

## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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### Pastoral Message from Fr. George, February 18, 2026

Beloved in Christ,

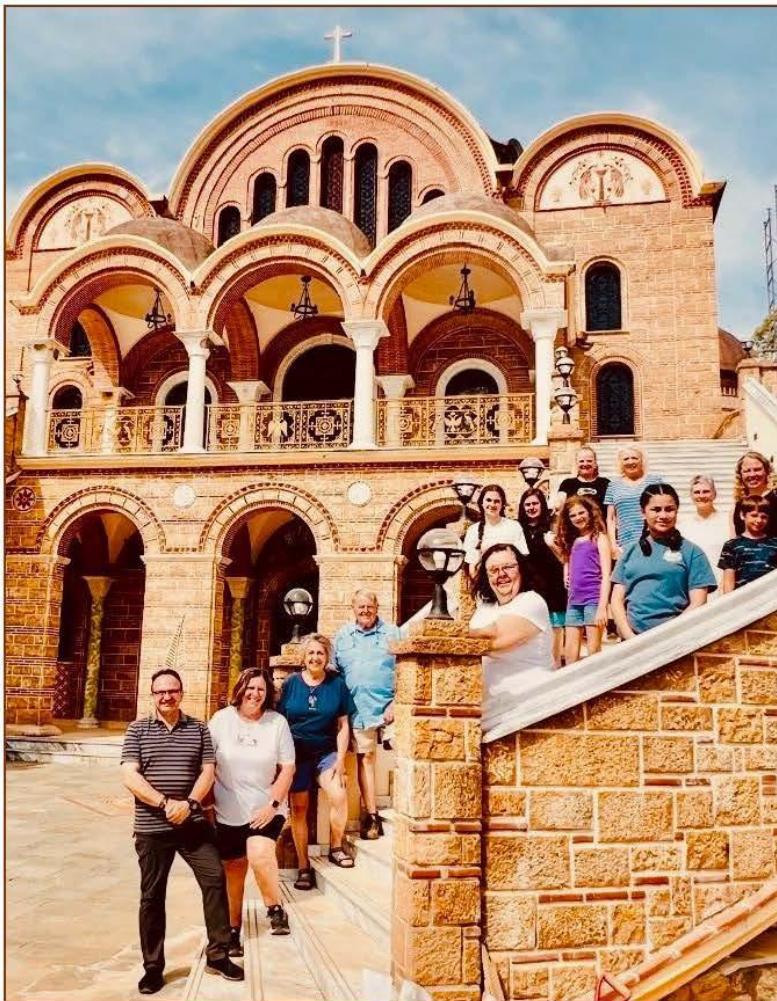
I am seeking your support in honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios because the very existence of our parish is inseparably tied to His faith, His courage, and His unwavering belief in our community. *As the first*



*Bishop of our St. Christopher parish, He guided us through our earliest and most vulnerable years.* In a remarkable act of trust and pastoral care, He permitted me as Chancellor to share my ministry so that I could serve in Peachtree City and help nurture our mission from its infancy. For twenty-two years we have worshipped in leased facilities, and now, by God's grace, we are preparing to construct our permanent

church. This long-awaited milestone is the direct fruit of Metropolitan Alexios' vision and personal investment in our future.

Upon His retirement, Metropolitan Alexios did not request a banquet, a program, or any formal expression of honor. Instead, under the guidance of our current Bishop, His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos, our parishes have been invited to honor Him in a manner consistent with His life of humility and service—by helping to complete the Panagia Chapel at the Alexios Retreat Center. This sacred chapel represents decades of personal sacrifice and dedication by



Metropolitan Alexios. It already serves as a place of formation and prayer at Summer Camp, clergy retreats, parish retreats, Philoptochos retreats, and Lenten retreats. It will continue to strengthen generations of faithful throughout our Metropolis.

Because the initial fundraising goal was not met, this project now requires renewed assistance to avoid

further delay. As a parish that Metropolitan Alexios Himself helped shepherd and sustain, we bear a particular responsibility to respond. Supporting this effort is not merely a financial obligation; it is an expression of gratitude, respect, and continuity—an act of honoring the Hierarch who believed in us, encouraged us, and helped make our present growth possible.

