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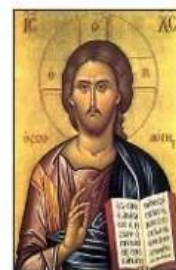
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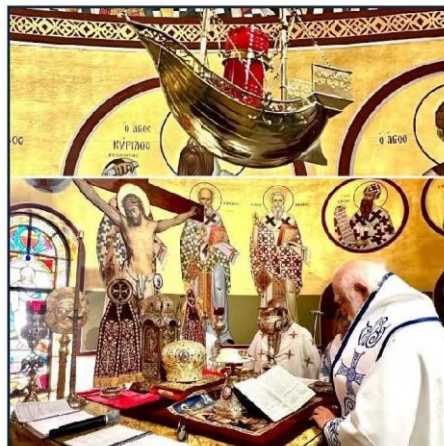
Pastoral Message from Fr. George for 6.30.23

His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios thanks God and all participants for an engaging Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy Laity Assembly hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral. Fr. Athanasios Haros, Nicholas Manias, & Honorable Mayor of Tarpon Springs, Costa Vatikiotis, you and your co-workers opened your hearts as you offered hospitality and support to our 350+ participants.



Hierarchical Liturgy with His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, Bishop Sevastianos, Fr. George Tsahakis, Chancellor, & Metropolis Clergy at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs, FL, on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

We leave filled with joy and enthusiasm to implement insights we learned to boost our Holy Faith and its ministries throughout the eight southeastern US states with its 75 parishes under the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Glory to God for these blessings. May He similarly bless Holy Trinity Church in Charleston, SC... the host of our 2025 assembly.





His Eminence Metropolitan Alexis administered the Oath of Office to the Metropolis Council Members and Metropolis Philoptochos Board Members elected and/or appointed for 2023-2025. We commend Julie Skouteris for her re-appointment as a Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Board member.

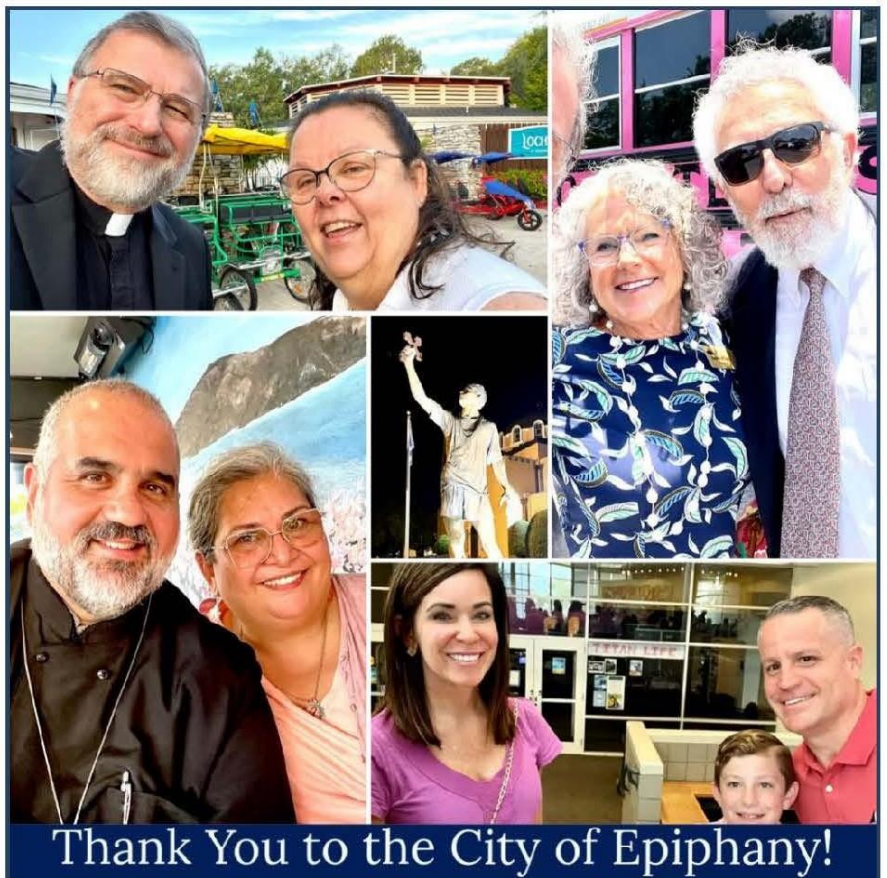


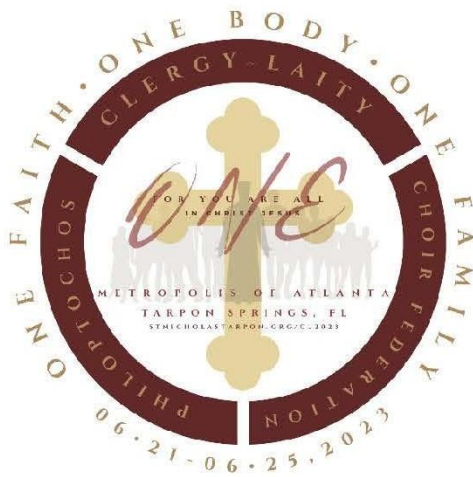
Sunday's Hierarchical Liturgy concluded with His Eminence Metropolitan Alexis, Metropolis Clergy, St. Nicholas Cathedral Chantors, and Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs & Musicians at St. Nicholas Cathedral.



