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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, September 16, 2025

**The Cross stands still, yet speaks in
grace—**

A beacon bright in sacred space.

**We are called to love as Christ has
loved,**

Forgive as He forgave.

May we bear our cross,

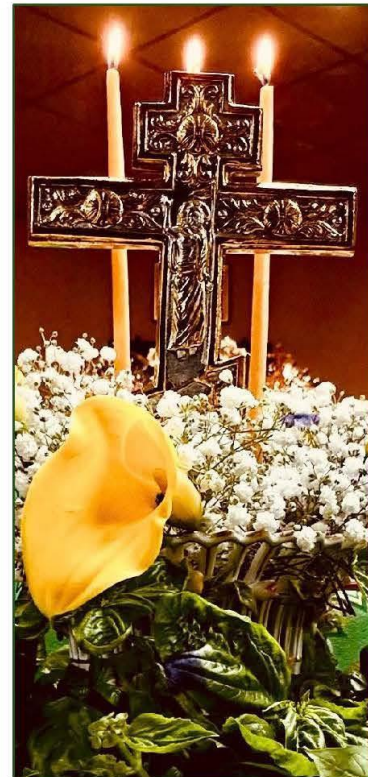
And walk the path He has shown—

Faithful, step by step.

May our lives shine bright—

Mirrors of His Holy Name,

Love made visible.





The Cross—A Paradox of Power and Mercy

"What a paradoxal miracle!" the Church sings on 9/14 - the Sunday of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Indeed, the Cross of Christ is the great

paradox of our faith: a symbol of death that brings life, a tree of suffering that bears the fruit of salvation, a sign of defeat that becomes the banner of victory.

On this Sunday, the life-bearing plant, the all-holy and precious Cross, is lifted high—not only in our churches, but in our hearts. It is

displayed and carried aloft, not as a relic of the past, but as a living witness of God's love and mercy.

The hymn proclaims that "all the ends of the earth do glorify, and all the demons are greatly terrified." Why? Because the Cross reveals the depth of divine compassion—a love so powerful it shatters evil and restores hope.

This paradoxal miracle is not meant to be admired from afar. It is a gift to mortals, a sacred invitation to participate in Christ's sacrificial love. The Cross challenges us to:

- Lift up others who are burdened by sorrow or injustice.
- Display mercy in a world that often chooses vengeance.
- Carry aloft the message of hope to those who feel forgotten.

The hymn concludes with a plea:

"Hence, O Christ the only compassionate, do thereby save our souls."