### **Keep the Flame Strong**

As this blessed Lenten season invites us to renew our faith and deepen our devotion, I ask you to join our 74 sister parishes in keeping the flame of our Panagia Chapel burning brightly.

*Just as a fire is strengthened when many logs are placed together, so too does our shared offering—each gift, each family, each parish—kindle the light of Christ's love in our midst.*

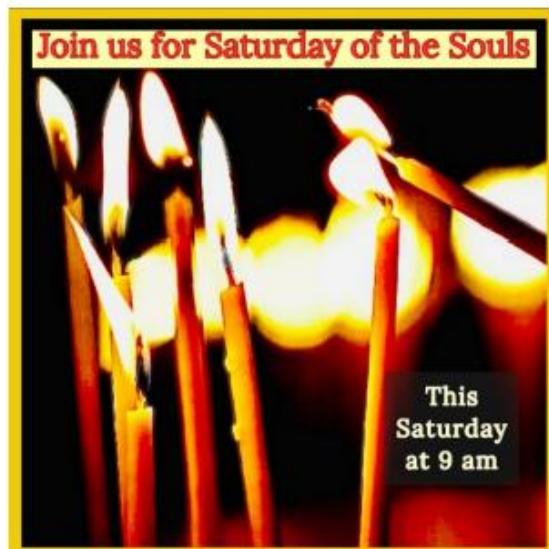
Across the lake, the Panagia Chapel stands as a beacon of hope and prayer. Dedicated to the Mother of God, it is being built in honor of Metropolitan Alexios' faithful and transformative ministry. We



thank our families that have pledged their support, helping this sacred vision rise with beauty and purpose.

**I hope all of us will follow their example and help keep our flame strong by supporting the completion of the Panagia Chapel.  
Please join our collective effort [by clicking here](#).**

May the warmth of your generosity radiate outward and kindle our parish's spirit of gratitude for the love and devotion of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios.



Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy, followed by Saturday of the Souls Memorial Service this Saturday, February 21. He will read the FIRST NAMES of our departed family and friends during the Memorial Service [provided they are submitted at this link by noon on Friday, February 20th](#). If you prefer, you can bring names on Saturday, February 21st, provided they are printed legibly. For those who wish to offer Kolyva, we welcome your kindness and will distribute it to those present. May the memory of our faithful be eternal.

# Pastoral Message for Forgiveness Sunday

## Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God,  
You are gentle and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
You stretched out Your arms upon the Cross to reconcile all creation to Yourself.  
Open our hearts this day to the grace of forgiveness.  
Cleanse us from resentment, soften our hardened thoughts,  
and grant us the humility to seek forgiveness from one another.

By the prayers of the holy Desert Fathers and Mothers—  
who taught us the way of repentance, humility, and peace—  
guide us into the bright dawn of Your Kingdom.  
For You are the source of mercy and the giver of peace,  
and to You we give glory: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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### **Beloved in Christ,**

This Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy, our parish will gather for the sacred *Service of Forgiveness*, the holy doorway through which we step into Great Lent. I believe this moment is a profound opportunity for every soul connected to our parish—faithful stewards, those who have grown distant, and our dear catechumens—to be present, to participate, and to experience the healing grace of mutual forgiveness.

### **How the World Responds—and How the Church Heals**

We live in a world quick to judge and slow to understand. Modern life often encourages us to point fingers, to condemn, to distance ourselves from those who stumble. People who make mistakes can find themselves isolated, shamed, and alone. In such an environment, the human heart can grow hopeless.

But the Church is different.

Christ founded His Church as a spiritual hospital, a place where the broken are welcomed, the wounded are tended, and sinners find not judgment but restoration.

St. John Chrysostom famously taught:

*"The Church is not a courtroom; it is an infirmary for sinners."*

This is the ethos of Forgiveness Sunday.

Here, we do not condemn—

we reconcile.

Here, we do not cast out—

we heal.

Here, we do not isolate—

we restore one another in love.

### **The Witness of the Desert Fathers**

The Desert Fathers, our earliest spiritual physicians, spoke clearly about the danger of condemnation and the healing power of forgiveness.

**Abba Moses the Black said:**

*"If we keep our own faults before our eyes, we will never see those of our brother."*

This is not a call to self-criticism but to compassion.

