

## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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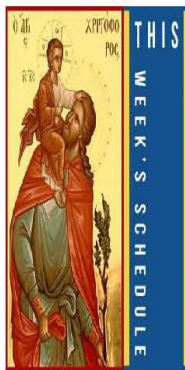
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Very Rev. Fr. George Tsahakis, Pastor  
Stephen Sarantis, President, Parish Council  
Jackie Sarantis, Office Administrator

**Pastoral Message from Fr. George for Friday, May 16, 2025**

## Join Us This Sunday with Your Family



**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

7:45 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy, followed by Religious Education Graduation

11:00 am Religious Education Classes (*Last Day of classes for 2024-2025 year*)

11:45 am Philoptochos Board Meeting



Attending church with family is more than just a weekly tradition—it's a way to strengthen faith, build community, and pass down spiritual values. Here's why I feel it matters:

- **Biblical Insight:** *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* (Hebrews 10:25)
- **Patristic Insight:** St. John Chrysostom expressed that *"The Church is not a theater, where we listen for pleasure; we are not here to be entertained, but to be instructed and edified."*
- **Spiritual Growth:** Worshiping together fosters a deeper connection with God and reinforces Orthodox teachings.
- **Family Bonding:** Shared experiences in church create lasting memories and strengthen family ties.
- **Cultural Heritage:** The Orthodox Church preserves traditions, language, and customs that keep cultural identity alive.
- **Community Support:** Being part of a church family provides emotional and social support, especially during life's challenges.
- **Moral Foundation:** Children learn values like kindness, humility, and service through participation in church life.

As your Priest, I recognize it is not always easy to get everyone out the door on Sunday morning, but the benefits of attending church as a family make the effort worthwhile.

[Email me with your thoughts on this?](#)

# Pentecost Picnic

St Philothea Greek Orthodox Church

3761 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville, GA



Saturday, June 7  
3:00 pm Vespers  
& Picnic

*Indoor & Outdoor Seating*



Blessed are You,  
O Christ our God,  
who made fisherman all-wise,  
by sending down upon them  
the Holy Spirit, and through them,  
drawing all the world into Your net.



RSVP: Please scan the QR code

Or go to: [StPhilothea.org](http://StPhilothea.org)

For more information call 706-340-6366

**This is a Pan-Orthodox AIOPA Event**  
Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their families!



This is a cherished memory  
from our 2024 Pan-Orthodox  
Vespers & Picnic at Saints  
Peter & Paul Serbian  
Orthodox Church, in Lilburn,  
GA. Fr. George invites you  
and your family to join us this  
year in Athens, GA!



Thank you to George & Julie Skouteris for sharing this beautiful picture of their family at their niece's wedding at the Cathedral in Atlanta this past Saturday. The happy couple is Will & Emily Rivers.



Congratulations to our parishioner Laina Thongs for receiving the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award! (Article shown below from The Newnan Times-Herald)



Larry Chome, Charles Wilson, Commander Bob Ward and Laina Thongs.  
Photos courtesy Janet Alford

Laina S. Thongs received the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award. Criteria for the award include ranking in the top 10 percent of the student's class in non-JROTC subjects, being in the top 25 percent in JROTC, demonstrating leadership qualities and actively participating in student organizations, constructive activities or sports.





PLEASE JOIN  
US FOR A  
**FATHER'S  
DAY**

*Brunch*



**JUNE 22**

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## HELP US LIVESTREAM OUR SERVICES

Would you like to help Livestream our Church services.

It is a very simple process to turn the system on and off.

The only requirements are:

- \* Be above the age of 18.
- \* Be at Church before the start of Orthros or  
Divine Liturgy depending on the schedule.
- \* Attend a 3 minute tutorial of how to do it.

If interested, please email or text

Kirk Panayis

Cell: 347-203-9324

[kpanayis@yahoo.com](mailto:kpanayis@yahoo.com)

Thank you,

Kirk Panayis

Audio / Livestream Ministry

# 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!

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### MAY 17, 2025

9 AM

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519 Perkins Road, Palmetto, GA  
30268

770-463-2460

[www.igniteliving.com](http://www.igniteliving.com)





## 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:

<b>GIVING SCENARIO 1:</b> Currently giving \$100/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$40 to Building Fund</li><li>• \$60 to Operations</li></ul> <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$80</b> to Building Fund</li><li>• \$60 to Operations</li></ul> <div>Total Giving Increase = 40%</div>	<b>GIVING SCENARIO 2:</b> Currently giving \$200/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$100 to Building Fund</li><li>• \$100 to Operations</li></ul> <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$200</b> to Building Fund</li><li>• \$100 to Operations</li></ul> <div>Total Giving Increase = 30%</div>	<b>GIVING SCENARIO 3:</b> Currently giving \$300/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$100 to Building Fund</li><li>• \$200 to Operations</li></ul> <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$200</b> to Building Fund</li><li>• \$200 to Operations</li></ul> <div>Total Giving Increase = 33%</div>
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Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis





