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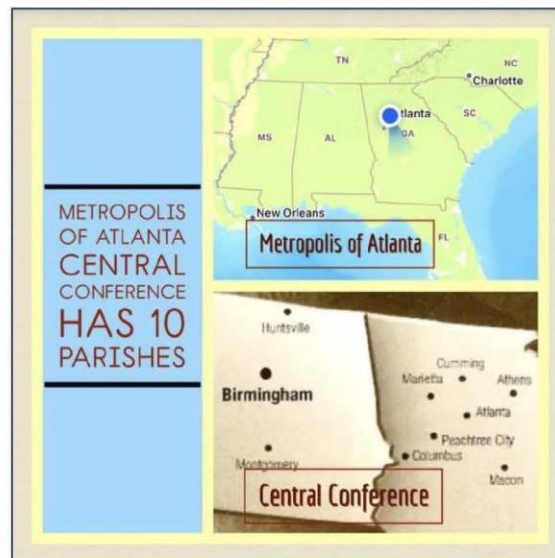
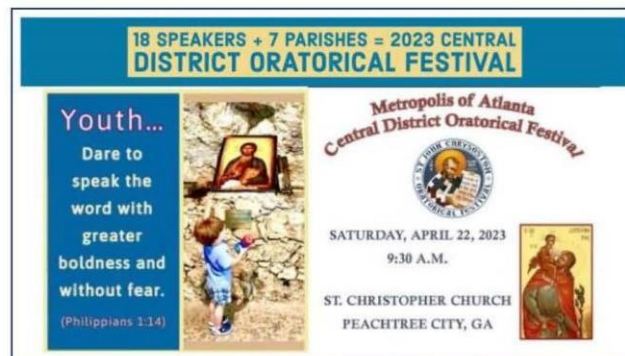


Message from Fr. George for Friday, April 28th, 2023



All Christians are called to carry their personal cross. This past Saturday, youth from Alabama and Georgia presented their personal witness at the Central Conference Oratorical Festival that our parish hosted for the second year in a row. They inspired us to choose the path of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to bear the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, gentleness, self-control, and other virtues. I am appreciative to the youth, their parents, and our parishioners who assisted with this event. We were blessed greatly!





Our parish was selected for the second year in a row to host the Central Conference Oratorical Festival yesterday! Thanks to all who volunteered and to Kirk & Dedee Panayis for donating the breakfast, lunch, and gifts to our speakers and judges, as well as special signage and supplies.



Special thanks to the following parishes that sent at least one participant to the Central Conference Festival on April 22nd:

Holy Trinity - Holy Cross Cathedral
Birmingham, AL

St. Christopher Church
Peachtree City, GA

Annunciation Cathedral
Atlanta, GA

Holy Cross Church
Macon, AL

Holy Transfiguration Church
Marietta, GA

Holy Cross-Ss. Constantine & Helen Church
Huntsville, AL

Holy Transfiguration Church
Columbus, GA







We commend all our speakers and their families for encouraging and supporting their participation in this year's District Festival. The following four students will advance to the Metropolis of Atlanta Festival in Charlotte, North Carolina scheduled for May 12-14, 2023.

Senior Division:

1st Place Speaker - Stella Moraitis

St. Christopher Church, Peachtree City, GA

2nd Place Speaker - Mary Katherine Saratsiotis

Holy Cross Church, Macon, Georgia

Junior Division:

1st Place Speaker - Anjoli Gavalas

Holy Transfiguration Church, Marietta, Georgia

2nd Place Speaker - Susanna Zaharatos

Annunciation Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia



Sharing Talents in Multiple Ways

While the Prayer Shawl Ministry is about shawls, we also try to assist our partnering organizations in other ways. Supporting the Young Orthodox Christian American Mission Adventures (YOCAMA) financially is one way to do so. Participating in a Mission Trip with your teens and young adult family members is another. YOCAMA sponsors mission trips to Native American Indian Reservations to provide medical, dental, vision and developmental screenings for pre-school children.

