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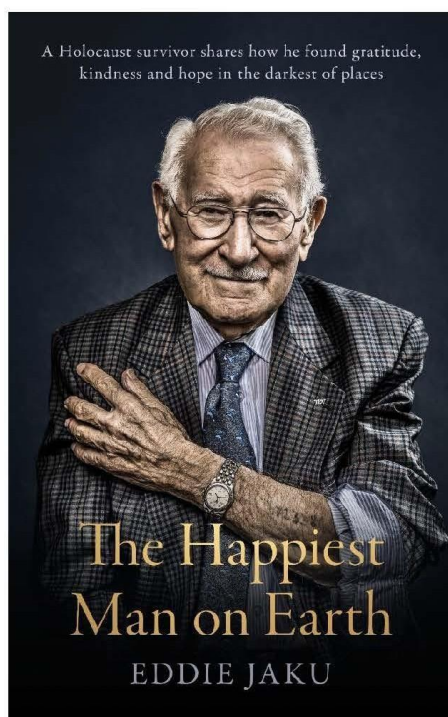
Jackie Sarantis, Office Administrator



Pastoral Message from Fr. George for 7.14.23

Summer brings opportunities to go outside, enjoy God's creation, and take time to read books. Perhaps you could consider reading the following book I recommend. It informs us of valuable lessons from someone who has dealt with extreme hardship and still remain hopeful and happy. I include this recent review I found followed by ten lessons we can learn from the book.

Life can be beautiful if you make it beautiful. It is up to you.



Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed in November 1938, when he was beaten, arrested, and taken to a concentration camp.

Over the next seven years, Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on a Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, his country.

Because he survived, Eddie made the vow to smile every day. He pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom, and living his best possible life. He now believes he is the "happiest man on earth".

Published in 2020 as Eddie turned 100, this is a powerful, heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful memoir of how happiness can be found even in the darkest of times.

10 lessons from The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku:

- **Be grateful for what you have.** Eddie Jaku was a Holocaust survivor who lost everything, but he never gave up hope. He learned to be grateful for the small things in life, and he found happiness even in the darkest of times.
- **Smile.** A smile can make a world of difference. It can brighten someone's day and make you feel better about yourself.
- **Forgive.** Holding on to anger and resentment will only hurt you in the long run. Forgive those who have wronged you and move on with your life.
- **Help others.** Helping others is a great way to make yourself happy. It gives you a sense of purpose and makes you feel good about yourself.
- **Live in the present moment.** Don't dwell on the past or worry about the future. Focus on the present moment and enjoy it to the fullest.
- **Be kind to yourself.** Treat yourself with the same kindness and compassion that you would treat others.
- **Be positive.** A positive attitude can go a long way. It can help you overcome challenges and achieve your goals.
- **Be grateful for the people in your life.** Cherish the people who love and support you. They are the ones who make life worth living.
- **Never give up hope.** No matter what life throws your way, never give up hope. Keep fighting for what you believe in and never give up on your dreams.
- **Live your life to the fullest.** Don't waste a single day. Make the most of every moment and live your life to the fullest.

As we journey through life, I pray these lessons from Eddie Jaku inspire you to use our faith and hope from our Savior Christ Jesus; Eddie's insights give us practical ways to apply God's teachings as we confront the challenges in our daily lives.

2023 South Atlanta Golf Classic



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 and First Responders, 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 closest 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 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 - 404-428-7006 or click on the attached flyer.

[South Atlanta Golf Classic Flyer](#)



Prayer Shawl/Prayer Blanket Blessing

Sunday, August 13, 2023

In Honor of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Fr. George will bless our handmade Prayer Shawls or Prayer Blankets following the Divine Liturgy. Our good friend, Rev. Chip Gordon, will be with us representing City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center and accepting our shawls/blankets for their “Covers of Love” Program. City of Hope was formerly CTCA (Cancer Treatment Center of America) in Newnan. Please bring your Prayer Shawls/Blankets to church on Sunday, August 13th, before the start of the Divine Liturgy.

We welcome anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, sewing, or weaving to join us in this special ministry. Please contact Susan Kleto, (678) 877-9115 or sbkleto@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to request our Prayer Guide, created by Fr. George, to use as you create your one-of-a-kind Prayer Shawl or Prayer Blanket..



