



St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, April 10, 2026

An Offering at the Foot of the Cross



In this image we behold a quiet yet powerful witness: one of the senior women of our parish approaching the Cross of Christ, offering flowers with reverence and care. No words are spoken, yet everything is proclaimed. A lifetime of prayer, struggle, love, and

hope is gathered into this simple offering and placed at the foot of our Lord's Crucifixion.

On Holy Thursday evening during the Passion Service when we hear the 12 Gospels, these flowers are laid before the Cross. They are fragile and fleeting, much like our own lives. And yet, offered with humility, they become a confession of faith. They say what our hearts long to proclaim: *"Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."* Standing before the Crucified Christ, we are reminded that devotion is not measured by strength, speed, or youth—but by faithfulness, perseverance, and love that endures.



As the candles burn and the icons stand watch, the Church gathers in stillness before the Crucified Lord. The soft glow of flame, the solemn beauty of the Cross inscribed INBI (Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος, Βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων - Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews), and the silence of Holy Week remind us that Christ is never alone—He is surrounded by prayer, by love, and by the quiet vigilance of His people. With His arms stretched wide upon the Tree, the Lord embraces the whole world, inviting every soul to draw near.

These images invite all of us—young and old, strong and weary—to come forward during Holy Week. The Church does not ask us to arrive perfected or prepared in every way, only that we **come**, that we **stand at the Cross**, and that we **remain** with Christ.



On **Holy Friday**, we gather to mourn—not as those without hope, but as those who dare to remain with the Lord even when the path leads to Golgotha. On **Holy Saturday**, we keep watch in stillness, trusting that even in silence, God is at work, harrowing Hades and shattering the gates of death. And at **Pascha**, we proclaim with one voice that the Cross was not the end, but the doorway to Life.

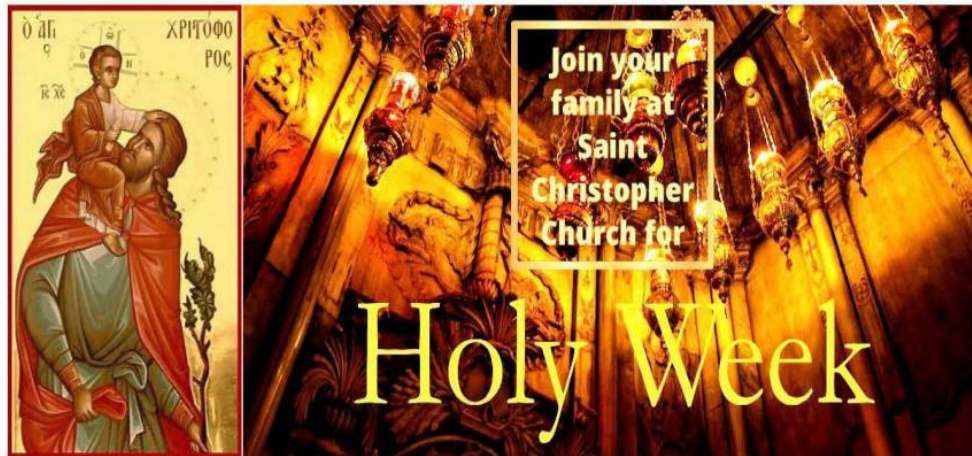
Just as our beloved elderly parishioner and her family approach the Cross with flowers in hand, so each of us is invited to bring our own offering: *our prayers, our struggles, our gratitude, our repentance, our longing for renewal. No offering is too small. No step toward Christ is insignificant.*



May these images remind us that Holy Week is not something we observe from afar—it is a journey we walk together. Let us come forward. Let us linger. Let us worship. And when the darkness gives way to Light, may we be found among those who remained with Him from the Cross to the Empty Tomb where we find the joy of the Resurrection.

*For through the Cross, joy has come into all the world. **Christ is risen—because He first chose to suffer for the life of the world.***

St. Christopher Church, Peachtree City, GA



Holy Day	Service
Saturday of Lazarus, April 4	8:00 am Baptism 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, Breakfast, Fold Palm Crosses
Palm Sunday, April 5	8:00 am Orthros & Blessing of Palm Crosses 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Palm Sunday Luncheon 4:00 pm Service of the Bridegroom Christ (Nymphios)
Holy Monday, April 6	5:30 pm Service of the Bridegroom Christ (Nymphios)
Holy Tuesday, April 7	5:30 pm Service of the Bridegroom Christ (Nymphios) & Hymn of Kassiani
Holy Wednesday, April 8	5:00 pm Service of the Bridegroom Christ (Nymphios) & Sacrament of Holy Unction
Holy Thursday, April 9	8:00 am Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil (for Mystical Supper) 5:00 pm Passion of Christ with 12 Gospels & Holy Cross
Holy Friday, April 10	9:00 am Royal Hours Service 3:00 pm Vespers of the Unnailing of Christ from the Cross 7:00 pm Lamentations at tomb of our Savior (Epitaphios)
Holy Saturday, April 11	9:00 am Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil 11:00 pm Preparatory Service, the Canon of Crucifixion
Holy & Great Pascha, Sunday, April 12	Midnight Proclamation of the Resurrection 12:30 am Resurrection Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Great Vespers of Agape (Gospel proclaimed) 12:30 pm Pascha Glendi



