadness, bring joy. In places of hate, bring love and reconciliation. And in places of despair, bring hope. All in all, we ask you to bless us with Your presence and make us faithful followers of Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Hear us, O God our Savior and help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us by Your Grace.*

*For You are the King of Kings, the Provider of Peace, and the Savior of our souls and to You we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen!*

**Statement by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Light of the Tragic Events in the Middle East (Sunday, October 8, 2023)**



We are deeply grieved by the news coming from the suffering Middle East. We mourn the souls taken during the recent tragic events. May God's embrace comfort the grieving families.

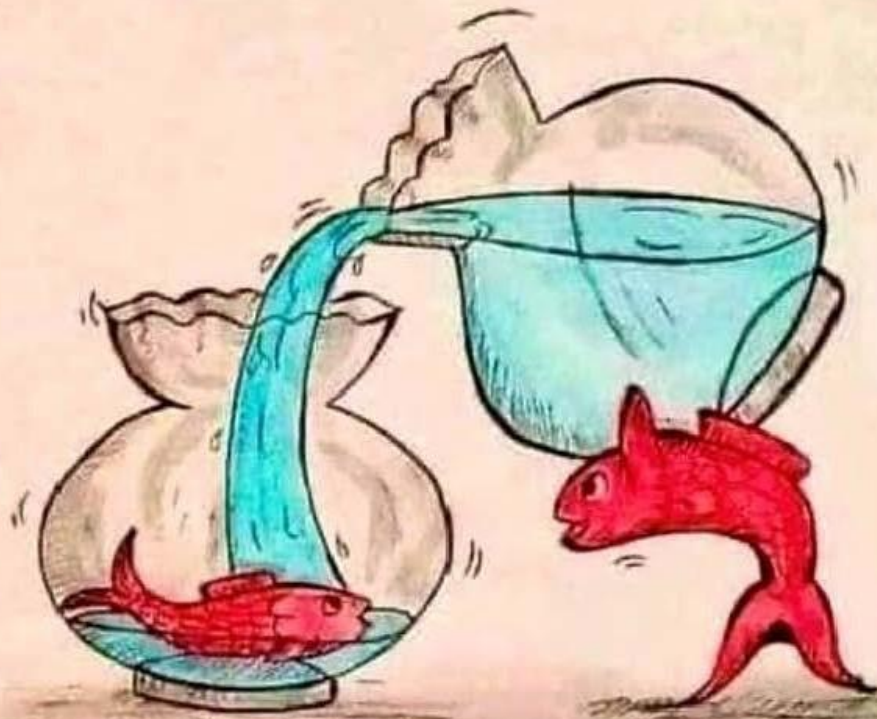
Our thoughts and prayers are particularly with the civilians, who experience painful moments of anguish, terrorized by the eerie sound of the sirens and the imminent threat of the explosions, and especially with all the innocent children, who deserve to get raised in a truly "Promised Land" of peace and prosperity.

Amid anger and destruction, amid evil and bitterness, human beings are easily tempted to think and to act violently. While many deem violence as a necessary means of dispute resolution, we can never see it as part of God's good creation, nor can we ever approve the use of violence to pursue peace. Instead, we must look back to the "good" that God first created and the perfect peace to which he desires us to go, exhorting with the Psalmist: "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14). Besides, the struggle for peace is not only a divine commandment, but also a universal value and an essential precondition for the respect and protection of human dignity.

*(reprinted from <https://ec-patr.org>; photo: Nikos Papachristou)*



Help others



Even when you know  
they can't help you  
back.. ♥

There are 9 minutes during the day that have the greatest impact on a child:

- The first 3 minutes right after they wake up
- The 3 minutes after they come home from school.
- The last 3 minutes of the day before they go to bed.

*Make those minutes special and help our children feel special, loved, and accepted.*

~ Each day children need meaningful eye-to-eye conversations with a parent. It is especially important to slow down and look them in the eye. Listen and respond with love.

~ Hug your child, straighten her hair, pat him on the back and tell them how proud you are of him every day. A simple touch makes them feel connected to a parent in ways that words never will. Remember, actions speak louder than words!







## ST. CHRISTOPHER HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

313 DIVIDEND DRIVE, PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

770/347-PRAY OR 770/347-7729

PASTOR: VERY REV. FR. GEORGE TSAHAKIS

To Our Esteemed Guests & Patrons of St. Christopher Church's 2023 GreekFest Fayette:

Welcome to GreekFest – our local celebration of the Hellenic (Greek) culture at The Shipyard at Trilith in Fayetteville. As we journey together to the captivating world of Greece, we thank you for your generous support by purchasing tickets and sponsorships. We seek to honor you, our local community, with the warmth and openness that Greeks are recognized for throughout the world. We encourage you to connect with fellow attendees who share a passion for Hellenic traditions and the beauty they offer to us.

