

**Dear St. Christopher
Parish Family,**

What an extraordinary moment this is for our beloved parish! With heartfelt joy and deep gratitude, I am thrilled to share that our *Building Our Future* Capital



Campaign has now surpassed \$1 million in pledges and gifts toward our \$1.5 million goal. This is a tremendous accomplishment — one that reflects the faith, generosity, and unshakable spirit of the St. Christopher community.

Because of your commitment, we are no longer simply dreaming about our new church building — we are building it. The vision that has inspired us for so long is now taking shape before our eyes. Every pledge, every prayer, and every act of support has brought us to this turning point, and together we are stepping boldly into the future.

That future begins in a truly unforgettable way on February 22, when we will gather for our official groundbreaking ceremony. We are deeply honored that His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos will preside over this historic celebration. His presence elevates this moment for our entire parish and reminds us that what we are building is not just a structure, but a sacred home for worship, fellowship, and generations of faithful to come.

This will be a day of joy, of thanksgiving, and of shared pride — a day when we, as one parish family, place our shovels in the ground and begin the holy work of raising up a church that will stand as a beacon of faith and love.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also look ahead with determination. To reach our final goal and bring our new church fully to life, we invite every household to join us. If you have not yet made a pledge, now is a wonderful time to be part of this historic effort. If you have already pledged, thank you — your generosity is building our future. And if you are able to increase your commitment, your added support will help ensure that our new church rises strong and beautiful.

Most importantly, we ask for your continued prayers. This campaign is about more than construction — it is about creating a spiritual home where our children will be baptized, where families will gather, where we will worship, celebrate, and grow in Christ together.

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your love for St. Christopher Parish. Together, we are not just building a church — we are making history.

With joy and gratitude,

Tom Farmakis

Building Fundraising Chairman, St. Christopher Parish Family



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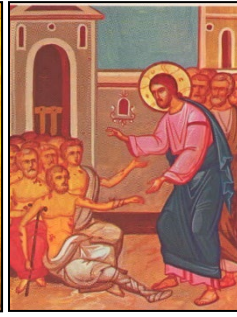
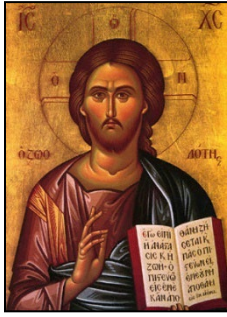
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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 18, 2026

ON THIS DAY, THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE, WE REMEMBER our Fathers among the Saints, Athanasios (+373) and Cyril (+444), Patriarchs of Alexandria, and Saint Zenia the Martyr. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!

We invite you to enter your name, mail/email addresses in our Guest Register (near the entrance) if you are interested in joining and assisting with our

mission's development. We want to keep you informed of our schedule and location of services. ***You and your family are welcome; we look forward to knowing you. We invite you and your family to join and assist us often!***

Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.

Special Hymns Sung Before/After Small Entrance

1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

3. Hymn for Saints Athanasios & Cyril – (not in Hymnal):

This hymn is sung before the Great Doxology and before and after the Small Entrance: Striving brilliantly for Orthodoxy, and subduing all unorthodoxy, you were honored with awards for your victories. Enriching all with inspired theology, your sacred writings profoundly adorn the Church. O Athanasius and Cyril, you are now with Christ our God, entreating Him to give to all the great mercy.

4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

5. Kontakion sung in anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord (to be celebrated 2/2) (Hymnal-pp.250-253):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his

arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY

The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts. – St. John Chrysostom
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Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (John 21:1-14)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred

fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 13:7-16)

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by His own blood. ¹³Let us then go to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through Him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him: “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”
(2 Cor. 4:15)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

St. John Chrysostom offered the following consideration on acts of charity: Imagine a carpenter with the crudest of tools. It takes him many days to make a simple table; and its quality is so low that the price he obtains for it is poor. He has a choice: either he can spend all the money he earns on food and drink, or he can set some money aside, even if it means going hungry, in order to buy better tools. If he does the latter, then he will soon be making good tables much more quickly, and so his earnings will quickly rise.

This choice is analogous to a spiritual choice that each of us must make. Either we can spend for our own pleasure all the wealth we possess, or we can set aside part of our wealth to give to others. If we do the latter, then we may sacrifice a few immediate, earthly pleasures; but the joy we earn for ourselves in Heaven far, far surpasses the pleasure we have lost on earth. Every act of charity on earth is an investment in Heaven.

