



# Weekly Bulletin

Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
of the Annunciation

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## Sunday, March 17 | Forgiveness Sunday

Alexios the Man of God, Paul the Righteous Martyr, Patrick the Enlightener of Ireland,  
Marinos the Martyr, Theocteristos the Confessor

### Spring Parish Assembly 2024

Sunday, March 17, 2024, Virtual Meeting to be held via Zoom following the Divine Liturgy at 12:30 pm.  
Registration Deadline – 5:00 pm Friday, March 15, 2024. Click [HERE](#) to Register.

#### Eligibility to Vote:

Your stewardship obligations for 2023 must have been paid in full; Stewardship pledge or payment for 2024 must be received. New members must have been in good standing for at least three months.

### The Atlanta Velonaki Group

Join us Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 pm in the Kafenion for knitting and fellowship.

### Golden Group

Golden Group will host the Lenten Pot Luck for our church community in Carlos Hall after the Holy Unction Service on Clean Monday, March 18. Please bring a Lenten dish to share that will serve 4 or more people. You may drop off your dish in Carlos Hall before attending the service in the Cathedral which begins at 9:30 am. Our luncheon speaker, Fr. Christos, will offer an informative presentation titled, "Colors in the Orthodox Church: Symbolism and Significance." Gold, blue, red, purple, white, green. Join us to learn about the meaning of the vibrant colors used in our clergy's vestments and in the iconography of our Cathedral.

### Saturday of Souls

There are times of the year when we commemorate all those who have departed this life. During these services, we commemorate the names of the DEPARTED and while we may not be able to attend the services, this [LINK](#) will give us the opportunity to submit those names. Please note that once your names have been offered, they will be commemorated at all Saturday of Soul services, which will take place on March 23.

### "Sharing Our Daily Bread"

March 2024 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!

### Saturday of Service

Please join us for Saturday of Service on April 13. Please see the flyer for more information and sign up [HERE](#).

### Philoptochos Scholarships

Our Philoptochos Ypapanti Chapter is offering three \$2000 scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year: Anna Mae Livaditis Memorial, Olga Biehler Memorial, and Philoptochos scholarships. These scholarships are dedicated to promoting, encouraging, and advancing education and are limited to high school seniors and undergraduate college students who are members of the Cathedral. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need foremost, as well as academic achievement and involvement in the church and community. Students who have not previously received the scholarship are encouraged to apply. Applications are available on the Cathedral Website. The deadline to submit the application is Friday, April 19, 2024. Please contact Anthea Economy if you have questions ([antheaeconomy@westminster.net](mailto:antheaeconomy@westminster.net)). All information is held in strict confidence.

### Parish Contact Information

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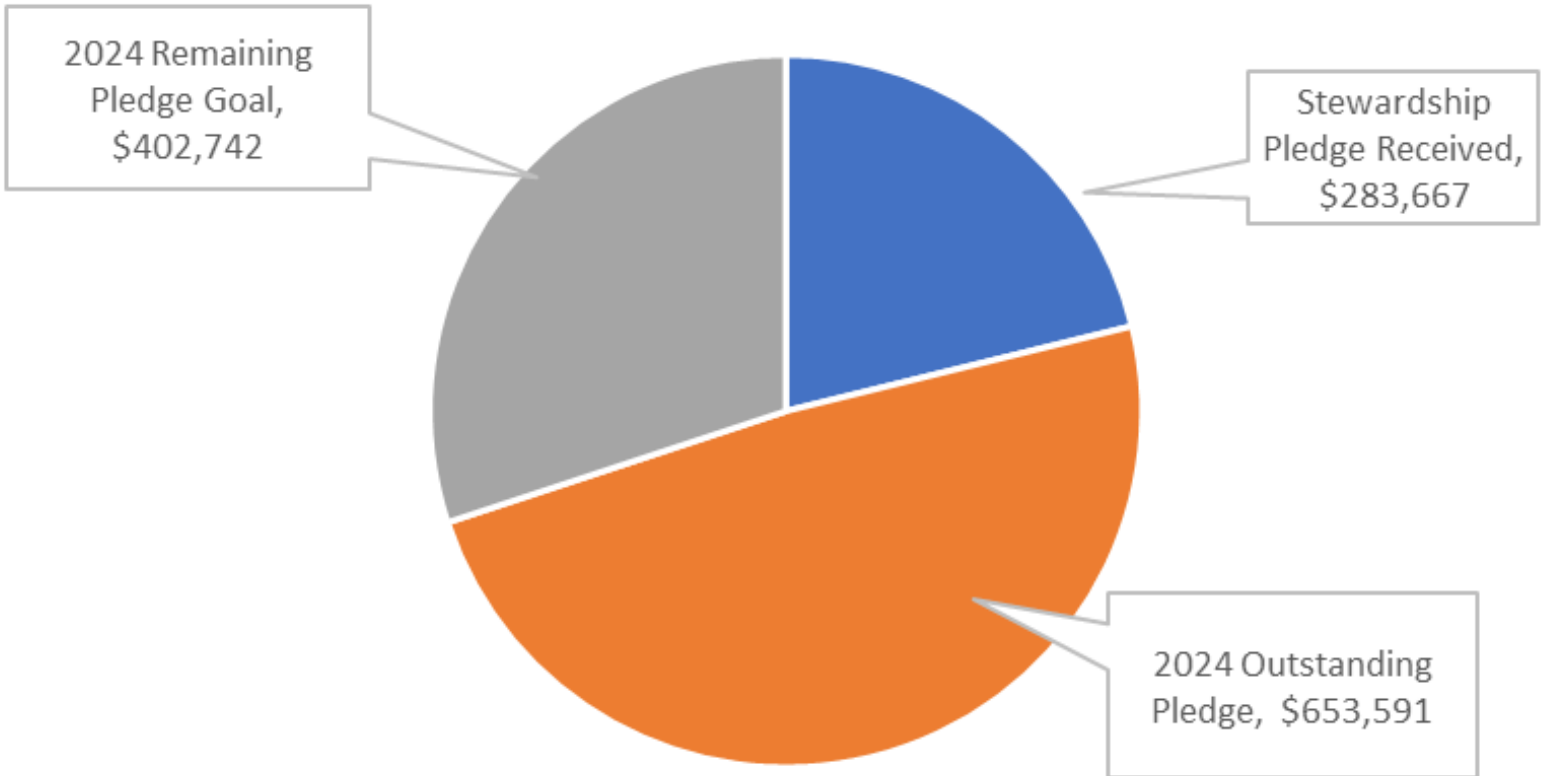