St. Nicholas Cathedral family was joined by faithful participants of our Clergy Laity Assembly delegates, Presbyteres, Philoptochos delegates and Choir Federation delegates.

Fr. George & Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis, Fr. Athanasios & Presbytera Vassi Haros, Mr. & Mrs. Costa Vatikiotis, & Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Manias on behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios thank our Metropolis and Tarpon Springs planning committee and Cathedral family for their support and sacrifice to ensure the success of our 2023 Clergy Laity Assembly.





Innisbrook Resort & Country Club served as the meeting site and hotel of this year's Clergy Laity Assembly. Its natural beauty inspired all as we worshipped, shared fellowship, and participated in the many workshops and meetings supported by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Metropolis of Atlanta, and its 75 parishes in the 8 southeastern U.S. states. Glory to God always.



Use Link Below to View

Clergy Laity Assembly

Overall Schedule

Workshops Offered Friday & Saturday

Video Greeting from
Archbishop Elpidophoros

Keynote Address of
Metropolitan Alexios

View Professional Photos

Playlist for Fr. Stephen Freeman's

2 Presentations

News Release

Full movie "Dancing as One"

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Candid Photos from Fr. George at Clergy Laity Assembly, Innisbrook, FL



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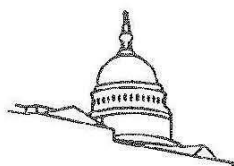


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June 26, 2023

Father George Tsahakis
Saint Christopher Greek Orthodox Church
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Dear Father Tsahakis:

We thought that you, as a respected religious leader in your area, would find the following of interest. It involves the important role of a priest in America's democracy as envisioned by the United States' Founding Fathers. This is often misunderstood in our community.

We highlight this information as part of our work to help our church in Washington, DC for three generations and over 85 years. This includes our close coordination with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, primarily Father Alex Karloutsos. Such information has been particularly helpful over the years in our efforts to protect the religious freedom of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Many Americans misunderstand the meaning of Thomas Jefferson's phrase "separation of church and state" as it relates to religious leaders. It does not mean that religious leaders cannot be involved with their government. It means that our country cannot have an official religion. This protects religious freedom for all. As you know, our Founders had witnessed many bad experiences in European countries with official state religions.

In the months ahead, if an issue with regard to our church arises in Washington, DC, like the religious freedom of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, we may reach out to you. In such cases, as we've done over many years, we'll prepare for your consideration a carefully worded letter to your US Senators and Member of Congress for you to send them. You can rest assured that such efforts are in coordination with the Archdiocese and entirely consistent with the appropriate conduct of America's religious leaders. If you send such a letter, we will make sure that it gets through the tens-of-thousands of communications Senators and Members receive each week and to their attention.

Faithfully yours,

Andy Manatos
Senator for Orthodoxy and Hellenism
Regional Commander, Order of St. Andrew
Leadership 100 Member

Mike Manatos
Archdiocesan Council Member
Government Affairs Co-Chair, Order of St. Andrew
Executive Board Member, Leadership 100

PS We send this letter to you in hard copy and electronically to better ensure it reaches your attention. Thank you.



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

**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://stchristpherphiloptochos.square.site>

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



Trisagion Films



NEW VIDEO: Neither Here Nor In Jerusalem, Episode 10

Last week, we released a new episode from our series "[Neither Here Nor in Jerusalem](#)." In [episode 10](#), we visit the Turkish occupied side of Cyprus and the home village of Fr. Panayiotis. In this emotional return [we witness](#) the desecration and destruction of sacred sites caused by the 1974 invasion and the neglect that occurred thereafter. From Marthovounos we travel north to Kyrenia and the nearby castle and church of St. Hilarion. Watch the video to learn more about these places and the history -- both ancient and modern -- so that we may all bear witness to what has occurred. Please feel free to leave a comment and share this video with others. We have several more videos in production to share in the coming months. Thank you!

If you enjoy our work, please consider contributing to our effort. We use donations to support our artists, upgrade equipment, and maintain our website and domain name. Consider become a [monthly donor through our crowdfunding site Patreon](#), where your donation will go a long way in helping us share the Orthodox faith with the world. You can also make a [one-time donation via PayPal](#). Contact us directly if you would like to donate via other methods. We greatly appreciate any help you can give! Thank you for your support!

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
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The Catechist Conference

September 1-3, 2023

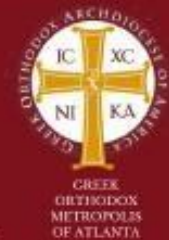
**AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST, BUILDING
TEMPLES TO GOD**



*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
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For full application details and to apply now, visit thefaihindowment.org/scholarships or scan:



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Founded in 2004 by a group of visionary Greek American leaders and philanthropists, *FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism* is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that supports the development of innovative educational, cultural, and scholarship programs that promote Hellenism, an understanding of the Greek Orthodox faith, and the relationship of the two to America's history and multicultural landscape for young people. FAITH has proudly awarded over 1,950 grants and scholarships to our community's brightest young leaders.

For questions, contact: info@thefaihindowment.org • (212) 803-9363 • facebook.com/faihindowment



*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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