

# St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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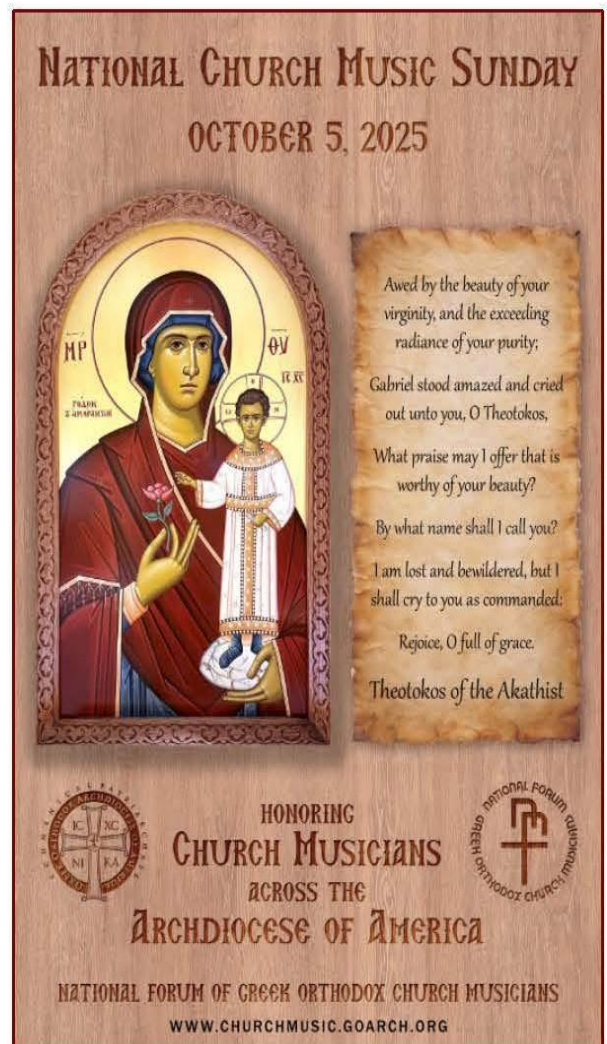
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## Pastoral Message from Fr. George, October 3, 2025

### A Reflection of Gratitude for Our Church Musicians

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is National Church Music Sunday. We will pause to honor the choirs and chantors of our Greek Orthodox parishes—those faithful servants whose voices lift our hearts and souls toward heaven. Their ministry is not confined to the liturgy alone; it is shaped in quiet hours of preparation, rehearsals, and prayerful study.



Though often unseen, their dedication transforms our worship into a living hymn of praise. Through their voices, the beauty of Orthodox hymnology becomes not just heard, but felt—stirring the soul, inspiring reverence, and drawing us closer to Christ.

We invite all parishioners to join us on Sunday, October 5th as we honor these devoted musicians who make singing praises to the Lord both inspiring and heartfelt.

On a personal note, I recall how my parents insisted I learn piano and organ as a child. At the time, I didn't fully understand their insistence—but those music lessons became invaluable. They helped me internalize the hymns and melodies of our Church and ultimately prepared me to serve as a Greek Orthodox Priest. Music was not just an art—it was a spiritual foundation.

To all parents who encourage their children to learn music: thank you. Your efforts plant seeds that will blossom into service for the Church. Whether in the choir, at the cantor's stand, or in the sanctuary, these musical gifts enrich our worship and strengthen our faith community.

To our church musicians: thank you for your tireless devotion, your love of sacred music, and your commitment to making every

service a heartfelt offering to the Lord. Your work is a blessing to us all.

*A Final Note of Inspiration* – Let us remember St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church musicians. Once mocked for his lack of musical talent, Romanos received a divine gift through a vision of the Theotokos, who gave him a scroll to eat. Upon awakening, he sang his first hymn—"On the Nativity"—with profound beauty and grace. From that moment, he composed hundreds of hymns that still echo through our liturgical life today.



**Some people resemble the honeybee and some resemble the fly. Those who resemble the fly seek to find evil in every circumstance and are preoccupied with it; they see no good anywhere. But those who resemble the honeybee only see the good in everything they see.**

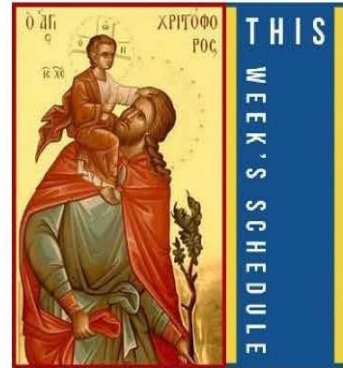
**St. Paisios of Mount Athos**



## Join Us Often with Your Family

### **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale**

8:30 Koulourakia



### **Sunday, October 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke & National Church Music Sunday**

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service, Artoklasia,  
& October Commemorations [We thank Dedee & Kirk Panayis  
& Maria Panayi for offering the five loaves for this month.]

