

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, November 19, 2025

Extending Hospitality Beyond Our Circle



Introduction

Hospitality is more than good manners or sharing a meal—it is a spiritual discipline rooted in love. In the Orthodox tradition, hospitality reflects the very heart of Christ, who welcomed sinners, healed the broken, and embraced the outcast. When we open our hearts and homes, we imitate His divine generosity.

Reflection

Christ calls us to a radical hospitality—one that mirrors His own love for the marginalized and forgotten. In Luke 14:12–14, Jesus teaches: *“When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.”* This is not simply about sharing a meal; it is about opening our hearts and lives to

those who cannot repay us. True hospitality is sacrificial and grace-filled.

Presbytera Marinda and I recently experienced a glimpse of this grace. While dining at a restaurant this week, we complimented our server on the excellent food, service, and restaurant ambience. Her response surprised us: *“You guys have made my day... you always bring such great energy when you walk in.”* What began as a simple gesture of kindness became a moment of mutual blessing. In offering encouragement, we received joy in return. *This is the mystery of God’s grace—when we give freely, He multiplies the blessing.*



Servers often work long hours under pressure, juggling multiple tables while managing personal struggles we never see. Despite this, they are expected to provide “perfect” service with a smile.

When we pause to acknowledge their effort and offer genuine kindness, we do more than brighten their day—we help restore dignity and hope. In that exchange, our words became a blessing to her, and her gratitude became a blessing to us.



Imagine what it would look like if our tables—whether in our homes, parish halls, or even restaurants—were places where Christ’s love was evident. Hospitality begins with seeing the image of God in every person, especially those who serve quietly and faithfully. In this season of Thanksgiving, we have the potential to change

the outlook of others so they can fulfill the potential God gave them. A kind word, a sincere compliment, or an invitation to share a meal can be the spark that rekindles hope in a weary soul.

As St. John Chrysostom reminds us, *“If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”* Every act of kindness is an encounter with Christ Himself. Let us make our gratitude tangible by extending hospitality beyond our circle—so that in blessing others, we too may be blessed.

Pause and Reflect

- *Who in your life might feel unseen or forgotten?*
- *How can you extend hospitality—not only through a meal, but through words of encouragement, a listening ear, or an act of kindness?*
- Prayer: *Lord Jesus, open my heart to welcome You in every person I meet. Teach me to give without expecting return, trusting that Your grace will bless both giver and receiver.*



Closing Prayer

O Christ our God, You welcomed all who came to You with love and mercy. Grant me the grace to see Your image in every person and to offer hospitality with joy and humility. May my words and actions bring comfort to the lonely, hope to the broken, and peace to the outcast. For You are the Giver of every good gift, and to You we give glory, now and forever. Amen.



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November 17, 2025

Very Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis, Mr. Stephen Sarantis, Parish Council President and Esteemed Parish Council Members of Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church
 313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210
 Peachtree City, GA 30269

My Beloved in the Lord,

I greet you with love and joy in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Upon reviewing your plans for the construction of your new parish home—including the church, the administrative offices, & the meeting spaces—and with the advice of both Archon Frank Boardman (AIA), Chairman of the Parish Facilities Committee, and George Matthews, of blessed memory, I am pleased to offer my permission and blessings to proceed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Fr. George, the Parish Council, and all the faithful who have undertaken the responsibility to ensure a stable future for your parish family. With Christ's love in my heart, you have my understanding that 'time is of the essence' and I congratulate you on this development.

Per our discussion, after your site work is completed, I also look forward to joining you on Meatfare Sunday, February 15th, 2026, to visit with your community, worshipping & breaking bread together, before we perform the Groundbreaking Service at the construction site.

May this endeavor meet with our Lord's abundant grace and every blessing from Above.
 I remain,

In the love and service of the Lord,

+SEVASTIANOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

St. Christopher Church in Peachtree City Announces Plans for New Church Complex



Peachtree City, GA — St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church joyfully announces its decision to pursue the construction of a new church complex on its 10-acre Ebenezer Road property, marking a significant milestone in the life of the parish and its mission to serve Orthodox Christians of Peachtree

City and surrounding communities throughout the southern Atlanta metro region.

The new complex will include a traditional Byzantine-style sanctuary, administrative offices, meeting spaces, and the initial shell of a future fellowship hall. This comprehensive plan is designed to support the parish's continued spiritual and communal growth for generations to come. It will begin breaking ground in January 2026.

“Our vision is to create a sacred space that reflects our Orthodox faith, fosters fellowship, and welcomes all,” said Fr. George Tsahakis, Pastor of St. Christopher Church. “We are lifting high the banner of courage, conviction, faith, and sacrifice as we begin this holy endeavor.”

The parish is deeply grateful for the encouragement and support of His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta, who offered his episcopal blessing and spiritual guidance for the project. “May this new church complex be a beacon of light and a place of peace, prayer, and healing for all who enter,” said Metropolitan Sevastianos. “I commend the faithful of St. Christopher Church for their devotion and vision.”

