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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

March 5, 2021



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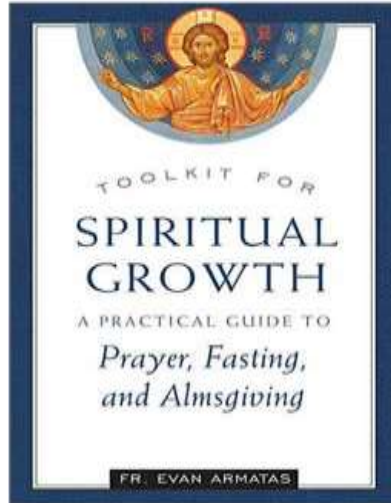


### Pastoral Message from Fr. George Tsahakis for Weekly 3.5.21



In faithful conformance with our Orthodox practice, Fr. George will offer three (3) consecutive weekly Memorial Services following the Sunday of the Prodigal Son (2/28/21). To accommodate our "Greece on the Go" event on Saturday, March 6th, Fr. George will pray the first Memorial Service following Great Vespers on Friday evening, March 5th. The next two services will be at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, March 13 and Saturday, March 20th. He will read the FIRST NAMES of our departed family and friends that you submit online by the day BEFORE each service (e.g., Thursday, March 4, Friday, March 12, and Friday, March 19). You only need to enter your names once. Fr. George will offer prayers for your loved ones during the services you submitted in advance. May their memory be eternal. \*\*\*Bring Kolyva to church if you wish. Thank you!

[Click here to enter the First Names of your loved ones](#)



### ***Toolkit for Spiritual Growth Study Guide***

This Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, all religious education classes will be offered online to accommodate our clean-up efforts from “**Greece on the Go**”. *To support our religious education study, Fr. George is offering all parish adults the opportunity to download for free the **Study Guide** for the Lenten book pictured above and use it at home this Sunday. We will continue its review when we gather in person for our next class.*

***Please review Lesson 1 from last week and do Lesson 2 this week.***

In this Study Guide you will find 5 lessons that can be used in person or online. Each lesson contains a short video, journal questions, group discussion and work at home. For those who have not read the book, it is available through Ancient Faith or Amazon. It is a very easy, but helpful read especially for Great Lent.

**[Click here to download the Study Guide](#)**

**SUNDAY  
OF  
ORTHODOXY**

**MARCH 21, 2021**

**PAN-ORTHODOX  
VESPERS AT 5:00 PM**

*Great Vespers will be presided by  
His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela*

**ANNUNCIATION  
CATHEDRAL**

**2500 CLAIRMONT ROAD N.E.,**

**ATLANTA, GA**

*Go to [www.atlgoc.org](http://www.atlgoc.org)  
to register for services or live stream.*



**VENERATING THE IMAGE OF GOD  
IN EACH PERSON**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**VERY REV. FR. GEORGE TSAHAKIS**



*Fr. George Tsahakis earned a B.S. in Chemistry from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, a Masters of Health Administration from Duke University in Durham, NC, and a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. After serving as a hospital administrator in Baptist, Catholic, and not-for-profit hospitals for 15 years, he was ordained a Deacon and then a Priest in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He serves as Chancellor of the Metropolis of Atlanta and services St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church in Peachtree City, Georgia. He and Presbytera Marinda are blessed with three married children and four grandchildren.*



## **Greece On The Go**

Our parish's first GreekFest Drive Thru is this Saturday.

Thank you so much for the great response on filling the volunteer list.

We still need volunteers and even if the sign up shows a section is full, not to worry. Just show up and we will find a place for people to help.

If you are a volunteer please be at the sign up table at least 15 minutes prior to your shift start time and please wear a white collard shirt and black bottoms.

Thank you in advance for your support!

[Click here](#) for a recap of yesterdays Greece on the Go meeting.

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# Yes! I want in >>

*Our parish's first GreekFest Drive Thru is Saturday, March 6th. There are 138 volunteer slots to fill to make this event a success, so we need all hands-on deck and feel free to sign up for more than one time or role.*

## **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**



**Please click on the signup here to review all the different roles:**

[Volunteer for GREECE on the GO](#)

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Sponsored by:



Check out  
the menu!



*This year's DRIVE THRU ONLY offerings still promise to make you feel like you're enjoying a meal in the center of Athens. Rain or shine, Greece On The Go brings you some of our favorite foods, including Souvlaki on Skewers, Gyros, Greek potatoes, Greek salad, and yummy pastries! Cars, golf carts, and walk-ups welcome!*

SEE YOU THERE!

