

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

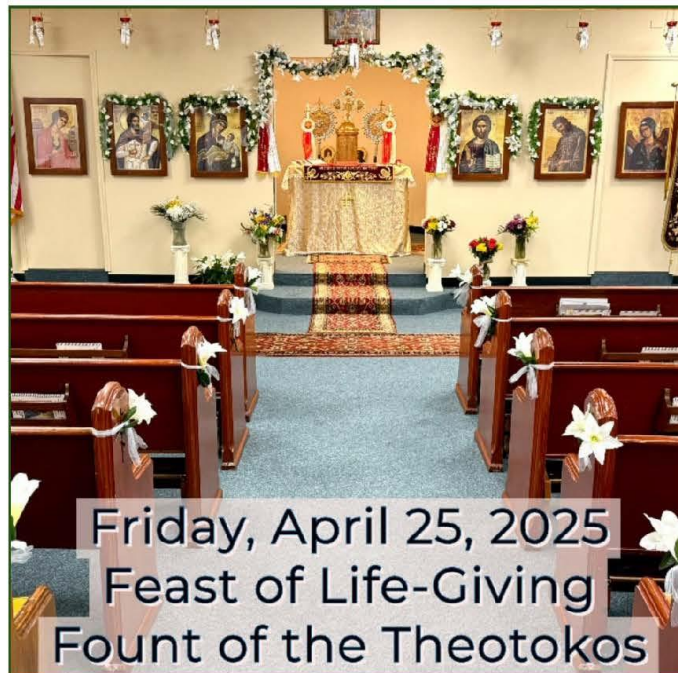
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Very Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis, Pastor
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Pastoral Message from Fr. George for Friday, April 25, 2025



We were unable to offer live-streaming video this morning, so Fr. George Tsahakis prepared this special video highlighting the joy of today. We invite you to view it and know that we pray for you and your family always. Christ is risen!

[Click to view Video of Today's Service](#)

SCHEDULE UPDATE



On Sunday, April 27th, we begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Choir singing the Great Doxology, followed by the Divine Liturgy. No religious education classes are scheduled. We invite our youth to enjoy our outdoor playground during coffee fellowship and the General Philoptochos Meeting to follow.

Thank you for
your gifts of
time, talents,
and treasures...
today and
always!

Thank you to Faye Georgeo for these wonderful pics she took at the Pascha Glendi!







Annual Pascha Picnic
at the Diakonia Retreat Center
Saturday April 26th, 2025
Vespers – 11 am
Lunch – 1 pm

Join us for Christian Fellowship with Food, Music and Dance.
Roasted Lamb -Chicken-Pastitsio -Lemon Potatoes - Greek Salad and
LOUKOUMADES
Suggested donations of \$17.00 per person

RSVP to Marlene at the DRC office (864-732-1537)

Volunteers Needed!

FRANK'S



WELLNESS CHAMPION WALK

Join us for a meaningful walk in memory of Mary Ramsaier-Kirk, honoring her spirit and passion for wellness. All proceeds benefit Ignite Living Senior Living, supporting our mission to integrate the 8 dimensions of wellness into our fitness programs and gyms. Walk with us as we celebrate life, health, and community!

MAY 17, 2025

9 AM

519 Perkins Road, Palmetto, GA
30268

770-463-2460

www.igniteliving.com



Sharing Talents in Multiple Ways

Fr. George will bless our next collection of Prayer Shawls on Sunday, June 8th. For the third year in a row, we get to partner with YOCAMA. If it is possible for the maker to do so, we request the shawls be made with wool yarn. It can get very cold in the locations that YOCAMA serves.



While the Prayer Shawl Ministry is about shawls, we also try to assist our partnering organizations in other ways. Supporting the Young Orthodox Christian American Mission Adventures (YOCAMA) financially is one way to do so. Participating in a Mission Trip with your teens and young adult family members is another. YOCAMA sponsors mission trips to Native American Indian Reservations to provide medical, dental, vision and developmental screenings for pre-school children. They also help with educational programs and small construction projects.