## Calendar of Upcoming Events:

June	1	General Meeting for all
	8	Prayer Shawl Blessing Guest: Bloom Our Youth
	19	Batter Day! For GreekFest 8:30
	21	Folding Day! 9:00
	22	Bonus Father's Day Luncheon
	26	Batter Day! For GreekFest 8:30
	28	Folding Day! 9:00





Midwest  
FOOD BANK



During this time of giving, we have the opportunity to offer monetary donations for our month of May "Hands of Love" charity partner: Midwest Food Bank in Peachtree City

Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is a faith-based, non-denominational top-ranked charity in Peachtree City with a 4-star rating by Charity Navigator. Those of us who volunteered last year will be happy to learn that MFB has expanded with the completion an 8,000 sq.ft. addition, as the service they provide is much needed and well managed. Since 2003, when the Kieser family began serving ten food pantries in McLean County, IL, the food bank has grown to more than ten distribution centers in the US, as well as overseas - in Africa and Haiti.

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The Georgia distribution center was established in Peachtree City in 2011 and it now supplies food items to over 320 agencies in 52 counties throughout the Southeast.

We thank you for your continuous support and, as always, please place your donations in the "Hands of Love" RED BOX in the church entryway, online at:

<https://stchristopherphilopectochos.square.site/product/hands-of-love/57?cs=true&cst=custom>

or mail to 313 Dividend Dr, Suite 210, Peachtree City, 30269

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



## PRICE DROP -- EXCLUSIVE TO YAL PARTICIPANTS

Clergy-Laity 2025 Registration Fee is now only \$95!\*\*



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

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### Join fellow Young Adult League Members and the broader Atlanta Metropolis Community at 2025 Clergy-Laity Conference!

The fee includes your individual access to the Friday YAL group dinner, Saturday YAL sessions (9AM-12:30PM), a Saturday evening Harbor tour, and the Luncheon at Trinity Hall following Sunday's Divine Liturgy.

***\*\* Refund checks (\$100.00) will be delivered in person at the Clergy-Laity event in June to those who paid the original \$195 registration fee***

IMPORTANT - Your credit card statement will show a charge from 'GoCharleston' for your purchase on our site.

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- Haven't registered yet? [Click here](#) to secure your spot.
  - Need a hotel room? Book your stay BEFORE THE MAY 18th PRICE INCREASE [right from our website](#) or by phone at 843.414.4900 (specify the 'Greek Orthodox Church' June event).

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

[Clergylaity2025.org](http://Clergylaity2025.org)

**Faith Family Love**  
Fulfilled in the Holy City

Greek Orthodox  
Metropolis of Atlanta  
Clergy Laity 2025



## INDIVIDUAL TICKET OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR GUESTS

**Faith·Family·Love**  
Clergy-Laity 2025 in the Holy City

### Clergy-Laity 2025

GRAND BANQUET - \$150/PERSON

THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 4:30-9:00 PM

NEW! PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON - \$85/PERSON

FRIDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, NOON-2PM

THOMAS HEYWARD JR. HOUSE COCKTAIL HOUR

- \$75/PERSON

FRIDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM

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SPACE IS LIMITED!  
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

CLERGY-LAITY 2025





## SUMMER 2025 CAMPER REGISTRATION

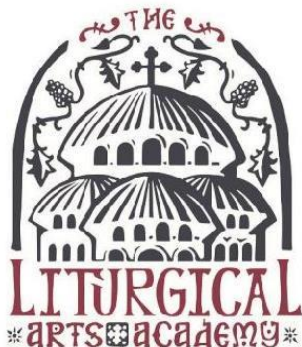
St Stephen's Summer Camp offers teens of the Metropolis of Atlanta entering 6th through 12th grades when school begins in the fall, an opportunity to spend a week at our Diakonia Retreat Center.

**REGISTER TODAY!**



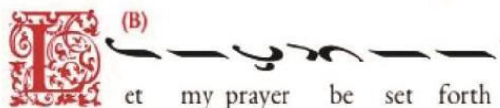
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St. Stephen's Camp Wishlist



## 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](https://TheLiturgicalArts.org)

info@theliturgicalarts.com



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