



Weekly Bulletin

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

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Sunday, August 2, 2020 - Κυριακή, 2 Αυγούστου 2020

8th Sunday of Matthew - Κυριακή Η Μαθαίου

American Red Cross Blood Drive

August 11, 2020

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Spaces are still available!

For more information, please see flyer on page 6.

Sunday Catechetical School Registration is Now Open

Sunday School Registration for Returning Students

<https://www.atlgoc.org/registrations/sunday-school-registration-returning-students>

Sunday School Registration for New Students

<https://www.atlgoc.org/registrations/sunday-school-registration-new-students>

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Philoptochos thanks you for your cooperation.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, donations cannot be left in the Narthex or Carlos Hall.

For more information, please see flyer on page 7.

Worship Pre-Registration

In order to observe physical distancing and other safety measures, we will be using an online **“Worship Pre-Registration”** sign-up system. This system will limit the number of attendees at any given service. Pre-registered parishioners must arrive no later than 30 minutes before the Service begins, by reporting to the Blue Awing Door Entrance. Doors will be closed after the 30 minute check-in time. Please remember to bring a mask from home.

RETURNING TO WORSHIP: IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

PREPARING FOR SERVICES AND ENTERING THE CHURCH

Preparing: This one page document outlines the essential directions to follow in order to attend in-person worship. Please carefully read each of the steps below. During this first phase of re-opening a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service. Extra services will be offered to accommodate our Cathedral Parish Family by pre-registering at: www.atlgoc.org. We thank you for your continued support and we encourage you to utilize the many ways of giving on our website: www.atlgoc.org.

ONLY ONE ENTRANCE TO THE CATHEDRAL: BLUE AWNING DOOR

Entering the Cathedral: Please note that there will be only one entrance to the Cathedral. This entrance is located at the **Blue Awning Door** on the south side of the Cathedral. Please use this entrance only as all others will remain closed.

DURING THIS FIRST PHASE OF RE-OPENING ALL ATTENDEES MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES BASED ON THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

1. Pre-registration is required to attend all services. Pre-registration sign-up information can be found at: www.atlgoc.org. Pre-Registered parishioners must arrive no later than **30 minutes** before the Service begins, by reporting to the Blue Awning Door Entrance. **Doors will be closed after the 30 minute check-in time.**
2. During this first phase of re-opening a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service. Extra services will be offered to accommodate everyone.
3. Although local laws may not require masks to be worn, everyone attending services is required to wear a mask from age 2 and above. **Please bring a mask from home.**
4. Before entering the Cathedral, each person will be checked in by a parish volunteer.
5. Each person's temperature will be taken.
6. Hands must be sanitized upon entry.
7. Follow the queue line that has been outlined in the Narthex.
8. After lighting a candle(s), you will be directed to an assigned seat by an usher and are asked to remain in that area for the duration of the service. Red (7-Day) Candles will be placed and lit on your behalf. Cashless offerings preferred.
9. Honor the icons and other sacred objects by a reverent bow and making the sign of the Cross instead of kissing.
10. Refrain from shaking hands or kissing others before, during and after the service.
11. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion and antidoron will be explained by the clergy.
12. At the conclusion of the service, please exit by the two glass side doors in the Nave of the Cathedral and return to your vehicle without congregating.
13. For more details regarding re-opening, please see Metropolis Guidelines at: <https://atlmetsopolis.org>
14. Please pray for our Cathedral Parish Family and remember to **"Love your neighbor as yourself"** (Mat. 19:19).



PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH FACILITIES

By voluntarily entering this church facility:

- I affirm that I am not currently ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- I acknowledge that while the recommended CDC precautionary measures are being taken by the church, it cannot guarantee the safety of every person present.
- I agree to abide by the social distancing and safety guidelines being practiced in this church.
- I consent to hold the church harmless against any damages or claims regarding my voluntary presence here.