11:00 Religious Education Classes

*[Our Adult Religious Education will begin discussing  
Chapter 2, pages 62-80 of our textbook.]*

### **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ecumenical Council**

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:45 Religious Education Classes

12:00 Joint Finance Committee & Parish Council Meeting



## It's that time of year!!

The Philoptochos Fall Bake Sale baking kicks off this **Sat, Oct 4, 8:30am.**

We will be making Koulourakia and would love your help!

Join us for a fun filled morning of fellowship and baking. If you have a standing mixer please consider bringing it.

[Sign Up Genius for all dates](#) We need your help to be successful!

# Beat the Pro



We're excited to announce that the **South Atlanta Golf Classic** will once again feature our “**Beat the Pro**” hole-specific event, featuring **Jean Reynolds**. Join us for another year of fun competition and the chance to test your skills against a pro!

## South Atlanta Golf Classic is Only 4 Weeks Away



**Sign up NOW**

7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Christopher Community Outreach annual Golf Tournament, the South Atlanta Golf Classic, will be held on Monday, October 27 at Eagles Landing Country Club in Stockbridge (100 Eagles Landing Way, Stockbridge, GA 30281). The planning team has been working hard to organize the tournament and we are now ready to ask for help from our entire parish and community. Please click on the signup to review all the different roles that are needed to make this event a success.

There are 60 volunteer slots that need to be filled, and less than half are filled. So, get a friend and sign up! Please feel free to sign-up for more than one time or slot. Volunteering for the event is easy and fun (no hard work)! We are blessed to partner with Folds of Honor and The Joseph Sam's School again; and we are excited to connect with other people in our community who support us!

If you have any questions about volunteering at this year's Golf Tournament fundraiser, please contact Maria Cahill.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER SIGNUP







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### ***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 21st 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 22nd 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

**Order Deadline: November 7, 2025**

		Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
<b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles			\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles			\$ 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 cookies			\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookies			\$ 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>Dolmades:</b> stuffed grape leaves with ground beef, rice and herbs			\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Amygdalota:</b> Greek chewy almond cookie Gluten-free			\$ 10.00	
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>				\$



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BY VISITING ONE OF THE 3 OPTIONS BELOW**  
<https://saintchristopherhoc.org/> <https://my-business-104643.square.site/>  
**For Questions Pls Contact Dedee Panayis Tel: 817-690 6610**





## **Philoptochos Save the Dates!**



- Oct 4 Koulourakia 8:30am
- 15 Tiropita Batter 8:30am
- 17 & 18 **2** folding days 8:30am
- 19 General Philoptochos Meeting (open to all)**
- 22 Spanakopita Batter 8:30am
- 24 & 25 **2** folding days 8:30am
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- Nov 1 Kourambiethes Baking 8:30am
- 2 Paximadia- after Religious Education
- 14-15 Baklava make, bake and cup 8:30am
- 16 Board Meeting**
- 17 Almond Cookies 8:38am
- Box and Bow 4pm
- 18-19 Dolmathes make, bake and package 8:30am
- 21-22 Bake Sale Pick up



All Sundays in October "Hands of Love" ministry will be accepting monetary donations to benefit



### "Rachel's Gift"

Rachel's Gift, Inc., headquartered in McDonough, GA collaborates with hospitals across the state such as **Piedmont Newnan** and **Piedmont Fayette hospital** to provide specialized bereavement care for parents who have lost their child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. To learn more:

<https://www.RachelsGift.org>. There are numerous ways to volunteer - as our talented Philoptochos ladies have sewed tiny Burial gowns and knitted or crocheted baby blankets to comfort grieving mothers. You can

also join other volunteers on the first Tuesday of the month at their office in McDonough to help with various needs. Or join the "Angel Dash" 5k walk/run in La Grange, GA on Oct 11. **Monetary donations** can be placed at the "**Hands of Love**" **red box** on the narthex table or you can donate online -

<https://StChristopherPhiloptochos.Square.Site>



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



*Celebrate with us!*

Celebrate 50 years of food, faith, and fellowship at the Atlanta Greek Festival.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy authentic Greek food, live music, dancing, church tours, shopping and warm Greek hospitality.

For updates and more information, please visit our website or follow us on social media.