**Abba Poemen taught:**

*"Do not give your heart to that which does not satisfy the heart."*

Condemnation never satisfies; only forgiveness brings peace.

**An Elder said:**

*"We have not been commanded to accuse our brothers, nor condemn them, nor speak evil of them, but rather to forgive them."*

This is the pure Gospel lived honestly and humbly.

### **Why Mutual Forgiveness Is Essential**

The Fathers remind us that sin—*amartía*—is “missing the mark,” a wandering of the heart. Often our words or actions cause harm without our awareness. *Mutual forgiveness becomes essential: it restores relationships, heals unseen wounds, and strengthens our parish as a family journeying toward the Resurrection.*

**Our Lord Himself teaches with clarity:**

**“If you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your trespasses”**  
(Matthew 6:14–15).

This commandment is not symbolic; it is essential to our salvation.

As your Priest, I pray that each of us finds the courage this Sunday to come forward—to ask forgiveness, to grant forgiveness, and to begin the Lenten journey with renewed humility and love. When we bow before one another, we do not bow to shame, but to Christ Himself, present in each person.

May this holy service soften our hearts, unite our parish, and open for us a Lent filled with repentance, healing, and hope.

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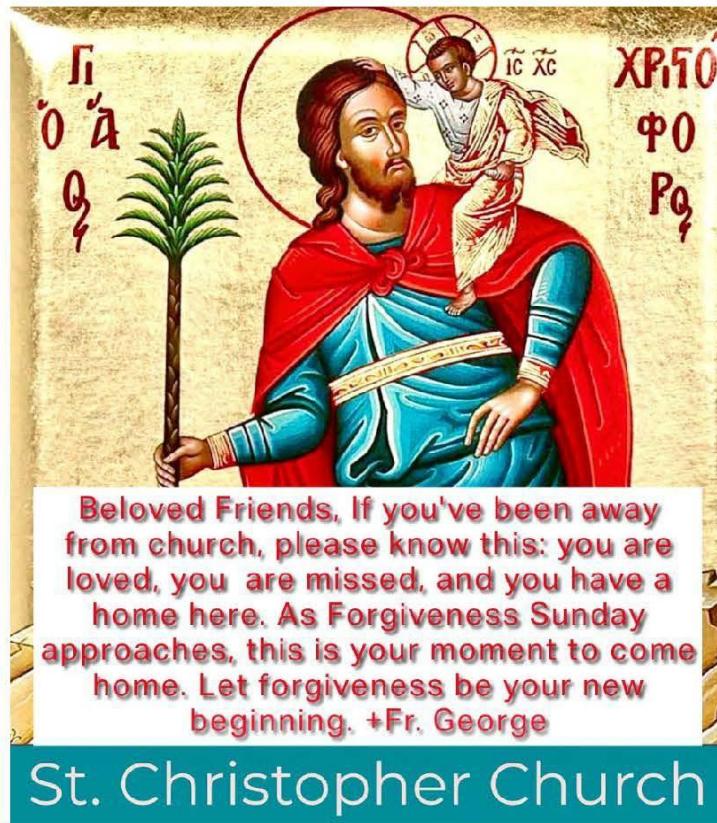
### Closing Prayer

O Master and Lover of mankind,  
Plant within us the spirit of reconciliation  
and make our hearts fertile ground for Your peace.  
Grant that no bitterness remain in us,  
no resentment take root,  
no memory of wrong darken our souls.

Strengthen us to forgive as You forgive—  
freely, fully, and without measure.  
Renew our parish family in unity and love,  
and lead us together into the radiant joy of Your Holy Resurrection.

For You are our forgiveness and our salvation,  
and to You we offer glory,

together with Your eternal Father  
and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit,  
now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



**If you are carrying burdens, wounds, or any lingering hesitation, bring them with you and place them before God. The Service of Forgiveness is a simple, grace-filled path to healing.**

**"Forgive me, and God forgives us."**

**No pressure, no expectations—only welcome.**

**With love in the Lord,  
+Fr. George**



## Holy Unction: The Sacrament of Healing -

February 23, 2026

*Join St. Christopher's parish family to pray for healing of the souls and bodies of our faithful – Monday, February 23, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.*

Holy Unction is a sacramental act whereby the Church seeks wholeness and well-being for its members, especially the sick and the suffering. It provides both physical and spiritual healing with holy oil blessed by the Holy Spirit.