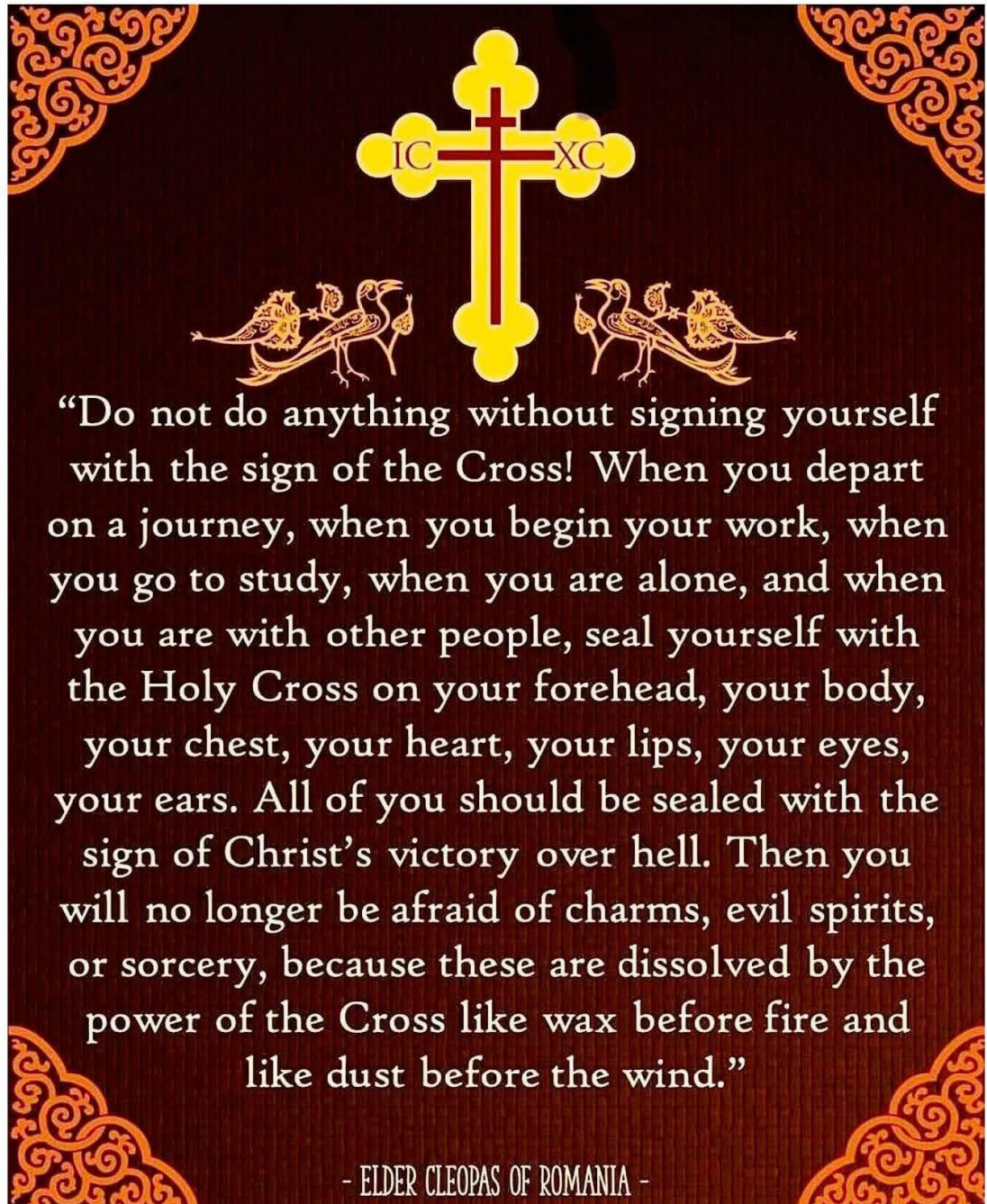
This is not only a prayer for salvation—it is a call to embody compassion. If we are saved by the Cross, we must also become servants of the Cross, bearing its grace into every corner of our lives.

As you contemplate the Cross, ask yourself:

How can I make this paradoxal miracle visible in my life?

- Can I forgive someone who has wronged me?
- Can I offer comfort to someone in despair?
- Can I speak truth with love, even when it's difficult?

Let the Cross you behold be the Cross you carry—with humility, with courage, and with joy. For in doing so, you become a living witness of the miracle that saves souls and transforms the world.





Beloved Parishioners and Friends of St. Christopher Church,

Our building project remains actively underway, and I am grateful to share that we continue to make meaningful progress on multiple fronts. Since your approval earlier this year, we have been working diligently and simultaneously in several key areas:

- *Capital Campaign.* Of our \$1.5 million goal, nearly \$1 million has already been raised—a testament to your generosity and faith.
- *Financing.* We are in active discussions with local banks to secure the necessary building loan.
- *Design & Construction:* Together with our architect and construction company, we are value-engineering the most effective plan for our church, administrative offices, and a shelled-in fellowship and educational building with support services.

We are navigating a complex landscape—market uncertainties, tariffs, interest rates, and evolving building codes—but we remain steadfast in our commitment. Like a

ship guided through rocky seas, our course is steady, and our destination is clear. *Let us thank God for guiding us.*

I also am deeply appreciative to all who have pledged their five-year support, including family and friends beyond our parish. Your faith and encouragement uplift us. I also wish to recognize the tireless efforts of our Building Committee, chaired by Stephen Sarantis, our Fundraising Committee, chaired by Tom Farmakis, our Parish Council, and the many volunteers behind our GreekFest and Golf Classic fundraisers. Each of you reading this message is appreciated and needed to ensure our success.

Let us remember – what weakens us is not the challenge itself, but the spread of misinformation or doubt. Our direction has not changed. We seek consensus, transparency, and unity.