March 6, 11 AM - 6:30 PM  
Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheater  
201 McIntosh Trail,  
Peachtree City, GA 30269

*You'll turn in off of McIntosh Trail and follow directions of volunteers to place your order and pick up food!*



Proceeds will benefit St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church building fund & outreach ministries!

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# ATLANTA METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

MARCH 19 & 20, 2021



**The Three Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving**

**Presented by:**

**Frederica Mathewes-Green**



Frederica Mathewes-Green is a wide-ranging author whose work has appeared in such diverse publications as the Washington Post, Christianity Today, Smithsonian, Sojourners, Touchstone, and the Wall Street Journal. She has been a radio and TV commentator, a columnist, records a podcast for Ancient Faith Radio, and was a consultant for Veggie Tales. Frederica is an author and speaker in the national forum on topics related to Eastern Orthodox belief and practice. She holds a Master of Theological Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Literature (honorary) from King University. Her husband, Fr. Gregory Mathewes-Green is an Eastern Orthodox priest and pastor emeritus of the parish they founded, Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Baltimore MD. She converted to Orthodoxy from the Episcopal Church in 1993 along with her husband and some parishioners from their former parish. Their three children are grown and married, and they have 14 grandchildren.

The cost of the Retreat is \$50.00, you will pay online when you sign up with the attached link.

Or enter <https://atimetropolis.org/virtual-spiritual-retreat-2021>

Deadline to sign up is March 5th!!

# Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Virtual Spiritual Retreat Schedule

Reminder:

Please include your email address and list of names for the Saturday of Souls Service when you register for the Retreat.

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Friday March 19, 2021

6:30 pm -7:50 pm Salutations to the Theotokos Service

From St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, Durham, NC.

Officiants: Rev. Father Gregory Georgiou and Very Rev. Father D. Stavroforos  
Mamaies (Parish Priest)

Chanter: Nicholas Georgiou

8:00 pm Zoom Spiritual Retreat Begins

Welcome and Introduction of Speaker Frederica Mathewes-Green

9:00 pm Closing Remarks

Saturday, March 20, 2021

8:00 am- 9:45 am. Saturday of Souls Service

From St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Durham, NC.

Officiants: Rev. Father Gregory Georgiou

Chanter: Nicholas Georgiou

9:45 am -11:15 am Virtual Spiritual Retreat begins.

Introduction Remarks and Session 1:

Speaker Frederica-Mathewes-Green:

The Three Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

11:15 am-11:45 am Break

11:45 am-1:15 pm Session 2

Speaker: Frederica Mathewes-Green

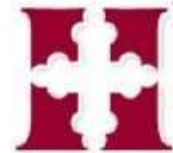
1:15 pm-1:30 pm Closing Remarks

[Click here](#) to register for the Atlanta Metropolis Philoptochos Virtual Spiritual Retreat.





*All Sundays in March:  
Holy Cross School of Theology*



**Hands of Love** ministry will be accepting **monetary donations** to benefit the Holy Cross School of Theology through March



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. This school is the *alma mater* of many orthodox priests.

"Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to work to enhance the student experience, improve classes, and add additional academic offerings in

major ways—regardless of whether we returned to campus or stayed online... Further, HCHC is offering a new and unique fully accredited one-year *Certificate in Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Leadership*. This program is designed for those who have completed their bachelor's degrees and offers them the opportunity to deepen their theological knowledge while developing hands-on ministry and leadership skills...

Throughout all of this, I assure you that we will emerge stronger as a college, seminary, school of theology, and community...Life will not be perfect, but by the power of the life-giving Cross, our faith in Jesus Christ is. And that is enough to protect us and allow us to thrive..."

George M. Cantonis, President Hellenic College, Inc.



*“For as rain comes down, or snow from heaven, and does not return until it saturates the earth, and it brings forth and produces, and gives seed to the sower and bread for food, so shall My word be, whatever proceeds from My mouth. It shall not return until it accomplishes whatever I willed, and I shall prosper your ways and My commandments.” Isaiah 55:10-11*

Faithfully yours,  
Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, “Hands of Love” Philoptochos Ministry Chair

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# Introducing the Religious Education Committee's Journey To Pascha!