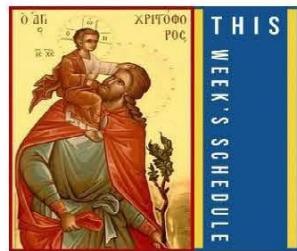
In Greek, the mystery is called Εὐχέλαιον (*Euchelaion*, from εύχή, 'prayer', and ἔλαιον, 'oil'). The oil carries God's grace both to renew the body and to cleanse the spirit. The service follows the apostolic tradition mentioned in the New Testament: *"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven."* (James 5:14-15).

Holy Unction is a mystery of great comfort to the faithful. It provides uplifting and asks for patience to accept the will of God whatever the physical outcome. *This service begins early to minimize work absence.*

## Join Us Often with Your Family

*[Dairy Permitted This Week]*

### Wednesday, February 18, Metropolis Chapel



Join Fr. George as he offers Orthros at 8:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Archangel Michael Chapel at our Metropolis headquarters.

### Saturday, February 21, Saturday of the Souls

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service (*You are invited to bring Kolyva to share*)

### Sunday, February 22, Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, followed by Service of Forgiveness

11:00 Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

12:15 Let's EAT! at Broadway Diner

### Clean Monday, February 23, First Day of Great Lent

7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction – Join us before work

## SAINT CHRISTOPHER HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH LENTEN RETREAT

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

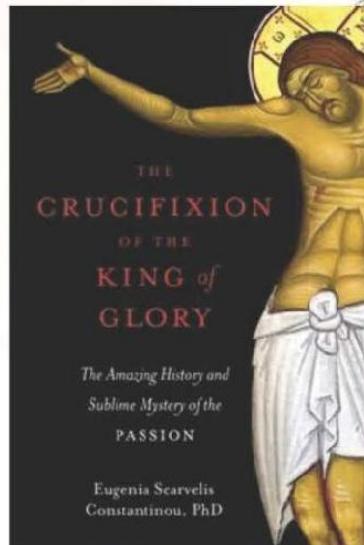
We are inviting our sister Christian parishes in Fayette and Coweta Counties as an opportunity for shared prayer, learning, and fellowship during the Lenten season.

To register go to:

<https://forms.gle/nd81gGH14wChNRxs6>

Or Scan the QR Code:

Contact: [StChristopher.Retreat@gmail.com](mailto:StChristopher.Retreat@gmail.com)  
or 770-347-7729.



Price/person \$25  
Lenten Breakfast and  
Lunch Included

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/>

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.*

## 2026 Prayer Shawl Blessing



### Schedule

Prayer Shawls will be Blessed, by Fr. George, on the following Sundays in 2026:

April 26

August 2

December 13

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Christopher's has been creating and donating handmade Prayer Shawls since 2009. These shawls are the results of the time and talents shared by our members, and friends, to craft these shawls by knitting, crocheting, weaving, or quilting them. Shawls can even be produced by decoratively finishing commercially produced fabric.

As you begin to plan your project, please keep the following guidelines in mind. Consistency in the size and finish of the shawls is important because we often give multiple shawls to one organization. We want the recipients to feel that their shawl was made specifically for them! Prayer shawls can be either triangular or rectangular but need to be long enough to wrap securely around the body. Rectangular shawls should be 20"- 26" wide and 68"- 72" long with fringe or other decorative finish at each end. Triangular shawls should be 60"- 72" across the longest side, 24"- 30" to the point with fringe along the two short sides or other decorative finish all around. Lap blankets should be 36" - 40" on each side. Yarn color is important as we are trying to uplift the spirits of the recipients of the shawls and blankets. Yarn or cloth texture is also important because we want these items to lovingly wrap the recipients in our Christian love. The finished items should be soft and drape or "scrunch" comfortably, something everyone would want to be hugged by!



Please contact Susan Kleto at (678) 877-9115 or [sbkleto@gmail.com](mailto:sbkleto@gmail.com) to become a participant in this ministry, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions.



