



## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

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### **Pastoral Message from Fr. George for Friday, June 27, 2025**



### **This is the Final Week of the Apostles Fast: Honoring Our Roots as a Church in the Teaching and Witness of the Apostles**

Every year the fast to honor the Holy Apostles begins on the Monday after All Saints Sunday. This year, the Fast to honor the witness of the Apostles began on Monday, June 16th and concludes on Saturday,

June 28<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> and the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

What does it mean for us to confess that our Church is ***apostolic***, as we do each Sunday in the Creed? First and foremost, of course, it means that our Church roots itself in the teaching and witness of the Apostles. It means that—like the Apostles—we are to engage in evangelism and missions both here at home and around the world.

Our mission as a parish and as individuals is to share the Good News of salvation with as many people as possible, being His witnesses “in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth”—or, as we would say today, at the local, national and even international levels.

It also means that we are to live as the Apostles lived, totally committed to Christ, willing to do His will in every aspect of our lives, and engage the spiritual disciplines they engaged in, one of which was fasting (Acts of the Apostles 10:30;13:3; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 2 Corinthians 6:5).

As we approach the end of the Apostle's Fast this weekend, let us look back at [one of Trisagion Films videos about the Feast and about Saints Peter and Paul](#). Through this video, and by completing the fast and partaking of the feast, may we contemplate the faith that transformed simple fishermen, timid and unlearned men, and even a great persecutor of the early church into bold apostles and preachers who carried a message of hope and love: the good news of Christ's saving resurrection and the opening of the door to eternal life to all the world. Join us this Sunday for this blessed commemoration.





***Beloved in Christ, this is our call to action!*** The Lord has equipped each of us with gifts not meant to be hidden but shared for the strengthening of His Holy Church. Whether your voice lifts in song, your smile welcomes at the door, your hands guide our children, or your spirit inspires our youth—there is a place for you in God's work. Let us rise together in joyful service, so that through every greeting, every note sung, every lesson taught, we declare His glory and build His kingdom among us. ***Will you answer the call? Join us on Sunday, July 13th at 10:45 a.m. to respond!***



*We offer our deepest condolences to Jackie Sarantis and her family on the falling asleep of her half-sister, Angie, this week. May her memory be eternal.*

# Join Us This Sunday with Your Family

## **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 Philoptochos – Roll Pites

## **Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Peter & Paul, the Holy Apostles**

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Let's EAT! at Broadway Diner

## **Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – American Independence Day**

## **Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew**

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Five Loaves (offered by Helen & George Psihountas) & July Commemorations

## **Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

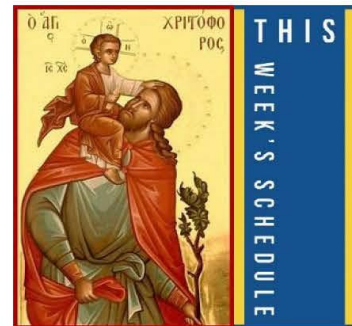
8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Parish Council Meeting

## **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 Philoptochos – Koulourakia Day





## LOOKING AHEAD TO FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

On this blessed day of our nation's independence, we give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of freedom and the many blessings we enjoy in this land. As Orthodox Christians, we are called to be faithful stewards of liberty—using it not for selfish gain, but to serve one another in love and truth.

This day reminds us not only of our national heritage but also of our sacred responsibility to uphold truth, justice, and compassion in all we do.