On this the 1086th Sunday of our St. Christopher's parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women, and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia, area for the glory of God! On behalf of our parish, we thank you. ***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***

Join Us Often with Your Family

Sunday, January 18, 12th Sunday

of St. Luke

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service - George & Penelope Spetsios & Memorial Reception

11:00 Religious Education Classes

11:45 Philoptochos Board Meeting

4:00 Sacrament of Marriage – John Morris & Kat Towne (Archangel Michael Chapel)

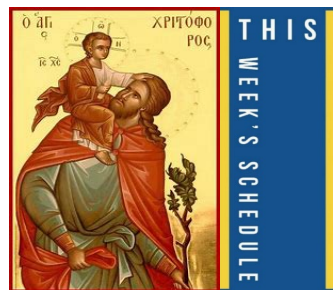
Sunday, January 25, 15th Sunday of St. Luke

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Sacrament of Chrismation - Dele Tuboku-Metzger and Divine Liturgy

11:00 Religious Education Classes

12:00 Let's EAT! at Broadway Diner



Thank You to our 2026 Parish Council for its Commitment



On Sunday, January 11th, our 2026 Parish Council Members received the Oath of Office from Fr. George after the Divine Liturgy and during their ensuing meeting they elected new officers. Congratulations and thank you to them for their committed service to our parish of St. Christopher Church.*

Likewise, we thank our outgoing members, Tammy Soulakos & Bill Wiley, for their years of dedication and sacrificial service and support while serving on the Parish Council. May God bless our parish family with a healthy and joyous new year filled with opportunities to serve His will.

2026 members include Stephen Sarantis, President, Julie Skouteris, Vice President, Jim Sliwinski, Treasurer, George

Psihountas, Assistant Treasurer, Tom Farmakis, Secretary, Maria Cahill, Lydia McGee, Kirk Panayis, & Fr. George Tsahakis.

**There exists one vacancy on this year's council. When the candidate receives online training, completes background check and candidate oath of office pledge form, the PC will request ratification from our Hierarchy, His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos. Once received, Fr. George can administer oath of office so the candidate can complete the remainder of this year's term of office that is being replaced.*

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

Parish Council Expectation Guidelines

As Parish Council members, each of us will express and model our mission of sharing the

1. Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ in all of our ministries.
2. Individually and as a group, we will evaluate our activities as well as the activities of our community to ensure they bring our faithful closer to God and to show the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is a primary goal of all of St. Christopher's ministries and any activities or projects conducted as a part of these ministries.
3. We as a parish council commit to meeting once every month.

4. Every Parish Council member agrees to participate as fully as possible in the life of God's Holy Church.
5. We strive to set and meet goals based on predetermined benchmarks.
6. We agree to start and end meetings at specified times, even if some participants are delayed. We also agree that the meeting will not stop to catch up those who are late in joining the meeting, unless there is a compelling reason to do so. This determination will be at the discretion of the Parish Council President (or meeting chair).
7. We commit to use our talents and to welcome and encourage others to assist and grow God's Holy Church and the community.
8. We will strive to be responsible stewards of the treasure and talents of God's Holy Church as we minister in His behalf.
9. We recognize the value of a team-centered approach to ministry and shall undertake our teamwork as a celebration of the Lord's fellowship in our midst. We are committed to mutual respect, to serve harmoniously and cooperatively, to continually grow and reevaluate our teamwork and fellowship.

10. We commit to mutual respect and to honor other's contributions and views by making space for everyone's input. This includes no side conversations, respectfully listening, keeping remarks on point, no interruptions, and only one person speaking at a time as recognized by the chair of the meeting.
11. To make the most efficient use of time, each member will request at least one week in advance from the Parish Council President any agenda items and/or invitations to guest participants.
12. Each member will commit to meet at scheduled meeting times and take responsibility for managing our own schedules as well as our responsibilities to the group. We will respect each other's time.
13. We will keep each other and the members of the General Parish Assembly well informed about our activities and decisions in a timely manner.
14. We will exercise discretion with confidential information and discussions within the Parish Council. Our goal is to seek consensus and not make decisions or commitments without authorization.
15. As Parish Council members, we each commit to encourage others to share in the Lord's work, and we will strive to empower others to contribute.



Please Join Us!

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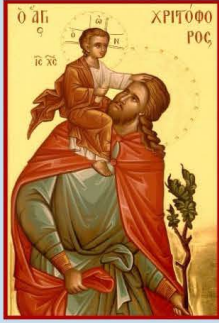
Cordially Invites You To

*Our Parish
Groundbreaking Ceremony*

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Please refer to the second page for complete schedule





Please Join Us!

Schedule of the Day

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church
313 Dividend Drive, Peachtree City, GA

9:00 AM - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Lunch - immediately after the Divine Liturgy

2:00 PM - Service of Blessing of the Foundation of our
New Church & Ground Breaking
At our Property adjacent to 716 Ebenezer Road,
Fayetteville, GA

Kindly Scan to Rsvp
By February 18, 2026





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PASTOR: VERY REV. FR. GEORGE TSAHAKIS

January 14, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! I am writing to invite you and your parishioners to join us for a special Lenten Retreat hosted by Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM at All Saints Anglican Church, 149 Ebenezer Road, Fayetteville, GA.

