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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

June 23, 2023



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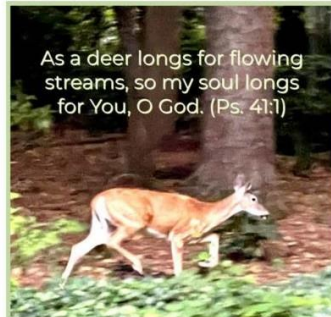


### Pastoral Message from Fr. George Tsahakis, 6.23.23



THE MIGHTY ONE,  
GOD THE LORD,  
SPEAKS AND  
SUMMONS THE  
EARTH FROM THE  
RISING OF THE SUN  
TO ITS SETTING.  
(PS. 50:1)

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### THIRST FOR GOD

Our intense longing for  
God bears immortal  
fruit and comforts our  
soul with hope in Him.

Be uplifted; do not  
give way to fear. Raise  
your spirit and let go  
of your fear and  
earthly sorrow.

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Oh, taste and  
see that the  
Lord is good!  
Blessed is the  
man who takes  
refuge in Him!  
(Ps. 34:8)

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FOR A FRUITFUL GARDEN,



Plant spiritual seeds to harvest.



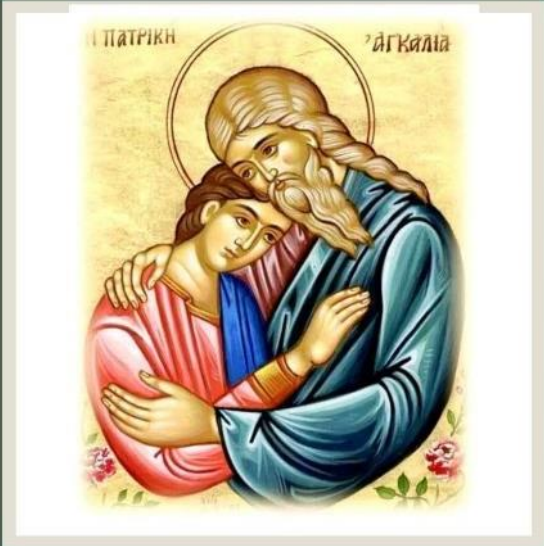
Be the (sun)light of Christ.



Offer His everlasting water.


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Icon of Saint Joseph and the Virgin Mary. Saint Joseph is depicted as an older man with a long white beard, wearing a blue robe, embracing the Virgin Mary. Mary is wearing a red robe with a blue mantle. The background is gold with the Greek text 'Ο ΠΑΤΡΙΚΗ' (The Father) and 'ἡ ΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ' (The Angel) at the top.

### A Father's Embrace Involves



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A circular diagram with four green rounded rectangular boxes connected by a thin green line. The boxes are labeled: PLANTING (top), FEEDING (right), WATERING (bottom), and HARVESTING (left).

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Icon of Saint Mary. She is depicted wearing a blue veil and a pink robe, holding a black cross in her right hand and a scroll in her left. The scroll reads: "LOVE TO THE END AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION". The background is gold with the text "SAINT MAR IA" on the left and "SKOB TSO VA" on the right.



A photograph of a vibrant red flower with a yellow center, surrounded by green leaves and other buds. The flower is in sharp focus against a blurred background.

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Let your  
adornment be the  
inner self with the  
lasting beauty of a  
gentle and quiet  
spirit, which is very  
precious in God's  
sight. [1 Peter 3:4]

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GRANDCHILDREN  
ARE THE CROWN OF  
THE AGED, AND THE  
GLORY OF CHILDREN  
IS THEIR PARENTS.

Proverbs 17:6



WE THANK OUR  
FATHERS FOR  
THEIR LOVE TO  
GOD, THEIR  
FAMILIES, AND TO  
OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY.

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**Artoklasia  
Service**

THE BLESSING OF FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD IS A BRIEF SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING THROUGH WHICH WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE. OIL, WINE, WHEAT, AND THE LOAVES OF BREAD WHICH ARE USED IN THE SERVICE, ARE VIEWED AS THE MOST BASIC ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR LIFE. THE BLESSING REMINDS US OF THE MIRACLE OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE BREAD AND FISH BY WHICH CHRIST FED THE MULTITUDE.

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Fr. George and our parish representatives will be at Clergy Laity in Tarpon Springs, FL, on Sunday, 6.25. Click right photo above to view Hierarchical Liturgy next Sunday.