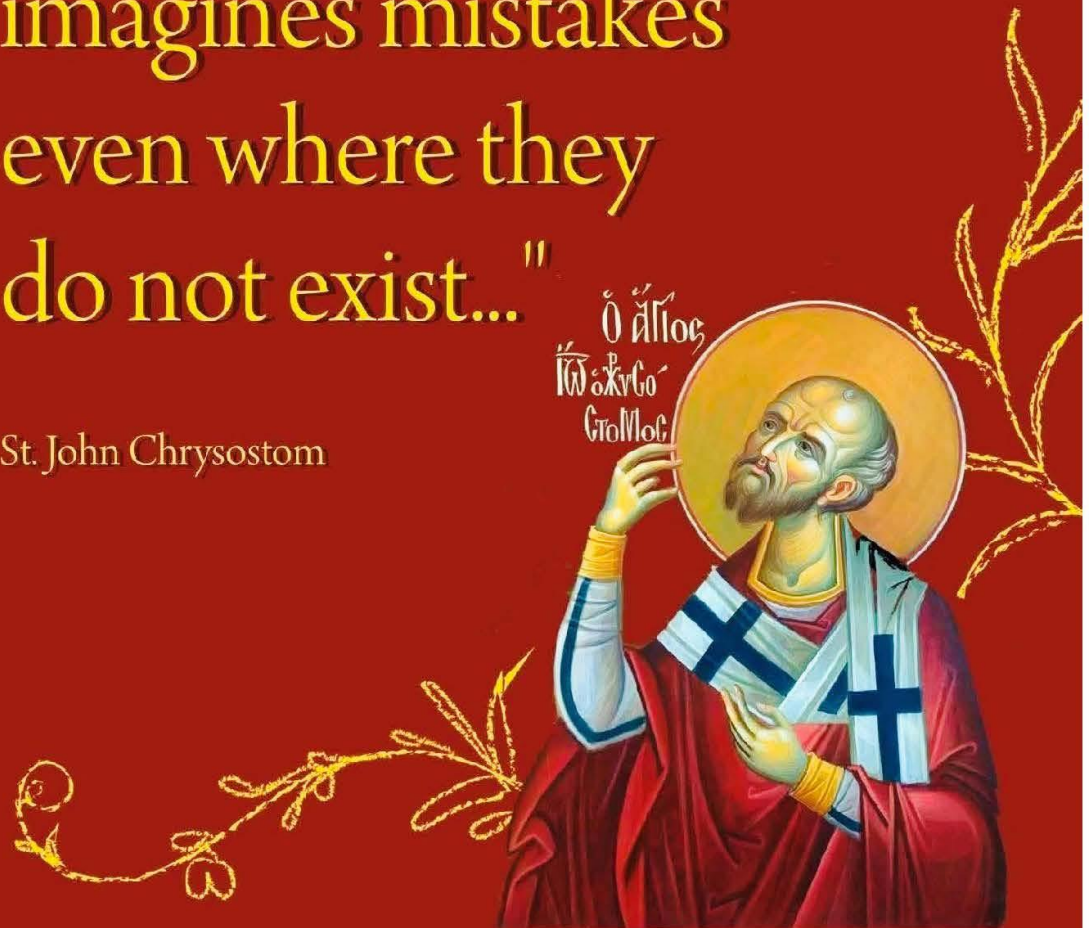
May we honor those who sacrificed for our freedom by living lives of virtue, compassion, and justice. And may the light of Christ guide our nation toward peace and righteousness.

Let us remember that true freedom is found in Christ, who calls us to love one another and to serve with humility. May our gratitude for this nation inspire us to be peacemakers, bridge-builders, and faithful stewards of the gifts we have received.



"Love forgives  
many mistakes,  
while hatred  
imagines mistakes  
even where they  
do not exist..."

St. John Chrysostom



Thank you, Stephen Butler, for sharing this picture taken on June 15th.  
When he visited Alexandra and Dina Tagalos in Florida.  
They send greetings and love to all at St. Christopher.



# ***Notice of Reschedule***

***Unfortunately, we have to  
reschedule Saturday session  
of folding pita.***

***The new date is:***

***July 12, 9am***





**Philoptochos**



## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

July	<b>10</b>	<b>Batter Day! 8:30</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Folding Day! 9:00</b>
	<b>19</b>	Koulourakia Day! 8:30
	<b>20</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
	<b>26</b>	Kourambiethes Day! 8:30
Aug	<b>2</b>	Baklava 8:30
	<b>12</b>	Dolmathes 8:30
	<b>16</b>	<b>GREEK FEST</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>Philoptochos Meeting (30min)</b>

# Greek Fest Baking



Sign up [here](#)



**Includes:**  
**Appetizers, dolmathes,**  
**cookies and baklava**

**Questions? Call Helen 770-298-4493**



Join us for

# *A Night in Greece*

We're bringing Greece to you!

