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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, November 5, 2025



"Fairways of Faith: Celebrating Results & Those Who Made It Possible"

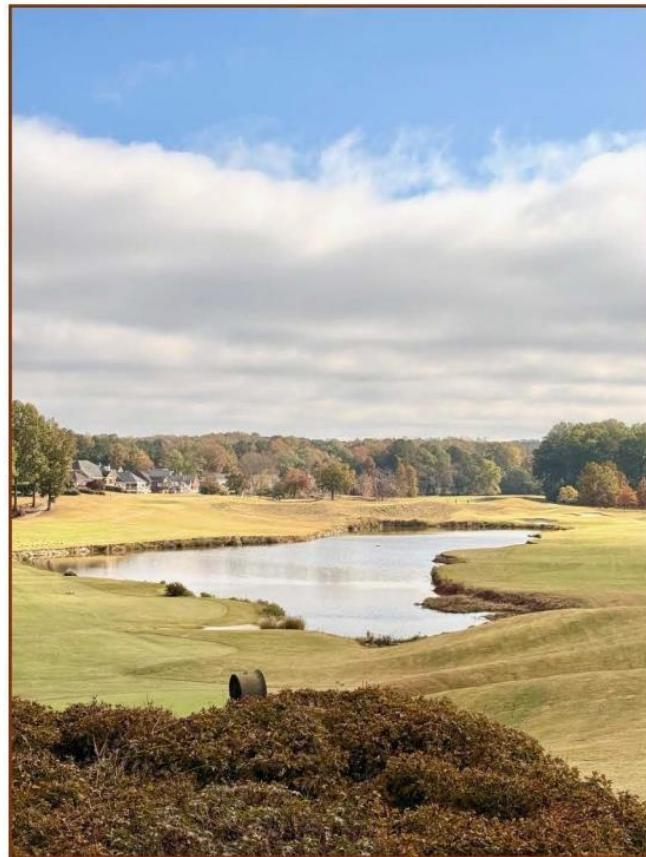
Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

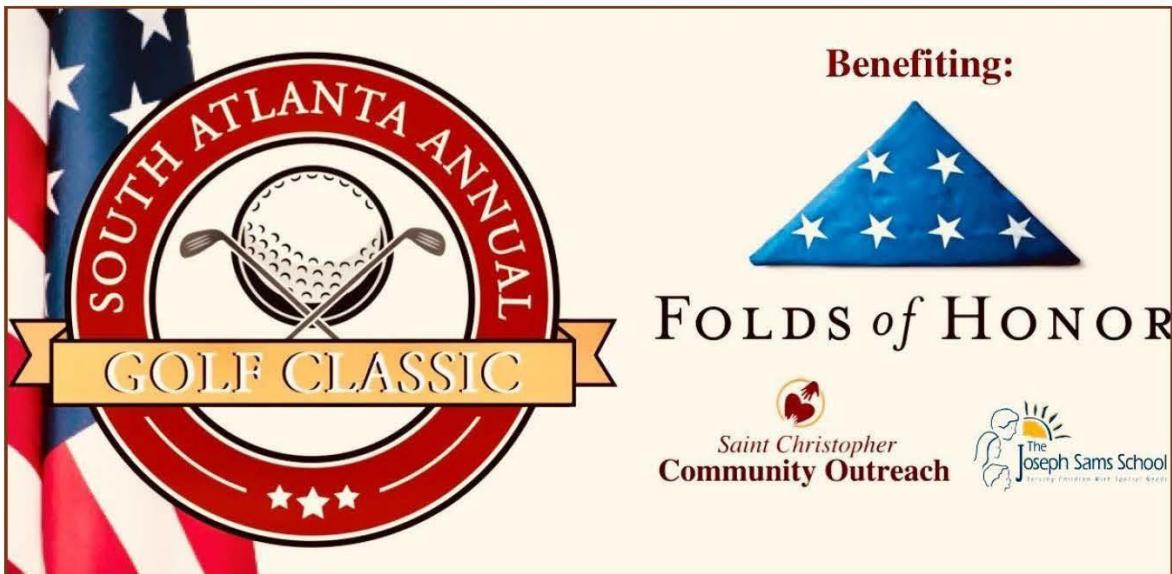
What a blessing this past Monday was! Our parish came together for the South Atlanta Annual Golf Classic – a truly phenomenal fundraiser held

under clear autumn skies and surrounded by the beauty of Eagle's Landing Country Club. After the cold and rain just a week before, the Lord graced us with sunshine, joy, and incredible fellowship.