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# 2023 CLERGY-LAITY WORKSHOP SESSIONS

**STIRLING HALL Innisbrook Resort 36750 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, FL**

**Free and Open to the Public: All Are Welcome**

Full schedule and descriptions available at [www.stnicholastarpon.org/cl2023](http://www.stnicholastarpon.org/cl2023)

## JUNE 23

session 1

11:00 AM -- 11:50AM

11a Greek Education and Culture *Stirling LMN*  
1b Religious Education *Stirling OPQ*  
1c Family Ministry & Adults *Edinburgh 10&11*  
1d Youth *Stirling BC*

session 2

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

2a Youth Safety *Stirling LMN*  
2b Telos Project *Stirling OPQ*  
2c Maintaining a Strong Philoptochos Chapter  
*Edinburgh 10&11*  
2d Physical Safety & Cybersecurity *Stirling BC*

session 3

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

3a OCMC *Stirling LMN*  
3b Orthodox Parochial Schools *Stirling OPQ*  
3c Suicide Prevention/Response *Edinburgh 10&11*  
3d Youth Worker Training *Stirling BC*  
3e Archon Presentation *Stirling West*

## JUNE 24

session 4

9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM

4a Liturgical Arts *Edinburgh 10&11*  
4b Effective Christian Ministry *Stirling LMN*  
4c Youth Safety *Stirling OPQ*

session 5

10:30 AM -- 12:00 PM

5a Father Stephen Freeman *Stirling West*  
5b OCMC *Stirling LMN*  
5c Archon's Presentation *Stirling OPQ*

Bonus session

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

6a Father Stephen Freeman- "Clothed with Glory"  
*Stirling West*  
6b St. Anastasia's Fellowship *Stirling LMN*  
6c Orthodox Parochial Schools *Stirling OPQ*



**FORE ...**

**2023 South Atlanta Golf Classic**



*All Proceeds Benefiting:*



In now our 5th 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 needs children.

By expanding our partnership with Folds of Honor, we have raised additional awareness to our event to not only raise money for our Church building but to build strong and lasting relationships that benefit our community. Last year was our best year ever with gross revenues close to \$50,000. Please join and support us on Monday, August 21, 2023, at the prestigious Eagles Landing Country Club for a day of golf and fellowship to play for several worthy causes. Prices start at \$200 per golfer and sponsorship packages are available at various levels starting at \$20 by buying a golf ball or sponsorship packages beginning at \$250 and above.



We will have a shotgun start again this year with the exciting \$100,000 Shoot Out culminating with the \$1,000,000 Shot 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 helicopter ball drop will be a little different this year in that we will distribute the \$1000 prize in the following manner:

*The charity with the ball closest to the target wins \$500*

*The next charity's ball that is 2nd closet to the marker gets \$300*

*The remaining charity gets \$200*

To participate in the Helicopter Ball Drop, go to [SouthAtlantaGolfClassicBallDrop](#) We will also have a silent auction again this year. If you are interested in donating, please contact Aimee Panos at [Aimee.Panos@gmail.com](mailto:Aimee.Panos@gmail.com)

For more information, click this link: [SouthAtlantaGolfClassic](#) to reserve your spot. Golfers, email or call Tom Farmakis at [TFarmakis@att.net](mailto:TFarmakis@att.net) - 404-428-7006 or click on the attached flyer.

[South Atlanta Golf Classic Flyer](#)





**Join us on July 16 for our next Philoptochos  
Meeting and Cookout!**

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**Burgers, chicken, and hot dogs  
will be provided**

- **Noon-3pm**
- **Bring your families**
- **Hosts: Helen and George Psihountas**  
**106 Kimmer Road**
- **Bring drinks and a side dish to share**  
**Kids can go to the Community Pool!**

## **Great Opportunities Coming Up~ Mark your Calendars!**

**July 15-**

**Dress A Girl      9am-Noon**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A9A72CA3FD0-dress>

Bring a sewing machine and an iron and ironing board if you have one! We will be creating sundresses for young girls to help support this program.

**Check them out here!**

<https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/>

**July 16-**

**Lunch and Meeting at the Psihountas' Home**

(106 Kimmer Road) This will be an informative meeting for new and veteran members! Bring your families!

**August 10, 17-**

**Batter Prep for Pita Rolling 9am**

This year we are rolling for both our Greek Fest and Fall Fundraiser! We need everyone!

Look for the Sign-Up Genius

**August 12, 19-**

**Let's Roll!! Spanakopita and Tiropita!**

Look for the Sign-Up Genius

**October 7-**

**Making Baklava for Festival**

**More Baking Dates TBA**



During the Month of June "Hands of Love" will be accepting monetary donations for I-58 Mission in Senoia "Serving physical needs & showing the love of Christ" to people in Coweta, Fayette, Spalding and Meriwether Counties

Isaiah 58:6-12 is the blueprint for this mission:

"...says the Lord; "...cancel the debts of the oppressed; and tear apart every unjust contract. Break your bread for the hungry, and bring the homeless into your house. If you see a naked man, clothe him, nor shall you disregard your offspring in your own household...Your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of God shall cover you"

I-58 Mission in Senoia supports a food pantry, clothes closet, household goods room and a baby room.