Everyone welcome for this community event.

## PROCEEDS BENEFIT:



**Saturday, August 16th, 2025**  
**6 PM Appetizers | 7 PM Dinner**  
**The Shipyard at Trilith**



Tickets include an all-you-can-eat Greek buffet, open bar, live Greek music, Greek dancing, & more!  
To purchase, please scan the QR code or visit  
[www.GreekFestFayette.com](http://www.GreekFestFayette.com)

Questions? Contact Emilia at [greekfestfayette@gmail.com](mailto:greekfestfayette@gmail.com) or 678-749-1550  
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## Sponsorship Levels

Proceeds benefit St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church's building fund, Beyond Performance & local charities. Thanks for your support!

### **OLYMPIAN \$5000**

10 Tickets with Reserved Seating  
Program Recognition  
Title/Name Mentioned During Event  
Full Page Ad in Program

### **ATHENIAN \$3000**

10 Tickets with Reserved Seating  
Program Recognition  
Title/Name Mentioned During Event  
1/2 Page Ad in Program

### **SPARTAN \$2000**

10 Tickets with Reserved Seating  
Program Recognition  
Title/Name Mentioned During Event  
1/4 Page Ad in Program

### **AGAPI \$1000**

4 Tickets with Reserved Seating  
Program Recognition  
Title/Name Mentioned During Event  
1/4 Page Ad in Program

### **OPA! \$500**

2 Tickets with Reserved Seating  
Program Recognition  
Title/Name Mentioned During Event

### **PILLAR \$150**

1/8 Page Ad in Program

**August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at The Shipyard at Trilith**  
**6 PM Appetizers | 7 PM Dinner**

To purchase a sponsorship, please scan the QR  
code or visit [www.GreekFestFayette.com](http://www.GreekFestFayette.com)



Questions? Contact Emilia at [greekfestfayette@gmail.com](mailto:greekfestfayette@gmail.com) or 678-749-1550  
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## ***"A Night in Greece" - 2025***

**~ ~ We need EVERYONE's Help to Sell Tickets  
and Sponsorships ~ ~**

**Share the link below with family, friends, coworkers!!**

**Click for Sponsorships & Tickets: <https://www.greekfestfayette.com/>**

**This is a Fundraiser to support OUR Building Fund and  
Charities within OUR community.**

**With a \$100.00 ticket OUR Guests will Enjoy ALL of this!**

- Appetizers - Spanakopita, Tiropita's, and Dolmades
- Dinner - Greek Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Green Beans, Pastitsio, Souvlaki, Gyros, Giouvetsi, Fresh Baked Bread, Turlou Turlou
- Dessert - Baklava, Kourambiedes, Koulourakia
- Water, soft drinks, beer and wine

**\*Guests will enjoy a Live Greek Band and Greek Dancing – OPA!**

**Facebook link to share with friends and family!!**

**<https://facebook.com/events/s/greekfest-fayettes-a-night-in-/1146921094115751/>**

**Click below to Sign Up to Volunteer:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CA4A62FA4FE3-47913143-greekfest#/>**

**Any Questions?**

**Contact your GreekFest Tri Chairs**

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**Thank you for YOUR Support!**





## 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







During the Month of June **"Hands of Love"** will accept monetary donations, **canned meat and peanut butter** for **I-58 Mission** in **Senoia GA**

Isaiah 58:6-12 is the inspiration and the blueprint for this mission:

"...says the Lord; " cancel the debts of the oppressed; and tear apart every unjust contract. Break your bread for the hungry, and bring the homeless into your house. If you see a naked man, clothe him, nor shall you disregard your offspring in your own household. Then your light shall break off as the morning, and your healing shall spring forth quickly. Your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of God shall cover you" ..."

I-58 mission in Senoia supports a food pantry, clothes closet, household goods room and a baby room.



To donate: <https://stchristpherphiloptochos.square.site>

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



# 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!**



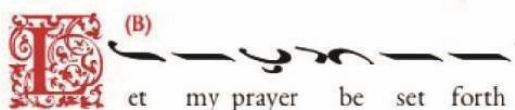
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St. Stephen's Camp Wishlist



## 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

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