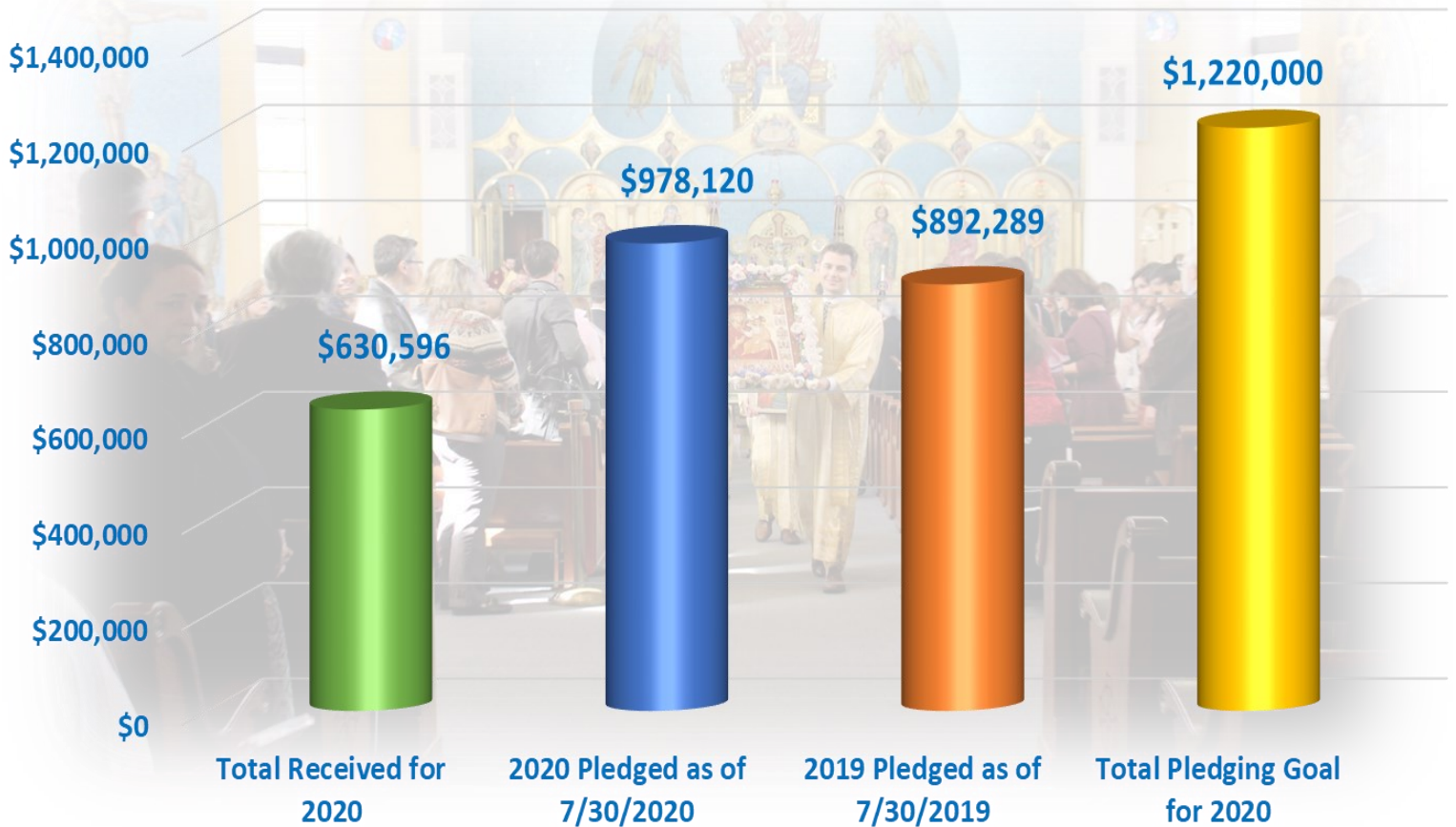
If I am not able to agree to and affirm the above statements, I will not participate in this worship service in person and may choose to join online at: www.atlgoc.org/live-stream

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

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STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP - 459 Pledge Units as of 7/30/2020



We want to thank you for your continued support of the Cathedral during this difficult time. While we may be separated physically, we are still one community, worshiping and praying together.

Ways that you can continue to support our Cathedral.

Quick and Easy Donations

www.atlgoc.org/quick-and-easy-donation

Light Candles and Submit Names for prayers

www.atlgoc.org/light-candles

Manage Your Online Giving

www.atlgoc.org/manage-your-online-giving

Text Your Giving

Text

73256

Enter Keyword

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YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Sunday Catechetical School Classes

Online registration is now open for returning and new students.
Please visit our website at www.atlgoc.org to register.