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE
<b>Start Your Week!</b> <b>FEBRUARY 21st</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>Reflection and the Passion</b> Gospels: Matthew 26:1-13, Mark 14:1-11, Luke 22:1-7, John 13:1-20	Give yourselves to the poor and distressed. Try to find one person and ask for the help before every day this week.
<b>Abraham Our Model</b> <b>FEBRUARY 28th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Gospels: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Share something with your family about the week.
<b>Weekdays</b> <b>MARCH 7th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>The Last Judgment</b> Gospels: Matthew 25:1-13, Luke 19:11-27	Stop taking food for the week. Offer an offering from the food and use it for God.
<b>Classical</b> <b>MARCH 14th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>John and Eve are not from Paradise!</b> Gospels: John 8:12-20, Luke 10:28-34	Do an offering from the week.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>MARCH 21st</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>Feast of the Holy Trinity</b> Gospels: Matthew 28:1-10, John 16:7-15	Ask your father for forgiveness with prayer this week before bed.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>MARCH 28th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>ST. CECILIA TEALANGAS</b> Gospels: Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 11:29-32	Bring a prayer topic to the "Prayer Friday" for a particular day this week.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>APRIL 4th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>MEMORATION OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS</b> Gospels: Matthew 27:32-44, Luke 23:33-43, John 19:16-25, Mark 15:16-20	When your sister or brother and you are together, ask for the Cross each morning with a sign.
<b>St. John of the Ladder</b> <b>APRIL 11th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>ST. JOHN of the LADDER</b> Gospels: Matthew 23:23-28, Luke 12:1-5	Share something about what you did this week with the group.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>APRIL 18th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>ST. MARTIN of TOURS</b> Gospels: Matthew 23:23-28, Luke 12:1-5	Share something about what you did this week with the group.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>APRIL 25th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>WEEK OF OUR LORDS INTO BRUSSELS</b> Gospels: Matthew 23:23-28, Luke 12:1-5	When your sister or brother and you are together, ask for the Cross each morning with a sign.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>APRIL 25th</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>GRAND AND MOST PRECIOUS</b> Gospels: Matthew 23:23-28, Luke 12:1-5	When your sister or brother and you are together, ask for the Cross each morning with a sign.
<b>Introduction</b> <b>MAY 2nd</b> (Starts on a Wednesday)	<b>HOLY PASCHA (EASTER SUNDAY)</b> Gospels: John 1:1-9, Colossians 3:1-4, Luke 24:1-7	Share something about "Easter" with the group.

Once A Week You Will Receive

An Informational Video  
 Devotional Readings  
 Family Activities  
 & Fun Fact

Emails begin March 4, 2021!

If you do not already get emails from the  
 Metropolis of Atlanta's Youth Office

**Sign Up!**



## Seek Christ with us this March!

Christ is everywhere present and filling all things! Prepare to enter into Lent and work to seek Christ at each moment with OCF. Don't forget to register for our programs this spring and stay connected with our content!

## What's coming up?



The Spiritual Wake-Up program will connect participants with resources to reinforce their lenten journeys and create a community of prayer. REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY 03/05

[Click here to register and learn more](#)

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## Helping Our US Neighbors in Need

As we're watching unfolding crises in Texas—from a deep freeze to power loss and now a growing water crisis—IOCC is in touch with partners and local Orthodox dioceses. We stand ready to help as needs become clear.

Give a gift today to US programs so we can respond quickly and effectively to people facing great need.

[Click here to Donate](#)



# HELP US REACH 100 **YOUTUBE** SUBSCRIBERS!

PLEASE:

Subscribe to St. Christopher's YouTube Channel!

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Copy & paste this link in your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaPfordpLb1UQCQJly7KGRDw>

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By subscribing you will receive notifications when we are Live and  
St. Christopher will qualify for a custom YouTube URL



## Church Re-Opening Guidelines

During the first phase of the re-opening of St. Christopher Church, a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service *by following two simple steps.*

Extra services will be offered to accommodate our St. Christopher Parish Family if your first choice is not available.

**Step 1:** [Click here to Read and Agree to "Returning to Worship: Important Information"](#)

**Step 2:** [Click here to "Pre-Register for Services"](#)

*\*Please note that unless you pre-register, you will not be permitted to enter into the Church. We cannot accommodate walk-ins at this time.*



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For questions, please email [communications@saintchristopherhoc.org](mailto:communications@saintchristopherhoc.org)

or call the church office at (770) 347-7729.

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