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Message from Fr. George for Friday, May 21, 2021

Congratulations to Stella and Peyton... our two St. Christopher youth who were part of the three State of Georgia Greek Orthodox Youth representing their parishes at the Metropolis St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Clearwater, Florida.



Stella and Peyton spoke with confidence and poise after having advanced from the district festival in April. Their presentations reflected careful research of their topics and having presented at the parish, district, and now metropolis levels, they have embraced their calling to serve as "witnesses" or "defenders of the faith of Christ", who demonstrated they are not afraid to profess publicly their religious beliefs in our Risen Lord.

Congratulations to their parents who supported them, and to Katie Wilson, Religious Education Chair and Charles Costas, who with Katie teach them Religious Education.

Stella presented in person and Peyton offered his presentation by livestreaming video (his photo could not be captured well since he was offsite). Fr. George commends all the speakers and their supportive families and teachers.

Finally, we thank Stella and Peyton for bringing attention to our St. Christopher Church here in Peachtree City, Georgia. Only one other of our youth has progressed to the Metropolis level. Observers reported to Fr.

George that Stella and Peyton were great witnesses. In turn, Fr. George thanks them for ensuring our parish not only supports the Oratorical Festival but is one of only two Greek Orthodox parishes in Atlanta and the entire state of Georgia who took time to participate this year. Thanks be to God. As a parish family, we commend them! ***Christ is risen. Truly He is Risen.***



Holy Trinity Church, Clearwater, FL (*Host of Metropolis Oratorical Festival*)

St. Christopher Parish Website

News updates appear regularly on our parish website.

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An Important Message from His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios



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METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

May 13, 2021

To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Presidents, Philoptochos Presidents, Archons, Youth, and all the Faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

I greet you with love and joy in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, praying that the Paschal light continues to illumine your hearts, now and always.

As we continue to observe this year's bicentennial of Greek Independence, the Metropolis uses this historic moment to focus on a somber anniversary in the struggle for Hellenism: The Fall of the Queen City of Constantinople, on May 29th, 1453. If we look at March 25th, 1821 as the fulfillment of the 400-year struggle to regain our freedom, we commemorate the Fall of the City as a memorial to those who fell in defense of their faith and country, and even as part of an ongoing struggle to maintain religious freedom in Constantinople.

Knowing this, the Metropolis has scheduled a special weekend of events to commemorate the Fall of the Queen City:

- On **Saturday May 29th** there will be an in-person program **at the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Atlanta, at 11 AM** (also available to view over live-stream at www.atlgoc.org/live-stream) which will feature a presentation by Mr. Theodoros Dimopoulos, General Consul of Greece, entitled *From the Fall of Constantinople to the Renaissance of Hellenism*, a special presentation by Dr. Constantine Kokenes, *The Last Days of Constantinople: Narrative and Laments of the Fall*, as well as a memorial service for those who lost their lives in 1453 & 1821. For more information, [please click on the flyer available here](#).
- On **Sunday May 30th at 6 PM**, the Orthodox Christian Academy of the Metropolis of Atlanta will sponsor the Zoom webinar presentation from two esteemed Orthodox Christian lecturers: the first, from Dr. Anthony Kaldellis is called *The Homeland, the Diaspora & the Fall of Constantinople*, and the second, *From Hellenes to Roimoi and Back Again* is by Dr. Alexander Kitroeff. For more information, [and to register for the webinars, please click on the flyer available here](#).

Just as we know that our ancestors' fight for freedom continues to affect our lives even up to today, my hope is that our communities will each do their utmost to participate in these programs which have as much to say about 2021 as 1453, or 1821. Therefore, please give maximum advertisement to these events through bulletins, emails, and other forms of social media. I remain

Yours with paternal love and blessings in the Risen Christ,

+ ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta



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Dear Saint Christopher Family,

In Sunday's Parish Council Meeting we decided to remove the sign up for services unless deemed necessary for a special event. The kitchen area will remain socially distanced. The front pews will be re-opened for regular seating.

In addition, we will now begin to allow Coffee Hour outside by the playground for those that want to stay and fellowship. We will have a tent set up for them for that purpose. Exit will be permitted from the front and rear doors.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness as we adjust back to normalcy!

Sincerely,
Steve Sarantis
Parish Council President



During the Month of May
"Hands of Love" is accepting monetary donations for the
Midwest Food Bank in Peachtree City

You can donate in person, online at
<https://stchristopherphiloechochos.square.site/product/hands-of-love/3?cs=true&cst=custom>

or mail to 313 Dividend Dr, Suite 210, Peachtree City, 30269

Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is a faith-based, non-denominational charitable organization. It started in 2003 when the Kieser family began serving about ten food pantries in McLean County, IL out of a building on their family farm. Today, there are ten distribution centers in the US, one in East Africa and one in Haiti, distributing over \$9.5 million of food to over 1400 agencies each month.

The Georgia center is in Peachtree City, since 2011 it has grown and now serves over 320 agencies in 52 counties throughout the Southeast.

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

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We now have a new streaming service the link is above.

Please email Costas Soulakos at costas@soulakos.org or call him at (770)-757-3859.

Please let him know even if it is during service if there is an issue with the live stream. if you are having any technical issues or experienced any since we have started the new service please let him know. Thank you for your help in this process Costas has been working hard to make sure we are able to stream all our church services.



We welcome you to join us in person for church services.

Parishioners and visitors are no longer required to take temperature checks, but of course those who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. In addition, we no longer require sign-up for services in advance (unless deemed necessary for a special event).

Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.



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