



Weekly Bulletin

Greek Orthodox Cathedral
of the Annunciation

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Sunday, December 24 | Sunday Before Nativity

Eve of the Nativity of Christ
Eugenia the Righteous Nun-martyr of Rome and those with her

**May He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, guide and protect us always!
A Healthy and Blessed Nativity Celebration to all of you!**



No Fasting After Christmas!

Those who strive are thereafter rewarded, therefore fasting is not required beginning December 25th through January 4th, even on Wednesday and Friday. A reminder that Friday, January 5th (Epiphany Eve) is a Strict Fast Day, to prepare for the Feast of Epiphany, the next day.

Yearly Vasilopita Cutting

Please join us as we celebrate the Circumcision of Our Lord and the Feast Day of St. Basil the Great with Orthros & Divine Liturgy and the cutting of the Vasilopita on December 31st at 4:00 pm. We invite all leaders of the community organizations to join us!

Daily Bread

December 2023 is one of the months of the year with five Sundays and thus we call upon the faithful to "Share their Daily Bread", by purchasing gift cards in \$25 increments from Kroger, Walmart, or QuikTrip. Click [HERE](#) to donate. We appreciate your generous offerings to those in need. Thank you!

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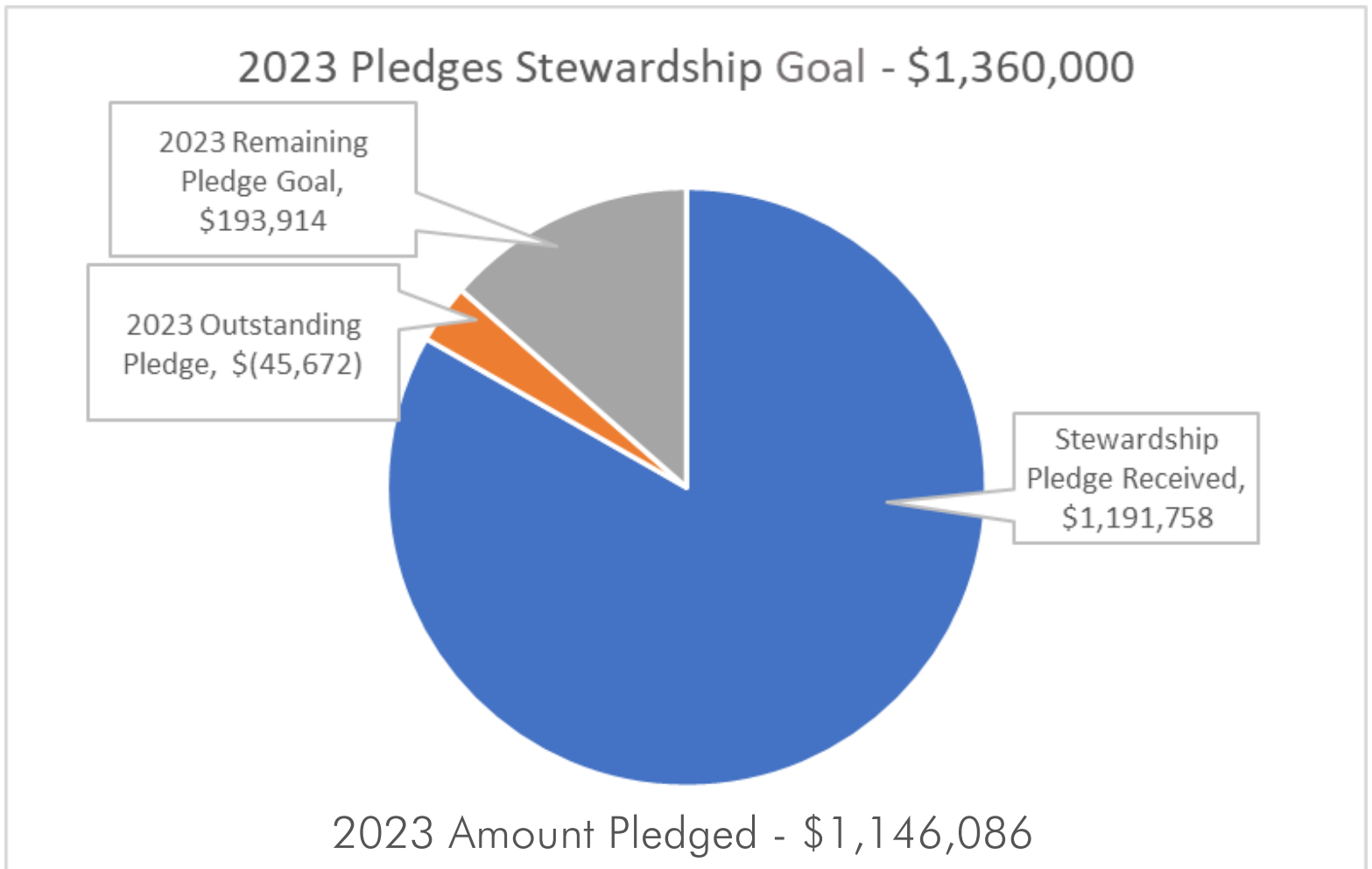
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Stewardship