YOCAMA is an independent, non-profit organization. We seek to provide teens and young adults an opportunity to share the experience of working side-by-side with Native Americans who are helping to improve the quality of life in their own communities in the Navajo and Blackfeet reservations. Missionaries pay their own travel and lodging expenses. We rely on fundraising and donations to support our medical, food distribution and construction projects. Donations are fully tax-deductible. Annual fundraising and donations from missionaries and their parishes from throughout the Greek Orthodox churches in North America and with other interested organizations, support our medical, social welfare and construction projects.

Since 2008, over 1,000 missionaries have participated in trips to New Mexico and Montana. In addition to pre-school screenings, we built houses, completed building renovations, and delivered food and firewood to families in remote parts of the reservations.

YOCAMA supports Native American families by partnering with local organizations such as St. Bonaventure's or the De La Salle Blackfeet School. They aim to support and enhance the great work being done by these groups, while providing additional funding and manpower. Each summer YOCAMA trip participants distribute food boxes put together by the St. George Albuquerque Philoptochos across the Eastern Navajo reservation. Many of the homes receiving deliveries lack electricity or plumbing. For more information about these volunteer opportunities or to support YOCAMA directly, see their website at <http://www.yocama.com/>.

As our Parish member and YOCAMA volunteer Isabelle Wiley has shared with us, day-to-day life is very difficult on both the Blackfeet and Navajo Reservations. Philoptochos has already pledged a donation to accompany our Prayer Shawls. However, you can help too. To support YOCAMA through our Philoptochos, please make donations to Philoptochos but put YOCAMA Donation on the "For" line.

Please contact Susan Kleto at (678) 877-9115 or sbkleto@gmail.com to either become a participant in this ministry, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions.

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$40 to Building Fund• \$60 to Operations <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$80 to Building Fund• \$60 to Operations <div>Total Giving Increase = 40%</div>	GIVING SCENARIO 2: Currently giving \$200/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100 to Building Fund• \$100 to Operations <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 to Building Fund• \$100 to Operations <div>Total Giving Increase = 30%</div>	GIVING SCENARIO 3: Currently giving \$300/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100 to Building Fund• \$200 to Operations <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 to Building Fund• \$200 to Operations <div>Total Giving Increase = 33%</div>
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Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis





One Roof Outreach Ministries

*During the month of April "Hands of Love" will be accepting monetary donations to benefit "One Roof". Please place them in the "Hands of Love" **Red Box** in the church entryway, or donate **online** at*

<https://stchristopherphiloechochos.square.site/>



*Since 2007 "One Roof" ministries in Newnan has been lending a hand to Coweta County families in need. It is an alliance of churches, community organizations and businesses, offering financial **assistance**, food pantry access and clothing assistance. They also maintain a thrift store.*

For more information or to volunteer: <https://oneroofoutreach.org>

"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me..." Mathew 25:35-40

Anna Andreeva Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Ministry Chair

Orthodox Identity in America

YOUNG ADULT
SYMPOSIUM

THE LIFE OF ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS IN THE SOUTHEAST UNITED STATES

The Young Adult Symposium (ages 18-30) is an opportunity for fellowship with like-minded Orthodox Christians. Activities incorporate various workshops, together with meals, and Divine Services (including Vigil and Sunday Liturgy).

GUEST SPEAKERS



Bishop Iakov of Sonora
Second Vicar of the Western American Diocese



Rev. Father Peter Markevich
Rector of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Mebane, NC



SCAN ME

ST. MARY OF EGYPT RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
from MAY 30, 2025 | 1765 Woodstock Rd.
to JUNE 1, 2025 | Roswell, GA 30075-2135

[FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION: YOUTHPV.ORG](http://YOUTHPV.ORG)



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

Come Together in Fellowship!



The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta invites you to the Clergy-Laity Assembly including the Philoptochos, Southeastern Choir Federation, & Sisterhood of Presvyteres Conferences.

