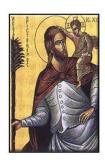


## February 5, 2021



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## Pastoral Remarks from Fr. George for 2.5.21

### 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

#### **GREECE on the GO**

Our parish's first GreekFest Drive Thru is a just over a month away. The planning team has been busy working on getting the framework set up and we are now ready to ask for help from the entire parish. Please click on the signup here to review all the different roles that are needed to make this event a success.

#### Volunteer for GREECE on the GO

Here is some information about volunteering and the event. It will occur:

- Rain or shine
- Pursuant to local, state and CDC guidelines for volunteers to wear appropriate PPE and maintain social distancing
- At The Fred Amphitheater / 201 McIntosh Trail, Peachtree City

There are 138 volunteer slots to fill, so we need all hands on deck. Please feel free to signup for more than one time or role. We have already received commitment from non-parishioners, including a local Boy Scout troop and local high schoolers, and we are excited to connect with other people in our community who support us!

Our wonderful volunteers will need lots and lots of customers to serve, so please remember to help spread the word about this event:

- follow @peachtreecitygreekfest on Facebook and Instagram
- like/share our posts, which helps boost our page so that others see
   it
- Email, text or post PDF or images (attached)
- Click here for the PDF of the flyer and postcard

In appreciation of our volunteers, food will be provided to them! Speaking of food, here is a preview of the full menu (yet to be priced) that will be offered to our customers.

Menu for GREECE on the GO, beautifully created by Kirk Panayis.

If you have any questions about this year's GREECE on the GO, please feel free to contact the following: Pete Kleto / Jim Sliwinski for Infrastructure/Traffic Flow, Steve Butler for Food Production/Distribution, Tom Farmakis for Volunteer Sourcing/Decorations, Charles Costas / Angelique Soulakos for Marketing, and Manny Haldopouls for General Concept of Operations.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Follow us!



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, Greek potatoes, Greek salad, and yummy pastries! Cars and golf carts welcome!

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

## SEE YOU THERE!

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



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



## Experience authentic Greek cuisine in a Drive-Thru only event. Golf carts and cars welcome!

Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheater 201 McIntosh Trail, Peachtree City, GA 30269

Find us on Facebook and Instagram!

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JOIN US SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 11 AM TO 6:30 PM



# I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. — Jeremiah 29:11

This week Father George included a wonderful story about a king and his three sons. Each had a gift. While their father was away the sons were in charge of taking care of the people in the kingdom. The first and second son shared their gifts with the people- they needed warmth and food. The two sons shares wood for warmth and sheep for food. However, the third son did not want to give up his gift of music. He claimed that he didn't want to share his gift if his father was not their to enjoy it. But this son soon found that he in fact had lost his precious gift of music because he had not played at all.

I am proud to know the ladies and men who share their gifts without fail. Our own Philoptochos chapter never ceases to help shelter, feed, clothe, and even provide hope to those in need of "music". Thank you!

Because of your warm hearts, we are sending a total of \$750 to the family from Katie Wilson's community that is rebuilding their lives after a terrible fire. I understand also that furniture has been donated as well. Thank you friends!

#### Mark Your Calendar!

**Upcoming** 

Board Meeting February 14

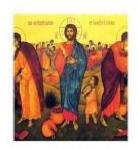
General Meeting February 21

Both meetings will be held after church at approximately 11:30am. Meetings will be held both in person and via Zoom. Here is the Zoom Link for both meetings.

Your Sister in Christ, Helen Psihountas Philoptochos President







## Sunday, February 7, 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring - #Tackle Hunger



Souper Bowl of Caring mobilizes people of all ages who want to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. On its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary the ministry generated \$10.6 million nationally, benefitting thousands of local charities including "Fayette Samaritans" in Fayetteville, to which our parish donated 275 non-perishable food items in February 2020.

This year 2021, Loaves and Fishes - a ministry at "St. John the Wonderworker" in Atlanta, will be the charity to benefit from your generosity. They now serve hot meals Monday through Friday, every day at 9 a.m. to people in need in Atlanta.



On Super Bowl Sunday
February 7th, we ask each
one of us to spare at least
one dollar for those in need.

Make your donations online to "Hands of Love" through the month of February at:

https://StChristopherPhiloptochos.square.site

To learn more, visit www.TackleHunger.org

To volunteer: www.SaintJohnWonderworker.org

#### Below is an excerpt from their website:

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF LOAVES AND FISHES

"Daily feeding of those in need is on Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM. With the blessing of Metropolitan Alexios, Metropolitan of the Greek Atlanta Diocese, all the Orthodox churches in Atlanta take part in making the Loaves & Fishes program a successful outreach to those less fortunate.

The Orthodox Churches supply our program with canned goods, left over catering items, money, and volunteers. We feed those in need hot, nutritious meals, and maintain a pantry for families and individuals with access to a kitchen.