[atlantagreekfestival.org](https://atlantagreekfestival.org)

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## SERB FEST ATLANTA

SAT, OCT.  
4TH  
(11AM - 10PM)



SUN, OCT.  
5TH  
(12PM - 6PM)

STS. PETER AND PAUL SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
1558 HEWATT ROAD SOUTHWEST LILBURN, GA 30047

# CUMMING GREEK FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 17-19, 2025

**FREE ADMISSION**

DJ HOUR 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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TAVERN

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# SAINT ELIAS **MID-EAST**



Cashless  
Event



## **FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 18**

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**OCTOBER 19**

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM



[steliasmideastfestival.org](http://steliasmideastfestival.org)





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## Building Our Future: Join Our \$1.5M Capital Campaign

Dear Parish Family,

We are excited to announce the launch of our \$1.5 million Capital Campaign, a five-year endeavor to build our future home. This is an incredible opportunity for us to come together as a community and create a space that will serve and inspire for generations to come.



To make this vision a reality, we encourage everyone to fill out pledge cards now. Our lenders are looking for a strong show of commitment from the parish, and your early pledges are crucial to meeting their requirements. As we consider discussions with outside donors, our ability to demonstrate the Parish Family's commitment to the capital campaign is an integral part of the process and success to raise funds from outside our parish. During our last campaign, we raised an impressive average of \$264K per year, and with your continued support, we are confident we can do it again.

Your participation is vital. Please continue your existing commitment to the stewardship fund and start giving to the new capital campaign or consider increasing your existing building fund pledge amount. Together, we can turn our dreams into reality.

Let's build our future home with faith, dedication, and collective effort. Please consider completing the online pledge card today, [St Christopher Capital Campaign Pledge Card Link](#), so we can show the lenders our unwavering commitment and take the next steps toward our shared goal.

Here are some examples to consider:

### GIVING SCENARIO 1:

Currently giving \$100/month

- \$40 to Building Fund
- \$60 to Operations

*During the Building Fund Campaign*

- **\$80** to Building Fund
- \$60 to Operations

Total Giving Increase = 40%

### GIVING SCENARIO 2:

Currently giving \$200/month

- \$100 to Building Fund
- \$100 to Operations

*During the Building Fund Campaign*

- **\$200** to Building Fund
- \$100 to Operations

Total Giving Increase = 30%

### GIVING SCENARIO 3:

Currently giving \$300/month

- \$100 to Building Fund
- \$200 to Operations

*During the Building Fund Campaign*

- **\$200** to Building Fund
- \$200 to Operations

Total Giving Increase = 33%

Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis



**The 2025/2026 Scholarship Application is  
OPEN!**



Calling exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent - consider becoming a PanHellenic Scholar!



**Do you or an exceptional undergraduate student you know qualify to be a PanHellenic Scholar? The 2025/2026 application is now open and accepting applications!**

**APPLY TODAY!**

The Foundation will accept applications from eligible Greek American college students and will distribute \$250,000 in scholarship awards to exceptional undergraduates as follows:

- **Twenty (20) Awards of \$10,000** based on academic achievement, financial need, and Hellenic engagement. *(\$20,000 given specifically for students studying music or arts).*
- **Twenty (20) Awards of \$2,500** based on academic achievement and Hellenic engagement.

Eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply. If a student applied in a prior year, and are still in college, we encourage them to reapply.

Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by **January 31, 2026**.

**To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must:**

- Be US Citizens or US permanent residents.
- Be of Hellenic descent.
- Be enrolled at an accredited U.S. college or university for Fall 2025 and actively in your **sophomore, junior, or senior year**
- Have a minimum 3.6 cumulative GPA.

*Please visit the application page for the full list of eligibility and requirements.*

For questions or more information, please email [scholarships@panhellenicsf.org](mailto:scholarships@panhellenicsf.org) or call 312-357-6432.



## CYBER SECURITY WATCH

Provided by the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology



### CYBERCRIME HAS BEEN INFILTRATING OUR LIVES FOR YEARS.

More recently, parishes and religious communities around us are being targeted by a phishing scam where the attacker poses falsely as the parish priest and asks the recipient for money usually in the form of gift cards.

**EDUCATE** yourselves and others about the dangers of emails and phone scams.

**YOUR PARISH PRIEST should never** reach out via personal email to request immediate financial assistance. Be vigilant if you do receive an email that fits this description! Here are some *do's* and *do not's* to guide you:

### DO NOT...

- ❌ reply to the message
- ❌ click on any links
- ❌ download any attachments
- ❌ use the contact information provided in the email
- ❌ share personal or financial data via email or phone

### DO...FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- ✅ **VIGILANCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- ✅ **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
- ✅ **VERY OFTEN** change your passwords

**REPORT CYBERCRIME IMMEDIATELY** to the following Federal agencies and to the Archdiocese:

- **Federal Trade Commission:** [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)
- **FBI:** [fbi.gov/tips](https://www.fbi.gov/tips)
- **Archdiocese Technical Support:** [techsupport.goarch.org](https://techsupport.goarch.org)

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