"YOCAMA is an independent, non-profit organization. We seek to provide teens and young adults an opportunity to share the experience of working side-by-side with Native Americans who are helping to improve the quality of life in their own communities in the Navajo and Blackfeet reservations. Missionaries pay their own travel and lodging expenses. We rely on fundraising and donations to support our medical, food distribution and construction projects. Donations are fully tax-deductible. Annual fundraising and donations from missionaries and their parishes from throughout the Greek Orthodox churches in North America and with other interested organizations, support our medical, social welfare and construction projects.

Since 2008, over 1,000 missionaries have participated in trips to New Mexico and Montana. In addition to pre-school screenings, we built houses, completed building renovations, and delivered food and firewood to families in remote parts of the reservations.

YOCAMA supports Native American families by partnering with local organizations such as St. Bonaventure's or the De La Salle Blackfeet School. They aim to support and enhance the great work being done by these groups, while providing additional funding and manpower."

Our Paschal Prayer Shawl Blessing by Fr. George will be held on April 30th. To support YOCAMA through our Philoptochos, please make donations to Philoptochos but put YOCAMA Donation on the "For" line.

Please contact Susan Kleto at (678) 877-9115 or sbkleto@gmail.com to either become a participant in this ministry, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions.



2023 YOCAMA: Young Orthodox Christian American Mission Adventures Summer Trips

Our home base for the Summer 2023 trip is Gallup, NM. We will work on the following projects:

Medical and developmental screenings: The medical screening team includes pediatricians/physicians, registered nurses, pulmonary tech, dentist, several pre-med/dental students as well as adult and high school volunteers. In partnership with Saint Bonaventure, our team hosts Health Fairs providing medical and dental screenings, a hot lunch, food boxes and supplies and craft activities on various remote locations on the Navajo reservation.

Construction. In partnership with St. Bonaventure, our team provides assistance with home repairs and other vital construction projects as well as renovations to the St Bonaventure

School. Many of the Navajo homes need to be rebuilt because of fire damage from the kettle stoves used to heat the homes.

Outreach. We deliver food and water to Navajo families throughout the Eastern communities of the Navajo Nation. Food is donated by the Philoptochos Society at [St. George Greek Orthodox Church](#) in Albuquerque. Water delivery is provided by appointment through St. Bonaventure Mission and [Dig Deep](#).

Food Pantry. Prepare food delivery boxes, work at their gardens, distribute food at the pantry and sort food donations at the [Community Pantry](#) in Gallup, NM.

Our home base for the Summer 2023 trip will be Browning, Montana. We work on the following projects:

Repair and paint classrooms and teacher's housing at the [De La Salle Blackfeet School](#) in Browning, MT.

Work in the classrooms and serve lunches and dinners to students.

Build a playset and repair a playground for the disadvantaged children in Heart Butte MT.

Help with food pantry/clothes distribution center in Heart Butte MT.

For more information about these volunteer opportunities or to support YOCAMA directly, see their website at <http://www.yocama.com/>.



YOCAMA 2023



YOCAMA 2023 Mission Trip Dates

New Mexico (Navajo) July 22-29th, 2023

Montana (Blackfeet) July 29th-Aug 5th, 2023



Medical Mission Trip June 11th - 14th, 2023





Philoptochos Meeting May 21

Join us for a lovely meeting and elections for our new chapter board. Spring is in the air and summer is just around the corner! What a great day to join your sisters and brothers of Philoptochos. And it's not too late to join our membership!

Thank You!

Thank you to all the men, women, and children who assisted in St. Christopher's journey through Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord and Savior. Glory to God!

Hands of Love

(A Philoptochos Ministry)

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**Wear closed toed shoes as
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One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach
All Sundays in April "Hands of Love" will be
accepting monetary donations, non-
perishable food, and personal hygiene items.

"One Roof" helps families in crisis in Coweta County since 2007, with food, clothing, financial assistance, and shelter.

Monetary donations are much appreciated since they are vital to providing temporary financial assistance and afford management more flexibility to be used where most urgent.