Matthew 25:35: For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

This is the basis of the Loaves and Fishes feeding program, the Hungry and Thirsty we feed M-F Breakfast to as many as 60 homeless and poor per day.

2) I was a stranger and you invited me in,

We formerly fed on the patio; we now invite the clients into the same hall our congregation uses for our meals (our home).

3) 25:36 I needed clothes and you clothed me,

We maintain a Clothing Barrel with clothes and shoes for the clients.

4) I was sick, and you looked after me,

We have partnered with St Joseph's Mercy Care, Grady, and Good Samaritan to

provide Mental, Dental, and Medical care as well as GCAL for suicidal clients.

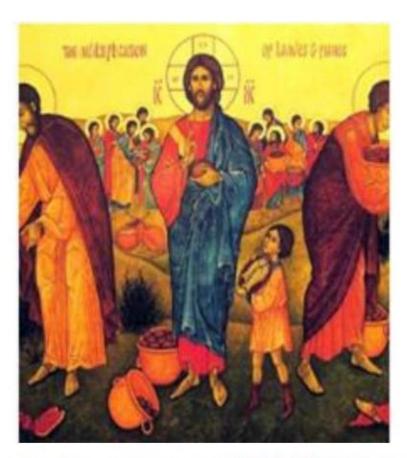
5) I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

We have a prison Ministry manned by Father Chris and Dennis Dunn that visits the jails and prisons.

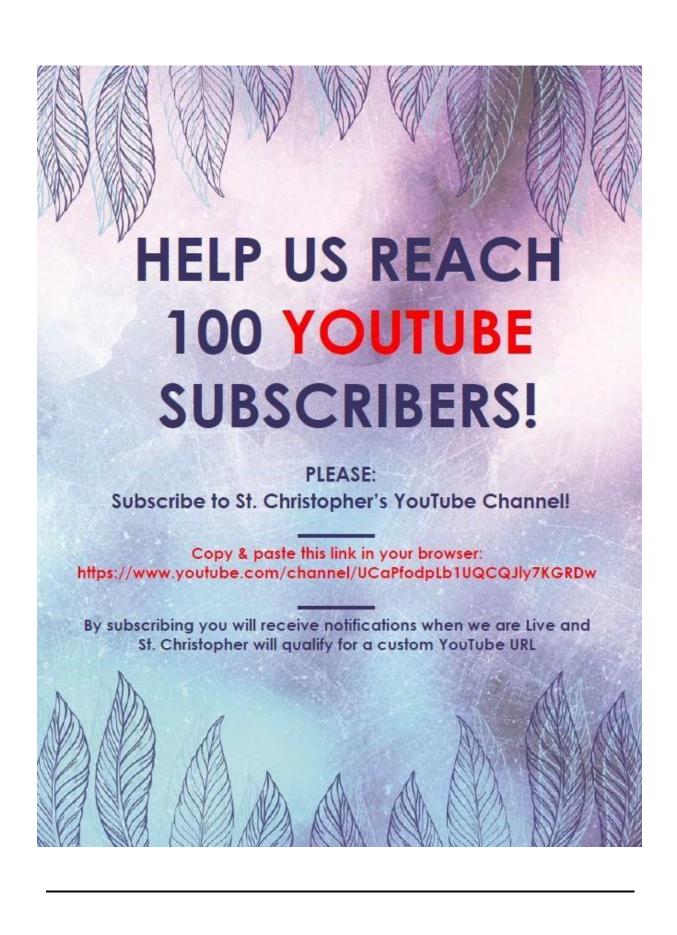
25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least.

of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

For the Glory of Christ, we care for the Poor and Homeless."



Faithfully, Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Philoptochos Ministry Chair





#### **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"

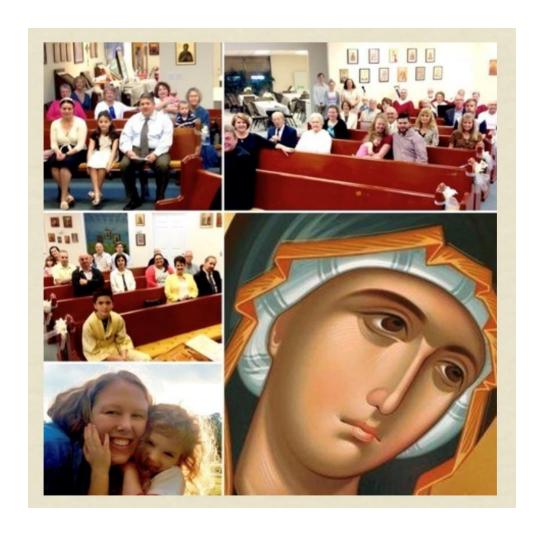
\*Please note that unless you pre-register, you will not be permitted to enter into the Church. We cannot accommodate walk-ins at this time.



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For questions, please email <u>communications@saintchristopherhoc.org</u> or call the church office at (770) 347-7729.

**Click here** for Online Giving Instructions



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