This event was made possible by our outstanding planning team, the generous support of our corporate and individual sponsors, our devoted players, and the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Together, we created something truly special.

The proceeds from this year's classic will go to support three wonderful causes: Folds of Honor, The Joseph Sams School, and St. Christopher Community Outreach.





"With Grateful Hearts, We Celebrate a Mission Accomplished"

With every swing, you brought hope — thank you for being part of this ministry.

St. Christopher Church



LOOKING AHEAD

...worship, fellowship, service, &
witness opportunities

As we journey through the next few weeks, we encounter a season of gratitude and anticipation. Our parish offers many meaningful ways to gather, serve, and celebrate. *Reserve time now in your schedules for the rich tapestry of worship, fellowship, service, and witness opportunities at St. Christopher Church in November and December:*

November Highlights: Gratitude, Honor & Preparation

Seasonal Divine Liturgies

Weekday and Sunday services throughout November commemorate saints and feasts of the season.

- **Nov 7 – Banquet Honoring Metropolitan Alexios**

A special evening of celebration and gratitude to our beloved Hierarch and spiritual leader for nearly 30 years.

- **Nov 8 – Feast of Archangel Michael & Honors**

Celebrate our heavenly protector with reverence and joy in the morning at Archangel Michael Chapel and join us for the Annual Feast and Honors banquet that evening as we support and thank our two parish honorees – Milena Taylor and Bill Wiley. We congratulate them.

- **Nov 9 – Hierarchical Liturgy at the Atlanta Cathedral**

A rare and blessed gathering to worship with **Three Metropolitans, Fr. George, Cathedral and visiting clergy.**

- **Nov 14 – Fall Pastry Bake Sale Deadline**

Final day for friends and you to order your favorite treats! Baking dates precede public distribution on **Nov 21 & 22.**

- **Nov 15 – Dec 24 – Nativity Lent Divine Liturgies**

Fr. George will offer weekly **Thursday Liturgies at Archangel Michael Chapel** as part of 40 consecutive daily liturgies during the Nativity Lent at our Metropolis Office Chapel.

- **Nov 23 – Fall General Parish Assembly**

Come together to reflect, plan, and participate in the life of our parish. You make a difference and we value your input.

- **Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel**

Begin your day of thanks in worship and community.

December Highlights: Anticipation, Celebration & Renewal

Seasonal Divine Liturgies

Weekday and Sunday services continue to prepare our hearts for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- **Dec 7 & 14 – Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**
Youth and adults prepare to share the story of Christ's birth.
- **Dec 14 – Blessing of Prayer Shawls & Parish Council Elections**
A day of spiritual warmth and selection of parish leadership.
- **Dec 21 – Annual Christmas Pageant & Community Luncheon**
Celebrate with joy and fellowship, followed by the **Candlelight Service** and **Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert** at our **Cathedral that evening**.
- **Dec 24 – Nativity Vigil**
A sacred day of anticipation and prayer leading us to Christmas.
- **Dec 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Divine Liturgy**
Rejoice in the birth of Christ with your parish family.
- **Dec 27–30 – Metropolis of Atlanta Winter Youth Rally**
Our youth will participate in this vibrant gathering of faith and friendship that draws youth from our 75 parishes in southeast U.S.
- **Dec 31 – Early New Year's Eve Family Services**
Welcome the **Feast Day of January 1st** with prayer and renewal.

Let us walk together in faith, joy, and service.

Whether through liturgy, fellowship, or outreach, each moment that we join together to worship and thank God is a chance to grow closer to Christ and one another. When we share fellowship and serve others, we reflect Christ's love and mercy.



THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY IS OUR METROPOLIS ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HONOREES WEEKEND:

Please be reminded that this Sunday we will worship at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta (Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.). His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos, joined by former Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta and Metropolitan Dimitrios of Xanthos will recognize all Metropolis of Atlanta Archangel Michael Honorees, including our two parish honorees – Milena Taylor and Bill Wiley.

May God grant **Milena and Bill and their families** good health and joy for many years. We value their friendship and commend them for their sacrificial support for our parish family. On behalf of our St. Christopher Church, we congratulate them and look forward to His Eminence bestowing their medals and certificates at the Honors Banquet this coming Saturday.

THE AWARD

THE MINTING OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HONORS MEDAL

The 2025 Archangelic Acknowledgment and Deep Appreciation is offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos and the Metropolis Family to Helen A. Carlos and Ron Hilliard for their generous gift of Minting the Archangel Michael Honors Medal in memory of Andrew and Eula Carlos.