You may place your donations in the red box for "Hands of Love" in the narthex or donate online: <https://stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site>

Faithfully, AnnaAndreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Ministry Chair

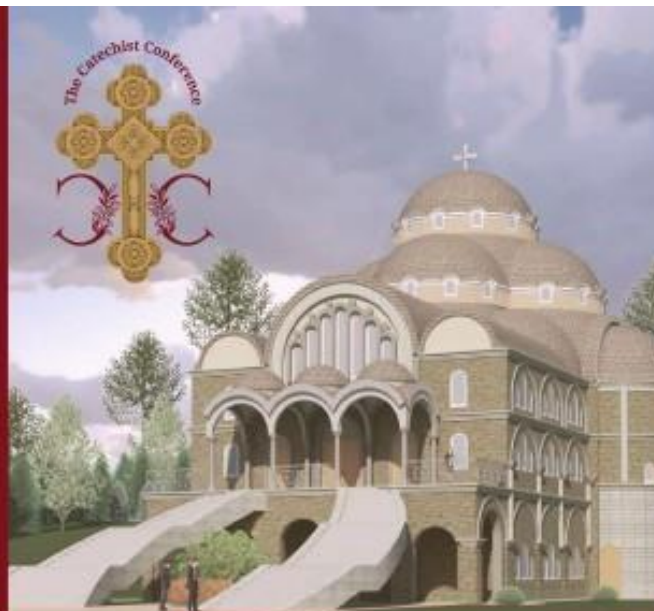


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# The Catechist Conference

September 1-3, 2023

**AMBASSADORS FOR  
CHRIST, BUILDING  
TEMPLES TO GOD**



*This conference is open to all,  
including teachers of Sunday  
Catechism, Adult Religious educators,  
parents and grandparents of  
catechism students, Parish Team  
Ministry leaders, and Clergy*

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS JUNE 19!  
AGENDA COMING SOON!**

Metropolis of Atlanta  
Diakonia Center, Salem SC



*The Speakers are underwritten by the St. Photios Foundation, Inc. in Memory of Mary Roman.*

## Featured Speakers



**Dr. Eve Tibbs**

PhD in Systematic Theology minoring in  
Theological Seminary. Currently serving  
as Ministry Lead for Christian  
Education; Author of "A Basic Guide  
to Eastern Orthodox Theology"

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**V. Rev. Fr. Anton Vrame, PhD**

Professor of Religious Education  
Hellenic College-Holy Cross Greek  
Orthodox School of Theology; Author of  
"The Educating Icon: Teaching Wisdom  
and Holiness in the Orthodox Way"



**Jenny Haddad Mosher**

Director of the Telos Project  
at CrossRoad Institute



**Dr. Ann Bezzerides**

Executive Director of  
the CrossRoads Institute



**Gerry Clonaris**

Chairman of Metropolis of Atlanta  
Religious Education Committee; Senator  
for Orthodoxy and Hellenism

**For more information, contact  
Gerry Clonaris: 704-574-6179 or gbcmktline@gmail.com**



## Youth, Education & Hellenic Culture

*'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.' ~Matthew 5:6*



Week 1: **Sold Out**  
Week 2: July 2 - July 8  
Week 3: July 9 - July 15  
Week 4: **Sold Out**  
Week 5: July 23 - July 29

## Camper Registration

**Space available Week 2 and Week 3!**  
**Space available Week 5 for boys!**

Camper Registration Cost is \$500.00 per camper.  
\$250.00 deposit upon registration and the remainder will be due by June 15, 2023.

**Register Today!**

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



CENTER  
for  
FAMILY CARE


## What's New This Week

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**SOAK UP  
THE SON**

# THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION

**week two:  
creation  
ingredients**



It's time to Soak Up the Son! This week we learn about what happened on the first day of creation! To download the family activity guide for this episode [click here](#).