**Join us on July 16 for our next
Philoptochos
Meeting and Cookout!
Everyone's Welcome!**

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

- After Church-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 next door!
Parent supervision needed**

"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!

Spanakopita and Tiropita are up first:

Please sign up [here](#)



Baklava and Cookies are coming soon!

Look for the next Sign UP!

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



In July 2023 "Hands of Love"
will be accepting monetary
donations to benefit
Soldiers' Angels



In 2022 Soldiers' Angels served
877,224 active-duty military, veterans
and their families. Soldiers' Angels is
approved to work in the Atlanta and
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\$ 35 - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent

\$ 50 - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at
VA hospitals

\$100 - can help a veteran put food on the table

\$500 - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with injuries,
paralysis, loss of sight or voice to help them be independent and
connect with family, friends, and battle buddies. For more

opportunities to volunteer virtually and in person, visit

www.SoldiersAngels.org

*May No Soldier Go Unloved,
May No Soldier Walk Alone,
May No Soldier Be Forgotten,
Until They All Come Home. 571*

Faithfully,

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

July 7, 2023



CENTER
for
FAMILY CARE

What's New This Week



SOAK UP
THE SON

THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION

week five:
sun, moon,
& stars



It's time to Soak Up the Son! This learn about what happened when God created the sun, moon, and stars! To download the family activity guide for this episode [click here.](#)



TIME OUT for marriage

video reflections for couples

EPISODE 67:

The Miracle of
Miracles

What is the miracle of miracles in marriage? Find out on this week's "Time Out for Marriage" [here](#).

*For there is no
relationship so close
as that between man
and wife, if they be
joined together as
they should be.*

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM





ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Assembly of Bishops' Announces its Inter-Parish Association Program

Join the Movement!



**INTER-PARISH
ASSOCIATIONS**

An opportunity for Orthodox Christians to connect
parish-to-parish and witness Christ's love together!

Visit assemblyofbishops.org/ipa to learn more
and form your Inter-Parish Association today!



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The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America is pleased to announce its Inter-Parish Associations program.

Inter-Parish Associations promote communication, camaraderie, and cooperation across Orthodox Christian parishes of all jurisdictions in a given geographical area. They are local (ie. the city/town level) and include both clergy and laity. Their purpose is to break down barriers across Orthodox Christian jurisdictions and, as a unified Orthodox Christian community, witness Christ's love in local society.

Visit assemblyofbishops.org/ipa to learn more!

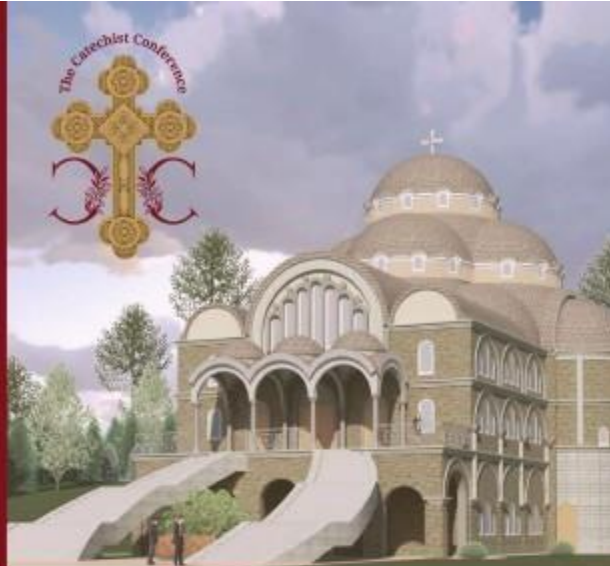
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The Catechist Conference

September 1-3, 2023

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TEMPLES TO GOD**

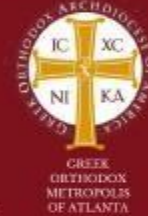


*This conference is open to all,
including teachers of Sunday
Catechism, Adult Religious educators,
parents and grandparents of
catechism students, Parish Team
Ministry leaders, and Clergy*

**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**



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in person to
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Lord and
Savior!

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