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# Stewardship

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

## 2024 Pledges Stewardship Goal - \$1,360,000



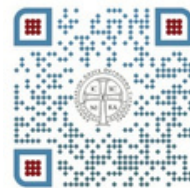
Support our Cathedral



Text "ATLGOC"  
to 73256



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Parish Council



Scan this QR Code

Or visit us at [atlgoc.org](http://atlgoc.org) to light candles and submit names for prayers, manage your online giving, make a quick donation, and more.

# Ministries



## Sunday School

March 17

Sunday School following the Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sunday School Presentations continue...

March 17th 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

March 31st 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades

## Upcoming Events

March 22nd 1st Heretismi Service (PreK-2nd Grade)

March 24th Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession  
followed by 30 minute classes

March 29th 2nd Heretismi Service (3rd -5th Grades)

March 31st Sights & Sounds Displays in Carlos Hall

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## HOPE & JOY

April 17

"It's three clothes in one!" The Antimensions

## GOYA

March 23

Escape Room

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## Parish Level Oratorical Festival: Register Now!

All students in 7th - 12th Grades are encouraged to participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival which will be held on April 14th!

If you have not registered, please do so NOW.

[https://religioused.formstack.com/forms/sjcof\\_participant](https://religioused.formstack.com/forms/sjcof_participant)

Rough drafts are due by March 31st. For other deadlines and information, please contact our Festival Chairman Jerry Odenwelder [jerry.odenwelder@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.odenwelder@gmail.com) or Susan Marinos [SundaySchool@atlgoc.org](mailto:SundaySchool@atlgoc.org)

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## Summer Camp

Our Cathedral's Summer Day Camp

Click [HERE](#) to register!

Summer Day Camp Staff applications are available through March 31st at

<https://www.atlgoc.org/summer-camp>.

\*CITs must have completed 10th Grade to apply. Counselors must have been a CIT before applying to be a counselor.

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## The Atlanta Velonaki Group (Little Needle) Group

Monthly meetings every 2nd Thursday 1-2 pm

Where: Cathedral Kafenion

If interested call Vicki Kipreos at 678-314-3002

[Vicki.kipreos63@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.kipreos63@gmail.com)

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024

Thank you to all our patrons, sponsors, and attendees at the 2024 ADS Building a Legacy Gala benefiting the future renovation & expansion of the Cathedral's grounds & buildings. The Gala grossed over \$227,000! After expenses, these funds will be directly deposited into the Cathedral's renovation account.

Big thank you to the following sponsors this year!

\$50,000 - Priemere Diamond  
-Ron & Vicki Canakarlis

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- Helen A. Carlos & Ron Hilliard  
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- Dynamis Learning  
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- Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos

- Chick-fil-A, Druid Hills

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- Rob & Jennie Thomas

- Alexandra Vatzakas





## FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION & GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please join us for Great Vespers celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral. After Vespers, you are invited to the Kartos Ballroom at 5:00 pm for a delightful program presented by the Afternoon Greek School Students, ADS Greek Language Program Middle School Students, and a wonderful dance performance by the Annunciation Dance Ministry. A delicious dinner, sponsored by the Annunciation Cathedral and AHEPA Chapter #1, will follow the event.