THE DESIGNING OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL HONORS MEDAL

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WILLIAM WILEY



Bill gives of himself tirelessly, dedicating countless hours to support all of our parish fundraising efforts with enthusiasm and integrity. As Treasurer of the

Parish Council, he serves with diligence and transparency, ensuring our financial health and stewardship. Beyond his official roles, Bill's easy easy-going and welcoming nature creates a warm and inviting atmosphere for all who enter St. Christopher Church. His quiet strength, generosity, and unwavering commitment reflect the spirit of Christ's love and make him a true pillar of our community.

*Very Rev. Fr.
George Tsahakas*

QUOTE

The Son came to redeem us. He humbled Himself to become like us -- then suffered and died. We can never repay Him fully for our salvation, but we can participate in His Holy Church serving Him to the best of our ability. He gave us His all. Can I give to others, as He has shown me how to give?

MILENA TAYLOR



Milena embodies unwavering faith, humility, and selfless service in every aspect of her life. She leads her family with Christ's love at the center, nurturing

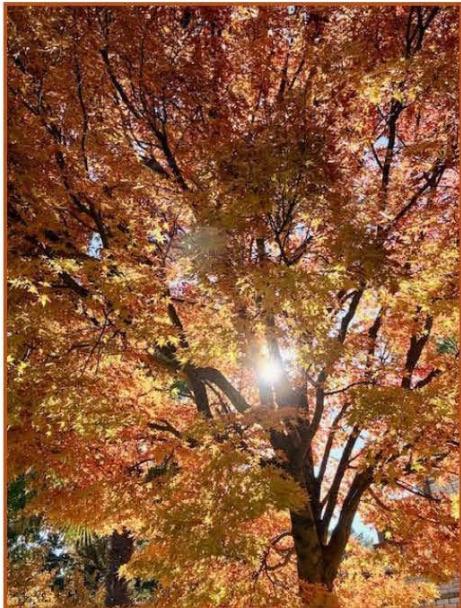
spiritual growth and unity. Milena actively supports both St. Christopher and Saints Peter and Paul parishes, offering her time, talents, and heart to strengthen our community. Her devotion, kindness, and quiet leadership inspire all of us to live our Orthodox faith with grace, purpose, and compassion. She is a shining example of what it means to walk in the light of Christ daily.

*Very Rev. Fr.
George Tsahakas*

QUOTE

Inspired by the servant who multiplied talents, I thank God for my gifts as wife, mother, teacher, and translator, offering them for His glory.

Illuminated by Divine Light



This morning, I paused before this brilliant tree, its autumn leaves glowing as sunlight poured through its branches. In that moment, I was reminded of Psalm 19:1:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”

For me, light is more than brightness—it is the presence of God, the warmth of His love, and His truth that guides our path.

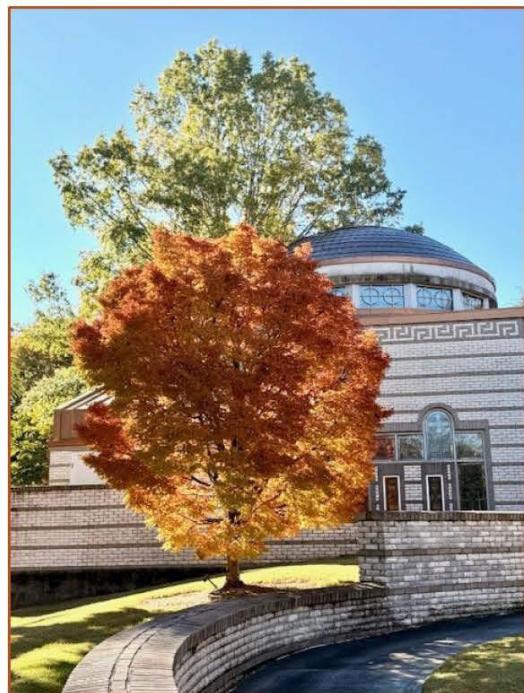
Just as the sun reveals the beauty of each leaf, so too does Christ reveal the beauty within each of us.

This tree, rooted and radiant, invites us to reflect:

Are we allowing God's light to shine through us?

Are we standing firm in faith, bearing witness to His glory?