For this twentieth anniversary year since our founding in 2003, we chose to make this evening extra special with our “red-carpet welcome” and champagne wall as you arrive. There's something tonight for everyone, whether you have Greek heritage, a love for ethnic discovery, or simply a curiosity to absorb Greek culture. Let the spirit of Greece pervade your five senses and deepen your understanding of our enduring and vibrant culture. Tonight's enhanced and comfortable venue has as its aim a relaxing evening of the best Greek food (as much as you would like), entertainment, dancing, and hospitality.

Net proceeds of tonight's event support our annual building fundraiser and more than 15 regional, diocesan, and national charities. This past week the architect of our future church campus unveiled our ambitious building program to all our parishioners. Excitement is in overdrive as we overcome the unavoidable delay from the recent pandemic and move full speed ahead.

St. Christopher Church of Peachtree City, GA, has become an integral part of the religious community in the southern Atlanta metropolitan area. Our parish family lives in Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Henry, Spalding, and South Fulton counties. We could not host this event without the dedicated support of our parish family and event co-chairs (listed separately). We pause to remember parishioners who have departed this life; they were instrumental in ensuring the success of GreekFest as part of their legacy. *May their memory be eternal.*

In closing, feel welcome to visit us, whether you are an Orthodox Christian or just curious about the Orthodox faith. Let us enjoy the evening and give thanks to God for His blessings. And let us pray for lasting peace in our world and the healing of all infirmities. Thank you again for coming.

Faithfully yours,

+Fr. George Tsahakis  
Parish Priest

Stephen Sarantis  
Parish Council President

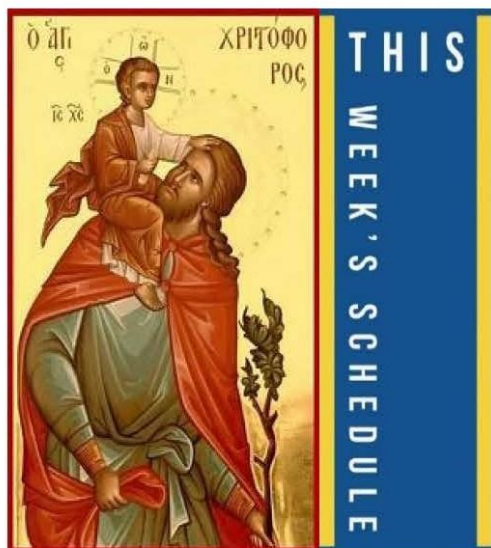
Dedee Panayis  
Ladies Philoptochos President

---

313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210, Peachtree City, Georgia 30269 Telephone: 770-347-7729

Web: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org) Office E-mail: [info@saintchristopherhoc.org](mailto:info@saintchristopherhoc.org)

Priest E-mail: [chancellor@atlmetropolis.org](mailto:chancellor@atlmetropolis.org)



### **October 11, Wednesday**

**9:00 Philoptochos Ministry – Making Dolmathes**

### **October 14, Saturday**

**6:00 GreekFest Fayette at The Shipyard at Trilith**

### **October 15, Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**7:45 Orthros**

**9:00 Divine Liturgy**

**10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)**

### **October 22, 6th Sunday of St. Luke**

**9:00 Divine Liturgy**

**10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)**

**5:00 pm Feast of St. Iakovos, Brother of the Lord at  
Annunciation Cathedral (Orthros at 5pm &  
Divine Liturgy of St. James (Iakovos) at 6pm)**



# GreekFest 2023 Quick Facts

We are excited to once again come together in Christian fellowship, unity, fun and cooperation to share our Orthodox Faith, Greek Culture, Food and Dance with our guests at GreekFest!!

**What:** GreekFest

**Where:** The Shipyard at Trilith

**When:** October 14, 2023

**Event Time:** Appetizers – 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm

**Dress Code (for those volunteering):** White Shirt & Black Bottom (pants or skirts)

**What is Needed??**

**Sell Tickets and Sponsorships!!**

<https://onecau.se/greekfest>



Remember to let your friends and families know this is a Fundraiser to support our Building Fund and Charities within our community.