St. Christopher Church invites the broader community to join in prayer and support as this exciting chapter unfolds. Updates on the project will be shared through the parish website and future announcements.

Special thanks to our partners helping us build for the future: Jefferson Browne Architecture in Peachtree City, Tomco Construction in Newnan, and Renasant Bank in Peachtree City.

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 770/347-PRAY OR 770/347-7729
 PASTOR: VERY REV. FR. GEORGE TSAHAKIS

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Dear Parishioners:

This year we will be electing three (3) parishioners to the Parish Council to serve a three (3) – year term. Elections will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 10:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. There is no absentee balloting or proxy voting. There is no limit to the number of nominees.

Nomination of candidates begins Wednesday, November 19th and continues through Sunday, November 30th at 11:30 a.m. If you wish to be nominated, you must use the attached form. The fully signed form must be received by this deadline by one of the Board of Elections members elected at the General Parish Assembly on November 23rd. During weekday office hours, you can hand deliver to Jackie Sarantis for her to give to one of the three Board members by the deadline.

Qualifications to be a Candidate for the Parish Council – Candidates of the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the faith and canons of the Church. The Priest shall determine whether the parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified in Part Three, Article 18, Sections 1-3 of the Uniform Parish Regulations. All candidates must attend a seminar prior to the election of members of the Parish Council. The purpose of the seminar will be to learn the Uniform Parish Regulations and Affirmation of Office. At the conclusion of the seminar, all candidates will acknowledge their attendance by signing the Parish Council Candidate Pledge as promulgated by the Metropolitan and agreeing to abide by it if elected. This year's mandatory Parish Council Candidate Training Seminar will be via Zoom on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. All Candidates must attend this session to be listed on final election ballot (except for those previously trained in 2023 or later). There is no make-up session possible.

Faithfully yours,

+ Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis

+Fr. George Tsahakis

2025 Parish Council Nomination for 3-year Term (2026-2028)

(The two (2) parishioners making the nomination complete this section)

We, the undersigned (two (2) parishioners), nominate:

(Print Name of Candidate Nominated):

as a candidate for election to the Parish Council of the St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church in Peachtree City, Georgia.

(Signature of member in good standing)

(Print Name)

(Signature of member in good standing)

(Print Name)

(The Nominated Candidate completes this section)

I accept the nomination for election to the St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church Parish Council in Peachtree City, Georgia, and if elected will serve a THREE-YEAR TERM, January 2026 – December 2028.

(Signature of Nominee in good standing)

(Print Name)

Please Note: This fully signed form must be received by Sunday, November 30th, 11:30 a.m. by one of the Board of Elections members elected at the November 23rd General Parish Assembly. During weekday office hours, you can hand deliver to Jackie Sarantis for her to give to one of the three Board members by the deadline. This year's mandatory Parish Council Candidate Training Seminar will be via Zoom on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. All Candidates must attend this session to be listed on final election ballot (except for those previously trained since 2023 when Fr. George introduced new training materials). There is no make-up session possible.



Light & Life

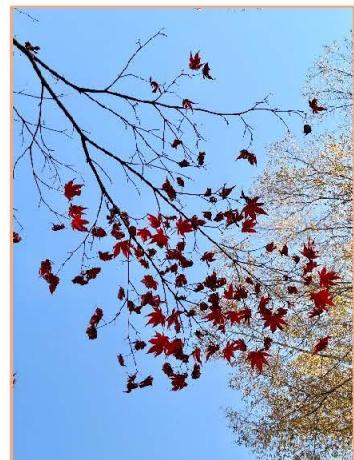
This stained-glass window speaks a timeless truth: **Christ is our Light (φως) and our Life (ζωη)**. The warm amber tones frame the autumn leaves outside. Even as seasons change, His light

shines through, and His life renews us. *"I am the Light of the world... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* (John 8:12; 10:10)

As leaves fall and nature transitions, the promise of life in Christ remains unchanging, illuminating our path and renewing our spirit.



*Where do you see
God's light
breaking through the ordinary today?
How can you share His gift of life with
someone who feels surrounded by
shadows?*



Join Us Often with Your Family

Thursday, November 20th

9:00 Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel

Friday, November 21st – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

9:00 Divine Liturgy at PTC

3:00 – 6:00 Philoptochos Pastry Sale Pickup of Orders

Saturday, November 22nd

9:00 – 12:00 Philoptochos Pastry Sale Pickup of Orders

Sunday, November 23rd – 9th Sunday of St. Luke

8:00 Orthros

9:00 40 Day Blessing of Mother & Child, Divine Liturgy, followed by General Parish Assembly

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

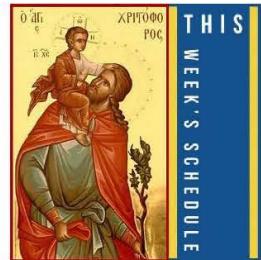
7:45 Orthros

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)





Parish General Assembly

**Sunday, November 23rd
Immediately after the
Divine Liturgy**



HELP US RELOCATE OUR 2 STORAGE SPACES!