## Love in Bloom

New shoes and undies **drive**  
for Bloom Our Youth



**Deadline March 1**  
All youth sizes ages 6-12

## Love in Bloom

**Volunteer Opportunity!**

**Sat, March 7, 9am-noon**

*Must pre-register with Bloom*

**click: [Bloomerang](#)**

**See directions to sign up**

## **Bloom Volunteer Info**

In order to participate, **every person attending with your group must complete the volunteer sign-up process before arrival.** This is required for all participants.

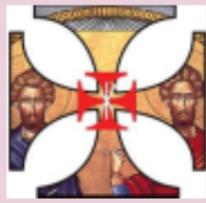
### **Here's How to Get Started**

#### **Create Your Account**

1. Visit this link: [Bloomerang](https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/JE/djr0hmjlqfez4v)  
<https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/JE/djr0hmjlqfez4v>
2. Click **“Sign Up for This Organization.”**
3. Enter your email and follow the prompts to create your account.
4. Once you see **“Signup process complete,”** click **“Go Home.”**
5. Choose **Hive Volunteer Opportunities**, then click the green **“Sign Up”** button.
6. **Select Roles:** Choose **Group Participant**
7. Click **“Next Step.”**
8. **Find Your Shift** Scroll through the list to find your group's time slot. Your group is listed as: **Greek Orthodox Church in BLUE**
9. Click **“Add Shift to Signup Cart,”**
10. Then **“Complete Signup.”**

### **What to Wear**

- We recommend **comfortable clothing**
- Please wear **closed-toe shoes** for safety



## **Philoptochos Membership Drive**

**Sundays March 2026**

**“Army of Agape”**

Come join a great group of  
gals and guys impacting our  
community one project at a time.

March: 1, 8 and 15.

Or click [here](#) now

## 1800s – The Beginnings of Philoptochos



The very beginnings of Philoptochos can be traced to the late 1800s when hundreds of immigrants were arriving daily in the United States from Greece, Asia Minor, and Constantinople. At that time, women's clubs formed in churches in major cities across the US to tackle the formidable task of welcoming the new immigrants and assisting them in acclimating to their new environment. These clubs continued in various forms until the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Philoptochos was officially founded and organized in its current form in 1931 by then Archbishop, and later, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I. From its inception, Archbishop Athenagoras charged Philoptochos not only with assisting the needy in their communities, but also with planning family events with music, educational lectures, and performances.

The vasilopites, which were baked to celebrate the name day of St. Basil, were auctioned off to raise funds to care for the orphans of the community. Education was another priority of the Archbishop, and he asked the chapters to support Holy Cross Theological School, which was founded in 1937. All of these programs, which the Archbishop promoted in the 1930s, inspire the programs of Philoptochos to this day.

Established in the midst of a historic depression, Philoptochos responded vigorously to the needs of its community. Over the decades, Philoptochos chapters have continued to respond wherever the need arises — within their local communities, the community at large, and throughout the world.

# ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, March 14, 9am–Noon

Come join the fun and fellowship!

Annual Church Spring Cleaning Day

Many hands make light work!



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## OCPM Board of Trustees Meeting Report

Our OCPM Board of Trustees meeting was held February 12-14, 2026 in Dallas, TX. Our first evening entailed dinner, with Nico Petrogeorge, the Executive Director of OCPM, board members, prospective boards members, guests and potential donors. This is a relaxed event where we get to know each other, share the good works of OCPM, and answer any questions they may ask. I was blessed at dinner to sit by Father John Mamangakis who is from our Metropolis and currently serving in Panama City, FL. Likewise he joined our meeting on Friday.

Our board meeting was held on Friday at Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in their parish hall, their parish priest is Father Vasile Tudora. They have a beautiful Byzantine church that was designed by Father Vasile's wife Presbytera Mirela, we were blessed to be able to meet both Father Vasile and Presbytera Mirela and to tour the church after lunch.

In our first session the Executive Director Nico Petrogeorge reported on the state of OCPM, the Spiritual Support Programs, on the work that is being done for recognition of Orthodoxy in Corrections, on the Church Programs and Training Programs. He also reported on Operations, Development and Staffing updates and needs.

Our second session consisted of Board Business with reports from the Finance Committee, the Trusteeship Committee, the Legal Committee, and meetings for the remainder of the year were set.

We learned that OCPM has faithful employees who truly give of their time, talents and treasures, finances are in order, and that OCPM continues to grow and improve.