\*The price is all inclusive of all Appetizers (Spanakopita, Tiropita's, and Dolmades), Dinner (Greek Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Green Beans, Pastitsio, Souvlaki, Gyros, Giouvetsi, Fresh Baked Bread, Turlou Turlou), Dessert (Baklava, Kourambiedes, Koulourakia) That's a lot of Food!!

\*Plus, water, soft drinks, beer and wine!

\*Live Greek Band and Greek Dancing!

**Sign up to Assist!!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CA4A62FA4FE3-43982644-greekfest>

\*\*\***Note:** if you are volunteering on Saturday Evening during GreekFest you **Do Not** need to purchase a ticket – if you are unable to volunteer your time but want to attend GreekFest then, yes you will need to purchase a ticket – ***BUT we really need everyone 15 years old and up to help! Thank you!!\*\*\****

**Any Questions?**

Contact your GreekFest Quad Chairs

Tammy Soulakos – [tammy@soulakos.org](mailto:tammy@soulakos.org)

Julie Skouteris – [gsjs401mg@gmail.com](mailto:gsjs401mg@gmail.com)

Steve Theodorakis – [spamandchees@bellsouth.com](mailto:spamandchees@bellsouth.com)

Stephen Butler – [steve@butlerusa.org](mailto:steve@butlerusa.org)



**Saturday, October 14th, 2023**  
**6 PM Appetizers | 7 PM Dinner**  
**The Shipyard at Trilith**

**COME ENJOY A TASTE OF GREECE!**  
**DELICIOUS FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • GREEK DANCING**



**Tickets: \$150 for Individual**  
**\$250 for Couples**  
**Sponsorships Available!**

**Tickets include an all you can eat Greek buffet, open bar,  
champagne wall, red carpet for our 20th Anniversary, & more!**

**To purchase, please scan the QR code or visit  
<https://onecau.se/greekfest>**

**Questions? Contact Tammy at [tammy@soulakos.org](mailto:tammy@soulakos.org) or 404-625-4663**  
**Brought to you by St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**





# IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!! PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR FALL PASTRY SALE!!



## SAINT CHRISTOPHER HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210, Peachtree City, GA 30269 • Tel: (770) 347-PRAY • (770) 347-7729  
Web: [www.SaintChristopherHOC.org](http://www.SaintChristopherHOC.org) • E-mail: [info@SaintChristopherHOC.org](mailto:info@SaintChristopherHOC.org)

### Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale

*"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 17th 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address  
Saturday, November 18th 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

Order Deadline: November 3, 2023	Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
<b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Baklava:</b> layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 20.00	\$
<b>Kourambiedes:</b> sugar dusted butter cookie 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookie 		\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Paximadia :</b> Greek Biscotti with Pecans and Cinnamon 		\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Sampler Dozen:</b> Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Paximadia and Koulourakia		\$ 25.00	\$
<b>Pastitsio:</b> luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection 		\$60.00 12"x9" pan	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$

## REMINDER : YOU CAN ONLY PLACE ORDERS ONLINE

BY VISITING ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW

<https://saintchristopherhoc.org/>

<https://my-business-104643.square.site/>

For Questions Pls Contact Dedee Panayis Tel: 817-690 6610

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* ~Galatians 6:9



## **Baking Dates**

### **Greek Fest and Bake Sale**

We are warming up the mixers and ovens for our Greek Fest and Bake Sale! We need everyone to volunteer this year!

Please sign up [here](#)

## **Great Opportunities Coming Up~**

### **Mark your Calendars!**

**November 4-**

**Koulourakia 2.0 for Pastry Sale 9:00-3:00.**

**November 8-**

**Baklava Construction & Baking for Pastry Sale 9:00-3:00**

**November 13-**

**Boxing Day 4:00-6:30**

**Philoptochos General Meeting at 6:30pm with a  
lite dinner.**





**Philoptochos supporting  
“FOCUS Holiday Party with Santa & Mrs. Claus”**

During our meeting Sunday afternoon, the members of Philoptochos were introduced to a new outreach opportunity in the Atlanta Metro area. Peter and Julie Poulos work with a program called [FOCUS](#). At FOCUS, their mission is to embrace and equip families of children with disabilities to make everyday life BETTER. Peter and Julie participate as Santa and Mrs. Claus during the year and especially during their holiday party- the last being before Covid! So this year will be the first party in a long time. Our donation will support their efforts to provide breakfast and Pillow Pets for 200+ children.