May this image inspire you to open your heart to the Light of Christ and share His love with the world around you. For me, it is a glimpse of God's glory in creation—may it bless your journey with peace and hope. Amen. +Fr. George Tsahakis



After the Benediction, the Blessings Continue



Sundays Together: Where Spirit Meets Celebration



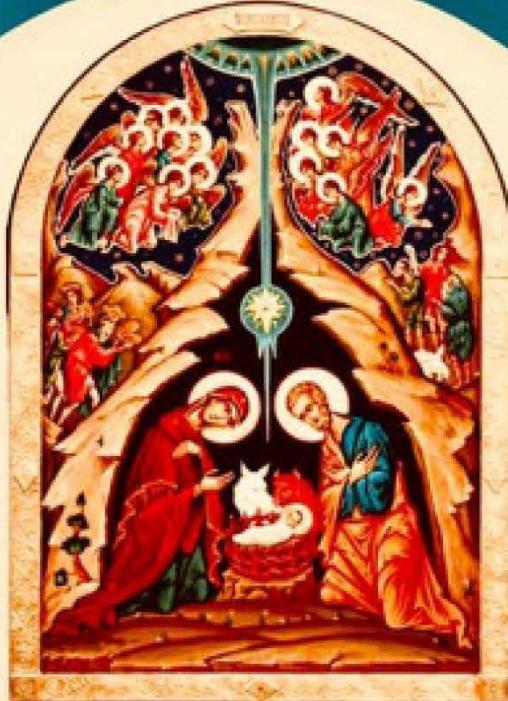
Faith, Fellowship, and Fun — Every Sunday After Services!



Stay, Share, Serve — Sundays with Purpose



Save the Date



The Night That Changed Everything

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Today, journey to Bethlehem through
the eyes of Aaron, a young shepherd
who witnesses the miraculous birth of Jesus.

St. Christopher Church
Peachtree City, GA

Sunday, December 21, 2025 10:30, a.m.

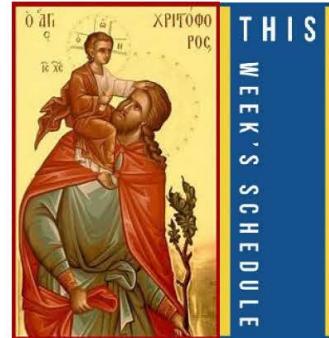
Join Us Often with Your Family

Friday, November 7th

6:00 p.m. Retirement Banquet

Honoring Metropolitan Alexios at
Annunciation Cathedral, 2500 Clairmont
Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

**Saturday, November 8th – Feast of
Archangel Michael & The Heavenly
Bodiless Powers**



9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel,
2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Annunciation Cathedral

6:00 p.m. Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Banquet

[We congratulate our two parish honorees – Milena Taylor & Bill Wiley and those from all of our parishes.]

**Sunday, November 9th – 7th Sunday of St. Luke & St.
Nektarios – No Services in Peachtree City today;
join us at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta – 2500
Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329**

7:45 Orthros at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta

9:15 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Reception at Cathedral

Friday, November 14th

8:30 Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale – Make, Bake, & Cup
Baklava

5:00 p.m. Order Deadline for Philoptochos Fall Pastry
Sale. [Public distribution will be November 21 & 22.]

**Saturday, November 15th – Nativity Fast begins
11/15 and continues through December 24th**

8:30 Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale – Make, Bake, & Cup
Baklava



Parish General Assembly

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



**Midwest
FOOD BANK®**

Volunteer Opportunity! Save the Date!

MIDWEST FOOD BANK in Peachtree City

Friday, November 7th from 9:30-11:30

Please Email Cynthia Cromartie at cynthiaC28@outlook.com if you would like to participate.

You will receive a sign on link a few days prior to the event.



Nativity Card 2025

Christ is Born - Glory 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

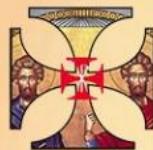
Please see Suzanne at church to sign up

Or

Donate online at

Nativity Card





Fall Bake Sale Deadline Extended!!

NOVEMBER 14

Get your Holiday Order in
Time for your holiday plans!

[Click Here](#) to order





It's that time of year!!

The Philoptochos Fall Bake Sale
baking has kicked off!

**However, we need continued assistance!!
Everyone is welcome to assist!! Please
sign up through the SignUp Genius-even if
its only for an hour or two!**

Check it out!! And share the order form, too!