The meeting is business, but stories are shared from individuals who have done or are doing in-prison ministry. These stories are hard to hear and complicated, but also truly inspirational to learn that despite their circumstance's prisoners discover redemption and hope in Christ through the work of OCPM.

I feel blessed to be part of this ministry and look forward to our Pascha card event for prisoners on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Please continue to keep OCPM, those incarcerated and their families, and those working with the incarcerated in your prayers.

Faithfully,  
Julie Skouteris



## **Bringing the Light of Christ to those Imprisoned at Pascha**

***Please join us Sunday, March 1, 2026***

(Immediately after the St. John Chrystotom Oratorical Festival)

**\*\* EVERYONE YOUNG, OLD & INBETWEEN ARE WELCOME\*\***

### **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

We will have a fun "draw by numbers" card of the Paschal icon, that can be colored and then each of us are going to create an Pascha/Easter card with a short handwritten message to mail to a person in prison.

### **WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?**

Imagine being confined to a prison cell—the isolation and sense of being cut off from the outside world. Imagine also what that is like at Pascha and having no way to mark a special and holy day. A heartfelt message on Pascha breaks through the sense of isolation and loneliness. Your card may well be the only one they receive. Your card lets our brothers and sisters in prison know that the Church remembers them, cares about them, and that they, too, are part of the Body of Christ.



# TWO NEW WAYS TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN PRISON WITH OCPM

## TWO NEW WAYS TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN PRISON

### JOIN THE OCPM PRAYER GROUP

**WHERE:** LIVE on Zoom

**DATE:** Every 1st Wednesday

**TIME:** 12 PM EST

LEARN MORE AT  
[theocpm.org/pray](https://theocpm.org/pray)



DOWNLOAD  
HERE

### OR GET THE APP

Intercede for the people we serve  
 **by name** on The Encounter  
Orthodox Prayer app by Faithtree  
Resources

Read or listen to OCPM's "Prayer  
for Prisoners" as part of your daily  
prayers



## Join the OCPM Prayer Group

Every first Wednesday of the month, OCPM staff meets virtually to pray for those in prison. We warmly invite you and anyone you know to join us as we pray for our brothers and sisters in prison.

Click here to join - <https://theocpm.org/get-involved/join-us-in-prayer/>

The next date is Wednesday, March 4

## 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:	GIVING SCENARIO 2:	GIVING SCENARIO 3:
Currently giving \$100/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$40 to Building Fund</li><li>\$60 to Operations</li></ul> <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>\$80</b> to Building Fund</li><li><b>\$60</b> to Operations</li></ul> Total Giving Increase = 40%	Currently giving \$200/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$100 to Building Fund</li><li>\$100 to Operations</li></ul> <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>\$200</b> to Building Fund</li><li><b>\$100</b> to Operations</li></ul> Total Giving Increase = 30%	Currently giving \$300/month <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$100 to Building Fund</li><li>\$200 to Operations</li></ul> <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>\$200</b> to Building Fund</li><li><b>\$200</b> to Operations</li></ul> Total Giving Increase = 33%

Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis



METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PHILOPTOCHOS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

# Bearing Myrrh

Extending the beauty, compassion,  
and steadfastness of our faith into  
our daily lives



## METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PHILOPTOCHOS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Friday Night Salutations
- Excellent Sessions by our Speaker
- Lake Side exercise class
- Arts and Crafts
- Time for quiet reflection
- Opportunities for Confession
- Chapter Sharing
- Time by the fire pit in the evening

MARCH  
20-22  
2026

ALEXIOS RETREAT CENTER  
Salem, SC

GUEST SPEAKER  
EDNA KING

Family Life Ministry of Atlanta  
Orthodox Author



REGISTRATION  
LINK AVAILABLE AT  
THIS QR CODE

TOTAL COST FOR  
RETREAT \$250

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://atlmetropolis.org/spiritual-retreat-2026> [sarah.e.kalaris@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.kalaris@gmail.com)

# AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for Academic Year 2026 – 27

Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$3000

APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE at

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/AHEPAAp26>

Application deadline—11:59 p.m., EST, March 15, 2026

### ACADEMIC and ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 (or 83 out of 100) and planning to be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university for the 2026 – 2027 academic year to be eligible.