Hyatt Place Charleston, Historic District - 560 King Street, Charleston, SC
June 11-15, 2025

Don't miss this chance to connect, learn, and grow together in faith!

- Register and pay securely online at www.clergylaity2025.com/register.
- Book your stay at our discounted rate of \$295/night [right from our website](http://www.clergylaity2025.com/register) or by phone at 843.414.4900 (specify the 'Greek Orthodox Church' June event).

We can't wait to welcome you to Charleston!

clergyalaity2025.org

Early registration deadline: MAY 1, 2025



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy-Laity Assembly including the Philoptochos, Southeastern Choir Federation, Sisterhood of Presvyteres & Young Adult League Conferences

SELECT A 'PARTICIPATION TRACK' TO REGISTER NOW!

- [Active Clergy / Laity / Philoptochos](#) — \$495 (\$525 AFTER MAY 1ST)
- [Presvyteres](#) — \$300
- [Retired Clergy & Presvyteres](#) — \$100
- [Young Adult League \(YAL\)](#) — \$195
- [SFGOCM](#) — \$195
- [Individual Grand Banquet Ticket](#) — \$150

Last day to book rooms at our discounted
rate of \$295/night: May 17, 2025

Venue & Visitor Information

Final registration deadline: June 1, 2025

We are unable to accept late applications or on-site payments

Register Here

Consider a parish-level or
chapter-level sponsorship

MAKE YOUR PARISH OR CHAPTER-LEVEL SPONSORSHIP



**SUMMER
2025**

**ST. STEPHEN'S
CAMP**

Week 1: June 22 - June 28
 Week 2: June 29 - July 5
 Week 3: July 6 - July 12
 Week 4: July 13 - July 19
 Week 5: July 20 - July 26

Staff Applications are Open!
 Logistics
 Cabin Counselors
 Medical Staff
 Lifeguard
 and More...

Camper Registration Opens March 20 at 12:00 p.m. est
 Cost \$530.00 per camper.

www.atlmetropolis.org / [@ststephenscamp](https://www.instagram.com/ststephenscamp)

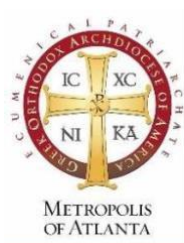
St. Stephen's Camp has a rich tradition, dating back to the 1980's, and is grounded on the principals of living a true Orthodox lifestyle with twice daily liturgical services, opportunities for reflection, community living and meals, athletics, arts & crafts, and nightly social activities.

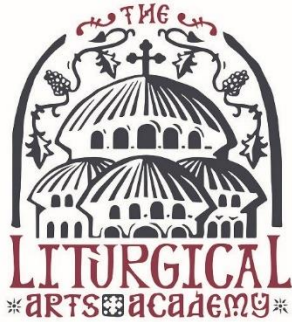
Recognized as the highlight of the summer, St Stephen's Summer Camp offers teens of the Metropolis of Atlanta entering **6th through 12th grades** when school begins in the fall, an opportunity to spend a week at our *Diakonia Retreat Center*.

Campers are only allowed to attend camp for one week.

**Camper
Registration**

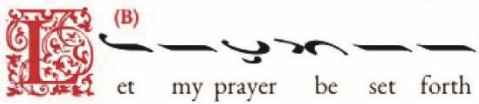
Staff Applications





**Now accepting applications for
The Liturgical Arts Academy
August 17 -23, 2025**

Diakonia Retreat Center, Salem, SC



**Byzantine
Chant**

This is a 1-week intensive in-person training that offers Intermediate, Advanced and Master Class levels.

Instructors: John Boyer, Samuel Herron
and Photini Downie Robinson



**Byzantine
Iconography**

A week of intensive instruction in gilding and painting an icon at the Intermediate and Advanced levels.

Instructors: Fr. Anthony Salzman

Visit TheLiturgicalArts.org

info@theliturgicalarts.com



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or call the church office at (770) 347-7729.

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