**RSVP By March 20th**  
[danceministry@atlgoc.org](mailto:danceministry@atlgoc.org)

Spring into  
Philoptochos Membership

Renewing your membership  
equals renewal of many lives!

To complete your membership  
form & offer a donation online  
click [HERE](#).

**FRAPPE AND KOULOURAKIA!**  
Sunday, March 17, 2024, in Carlos Hall,  
following the Divine Liturgy.

All proceeds to benefit the  
Annunciation Afternoon Greek School Program

YOU'RE INVITED TO A  
**DOCUMENTARY DOUBLE FEATURE**

**Amphilochios**  
SAINT OF PATMOS

**SACRED ALASKA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 7:00P - TICKETS @ TARAATLANTA.COM**  
345 CHESHIRE BRIDGE RD NE, ATLANTA





# Philoptochos Diaper Drive

Help us Make a Difference in Tiny Lives!



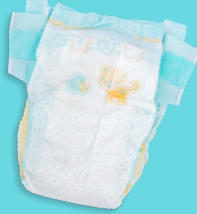
Join us in supporting families in need by participating in our Diaper Drive. Your contribution can make a significant impact on the well-being of these little ones.

## Ways you can help!

Drop off your donation of size 4, 5, or 6 Diapers in the Carlos Hall, beginning Sunday, March 10th OR

Place an order from the [AMAZON Wishlist](#) and the order will be delivered for you!

For Questions please email Joanna Snider at [joannasnider56@gmail.com](mailto:joannasnider56@gmail.com)



JOIN THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PARISH FAMILY FOR  
*Wednesday Nite Life*  
Lenten Speaker Series

Join us Wednesday evenings during Great Lent after Presanctified Liturgy for a Lenten meal and talk



ELIZABETH THOMAS  
MARCH 20



HIS GRACE BISHOP NEOFITOS  
MARCH 27



SCOTT DAVENPORT  
APRIL 3



GEORGE DEMACOPOULOS  
APRIL 10



MICHAEL KAPLANIS  
APRIL 17



GRIGORIOS KARAKOSTAS  
APRIL 24

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE CATHEDRAL WEBSITE: [ATLGOC.ORG](http://ATLGOC.ORG)



# HELP FILL THE NEED

Donate blood! 

## Greek Orthodox Cathedral Blood Drive

Monday, March 18, 2024

10m to 3pm

Hellenic Community Center- Kartos Ballroom

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **GOCATL**; Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Scan for appointment

Give 3/1 to 3/24 for \$10 e-gift card for pet supplies and chance at \$3K gift card! [rcblood.org/Pets](http://rcblood.org/Pets)

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# Sharing Our Daily Bread

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We appreciate your generous offerings to those in need.

Thank you!





# Sunday of Orthodoxy March 24, 2024

*Annunciation Cathedral*

*2500 Clairmont Road, N.E, Atlanta, GA*

*Great Vespers for the  
Feast of the Annunciation at 5:00 pm  
Reception to Follow*



## Guest Speaker His Grace Bishop Neofitos *Called to Serve*

### *New Bishop, New Diocese, New Challenges*

His Grace Neophytos, the first Kenyan Bishop, serves the Diocese of Eldoret and Northern Kenya spanning over 50,250 squaremiles and is comprised of 60 parishes that are served by 53 priests, many traveling far from their village via motorcycle to minister to those in need.

His Grace is committed to establishing the bedrock of faith while simultaneously constructing the foundations of churches and schools, brick by brick; but such a task cannot be accomplished in isolation, it takes a village.

Simple tasks we take for granted such as running water, a safe kitchen to prepare food, and indoor dining facilities for school children are but dreams to his people. “Let us join hands to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide water for the thirsty” states His Grace.







ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
 SAINT PHOTINI OUTREACH MINISTRY  
**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!**

The best gift a person can give to another is their "Time". Come offer a few hours on Saturday, April 13th to volunteer at one of the great organizations listed below! There is opportunity for all age groups, including some family-friendly choices! **Volunteer registration is now available on *SignUp Genius* on our Annunciation Cathedral's website ([www.atlgoc.org](http://www.atlgoc.org))**. If you have any questions on Saturday of Service, please contact [vickiekleemis@gmail.com](mailto:vickiekleemis@gmail.com).