### AREA OF CONSIDERATION and RESIDENCY / OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Multiple scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement.
- Multiple scholarships will be awarded based on both scholastic achievement and financial need.
- One scholarship will be awarded in recognition of a scholar-athlete.  
*Applicants for the above 3 categories must reside in the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Area.*
- One scholarship is designated for a student pursuing a graduate degree in Nursing.  
*Applicants must reside in the state of Georgia and plan to be enrolled in a graduate nursing program approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.*
- Three scholarships are available for students attending Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.  
*Applicants must reside in the geographical area within the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta and plan to attend Holy Cross School of Theology.*
- The Johnny N. Economy Scholarship is available to all students.  
*Applicants must submit an additional essay on a topic of their choosing regarding Hellenism. This scholarship has no residency requirement.*

*Note that unless you are from the greater Metro Atlanta area, your residency status is considered "out of area" regardless of your current address, and with the exceptions noted above (Graduate Nursing & Holy Cross student applications) you are only eligible to apply for the Johnny N. Economy Scholarship.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [applications@ahēpaATLscholarship.org](mailto:applications@ahēpaATLscholarship.org)

The mission of the Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc. is to provide both scholastic achievement and financial need scholarships to students pursuing post high school education. In addition, the Fund strives to strengthen community and country by promoting education through the development and implementation of various comprehensive programs.

*The Foundation is a tax-exempt Charitable Foundation established in Atlanta, Georgia in 1986 to promote, encourage and advance education at the college, university, and graduate and professional school levels. It serves the Cultural and Educational Programs of AHEPA Chapter 1, DOP Chapter 53 & AHEPA Chapter 519. \**

\* AHEPA: American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; DOP: Daughters Of Penelope



# SUMMER 2026

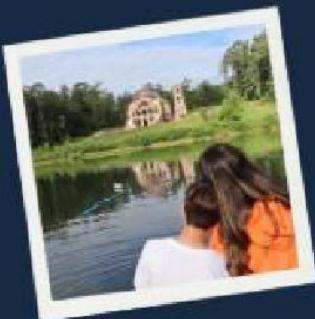
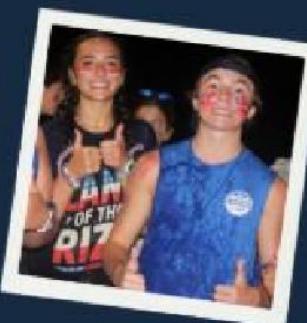
WEEK 1: JUNE 21 - 27

WEEK 2: JUNE 28 - JULY 4

WEEK 3: JULY 5 - JULY 11

WEEK 4: JULY 12 - JULY 18

WEEK 5: JULY 19 - JULY 25



Camper Registration Opens

Thursday, March 5  
12:00 PM ET

Grades  
6-12

Cost: \$555  
Deposit: \$250

[www.atlmetropolis.org](http://www.atlmetropolis.org)

@ststephencamp



The National Hellenic Society opened their applications for all Summer 2026 Heritage Greece® Programs, offering Greek-American/Canadian college students a two-week, immersive journey into Hellenic history, culture, and identity. Students can apply to any/all of the 3 program options (but only attend one) in June or July in Athens (ACG or CYA) or Thessaloniki (ACT), each blending language lessons, cultural workshops, historic site visits, and meaningful connections with Greek peers. The National Hellenic Society covers tuition, housing, meals, transportation in Greece, and all program costs leaving students to only cover airfare and personal expenses. [Find program dates, application deadlines, and some sample itineraries for all three programs below and on our website.](#)

This year, NHS is [sponsoring 100 students](#) to discover their Greek heritage. More than 900 alumni have taken part in this life-changing program, often calling it transformative for both their personal and professional growth.

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#### Criteria for Eligibility (for all programs):

- 18-26 years old and enrolled as an undergraduate/graduate student with a 3.0+ GPA
- A US/Canadian citizen of Hellenic descent\*
- Preferably (not mandatory) visiting Greece for the first time

*\*Hellenic descent is defined as having one or more parents, grandparents, or great grandparents born in Greece or Cyprus. Please note that siblings or first cousins of past and/or current participants, who meet the program's eligibility criteria, may be considered but they must reimburse NHS for all expense related to participation in the Heritage Greece® Program*

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