

# St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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#### Pastoral Message from Fr. George, August 22, 2025



### Special Thanks to Our 2025 GreekFest Chairs

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

With heartfelt appreciation, Fr. George and our parish family extend our deepest thanks to our GreekFest chairs for their superb leadership and dedicated service. Your tireless efforts, vision, and commitment have made this year's celebration a true reflection of our St. Christopher community's spirit and hospitality.

Thank you for guiding us with grace and excellence!



GreekFest 2025, part of St. Christopher Church in Peachtree City, GA, was an unforgettable event thanks to the generous support and joyful presence of our parishioners, patrons, and sponsors. With the delicious and unlimited food we added the vibrant music and spirited dances, topped with the fellowship that brought us closer together. Every moment was a testament to the beauty of community fellowship and support.

We thank everyone for helping us create a night that will live on.

Σας ευχαριστούμε από καρδιάς! We thank you from the heart!





From the moment we entered The Shipyard at Trilith, it was pure joy—sunshine, laughter, and the irresistible aroma of grilled souvlaki and tiropita filling the air. We danced to live Greek music, cheered during the traditional dance performances, and even tried to master a few steps ourselves. OPA!

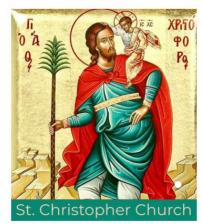




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### This Is A Season of Worship, Witness, Fellowship, & Service



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we journey through this sacred month, our parish offers many opportunities to deepen our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and serve with love. We invite you to participate fully in the life of our Church.

#### **Sunday Services**

Join us every Sunday for Divine Liturgy and spiritual nourishment. Come early for Orthros and stay for coffee hour fellowship, followed by Religious Education classes.

#### Paraklesis Services

Experience the comforting prayers of the Supplication to the Theotokos throughout the Dormition Fast. A time for healing, intercession, and peace.

#### Feasts of the Transfiguration and Dormition

Celebrate with us the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on August 6<sup>th</sup> and the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15<sup>th</sup>. These holy days remind us of Christ's Glory and the Theotokos' loving protection.

#### GreekFest Fayette - A Taste of Greece

Mark your calendars for our annual GreekFest on August 16th. Enjoy authentic Greek food, music, dancing, and cultural exhibits. A joyful celebration for the whole community! Invite friends and neighbors to experience the joy of our heritage!

#### **Religious Education Classes on Sundays**

Our new Religious Education year begins August 10th. Classes for all ages will deepen your understanding of the Orthodox faith and prepare hearts for Christ. Our Adult Religious Education Class is a great opportunity for catechumens – newcomers interested in becoming Orthodox through the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Chrismation.

#### **Philoptochos Ministry**

Join our Philoptochos women in acts of love, compassion, and service. From preparing baked goods to raise funds for charitable needs to making Prayer Shawls, this ministry brings comfort and hope to those in need.

#### A Call to Action: Reaching, Shining, Building Together

Let us reach out to our neighbors, reflect the light of Christ, and build a stronger parish family. This initiative invites every member to participate in the life and growth of our Church.

Together, let us be the Church—alive in worship, active in service, and radiant in God's love through witness and fellowship. Amen! +Fr. George Tsahakis

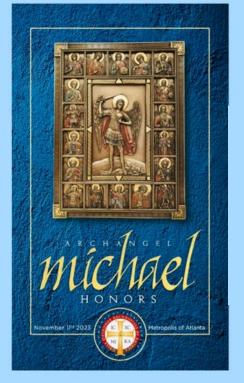


Teacher Teams	Room Location	Grade Levels
Susan Kleto/ Jackie Sarantis	Youth Room between the 2 restrooms	3yrs-1st Grade
Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis Kat Towne Lydia McGee	Upstairs	2nd-4th Grade
Angelique Soulakos Aimee Panos Becky Butler	Bookstore	5th-7th Grade
Katie Wilson	Conference Room	8th-12th Grade
Fr. George Tsahakis	Nave	Adults

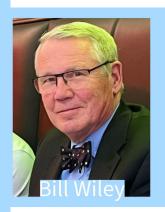
### **Our Religious Education Classes resume THIS SUNDAY!**

You are invited to join us on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>
and Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, as His Eminence
Metropolitan Sevastianos and our Metropolis
Family recognize the 2025 parish honorees from the 75
parishes throughout the Metropolis of Atlanta.



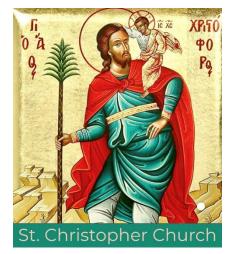


**Congratulations to our** 2025 Parish Honorees



Beloved Parish Family,

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank each of you for your faithful and generous financial pledges to both our operating and building fund budgets. By God's grace and your unwavering commitment, we have met our budget projections year-to-date—a



remarkable testament to your love for Christ and His Church.

As your Spiritual Father, I commend the sacrifices you have made to sustain our ministries and help build our future church complex. Too often, we overlook the quiet generosity of others, but today I pause to celebrate and acknowledge your stewardship and thank you.

Let us be reminded of the words of King David:

"All things come from You, and of Your own we have given You."

— 1 Chronicles 29:14

I also thank our Lord for our highly successful **GreekFest Fayette** event. What a blessing it was to witness the many hands and hearts that helped plan and prepare us for this joyful event.

Thank you deeply for your great help and support—from our Chairs, Patrons, Sponsors, and Friends who joined us in fellowship and celebration.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your sacrificial offerings, and may our parish continue to grow in faith, love, and unity.

With love in Christ, +Fr. George Tsahakis

### Join Us Often with Your Family

## Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Eleventh Sunday of St. Matthew

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Prayer Shawls

10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

11.45 Philoptochos General Meeting

#### Friday, August 29th – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

9:00 Divine Liturgy (Day of Strict Fast)

#### Sunday, August 31st – Twelfth Sunday of St. Matthew

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy (No Divine Liturgy on Labor Day weekend)

11:00 Let's EAT!

Come, and be strengthened in your witness of Orthodoxy through regular worship, fellowship, and service with us.

