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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, February 6, 2026

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

With deep sorrow, yet with hope in the Resurrection, let us offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of our beloved brother in Christ, **Nick Panos**, who fell asleep in the Lord last night surrounded by his loving family. I have known Nick since the mid-1990s, and he and his devoted wife, **Teddie**, were committed and faithful to one another, loving and supportive to their family, and kind, considerate,



and ardent pillars of **St. Nicholas, Irene and Raphael Church in Cumming, Georgia.**

I also knew Nick and his family during my years of ministry in his native **Charleston, South Carolina**, and it is a particular joy to see his legacy of faith continued through his son **Perry**, daughter-in-law **Aimee**, and their children, who are active members of **St. Christopher Church**. We were blessed that Nick lived near us during the final years of his life.

We now pray that God grants strength, comfort, and encouragement to his beloved wife **Teddie**, their sons **Perry and James**, and to all who mourn his repose. I also am thankful that Nick's sister served faithfully as my chanter at **Holy Trinity Church in Charleston** during the five years I served that parish.

May Nick's memory be eternal.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced next week.

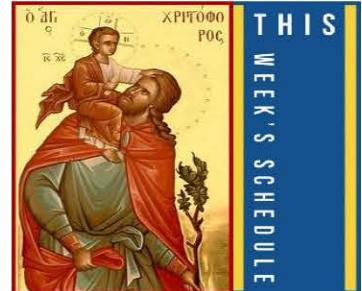
With love in the Lord, Fr. George

Join Us Often with Your Family

Sunday, February 8, Sunday of The Prodigal

Son

8:00 Orthros



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

10:30 General Parish Assembly (one item only) & Souper Bowl of Caring Tailgate

Saturday, February 14, Saturday of the Souls

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

Sunday, February 15, Meatfare Sunday (Sunday of Judgment)

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

Noon YAL Book Club Meeting



S A I N T C H R I S T O P H E R H E L L E N I C O R T H O D O X C H U R C H

Dear Saint Christopher Family,

Please join us this Sunday February 8th for an exciting update on our new church project immediately after Divine Liturgy. This will be a single item meeting to update parishioners on the most current information in preparation of breaking ground on our new church campus.

Faithfully,

Stephen Sarantis

Parish Council President



tacklehunger.org



Souper Bowl of Caring Tailgate! Sunday, February 8

Bring your favorite tailgate
Apps, side dishes and desserts!

Please donate: Canned foods, canned
meats, baby products, etc. will be
collected to benefit
Fayette Samaritans.

And donate [online](#) to benefit IOCC

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Hands of Love 2026

These are hands on events

 <p>Jan- March Youth Services Chairs: Aimee Panos 1. Vasilopita 2. Bloom Our Youth Event</p>	 <p>April- June Backpack Buddies Of Newnan Chair: Dedee Panayis Event Coming Soon</p>
 <p>July-Sept North Carolina Assistance Chairs: Pres. Marinda Event Coming Soon</p>	 <p>Oct-Dec Soldiers Angels Chair: Paula Price Event Coming Soon</p>

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

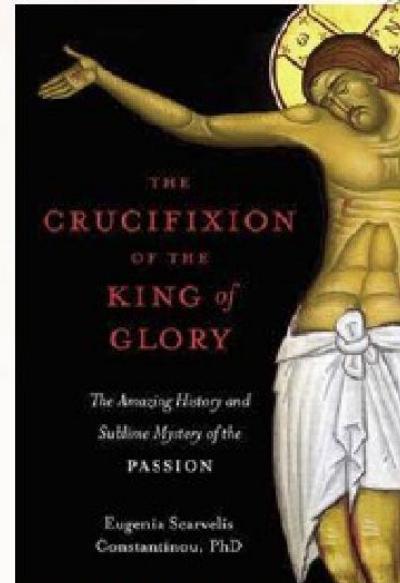
We are inviting our sister Christian parishes in Fayette and Coweta Counties as an opportunity for shared prayer, learning, and fellowship during the Lenten season.