Pascha Glendi

Sunday, April 12th

12:30 - 5:00

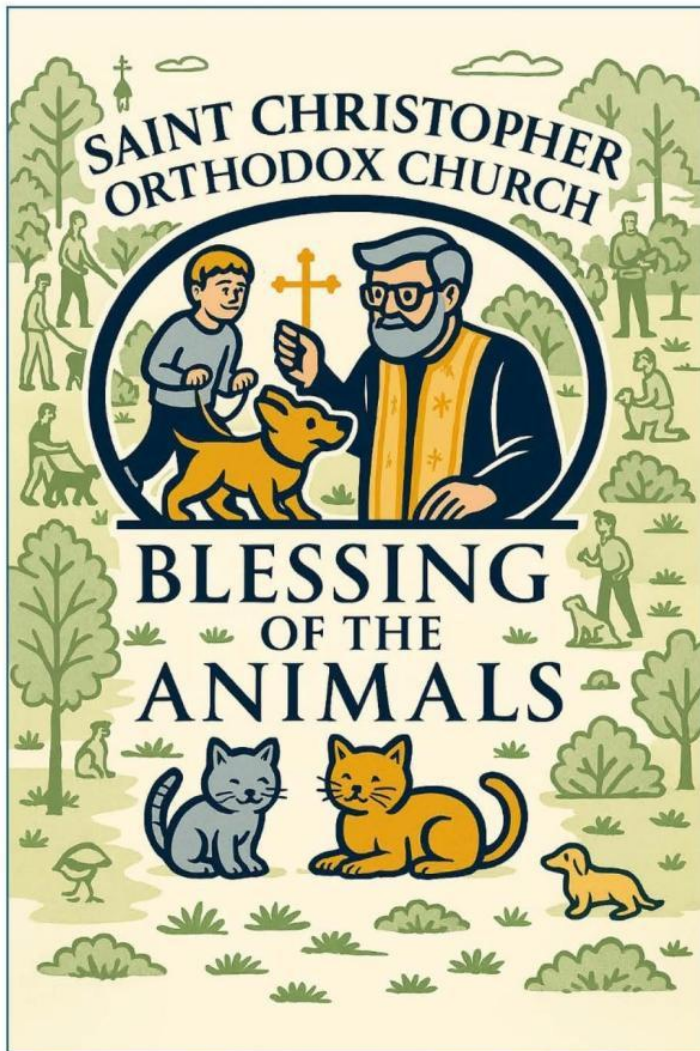
**On behalf of our Saint Christopher Parish Family
and hosted by**

**The Sakkas, Panayis, and Theodorakis families
We invite your family and friends to join us**

1727 Gordon Rd.

Moreland, GA 30259

All food and drinks are provided



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

for our families and their pets that share our homes and lives

Saturday, April 18th, 2026

9:00 am – 12 NOON

Event takes place outdoors, Shakerag Knoll

McIntosh Trail Recreation Complex

191 McIntosh Trail

Peachtree City, GA 30269

Admission is free - Parking is free - Family friendly event

All domestic animals are welcome if leashed or crated for

- Blessing of your pets
- Children's Crafts Table
- Treats for humans and pets
- Animal adoption information provided by



**For more information, call 770/347-7729 or visit
www.saintchristopherhoc.org**



St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

Cordially Invites You To

Our Patronal Feast Day Celebration, Community Luncheon,
& Groundbreaking/Blessing of the Foundation Ceremony
for our New Church by

His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta

Saturday, May 9th, 2026

9:00 am – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church, 313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210, Peachtree City, GA

12:00 pm – Community Luncheon at nearby All Saints Anglican Church, 149 Ebenezer Road, Fayetteville, GA

2:00 pm – Groundbreaking/Blessing of the Foundation Ceremony offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta

*** Please Note – there will be NO parking at our property. Please park at All Saints Anglican Church - 149 Ebenezer Road, Fayetteville, GA – there will be shuttles to/from our property. If you are only attending the Blessing & Groundbreaking – please plan to be at All Saints Church no later than 1:30 pm.

Please see other side for directions to All Saints Anglican Church ***

Kindly scan to RSVP
By May 3, 2026





"OPA! Eat, Dance, Celebrate GreekFest Style!"

-- Save the Date --

Saturday, August 22, 2026

At

The Town Stage at Trilith

More Information to Follow!

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:

<u>GIVING SCENARIO 1:</u>	<u>GIVING SCENARIO 2:</u>	<u>GIVING SCENARIO 3:</u>
Currently giving \$100/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$40 to Building Fund• \$60 to Operations	Currently giving \$200/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100 to Building Fund• \$100 to Operations	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">• \$80 to Building Fund• \$60 to Operations	<i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 to Building Fund• \$100 to Operations	<i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 to Building Fund• \$200 to Operations
Total Giving Increase - 40%	Total Giving Increase - 30%	Total Giving Increase - 33%

Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis





**Annual Pascha Picnic
at the Alexios Retreat Center**

Saturday April 18th, 2026

Agape Service – 12 pm

Lunch – 1 pm

Roasted Lamb, Music and Dancing

RSVP to Marlene at the DRC office (864-732-1537)

Volunteers Welcome

Donations Welcome



SUMMER 2026



WEEK 1: SOLD OUT
WEEK 2: JUNE 28 - JULY 4
WEEK 3: JULY 5 - JULY 11
WEEK 4: SOLD OUT
WEEK 5: JULY 19 - JULY 25



Cost: \$555
Deposit: \$250

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