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FAMILY MATTERS

# podcast



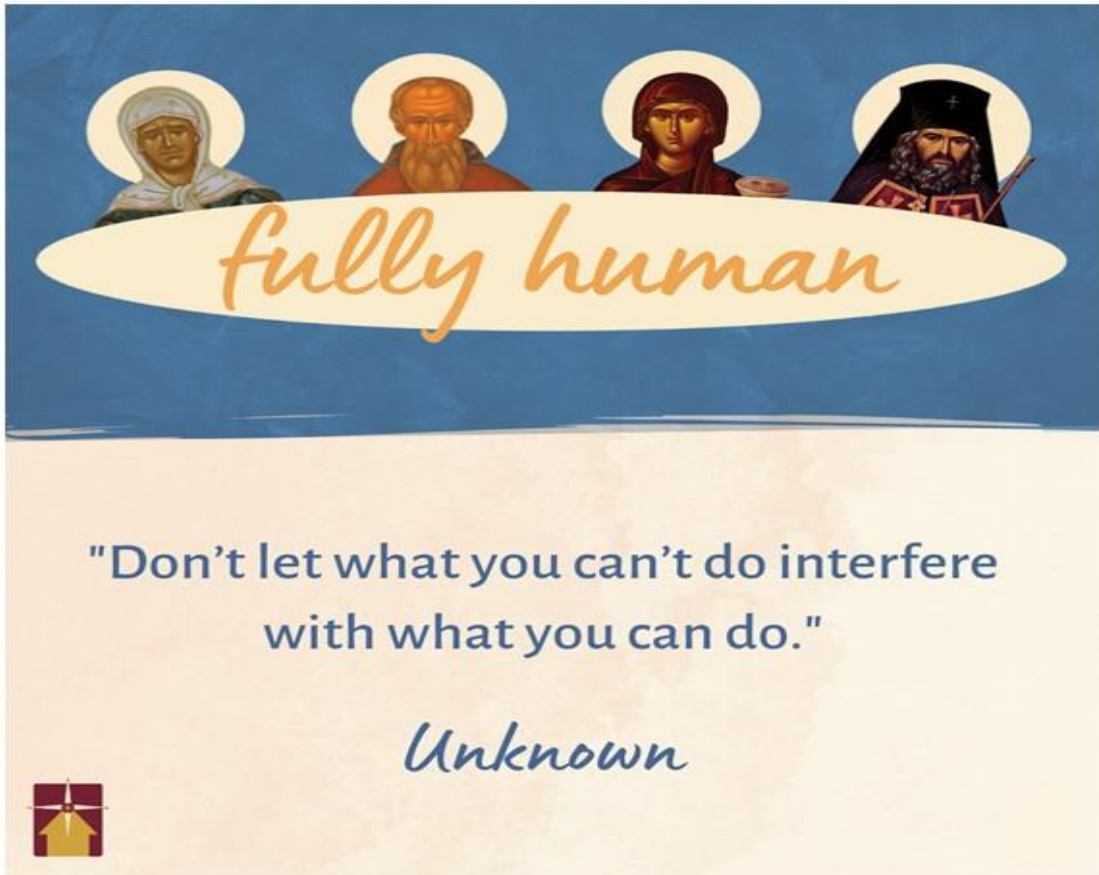
with  
Stellanie Butcher

**ADOPTION:  
BLESSINGS  
& CHALLENGES**



Stellanie Butcher speaks on the logistical, emotional, and unexpected aspects of the adoption of children. [Listen here!](#)

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No human being is endowed with every talent - ability - if you will. But every person does have his or her share of gifts. Instead of focusing on what we or another cannot do, let us spend our attention, energy, and available resources cultivating...[read more.](#)

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"If I had a flower for every time I  
thought of you...I could walk  
through my garden forever."

*Alfred Lord Tennyson*



*Becoming One*



Tennyson expresses eloquently, tenderly, and lovingly his regular remembrance of his wife. As a married couple, uniquely blessed and joined by Christ Himself, taking pause to lovingly remember our spouse throughout the day is a...[read more.](#)





# Transfiguration Orthodox Academy

A K-8 Hybrid School

## Opportunity to enroll in a Christ-focused hybrid homeschool!

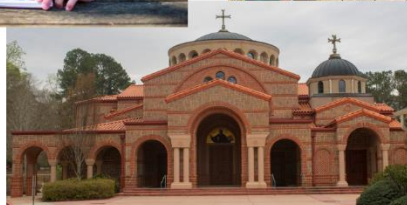
*(Applications will to be accepted on a rolling basis until classes are filled.)*

**Transfiguration Orthodox Academy is accepting  
applications for the 2023-24 school year!**



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[www.toamarietta.com/admissions](http://www.toamarietta.com/admissions)



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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



**APPLY NOW**

# FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2023**

This merit-based scholarship program is available to the best and brightest graduating high school seniors of Hellenic descent and/or Greek Orthodox faith who are enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis with applicants given the option to be considered for additional financial need-based allocations.

For full application details and to apply now, visit [thefaithendowment.org/scholarships](https://thefaithendowment.org/scholarships) or scan:



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For questions, contact: [info@thefaithendowment.org](mailto:info@thefaithendowment.org) • (212) 803-9363 • [facebook.com/faithendowment](https://facebook.com/faithendowment)





*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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