I am calling on all our Faithfull warriors. We need to relocate our 2 storage spaces from PTC to Fayetteville.
Its 19 pews and the GR fest stuff.

If you have a trailer and are willing to utilize it let us know or we will rent a Penske truck anyway and do just 1 trip.
Please text me with your availability so we can plan the move.

Kirk Panayis
(347)-203-9324

As of now the days I am targeting are-
November
21, after 12pm
22, after 10 am
23, after 11am
24, after 10 am
25 after 11 am

Please let me know if you can help.
Thank you for all you do for our Church,

Kirk Panayis
Storage Facilities Chair



Nativity Card 2025

Christ is Born- Glorify Him!

**It is time to sign up for the church
Nativity Card.**

Our Ladies Philoptochos chapter donates
all proceeds to local charities. May God
bless and multiply your generosity!

The deadline for donations is Sunday
December 7th

It is easy to donate to this worthy
endeavor

**Forms will be available in the
Narthex**

Please include your name exactly as you
would like it to appear on the card

Please see Suzanne at church to sign up

Or

Donate online at

[Nativity Card](#)



Christmas Luncheon ~ Lenten Foods ~



December 21

After Christmas Pageant



*All Sundays in November:
"Loaves and Fishes"
FOCUS-Atlanta at "St.
John the Wonderworker"
Orthodox Church*



The long-time program "Loaves and Fishes", is administered by FOCUS - Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve, with a mission to provide solutions to poverty across America.

For more information on how you can volunteer in person: SJWW.org or FOCUSATLANTA.org



At "St John the Wonderworker" the "Loaves and Fishes" mission continues: Monday through Friday at 7:30 Coffee and Pastries, followed by a hot breakfast at 9 a.m. are served indoors in the community hall of the church and a hearty lunch is given to people in need at the conclusion of the daily service. Clothes, shoes and personal hygiene items are also distributed to the guests. There is also a weekly mobile health clinic for client care.

Please place your non-perishable foods and toiletries items donations (cans and boxes), in the bin in the church narthex and your monetary donations in the "Hands of Love" red box on the narthex table. To donate online:
<https://StChristopherPhiloptochos.Square.Site>

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



*All Sundays in November:
"Loaves and Fishes"
FOCUS-Alanta at "St.
John the Wonderworker"
Orthodox Church*



FOCUSATLANTA.org

Most needed items:

Staple foods:

- *canned proteins: tuna, chicken, beans
- *peanut butter and jam
- *olive oil
- *canned vegetables and fruits
- *rice and pasta
- *granola bars and healthy snacks

Toiletries:

- *soap and body wash
- *shampoo and conditioner
- *toothpaste and toothbrush
- *razors and shaving cream

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

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



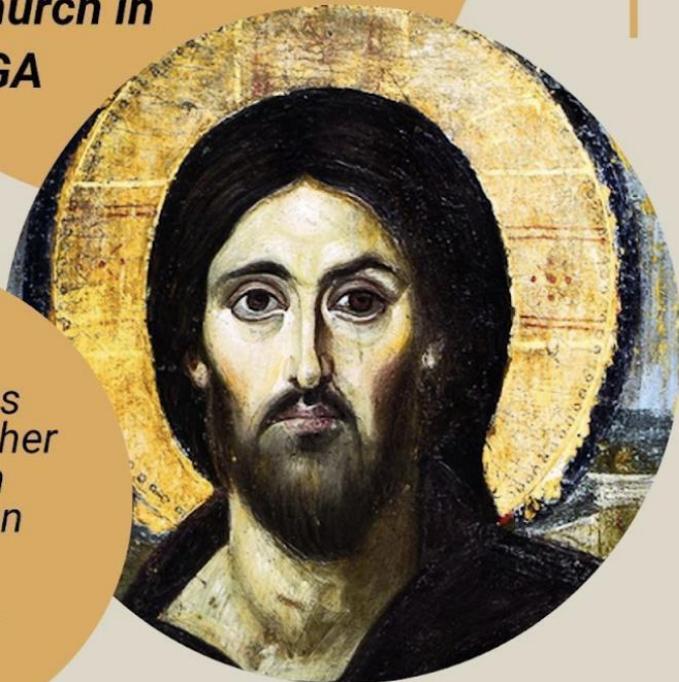
Contact Helen Psihountas if you're interested in attending!
We would love to take a big group.

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Orthodox Church in
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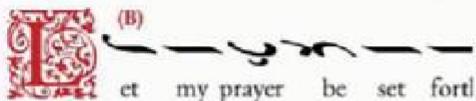


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Visit TheLiturgicalArts.org

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**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 or call 312-357-6432.



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Apply by February 20, 2026

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