*We want to thank you for your continued support of the Cathedral.
We are one community, worshiping and praying together.*



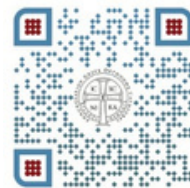
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Ministries

Sunday School

December 24th
No Sunday School-Family Worship Day

HOPE & JOY

January 14
"Bath time for all Orthodox"...the Baptismal Font

GOYA

December 27-30
Winter Youth Rally

Golden Group

Celebrate the New Year with your Golden Group friends on Thursday, January 11, at 10:30 am in Kartos Ballroom. We will sip mimosas, play New Year games, and cut the Vasilopita. The Evrytarian Society is our host for this month. Come join the fun as we welcome the new year 2024!

K-8th & Preschool OPEN HOUSE



JAN. 10th
JAN. 17th

Both from:
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



ANNUNCIATION DAY SCHOOL
Centered in Christ, Children and Community



Accredited by COGNIA & Member of GISA and AAAIS



State-of-the-Art Science Lab



Low student to Teacher Ratio - Average class size of 16 students
Students scored in the top 14% in the nation on standardized testing (Iowas; March 2023)



Community Service Projects with Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society & Student Leadership Houses System



Internationally Diverse Learning Community



Competitive sports in the Metro Atlanta Athletic Conference (MAAC) League in Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball & Cross Country

HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

WE NEED YOU

January 3, 2023 6:30 pm in the ballroom/kitchen. (Dinner will be provided)

For the last few years members of our community have been supporting the USO in providing 750 sack lunches for our Troops who are returning from all over the Country from their Holiday leave back to Fort Benning to complete their training. The USO anticipates over 6,000 troops will be returning from leave through the Atlanta airport on January 4th.

We will meet at the ballroom on the date and time above to make sandwiches and assemble the lunches. It will take a couple of hours. The next morning a couple of us will deliver the lunches to the airport where the USO will be handing them out to our Troops.

This year our friends at Callaway Blue Water will be supplying 6,000 water bottles for this event. Callaway Blue donated water to the Church for the 2022 Greek Festival. So, drink Callaway Blue! Other organizations have volunteered to provide the rest of the lunches.

Our lunches are the only ones that contain Greek pastries and have been labeled the "Money Bag" by the Troops.

Contact Michael G. Lambros at mlambros@thelambrosfirm.com



RSVP to Sophia Tsiotsias at marketing@adsatlanta.org or call 404-565-2850.
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Or Scan this QR code to RSVP directly!



2024 Cretan Glendi!

Samaria Chapter

Pancretan Association of America



Tickets may be purchased from Samaria members after church or online at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/aaa2203e-e267-475c-a86f-ce7e1e64277>



e-ticket price will have a default donation to the website. Next to "Contribution" select "other" and add \$0

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Hellenic Community Center Ballroom
2500 Clairmont Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dinner Dance Featuring
Traditional Cretan Cuisine
Cretan Dancing

Live Cretan Music by:
Giorgos Angelogiannakis (Lyra)
Manolis Kydonakis (Laouto)
Nikiforos Bolonakis (Askomantoura)
Demetri Spatharakis (Laouto)