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



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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
Spanakopita: Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles		\$ 15.00	\$
Tiropita: Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles		\$ 15.00	\$
Baklava: layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey		\$ 20.00	\$
Kourambiedes: sugar dusted butter cookies		\$ 15.00	\$
Koulourakia: twisted butter cookies		\$ 10.00	\$
Paximadia: Greek Biscotti with Pecans and Cinnamon		\$ 10.00	\$
Sampler Dozen: Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Paximadia and Koulourakia		\$ 25.00	\$
Pastitsio: luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection		\$ 60.00 12"X9" pan	
Dolmades: stuffed grape leaves with ground beef, rice and herbs		\$ 15.00	\$
Amygdalota: Greek chewy almond cookie Gluten-free		\$ 10.00	\$
TOTAL DUE:			\$



REMINDER: YOU CAN ONLY PLACE ORDERS ONLINE

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!



Nov 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 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





Saint Nicholas Holiday Market

Saturday, November 15, 2025

10 am - 5:00pm

Some vendors will return after church on Sunday from

12:00

to 1:30

**Saints Raphael Nicholas and Irene
Greek Orthodox Church 3074
Bethelview Rd Cumming**

**Come and shop with us! Pick up
gourmet foods, Greek pastries,
handmade jewelry, one of a kind
cork creations, items and foods
from Greece, handmade items,
and a lot more!**



4 CYBERSECURITY ESSENTIALS



Update Your Software

Updating software and devices is the easiest way to stay protected from security threats. Perform updates as soon as they become available or set automatic updates.



Use Strong Passwords

Use a random string of mixed-case letters, numbers and symbols (at least 16 characters), like: Yuc8\$Rika34%Z0pt. Never reuse passwords. Use a password manager.



Enable Multifactor Authentication

MFA provides an extra layer of security for your accounts. Choose the most secure method available. A physical security key provides the best protection and is easy to use.



Recognize & Report Phishing Scams

Keep an eye out for scam attempts in your emails, texts, direct messages or phone calls. Always verify the sender before clicking links or downloading attachments. If you spot a scam, report it!

Stay smart online. Protect yourself and your loved ones with strong passwords and secure devices, and cautiously approach suspicious emails and links. Your digital safety is in your hands!


 Source: <https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/cybersecurity-awareness-month-toolkit>

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pass this on!

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese prioritizes the cybersecurity of our communities and parishioners.

Here are four essential actions you, our fellow parishioners, and parishes can take to enhance security:

1. Keep software up to date. Enable auto-updates on all your devices.
2. Use strong passwords. Create unique passwords for all accounts and consider using a password manager like Apple's Password or 1Password. Phrases of at least 16 characters mixed with numbers or symbols are best.
3. Enable two-factor authentication on all accounts.
4. Be alert to phishing! Always verify a sender and think before you click.

Stay smart online. Your digital safety is in your hands!

Blessings in Christ,

Center for Family Care

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



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
- **FBI:** fbi.gov/tips
- **Archdiocese Technical Support:** techsupport.goarch.org

LEARN MORE by visiting blogs.goarch.org/internet-ministries by contacting the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology with your questions at techsupport.goarch.org.

**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.

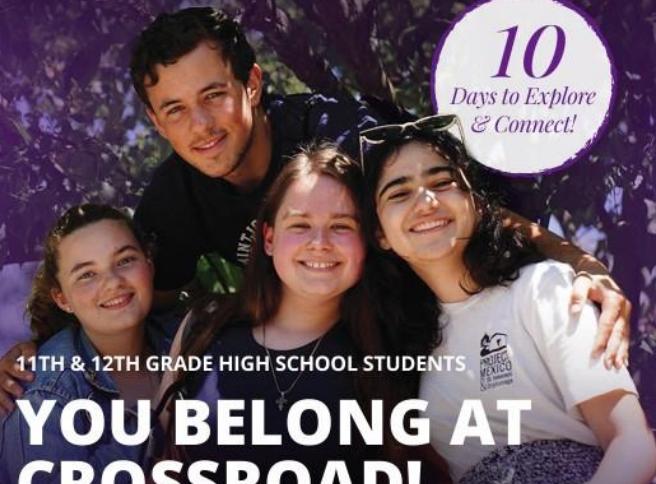
Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by **January 31, 2026**.

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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- Transformative experiences in the Orthodox tradition
- New friendships with other Orthodox Christians

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SAVE \$50! Hear by January 15, 2026

Apply by January 20, 2026
Hear by February 15, 2026

Final Deadline:
Apply by February 20, 2026

LEARN MORE
AND APPLY!



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