Annunciation Day School News

Sign-Up for an ADS Virtual School Tour and Apply for Fall
www.annunciationdayschool.org



ADS COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan

ADS has been very busy planning for students to return to campus for in-person learning in August. We want to assure you that the safety and health of the families, faculty and staff at ADS and our surrounding church community is a priority.

Attached below is a link to our comprehensive Health and Safety Plan for the reopening of ADS on August 13th.
http://www.adsspartans.com/ads_covid_19plan_0721.pdf

If you are interested in learning more about our school and enrolling your child for fall, please visit
www.annunciationdayschool.org.

We have a maximum of 16 students per class so we can physically distance with ease. We are currently accepting applications and can provide both a virtual or in-person tour.

We are praying for the safety and health of your families and our school family as we navigate these challenging times.

WANT TO REDUCE YOUR TAX LIABILITY? PARTICIPATE IN THE APOGEE STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This program uses Georgia State Tax dollars to fund private school scholarships. The money goes directly to ADS to fund scholarships for students in need. Here's how it works: Individual filers can contribute up to \$1,000, joint filers up to \$2,500, and C Corps up to 75% of GA tax liability. Additionally, S Corps and/or partners in an LLC can contribute up to \$10,000 each year. You will receive a dollar-for-dollar GA tax credit for the amount of your contribution. If you pay your taxes throughout the year, you can still participate. The tax credit is based on your total GA tax liability (6% of your stated adjusted gross income) and not on what you may or may not still owe the State at the end of the year.

Visit <https://apogee123.org> to re-direct your state tax dollars today and start seeing the tax benefits for you and/or business!

If you have any questions, please contact Apogee's Executive Director, John Panessa at 404-419-7123. You may also contact Sophia Tsiotsias, at stsiotsias@adsatlanta.org Director of Communications & Development at ADS.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following parishioners who are participating in the scholarship program to date: Costa Panos/Realty Associates of Atlanta, Solon & Marianna Patterson, Mark & Dimitra Moraitakis, Stephen & Maria Chininis, Jimmy & Toulia Kostopoulos, Manuel & Deidre Chaknis, James and Helen Panos, Nicholas Grivas, Chris & Pattie Arapoglou, Eric & Amanda Kocefias, Jimmy Nakos, George & Eleny Katsoudas.



K-8th & Preschool

**Apply Today
For Fall 2020
Enrollment!**

***cathedral parish members in good standing receive 5% off tuition**

*Centered in Christ,
Children & Community*

**ANNUNCIATION
DAY SCHOOL**



**Accredited by COGNIA & GAC
and Member of GISA & AAAIS**



**Georgia Standards
of Excellence & Technology
Enriched Curriculum**



**Low student to Teacher
Ratio – Maximum 16
students per class**



**State-of-the-Art
Science Lab**



**Diverse Learning
Community**



**Middle School Inter-
Scholastic Sports in
Basketball, Soccer, Cross
Country & Volleyball**

For enrollment questions and tours, contact:

**Sophia Tsiotsias at stsiotsias@adsatlanta.org or call 404-565-2850
www.annunciationdayschool.org | 2500 Clairmont Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30329**

WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together



**American
Red Cross**

Greek Orthodox Cathedral
BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
10a - 3p
Gymnasium

Sign up for an appointment to donate at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **GOC** in the top right corner of the page under "Find a Blood Drive". Save time and use RapidPass. Visit www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass for more info.

Tips for a successful donation: (1) Eat a good breakfast or lunch before donating blood, (2) Drink extra water before donating blood, (3) Eat foods rich in iron (red meat, fish, poultry, prunes, raisins, green leafy veggies, beans, etc).

****Please remember to bring your photo ID!****

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

*Offers and items are non-transferable and are not redeemable for cash. Items are available while supplies last. ©2020 The American National Red Cross | 287501 W



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Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- August 1
- August 8
- August 15 (after Liturgy)

Sundays: (after Liturgy)

- August 2
- August 9
- August 16

PLEASE HELP US TO ASSIST OTHERS! ♥♥ PHILANTHROPY HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED!