If you would like to support this program, please click the link above to read more, then go to our [square site](#) and add your personal donation under general giving and add FOR FOCUS in the notes.

**We will keep this open until October 31.**









## All Sundays in October: Division of Family and Children Services of Fayette County, Georgia



We will be accepting **gift cards for food** or monetary donations to assist the **Fayette County Division of Family and Children Services**. Areas served are **Brooks, Fayetteville, Peachtree City, Tyrone, and Woolsey**. **FCSFC investigates child abuse**, facilitates **placement in foster homes** for children, helps low income and out-of-work parents get back on their feet, and assists with **childcare costs**.

<https://stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site>

Your donations to the Fayette County Division of Family and Children Services will be of immediate help to a child, or a troubled family.

Faithfully,

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

The Aquinas Center presents the  
Catholic-Orthodox Lecture

Sponsored by the Catholic-Orthodox Initiative

Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue almost  
twenty years after John Paul II: A  
Church Historian's Perspective



**Speaker: George  
Demacopoulos, Ph.D.**

Fr. John Meyendorff & Patterson  
Family Chair of Orthodox Christian  
Studies, Fordham University

**Tues, Oct 17th, 7:30pm**  
**RARB 252, In-Person & Zoom Webinar**

**Register at:**  
**[https://bit.ly/aquinas\\_orthodox2023](https://bit.ly/aquinas_orthodox2023)**



EMORY

CANDLER  
SCHOOL OF  
THEOLOGY

Aquinas Center



2023

atlanta greek  
**FILM**  
**EXPO**

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22

[www.atlantagreekfilm.org](http://www.atlantagreekfilm.org)



**Friday**  
October 20th  
**Dodo**  
7:00pm

**Saturday**  
October 21st  
**Maria by Callas**  
4:00pm



**Saturday**  
October 21st  
**Dignity**  
7:00pm

8th ANNUAL

atlanta greek  
**FILM**  
**EXPO**

**Sunday**  
October 22nd  
**Patchwork**  
2:00pm



**Sunday**  
October 22nd  
**Black Stone**  
5:00pm

The Tara • 2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd, NE  
For Tix and Info: [www.freshtix.com](http://www.freshtix.com) • 678.701.6114



# MARRIAGE & FAMILY *Retreat*

Join Dr. Philip Mamalakis,  
author of "Parenting  
Toward the Kingdom", for  
discussions from an  
Orthodox Christian  
perspective on marriage  
and family life.



**OCT | 27-28 | 2023**

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church

\$30 Registration Fee, \$15 Per Session, Per Person

Register for either session, or both!

Childcare Provided

Friday Light Snacks and Saturday Lunch

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**

Deepening  
Connections in  
Marriage

**SATURDAY**  
**9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Parenting Toward the  
Kingdom  
Skills & Strategies  
for Parenting

**REGISTER HERE!**





October 6, 2023



CENTER  
FAMILY CARE

## What's New This Week

---

"In the deepest relationships, lovers do not turn each other into idols, but recognize one another as icons, leading them through their love into the very bosom of the Godhead."

*Richard Rohr*



*Becoming One*



What does this insight mean for your marriage? In the next week, be intentional about recognizing/looking at your spouse as an icon leading you "into the very bosom of the Godhead," then discuss the impact of this intentional practice.

---



"Every human being who lives for even a moment in his or her mother's womb is a unique word spoken by God. Every human face is God's icon. Every human person is God's child. Every human story is ultimately God's own story which finds its deepest meaning, purpose and perfection in God's Child Jesus, the Crucified Christ."



*Fr. Thomas Hopko*

Every person finds his or her fulfillment, purpose, and deepest meaning in Christ.

Many people, however, find themselves unable to physically access worship, or are stigmatized in their church communities because of their disabilities.

Members of the Body of Christ, what can you do to...[continue reading](#).





# Welcome



We welcome  
you to join us  
in person to  
encounter our  
Lord and  
Savior!

[CLICK TO VIEW LIVESTREAMING OF SCHEDULED SERVICES](#)



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW PREVIOUSLY RECORDED SERVICES](#)





[Click Image for Online Giving](#)

For questions, please email [communications@saintchristopherhoc.org](mailto:communications@saintchristopherhoc.org)

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

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



[Click image to view our parish calendar](#)



*Copyright © 2023 St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church, All rights reserved.*

You are receiving this email because you are a Parishioner or Friend of St. Christopher

**Our mailing address is:**

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church  
313 Dividend Dr.  
Ste. 210  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