Our theme is:

"The Sublime Mystery of Christ's Passion"

*with guest speaker Dr. Eugenia Constantinou,
a respected professor, author, and podcaster.*

Dr. Constantinou brings a wealth of knowledge and spiritual insight. She will guide us through a first-century understanding of the events leading to Christ's crucifixion, drawing from her extensive biblical scholarship and Orthodox Christian perspective. Her work includes teaching Scripture and theology at Hellenic College/Holy Cross and hosting the popular podcast *Search the Scriptures LIVE* on Ancient Faith Radio.

This retreat offers an opportunity for shared prayer, learning, and fellowship as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. A Lenten breakfast and lunch are included, and the registration fee is \$25 per person.

We would be deeply grateful if you could share this invitation with your parishioners and encourage you and them to join us for this meaningful day of reflection.

I have attached a color flyer with details. For questions or more information, please contact me at frgeorge@saintchristopherhoc.org or call 770-347-7729.

To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/nd81gGH14vChNRxs6>

Thank you for considering this opportunity to come together in faith and fellowship during the Lenten season.

In Christ's love,

Fr. George Tsahakis
Pastor

**Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church
Presents**

**Lenten Retreat
The Sublime Mystery of Christ's Passion**

All Christians in our community are warmly invited to join us for this Lenten Retreat as we reflect together on the mystery of Christ's Passion.

Speaker:

Dr. Eugenia Constantinou

Professor, Author, Speaker, Podcaster

Saturday March 28, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Venue: All Saints Anglican Church

149 Ebenezer Road

Fayetteville, GA 30215

We are inviting our sister Christian parishes in Fayette and Coweta Counties as an opportunity for shared prayer, learning, and fellowship during the Lenten season.

To register go to:

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Or Scan the QR Code:



Contact: StChristopher.Retreat@gmail.com
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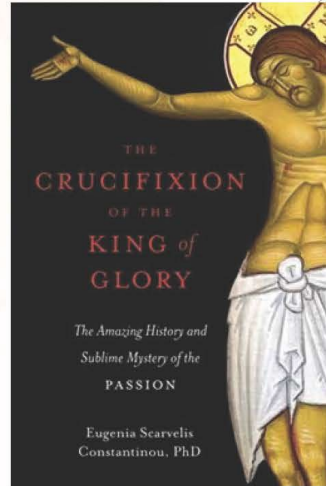


Presvytera Jeannie Constantinou, Ph.D. will lead us through a first century exploration of the historical and religious context in which the Crucifixion of Christ took place.

Dr. Constantinou taught biblical studies and early Christianity extensively at Orthodox and non-Orthodox universities and graduate schools of theology, including Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

She is the host of Search the Scriptures LIVE on Ancient Faith Radio.

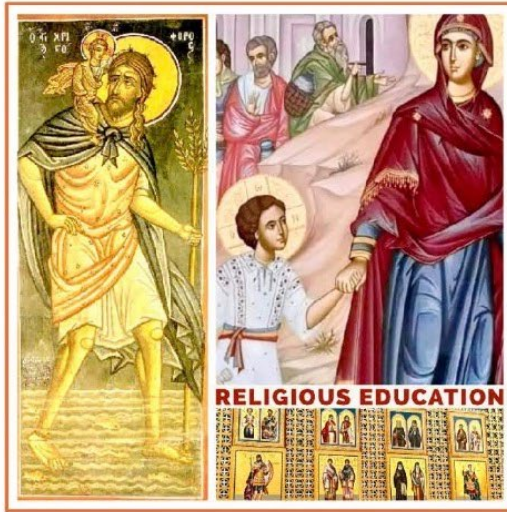
<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/searchthescriptureslive/>



Price/person \$25
Lenten Breakfast and
Lunch Included

We are grateful to All Saints Anglican Church for hosting and to our sister Christian parishes for joining us in this journey of faith.

Together in Christ's love and sacrifice.



Adult Class

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Fr. George Tsahakis

Theme:

*"Preparing Our Hearts for
Great Lent"*

Goal:

To understand the spiritual purpose of Pre-Lent and prepare for Great Lent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Opening Prayer

Let us begin with the Prayer of St. Ephraim, which will become central during Great Lent:

O Lord and Master of my life, grant me not the spirit of idleness, curiosity, love of power, and idle talk.
But give me instead a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love.
Yes, Lord and King, I am made to see my own sins and not to judge my brother.
for You are blessed into ages of ages. Amen.

Discussion note: This prayer is recited daily during Lent and teaches humility, repentance, and love.