As our Lord reminds us, *“With God all things are possible”* (Matthew 19:26), and *“You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”* (John 8:32). These words guide our hearts and strengthen our resolve to serve God and our parish family.

With God’s help, we will complete this project—not just with bricks and mortar, but with faith, unity, and love.

In closing, I invite you to join me in prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for Your countless blessings and for the unwavering support and love of our St. Christopher parish

family. You have guided us thus far, and we place our trust in You as we continue this sacred work.

Grant us wisdom and discernment as we build—not only a church complex, but a spiritual home where Your name is glorified and Your people are nurtured. Help us to work together with mutual respect, patience, and love, always seeking Your will above our own.

May our efforts be a witness to the world around us. Transform our hearts so that we may bring peace where there is division, healing where there is hurt, and hope where there is despair.

In all things, may we glorify You, the source of all good things.

Through the intercessions of St. Christopher and all the saints, strengthen us to be faithful stewards of this holy task. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

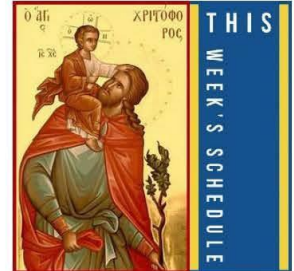
In Christ's service, +Fr. George Tsahakis



Join Us Often with Your Family

**Wednesday, September 17th – St. Sophia
& her three daughters: Faith, Hope, &
Love**

9:00 Divine Liturgy



Sunday, September 21st – Sunday After Holy Cross

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, followed by Golf Classic Update

10:45 Religious Education Classes

Saturday, September 27th

11:00 20th Children's Medical Luncheon (Philoptochos)

Sunday, September 28th – 1st Sunday of St. Luke

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:30 Prescription Recycling Opportunity

10:45 Religious Education Classes

12:00 Let's EAT! At Broadway Diner

Saturday, October 4th – Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale

8:30 Koulourakia



PREScription RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

The Coweta Samaritan Clinic offers prescription drugs to their clients through their "inhouse" pharmacy. The pharmacy is stocked through the donation of medications people are no longer taking because the prescription has been changed or discontinued. Their donation policy is as follows:

"Essentially, we're able to accept any unused prescriptions and over the counter medications that are up to one year past their expiration date. Inhalers must be unopened. We do not accept any opened topical medications/creams/etc. or any controlled substances/narcotics (we recommend those be taken to the Coweta County Sheriff's Office unused medication drop box). Donations may be dropped off at the Clinic, located at 137 Jackson Street in Newnan, Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m."

Coweta Samaritan Clinic requests medications stay in their original packaging, but also suggests the person's name and prescription numbers be blacked out on the labels.

Please bring your prescriptions on **Sunday, September 28, 2025**, and place them in the designated basket in the Community Room. This is the only day we will collect prescriptions. Individuals can always make donations to Coweta Samaritan Clinic at the location and times shown above. Contact Susan Kleto for more information, sbkleto@gmail.com or (678) 877-9115.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE ATLANTA AIR SHOW IN PEACHTREE CITY – OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 12

THIS IS A WIN-WIN: A CHANCE TO SEE THE AIR SHOW AND A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR ST. CHRISTOPHER

The Atlanta Air Show returns this year to Falcon Field hosting military and civilian aircraft flyovers and static displays. Highlighting the schedule will be the US Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team.

Volunteering for this event on any or multiple of the four options detailed below will allow an up-close look at the aircraft and demonstrations, especially if volunteering on Thursday and Friday for setup when the airport is closed to the public. (Patrons of the show during the weekend pay anywhere from \$34.50 to \$194.00 to attend.) The cost of our entry, of course, will be free, and does include a T-shirt and lunch each day.

By providing the show organizers with two of the four days, a total of 20 SCHOC volunteers per day, we will receive a total payment of \$5000.00.

Please consider your ability to support this worthy community event, build continued comradery with fellow volunteers from our parish, and to expand upon our fundraising efforts.

Click the link below to view the sign-up opportunities and to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CA4A62FA4FE3-58307616-atlanta>

If you sign up for multiple events...please prioritize. Example: Event 1 Priority #1; Event 4 Priority #2, Event 3 Priority #3.