**Volunteers will meet at the Cathedral at 8am on April 13<sup>th</sup> for Breakfast and after, depart for your assignments.**

<p><b>HELPING MAMAS (9AM-12NOON)</b>          4487 Park Drive, Suite A1   Norcross GA 30093  <a href="http://www.helpingmamas.org">www.helpingmamas.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. Volunteers: 15 spots</li> <li>• Age Limit: 8 years up</li> <li>• Waiver: Yes (Adult &amp; Child – included on link)</li> <li>• Help inventory &amp; organize donations, sort clothing &amp; baby supplies</li> <li>• <b>Warehouse, dress for weather; closed-toe shoe</b></li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: Direct link on SignUp Genius will take you to HM's site.</i></p>	<p><b>OPEN HAND ATLANTA (9am-12noon)</b>          181 Armour Drive, NE   Atlanta, GA 30324  <a href="http://OpenHandAtlanta.org">OpenHandAtlanta.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. Volunteers: 16 spots             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market Basket Packing (10 spots)</li> <li>- 3 Delivery Routes (3 drivers/1 passenger each)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Age Limit: 13 years up</li> <li>• Waiver: Yes (Adult &amp; Child; complete onsite)</li> <li>• Packing meals for delivery <b>OR</b> Deliver meals</li> <li>• <b>Warehouse, walk-in cooler; bring coat &amp; thin gloves; masks (for warmth, not required)</b></li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: Direct link on SignUp Genius will take you to OHA's site.</i></p>
<p><b>NICHOLAS HOUSE (10AM-1PM)</b>          830 Boulevard SE   Atlanta, GA 30312  <a href="https://nicholashouse.org/">https://nicholashouse.org/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of Volunteers: 10 spots</li> <li>• Age Limit: 9 years up &amp; group accompanied by adult</li> <li>• Waiver: No</li> <li>• Organize donations; indoor game play with children 6 months to teenagers; <i>welcome to bring your games</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>HOPE LODGE (9:00AM-11AM)</b> American Cancer Society Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation          1552 Shoup Court   Decatur, GA 30033</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. Volunteers: 8-10 spots</li> <li>• Age Limit: 14 years up</li> <li>• Waiver: No</li> <li>• Prepare &amp; serve lite breakfast; visit with patients &amp; caregivers; clean kitchen</li> <li>• <b>Mask required during visit</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>FODAC (10am-12:30pm)</b>          4900 Lewis Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30083  <a href="http://www.FODAC.org">www.FODAC.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. Volunteers: 10-25 spots</li> <li>• Age Limit: 14 years up (consent form from Parent)</li> <li>• Waiver: Yes</li> <li>• Cleaning, stocking, staffing at Thrift Store</li> <li>• <b>Dress: Jeans, tennis shoes, light jacket</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>We look forward to your participation!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Make it a fun day with family and friends!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Know that <i>YOU</i> are making an impact by helping those less fortunate!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Make it a GREAT DAY of SERVICE!!</b></p>



# Ecclesiastical Calendar

Sunday, March 17 <i>St. Alexios</i> <i>Cheese fare Sunday</i>	Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Forgiveness Vespers in the Cathedral	8:00 am 6:00 pm
Monday, March 18	Holy Unction in the Cathedral Great Compline in the Cathedral	9:30 am 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 20	9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in the Cathedral 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in the Cathedral	8:30 am 5:00 pm
Friday, March 22	1st Salutations in the Cathedral	6:30 pm
Saturday, March 23 <i>3rd Saturday of Souls</i>	Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral	8:00 am
Sunday, March 24 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>	Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation	8:00 am 5:00 pm

## Events & Activities

Sunday, March 17	Pickleball in the Gym	4:00 pm
Monday, March 18	Red Cross Blood Drive in the Ballroom Clean Monday Golden Group Potluck Gathering in Carlos Hall following Holy Unction	10:00 am
Tuesday, March 19	GOOFS Coffee & Doughnuts in the Kafenion	9:00 am
Wednesday, March 20	Mahjong and Games in the Kafenion Wednesday Nite Life Speaker following 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Pickleball in the Gym	11:00 am 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 21	Velonaki Group in the Kafenion	1:00 pm
Sunday, March 24	Pickleball in the Gym	4:00 pm

## Youth

Sunday, March 17	Sunday School following by the Prayer of Thanksgiving GOYA Meeting in Carlos Hall	5:00 pm
Monday, March 18	Annunciation Day School Annunciation Afternoon Greek School ADS Flag Football vs. Cliff Valley	8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm
Tuesday, March 19	Annunciation Day School ADS 2nd-8th Public Speaking Competition, Carlos Hall	8:00 am
Wednesday, March 20	Annunciation Day School Annunciation Day School Attends Pre-Sanctified Liturgy in the Cathedral Annunciation Afternoon Greek School	8:00 am 4:30 pm
Thursday, March 21	Annunciation Day School ADS Golf at Cross Creek ADS Girls Soccer vs. Cliff Valley at Silverbacks Park	8:00 am 3:30 pm 4:00 pm
Friday, March 22	Annunciation Day School	5:00 pm
Sunday, March 24	Sunday School following the Prayer of Thanksgiving	