DIAPER DRIVE INFORMATION

The diapers collected will be delivered to **“Our House Shelter** (ourhousega.org), whose ministry provides shelter to homeless families and education for their children. They are in **great need** of the following Diapers:

BOYS Pull-ups: Sizes 3T/4T and 4T/5T	GIRLS Pull-ups: Sizes 3T/4T and 4T/5T
Regular Diapers: Sizes 4, 5, & 6	Baby Wipes

FOOD DRIVE INFORMATION

All food donations will be delivered to **“Intown Collaborative Ministries”** (intowncm.org) on Ponce de Leon Avenue, whose ministry operates homeless outreach and works to prevent homelessness and hunger in intown Atlanta. They are in **great need** of the following food items (**Note: All Sizes Pop-Top Canned Proteins, Veggies and Fruit preferred – will accept regular cans**):

Canned Protein	Chicken, Tuna, Tuna Packets, Vienna Sausage, SPAM, Beans
Canned Veggies	Green Veggies preferred but ALL Veggies accepted
Cereal	Instant Oatmeal Packets
Canned Fruit	All Fruit Varieties – will accept Fruit Cups

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In these challenging times, we are called more than ever to serve those in need. We extend profound thanks to our Parish family.

Your Sisters in Christ,
Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos



TREK 4 MISSIONS

GOING THE DISTANCE TO SHARE THE FAITH

TREK
STARTS

AUGUST 9

& GOES
UNTIL

SEPTEMBER 14

LET'S GO THE DISTANCE TO SHARE THE FAITH!

This virtual fundraiser is about staying healthy, having fun outdoors, and uniting as the Body of Christ. No matter the distance, missionaries throughout our Church's history and today are trekking across the world to bring the Gospel message to those who have not heard. You can join them and support their ministry. Its easy!



**Start a
Team**



**Raise
Funds**



**Trek Your
Miles**

COMPLETE 1,200+ MILES AND RAISE \$2,000!



Prayer During Pandemic Illness
(of the new Coronavirus that has fallen upon us)

Almighty Master, the help and salvation of the world; the redeemer and Savior of the sick; the physician and aid of the ailing; the healer of the sorrows of mankind's bodies and souls; who vanquished death: our God. We now beseech, You, cleanse and rid us of every malady of body and soul. Lord be not far from us. Send down upon us Your heavenly power of healing. Cast far from us every lurking illness. Grant us aid in this time of pandemic and deliver us from every evil, grief and sorrow. End this present scourge and now grant us patience, O Lord. Uplift us and be physician to us all. Raise us from our bed of pain and from our bedding of affliction. Accept the entreaties of doctors and nurses and all whose efforts serve and minister to the sick. They offer care and comfort. In Your love of mankind, aid them. By Your power strengthen them. To those who have succumbed to this accursed, illness and are now departed from us, grant them repose in a place of refreshment. They are Your servants and our brothers and sisters. Restore us who hope in You to Your Holy Church, healed and in health, to worship and glorify Your holy name. For it is Yours to show mercy and to save, O Christ our God, and to You we give the glory: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
for Pastoral Health Care**

ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

As we enter the First Phase of re-opening our Cathedral we will continue to offer our Divine Services through Live Stream online at: www.atlgoc.org. Please understand that for everyone's safety, we cannot permit more than 42 pre-registered households to attend worship in person. Pre-registration is now open for the Divine Services for the month of August. Visit our website at www.atlgoc.org to pre-register.

Sunday, August 2 nd	Orthros in the Cathedral Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral	8:00 am 9:30 am
Monday, August 3 rd	Small Paraklesis in the Cathedral	6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 4 th	Great Paraklesis in the Cathedral	6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 5 th	Great Vespers in the Cathedral	6:00 pm
Thursday, August 6 th <i>Holy Transfiguration</i>	Orthros in the Cathedral Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral	8:00 am 9:00 am
Friday, August 7 th	Small Paraklesis in the Cathedral	6:00 pm
Sunday, August 9 th	Orthros in the Cathedral Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral	8:00 am 9:30 am

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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YOUTH CALENDAR

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Monday, August 3 rd	GOYA Board Meeting via Zoom	1:00 pm
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& our website