



A Call to Action



SAINT CHRISTOPHER
HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Call to Action:

Reaching, Shining, Building Together

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, let us look to a surprising image for divine inspiration: the giraffe. With its neck stretched toward heaven, it reaches for leaves no other creature can touch. It moves with quiet dignity, not struggling to fit in but embracing its purpose in God's creation.

This noble creature reminds us of our own spiritual calling. Christ tells us in Matthew's Gospel:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

These are not simply poetic words—they are a call to action. We are meant to reach upward and outward,

to let our faith find expression in service, and our joy take root in community.

Faith Finds Fruit When We Serve

Just as the giraffe seeks its sustenance in the treetops, we too must seek the fruits of the Spirit through prayer, sacrifice, and devotion. But this journey doesn't stop with personal nourishment. It blooms when we serve one another—especially within our parish.

St. Christopher Church is not merely a building—it is the living Body of Christ. And every member, every family, every child and eldest member, has something beautiful to offer. Be it the gift of teaching, music, woodworking, kindness, or simply time—each talent is a leaf waiting to be shared for God's glory.

Let Your Light Shine in Our Parish

We are called to be visible lamps, not hidden away. The ministries, programs, and worship here at St. Christopher grow strong only when we show up, not just with attendance, but with our hearts and hands.

When you serve, you shine. When you give of yourself, your faith begins to breathe and move—and inspire others.

Joy Takes Root in Community

Let your joy find its roots here. In fellowship. In shared meals. In working together to beautify this holy space. In teaching our children. In visiting the sick. In praying as one. The giraffe reaches for nourishment above—but brings it back down to support the body. So must we. Let us build God's Holy Church—together.

A City on a Hill. A Lamp on a Stand. A Giraffe Reaching High. A Parish Called to Serve.

May we answer this call with boldness. May we rise up—not for comfort, but for Christ. May we, the faithful of St. Christopher Church, lift one another up

—by sharing, serving, and loving—

So that this parish may shine like a beacon of God's Kingdom on earth. Amen.

+Fr. George Tsahakis, 7.13.25

St. Christopher Church: “A Call to Action”



“Cast your nets at His word.” – Luke 5:5

As Christ stood on the shore and called His disciples to trust and act, so He calls each of us today. In the sacred rhythm of Orthodox life, our gifts are nets—woven through prayer, tradition, and love—ready to be cast into the waters of ministry. Beginning 7.13.25, Fr. George introduced ***“A Call to Action”***. Let us not hesitate, but respond with faith, knowing that in obedience, the catch is always abundant. This resource is also posted on our website.

Discover Your Gift. Serve with Joy.
Build Up the Body of Christ.

Beloved Parish Family,

Have you ever wondered how your unique talents—your voice, hands, heart, or skills—can become a sacred offering to the

Church? This summer, we're opening wide the doors of ministry, and inviting YOU to take part in the beautiful work of parish life.

With over **80 opportunities** across liturgical service, youth and family engagement, outreach, hospitality, education, and more, there's a place for everyone to offer their gift. Whether you sing, teach, greet, organize, mentor, bake, troubleshoot tech, or simply care deeply—you belong here.

New or unsure where to begin?

Check out our **Parish Ministry Interest List** below where you can easily explore options and let Fr. George know what calls to your heart.

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“Each one has received a gift.

Use it to serve one another...” – 1 Peter 4:10

Please review the categories below and check any areas where you feel drawn to serve or would like to learn more. Your response will help Fr. George guide and strengthen our parish with joyful service and fellowship.

“There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.” – 1 Corinthians 12:4

Parish Ministry Interest List

Family Names: _____

Phone or Email: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE MINISTRIES YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OR JOIN.

Liturgical & Educational

- ☐ Church Reader (non-chanting)
- ☐ Epistle Reader (English – Females)
- ☐ Epistle Reader (Greek)
- ☐ Chantor (Byzantine Greek/English)
- ☐ Altar Server (Youth & Adults)
- ☐ Myrrhbearer (Youth & Adults)
- ☐ Religious Education
- ☐ Youth Ministry (Hope, Joy, GOYA)
- ☐ Young Adult Fellowship
- ☐ Church Choir
- ☐ Hellenic Language & Culture
- ☐ Prosfora (Offering Bread baking)
- ☐ Koliva (Memorial wheat)
- ☐ Artoklasia (Feast Day bread offering)
- ☐ Other: _____

Youth & Family Engagement

- ☐ Playground Support
- ☐ Family Retreats & Family Nights
- ☐ Parent Support for Youth & Culture
- ☐ Family Game or Movie Nights
- ☐ Youth Choir
- ☐ Music Ensemble
- ☐ Summer Church School
- ☐ Youth Athletics
- ☐ Mentoring / Big Brother–Sister Program
- ☐ Other: _____

Parish Life

- ☐ Ushering / Greeters
- ☐ Visitation of Elderly/Shut-ins

- ☐ Event Cooking
- ☐ Event Set-up
- ☐ Coffee Fellowship
- ☐ Church Decorations
- ☐ Church Flowers
- ☐ Bookstore Support
- ☐ GreekFest Volunteer
- ☐ Golf Classic Volunteer
- ☐ Fundraising Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer for Special Events
- ☐ Blessing of Animals
- ☐ Philoptochos (Women's Ministry)
- ☐ Prayer Shawl (Knitting/Crocheting)
- ☐ Inventory & Church Property
- ☐ Facilities Maintenance
- ☐ Church Office Support
- ☐ Medical Support
- ☐ Legal Guidance
- ☐ Finance / Accounting Volunteer
- ☐ Real Estate / Construction / Trades
- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Welcome Committee
- ☐ Parish Directory
- ☐ Let's EAT!
- ☐ Other: _____

Technology & Communication

- ☐ Livestreaming Volunteer
- ☐ Audio Volunteer
- ☐ Publicity & Design
- ☐ Social Media Support
- ☐ Parish E-Bulletin
- ☐ Website Support

- ☐ Sunday Liturgical Guide
- ☐ Other: _____

Community Service

- ☐ Food / Clothing Drives
- ☐ Homeless Outreach
- ☐ Environmental Clean-Up
- ☐ Prison Ministry Support
- ☐ Blood Drives
- ☐ Habitat for Humanity
- ☐ School Supply or Meal Distribution
- ☐ Disaster Relief Coordination
- ☐ Community Garden
- ☐ Soldiers Angels
- ☐ Just Our Soldiers' Helpers (JOSH)
- ☐ K9s for Warriors
- ☐ Toys for Tots
- ☐ Other: _____

Outreach & Evangelism

- ☐ Welcoming Newcomers
- ☐ Neighborhood Canvassing
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Interfaith Outreach
- ☐ Atlanta Inter-Orthodox Parish Association (AIOPA)
- ☐ Sharing the Faith with Inquirers
- ☐ Church Tours
- ☐ Other: _____

Stewardship

- ☐ Stewardship Committee
- ☐ Annual Campaign Support
- ☐ Stewardship Education & Events
- ☐ Writing or Speaking on Stewardship
- ☐ Helping Others Discover Their Gifts
- ☐ Other: _____

Other Talents or Interests

Describe below anything else you'd like to share about your skills or ideas for ministry! _____

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Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish family! Please email or call Fr. George so he can reach out to you soon with next steps or ways to get involved. May your offering of time and talent be a blessing to others and a joy to your heart.

Together, we build the Church—one faithful soul, one loving act, one ministry at a time.

With gratitude in Christ, +Fr. George Tsahakis



