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St. John Chrysostom (4th century)

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

The Foundation of Gratitude



“Lord, You have brought us to this hour of prayer. You have blessed us with gifts beyond measure. Accept our thanksgiving and grant that we may always glorify You—not only with our lips, but with our lives, by giving ourselves to Your service and walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days.”

(Prayer of St. John Chrysostom)

On this crisp autumn morning, the oak trees around Peachtree City whisper in the wind, their golden leaves dancing like prayers rising to heaven. Inside the hearts of 56 families, a different kind of whisper began stirring months earlier—answering a call to join in the building of something lasting, something sacred. It wasn’t just about bricks and mortar; it was about faith, hope, and love woven into the very foundation of St. Christopher Church.

Indeed, since March, our families have prayerfully considered and been offering their five-year pledges to **raise \$1.5 million**—a goal that ensures we can complete construction of our long-awaited church project by the beginning of 2026. It was a bold vision, rooted in faith and hope, and entrusted to the hearts of our parish family. As your Priest, I am in awe of your response... your generosity. Each pledge is more than a number on paper. It is a story of trust in God’s providence. Some families gave from

abundance, others from sacrifice, but all are giving willingly with hearts full of thanksgiving. Like the widow's two coins, these offerings have become treasures in heaven; they form the cornerstone of a spiritual home for generations yet unborn. They unite us with God's blessings and build upon the solid foundation of our 22-year history of growing our parish to what it is today.

As St. John Chrysostom reminds us:

“Gratitude is the memory of the heart.”

When we give thanks, we do more than speak words—we remember God's goodness and respond with love. Thank you for your generous support every time needs arise and help is sought.

As we pause this Thanksgiving, imagine the future: children running through the halls of a new church, voices lifted in hymns, candles flickering before icons of Christ and His saints. This vision is no longer a dream—it is taking shape because of the faith and generosity of those who are answering the call to join our efforts.

And yet, the story is not finished. There are pages still blank, waiting for new names, new pledges, new acts of love. Together, we will write the next chapter—a chapter where we break ground in 2026 and we raise a temple to the glory of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

A Thanksgiving Message of Gratitude and Hope

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.”*

(Psalm 136:1)

Beloved Parish Family,

As we arrive at this week of national Thanksgiving, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed upon our families and our parish community. This year, we have witnessed a remarkable outpouring of faith and generosity. Since March, **56 families have prayerfully pledged \$1 million over five years toward our goal of \$1.5 million**—a milestone that enables us to begin construction of our beloved St. Christopher Church. *And all the while, your stewardship support for the operations of our parish has remained strong and steadfast – we are doubly blessed with your faithful commitment, sacrifices, and trust!*

To our families who have stepped forward to help us achieve our \$1.5 million goal (as of Monday, November 24, 2025), we offer our heartfelt thanks:

Lazo & Pauline Papavassiliou-Bajic; George Bonos & Sybele Capezzutti; Phil & Andrea Boswell; Stephen & Becky Butler; Michael & Jen Burris; Michael & Maria Cahill; Valerie Chappell; Larisa Chen; Mahany & Cynthia Cromartie; John & Misty Duke; Johnny & Jeanie Ellinas; Eric & Eleni Elling; Gail Ericsson; Tom & Ellen Farmakis; Emmanuel & Kim Haldopoulos; Sam & Catherine Holoviak; Myke & Candy Jacobs; Christopher Johns; Deborah Kavadas (Ricos Kavadas of blessed memory); Dina Tagalos Kearns; Pete & Susan Kleto; Jeff & Holly Longino; Scott & Eleni Loyd; Charlie & Georgia Lungaro; Alec MacDougall; Suzanne Marshall; Reese & Cynthia Martin; John & Sunam Mazzarella; Fr. Tony & Jeanie McGee; Daniel & Barbara McGouirk; Evangelos & Emilia Moraitis; Nicolas Morin; Perry & Aimee Panos; Kirk & Dedee Panayis; Randy & Anna Pelky; Steven Pelky; Peter & Julie Poulos; Paula Price; George & Helen Psihountas; Mary Psihountas; Fotis & Effie Sakkas; Eva Sarantis; Steve & Jackie Sarantis; James & Claudia Sliwinski; George & Julie Skouteris; Angelique Soulakos; Robert & Lia Spezzano; Nicholas & Michele Stravelakis; Tanner Tatum; Stavro & Pam Theodorakis; Victor & Julie Torres; Fr. George & Presbyteria Marinda Tsahakis; Bill & Isabelle Wiley; Steven & Katie Wilson; Justin & Anna Winter; George & Catherine Zavlanos.

Your pledges—and the payments you are making—are a living testimony of what it means to build not just a church, but a spiritual home for generations to come.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to friends and parishioners who, in addition to these new five-year pledges, have offered gifts throughout our history to purchase our property and our future church building. We appreciate all who have labored tirelessly and offered their time, talents, and treasures these past 22 years in support of our parish. Some have moved, some are in life eternal, but we pause to remember and thank all. Every contribution—large or small—reflects the love of Christ and strengthens the foundation of our future.

Now, as we look toward completing this sacred goal, we invite you to share this blessing with others. It is a privilege to invite family and friends, both within and outside our parish, to give them an opportunity to share in this holy work. Let us reach out to those who love Christ and His Church and invite them to join us in raising the remaining \$500,000. Together, we can offer them the joy of participating in something eternal—a house of worship where countless souls will encounter God's grace for generations to come. A church is more than a physical structure – it is a sacred eternal reality because it is consecrated for God's presence.

For those who have not yet pledged towards our \$1.5 million, five-year goal, know we enthusiastically welcome you to join us in this sacred endeavor. Together, we can reach and exceed our goal as we look forward to His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos bless our church complex construction site on Sunday, February 15, 2026, turning our shared vision into reality.

This Thanksgiving let us give thanks not only for what we have, but for what we are building together: a community rooted in prayer, generosity, and hope. For as St. John Chrysostom teaches us, *“The Church is not walls and roof alone, but the dwelling place of God among His people. What is built for His glory stands forever.”*

With gratitude and love in Christ,
Fr. George Tsahakis



Join Us Often with Your Family

**Tuesday, November 25th – Feast of St.
Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria**

9:00 Divine Liturgy at PTC

Wednesday, November 26th

8:00 Orthros & 9:00 Divine Liturgy at
Archangel Michael Chapel

6:00 Zoom YAL Formational Meeting

Thursday, November 27th – Thanksgiving Day

8:00 Orthros & 9:00 Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael
Chapel

**Sunday, November 30th – Feast of St. Andrew the 1st-
Called Apostle**

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:45 Religious Education (all ages) – Preparation for Christmas
Pageant

Monday, December 1st

7:00 pm Parish Council Training for Candidates for Fall PC
Elections (via Zoom)



Welcoming our Youngest
Parishioner for 40 Day
Blessing of Mother and
Child on November 23, 2025