7:00 pm: Cocktails
7:30 pm: Dinner
9:00 pm: Dancing

Adults: \$65
Students (13-17): \$30
Children 12 and under: Free

Early order special: \$600 for table of 10 when purchased by January 15, 2024

Hotel block for out of town guests at Atlanta Marriott Northeast / Emory area: \$149 per night
Book here by January 19, 2024: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1699567989151&key=GRP>

THE ATL DANCE MINISTRY PRESENTS

NEW YEAR'S BASH

HORS D'OEUVRES • CASH BAR
CHAMPAGNE TOAST • VASILOPITA CUT
MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING:

DJ DISCO CHRISTO

PARTY DATE:

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 31**

DOORS OPEN: 9:30 PM

PARTY AT:

Kartos Ballroom
2500 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329

ADMISSION PRICING:

Presale Tickets: \$55 Tables: \$100 ea.
Tickets at the Door: \$60 Includes 2 bottles of wine
Kids 12 & Under: FREE (admission not included)

Search: 2024 Hellenic Center New Year's Bash

Scan here for tickets





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS^{OF} ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

Christmas 2023

Fr. Paul Kaplanis, Fr. Christos Mars & the faithful of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
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My beloved Children in Christ,

I greet you with joy in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ! As we celebrate the great and joyous mystery of our Lord's Incarnation, my prayer is that this holy time offers you God's blessings of health, peace, and light.

Though our society focuses on the materialistic aspects of this season, if we look closely, we can see that the true meaning of all these symbols is love. We give one another gifts in the same humble spirit that the Magi gave their offerings to our Lord in the manger. Even the Christmas lights which break the darkness of winter, are a reminder of the reconciliation that our fallen humanity experienced when the King of Glory chose to come into the world as a newborn child, because of His great love for His Creation.

Therefore, it is in this same spirit that I wish to let you know how proud I am to call you members of my family in Christ. Truly, I thank the Lord every day that he has blessed His Holy Vineyard with such a faithful Orthodox Christian community, which does wonderful work, to help see our Church grow even more fruitful.

I love you, and I hope that this blessed season renews your bonds with your loved ones, so that we may all experience the warmth and joy that entered the little town of Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago, and still does today. I remain,

Yours with paternal love and blessings in our Incarnate Lord,

+ ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta





Nativity Schedule 2023

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| Saturday, December 23 | 9:00 am | Divine Liturgy in the Metropolis Chapel |
| Sunday, December 24 <i>St. Eugenia</i> | 8:00 am | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral |
| Sunday, December 24 <i>Eve of Nativity Evening</i> | 4:00 pm | Orthros followed by 1st Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Cathedral |
| Monday, December 25 <i>Feast of the Nativity</i> | 8:00 am | Orthros followed by 2nd Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Cathedral |
| Wednesday, December 27 <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> | 8:15 am | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Metropolis Chapel |
| Sunday, December 31 | 8:00 am | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral |
| Sunday, December 31 <i>New Years Eve</i> <i>Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great</i> | 4:00 pm | Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Cathedral |

Christ is Born!

Ecclesiastical Calendar

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| Sunday, December 24 <i>St. Eugenia</i> | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral | 8:00 am |
| <i>Christmas Eve Evening</i> | Orthros followed by 1st Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Cathedral | 4:00 pm |
| Monday, December 25 <i>Holy Nativity</i> | Orthros followed by 2nd Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Cathedral | 8:00 am |
| Wednesday, December 27 <i>St. Stephen</i> | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Metropolis Chapel | 8:15 am |
| Sunday, December 31 | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral | 8:00 am |
| Sunday Evening, December 31 <i>St. Basil</i> | Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in the Cathedral | 4:00 pm |

The Metropolis and Cathedral Offices will be closed on
December 25 & 26

Events & Activities

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| Wednesday, December 27 | Mahjong and Games in the Kafenion | 10:00 am |
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Youth

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| Sunday, December 24 | No Sunday School - Family Worship Sunday |
| Wednesday, December 27 | Winter Youth Rally |
| Thursday, December 28 | Winter Youth Rally |
| Friday, December 29 | Winter Youth Rally |
| Saturday, December 30 | Winter Youth Rally |
| Sunday, December 31 | No Sunday School - Family Worship Sunday |