To register go to:

<https://forms.gle/nd81gGHT14wChNRxs6>

Or Scan the QR Code:

Contact: StChristopherRetreat@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.

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

- \$40 to Building Fund
- \$60 to Operations

During the Building Fund Campaign

- **\$80** to Building Fund
- **\$60** to Operations

Total Giving Increase = 40%

GIVING SCENARIO 2:

Currently giving \$200/month

- \$100 to Building Fund
- \$100 to Operations

During the Building Fund Campaign

- **\$200** to Building Fund
- **\$100** to Operations

Total Giving Increase = 30%

GIVING SCENARIO 3:

Currently giving \$300/month

- \$100 to Building Fund
- \$200 to Operations

During the Building Fund Campaign

- **\$200** to Building Fund
- **\$200** to Operations

Total Giving Increase = 33%

Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis



HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK
SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO

Valentine's Day Dance

FEBRUARY 14TH

Food - Drink - Dance - Music

Join us for a night of Greek dancing and celebration in support of the Greek School, with part of the proceeds benefiting the Loaves and Fishes Program. Doors open at 6:00 for dance lessons, with special hors d'oeuvres served at 6:30.

Come dance, connect, and support a great cause!

Adults \$50; Youth and Students \$35 with college ID; children under 10 free. Cash bar.



Feat. Famous DJ Chris Sarris



METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PHILOPTOCHOS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Bearing Myrrh

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



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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](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@ahepaATLscholarship.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

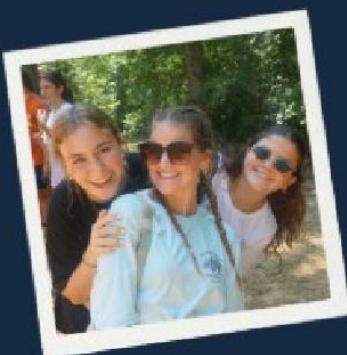
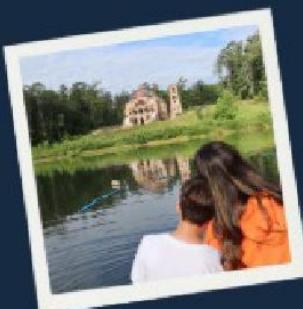
WEEK 1: JUNE 21 - 27

WEEK 2: JUNE 28 - JULY 4

WEEK 3: JULY 5 - JULY 11

WEEK 4: JULY 12 - JULY 18

WEEK 5: JULY 19 - JULY 25



Cost: \$555
Deposit: \$250

Camper Registration Opens
Thursday, March 5
12:00 PM ET

Grades
6-12

www.atlmetropolis.org

@ststephencamp



CYBER SECURITY WATCH

Provided by the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology



CYBERCRIME HAS BEEN INFILTRATING OUR LIVES FOR YEARS.

More recently, parishes and religious communities around us are being targeted by a phishing scam where the attacker poses falsely as the parish priest and asks the recipient for money usually in the form of gift cards.

EDUCATE yourselves and others about the dangers of emails and phone scams.

YOUR PARISH PRIEST **should never** reach out via personal email to request immediate financial assistance. Be vigilant if you do receive an email that fits this description! Here are some do's and do not's to guide you:

DO NOT...

- 🚫 reply to the message
- 🚫 click on any links
- 🚫 download any attachments
- 🚫 use the contact information provided in the email
- 🚫 share personal or financial data via email or phone

DO... FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- ✓ **VIGILANCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- ✓ **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
- ✓ **VERY OFTEN** change your passwords

REPORT CYBERCRIME IMMEDIATELY to the following Federal agencies and to the Archdiocese:

- **Federal Trade Commission:** ftc.gov/complaint
- **FBI:** fbi.gov/tips
- **Archdiocese Technical Support:** techsupport.goarch.org

LEARN MORE by visiting blogs.goarch.org/internet-ministries by contacting the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology with your questions at techsupport.goarch.org.



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.

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 expenses related to participation in the Heritage Greece® Program*

[FIND ALL HERITAGE GREECE® INFO AND APPLICATIONS HERE](#)



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