The Food Pantry:

Kid and senior friendly foods are needed-cereal, macaroni, noodles, and other non-perishable food items

-breakfast bars, grits, oatmeal, cornbread mix, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, instant oatmeal, evaporated milk, juice boxes, tea, sugar, canned vegetables, and fruits.

The Thrift Store: Donate here and shop here - please take your gently used items **directly to the store** at 251 Temple Ave in Newnan, GA: Open Mon, Wed, Fri 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information - <https://oneroofoutreach.org>

Just as we stepped up to the plate for "Souper Bowl Sunday" in February with "St. John the Wonderworker" with more than 120 food items offered, and over \$ 800 in monetary donations, we will do it again for "One Roof Outreach" as we journey through Great Lent to Great and Holy Pascha.

We thank you for your faithful and continuous support!

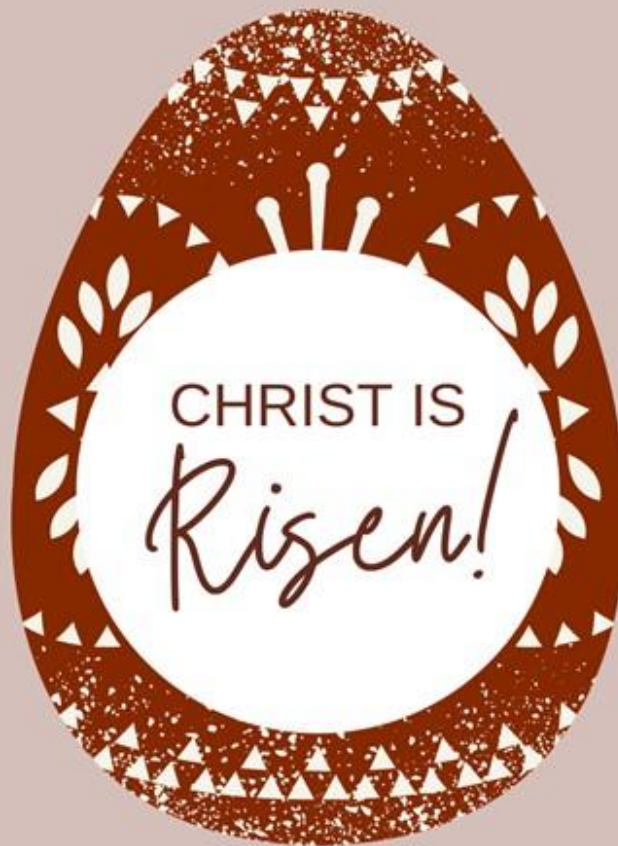
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, **"Hands of Love" Ministry**
Chair

April 21, 2023



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HEALING

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"He has revealed to us what it was expedient for us to know, but what we were unable to bear He has withheld."

St. John of Damascus



As humans we consistently want to understand the purpose and meaning of the events in our lives. When a loved one suffers, we can become all-consumed with understanding "why." However, God calls us primarily to...[read more.](#)

"More beneficial than controlling our tongue in a moment of anger and refraining from angry words is purifying our heart from rancor and not harboring malicious thoughts against our brethren."

Saint John Cassian



Becoming One



Refraining from angry words in moments of anger is a good discipline.

However, even more beneficial to our life in Christ and our relationship with our spouse, is...[read more.](#)



Family Connections

Sunday of St. Thomas

Doubting Thomas

We all have a "doubting Thomas" in us. Doubt keeps us from faithfully committing ourselves to the Lord. Discuss together how we sometimes might let our doubts keep us from our Risen Lord. How can we turn to God and ask Him to help us with our doubts?





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*We welcome you to join us in person
to encounter Our Lord & Savior.*

"For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)
We welcome you to join us at St. Christopher Church for worship, fellowship, service, and witness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we encounter Him together, may our collective intercessions help to bring a spirit of healing and peace to our world. We encourage you to bring your family and friends and grow ever closer to God together with our parish family.

During your visit, please be aware according to CDC guidelines, indoor mask mandates are 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.

Note: 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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