



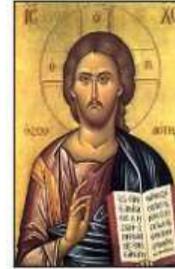
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ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΑΝΤΑΣ
St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

September 17, 2021



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Message from Fr. George for Friday, September 17, 2021



...Bless these gifts and those who offered them for Your glory and in honor of the holy and glorious great-martyr Phanourios. Grant also, O Good One, to those who prepared these gifts, all Your earthly and heavenly goods.... (Excerpt from Blessing of Fanouropites Prayer Fr.

George will offer this Sunday after church.)



Saint Phanourios (Άγιος Φανούριος) is recognized as a saint by the Greek Orthodox Church. He is commemorated on August 27. He was awarded the Martyr's Crown in the Orthodox Christian faith. He is also well known for finding people's lost belongings after fervent supplications.

This Sunday, join us for our Philoptochos' Annual Fanouropita luncheon. His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios' vision is that through the preparation and sale of Fanouropites, our Philoptochos members can raise money for scholarships for our youth and for educational programs and activities in our Metropolis. In turn, His Eminence prays our efforts will bear much good fruit, especially in the transformed hearts and lives of our young people.

Godparents Sunday on September 19th



Beginning in September and continuing monthly, Fr. George will help our parishioners recognize special relationships we have within God's Holy Church. On September 19th, he will highlight the blessed godchild/godparent relationship. To celebrate the blessing that Godparents offer in family life and in spiritual journeys, he hopes our Godparents and Godchildren can join us in person or by video livestreaming.

In Remembrance of 9.11.01

This past Saturday, we joined as a nation in prayers and remembrance for the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks. Please continue to pray for God's peace and healing mercy on our world. We thank all the surviving families for the sacrifices of their loved ones who rescued others 20 years ago. We thank the countless angels who ever since have been caring and supporting the survivors from this tragedy. May the memory of the 9/11 victims be eternal. And finally, may we all share the love, mercy, and forgiveness of God with those we encounter to effect peace and goodwill among all. Amen.



20 years ago, in response to the vast devastation from the terrorist attacks, I remember the unity and goodwill of our citizens; they willingly lifted the burdens of others and realized that our freedom depended on our mutual sacrifices to defend and preserve it.

I share the following tribute that captures this spirit. It is an editorial about the U.S.A. that appeared in a Romanian newspaper. It was written by Mr. Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title "C'ntarea Americii", (meaning "Ode To America") in the Romanian newspaper *Evenimentul zilei* "The Daily Event" or "News of the Day".

An Ode to America

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

On 9/11, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.

Instead, the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps, and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: "God Bless America!"

I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being?

Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy. *What on earth unites the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their history? Their economic Power? Money?* I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs, and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace, I thought things over, I reached but only one conclusion... ***Only freedom can work such miracles.*** - Cornel Nistorescu

In closing, let us remember always: ***“Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, ‘If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”*** (John 8:31-32) - Fr. George



(Photo taken of Fox News television broadcast on 9.11.21.

St. Nicholas Church and National Shrine is on the right side of Ground Zero.)

We Remember 9.11.01



[Click to view](#) Memorial Service presided by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and the inaugural lighting of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 7:45 EST.

Adult Religious Education This Sunday

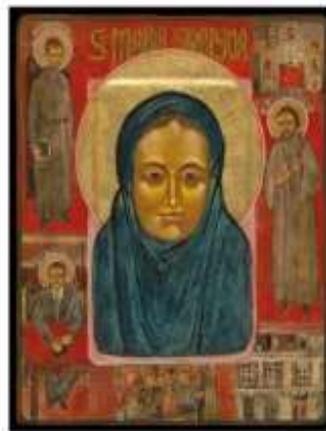
St. Christopher Church – Looking Ahead

Adult Religious Education

Sunday, September 19, 2021:

Assigned Reading is Chapter 2:

On the Imitation of the Mother of God



Thank You South Atlanta Golf Classic Volunteers!

In 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1968 stated, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. ... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

This is what our Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry volunteers did. They served with their hearts to assist not only our ministry but also The Bedford School and The Joseph Sams School. Their willingness to give so freely of their time and service is greatly appreciated. All the volunteer efforts contributed greatly to the success of this event, whether it was before, during or after the South Atlanta Golf Classic. We did have a few people who got ill at the last minute, but others picked up where they could not. The Golf Committee looks forward to your continued volunteer involvement with The South Atlanta Golf Classic! Volunteers who signed up and participated to help make the event a success were as follows:

Linda	Benedik	Maria	Panagi
Becky	Butler	Dedee	Panayis
Stephen	Butler	Aimee	Panos
Cynthia	Cromartie	Perry	Panos
Gail	Ericsson	Anna	Pelky
Ellen	Farmakis	Randy	Pelky
Tom	Farmakis	Peter	Poulos
Heather	Feinstein	George	Psihountas
Kim	Haldopoulos	Marcy	Sakrison
Manny	Haldopoulos	Jackie	Sarantis
Shannon	Johns	Stephen	Sarantis
Anissa	Johnson	Angelique	Soulakos
Pete	Kleto	Tammy	Soulakos
Susan	Kleto	Steve	Theodorakis
Jeff	Longino	Christa	Thrasher
Emilia	Moraitis	Fr. George	Tsahakis
Tess	Murphree	Marinda	Tsahakis
Amy	Murray	Ebony	Walton



Click here to see the rest of the volunteer photos: [Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry Facebook Page](#)

St. Christopher Outreach Ministry Supports Our Community Through Scholarships and Raises over \$9,000 for the Building Fund

If you didn't have an opportunity to participate in our South Atlanta Golf Classic, not only did we experience a beautiful day of weather, but the event was another success for our Community Outreach. Support for St. Christopher Outreach Ministry, The Bedford School and The Joseph Sams School has once again been strong as numerous volunteers from our Parish and those in the community, along with donations received from within and outside our community continued in 2021. Through the support of our Sponsors and golfers, we were able to hold another very successful event.