Please contact Manny Haldopoulos at hplustens@comcast.net or (478) 957-7132 with any questions or for further information.





You don't have to be a golfer to be part of this year's **South Atlanta Golf Classic**. Whether you're swinging a club, volunteering your time, or simply cheering us on, there's a place for everyone to participate!

For those who'd like to contribute off the course, it's easy to **donate**! At the bottom of our website, you'll find a dedicated "Donate Here" button. With just a few clicks, you can give any amount. Every gift, big or small, helps us continue to support our **community**.

So whether you're teeing off or giving online, **thank you** for being part of something meaningful!



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Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale










"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 21st 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 22nd 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

Order Deadline: November 7, 2025		Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
Spanakopita: Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles			\$ 15.00	\$
Tiropita: Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles			\$ 15.00	\$
Baklava: layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey			\$ 20.00	\$
Kourambiedes: sugar dusted butter cookies			\$ 15.00	\$
Koulourakia: twisted butter cookies			\$ 10.00	\$
Paximadia: Greek Biscotti with Pecans and Cinnamon			\$ 10.00	\$
Sampler Dozen: Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Paximadia and Koulourakia			\$ 25.00	\$
Pastitsio: luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection			\$ 60.00 12"x9" pan	
Dolmades: stuffed grape leaves with ground beef, rice and herbs			\$ 15.00	\$
Amygdalota: Greek chewy almond cookie Gluten-free			\$ 10.00	
TOTAL DUE:				\$



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BY VISITING ONE OF THE 3 OPTIONS BELOW

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For Questions Pls Contact Dedee Panayis Tel: 817-690 6610



Philoptochos Save the Dates!



- Oct 4 Koulourakia 8:30am
- 15 Tiropita Batter 8:30am
- 17 & 18 2 folding days 8:30am
- 19 General Philoptochos Meeting (open to all)**
- 22 Spanakopita Batter 8:30am
- 24 & 25 2 folding days 8:30am
- Nov 1 Kourambietes Baking 8:30am
- 2 Paximadia- after Religious Education
- 14-15 Baklava make, bake and cup 8:30am
- 16 Board Meeting**
- 17 Almond Cookies 8:38am
- Box and Bow 4pm
- 18-19 Dolmathes make, bake and package 8:30am
- 21-22 Bake Sale Pick up



All Sundays in September :
Holy Cross School of Theology



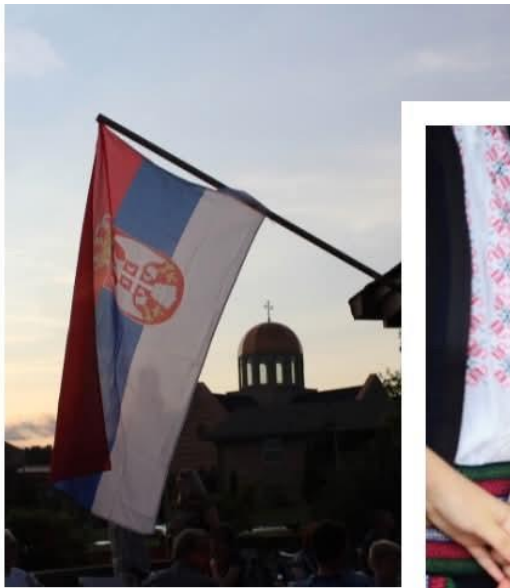
Hands of Love ministry will be accepting *monetary donations* to benefit the school.



As the *sole Greek Orthodox* School of Theology in the United States, education here is an integration of learning and faith. Located in Brookline, Massachusetts, *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology* offers graduate programs leading to advanced degrees in Divinity and Theology. The school is the *alma mater* of many orthodox priests - <https://www.hchc.edu/holy-cross>. You may *place your donations* in the red box in the church narthex or online at <https://stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site>

Thank you for your generosity,

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



SERB FEST ATLANTA

SAT, OCT.
4TH
(11AM - 10PM)



SUN, OCT.
5TH
(12PM - 6PM)

STS. PETER AND PAUL SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
1558 HEWATT ROAD SOUTHWEST LILBURN, GA 30047

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



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