Do you know how the helicopter ball drop event works? Using about 1 hour of flight time, the helicopter takes off from Fulton County Airport and flies to Peachtree City, where the bucket of golf balls is delivered to the pilot for the drop. The helicopter then takes off from Falcon Field, flies 3 minutes to arrive at the drop point over the fairway at Flat Creek, drops the balls from the helicopter, and then flies back to Fulton County Airport. Here are some other fun facts about this year's event:

1. Weather was perfect. Father George came through for us once again on the weather prayer!
2. 19 Event Sponsors, 54 golfers and 36 volunteers helped us gross over \$24,000.
3. We added a special event to our fundraising effort this year that helped us raise another \$800 thanks to the effort of Shannon Johns!
4. Our gross profit margin for this event is around 40%.
5. After scholarships and expenses, we added \$9,100 to our Building Fund.

6. The helicopter ball drop event raised over \$5,000! And Stephen Butler was our winner this year!

We want to recognize all our sponsors:

Broadway Diner - Title Sponsor / Gold Sponsor

Barbara Holcomb - Gold Sponsor

Jefferson Browne Gresham Architects - Silver Sponsor

Reveille Wealth Management - Bronze Sponsor

Competition and Hole Sponsors (in alphabetical order) - ATA Cheer, Country Financial, Cynthia Cromartie - Harry Norman, Friends of St. Christopher, Game On Newnan, Golf Cart Masters, Greek Girl Graphics, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Panayis, Poulos Accounting, Mr. and Mrs. George Psihountas in Memory of Athena Christodoulou, Spezzano's, Talbot State Bank, Tammy Soulakos - Keller Williams Realty, United Community Bank and Workspace Mobility.

A special thanks to all of our 36 volunteers without whom we could not have made this happen. We would especially like to thank Father George and Presbytera Marinda, whose support is so much appreciated, and to the Golf committee team, Co-Chair Maria Cahill, Steve Sarantis, Steve Theodorakis, and George Psihountas.

We give Glory to God as we continue to witness our faith as Orthodox Christians.

Tom Farmakis

Golf Committee Co-Chair

Click here to see photos from the event: [Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry Facebook Page](#)



Please Join Us For Our
Annual Fanouropita Luncheon
Sunday, September 19, 2021

(Immediately following Religious Education)

~ Lunch will be provided – Free of Charge!! ~

~ Blessing of the Fanouropita by Father George Tsahakis ~

~ Silent Auction on Delectable, Delicious, Scrumptious -
Homemade Baked Goods ~

**All proceeds will benefit the Youth of our Metropolis, so that
all who are interested will be able to attend Youth Activities
within the Metropolis of Atlanta**

Sponsored by St. Christopher's Philoptochos Chapter

Calling All Bakers

We would love for you to offer a Delectable,
Delicious, Scrumptious - Homemade Baked
Good that can be Sweet or Savory for our
Silent Auction at the Fanouropita Luncheon!

Email Julie Skouteris at gsjs401mg@gmail.com
and let her know what you can offer!

~~Thank you~~

St. Christopher's Philoptochos Fanouropita

~ The Fanouropita proceeds are for our youth so all who are interested will be able to attend youth activities held within our Holy Metropolis of Atlanta ~

Winter Youth Rally



The Winter Youth Rally commences each year on the Feast of St. Stephen on December 27. All Orthodox teens in the Metropolis of Atlanta involved in their local parish's GOYA and Church School program are invited to Atlanta, GA each December to compete in tournaments representing their church community.

St. Stephen's Summer Camp



Our St. Stephen's Summer Camp has a rich tradition, dating back to the 1980's, and is grounded on the principals of living a true Orthodox lifestyle with twice daily liturgical services, opportunities for reflection, community living and meals, athletics, arts & crafts, and nightly social activities.

GOYA Lenten Retreat



Each year during Lent a GOYA retreat is scheduled at the Diakonia Retreat Center.

Hellenic Dance Festival



Our Hellenic Dance Festival, based on the vision and dream of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, began in 2000. Traveling from city to city throughout our Metropolis, the Hellenic Dance Festival has grown into a true family event. Held on the MLK Jr long-weekend, it allows for participants to travel and join together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

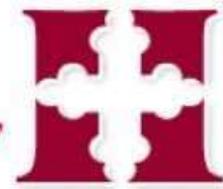
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival



Introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the parish level and is divided into two divisions.



All Sundays in September:
Holy Cross School of Theology



Hands of Love ministry will be accepting monetary donations at stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site to benefit the school.



As the sole Greek Orthodox School of Theology in the United States, education here is an **integration of learning and faith.**

Located in Brookline, Massachusetts, **Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology** offers graduate programs leading to advanced degrees in Divinity and Theology. This school is the *alma mater* of many orthodox priests.

HCHC Commencements always feature two valedictory addresses, one for each school, but this year 2021, the audience heard from four valedictorians, each offering a different perspective on the common theme of **courage and tenacity driven by faith.** His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros eloquently explored that same theme in his keynote address. **“The way that Hellenic College Holy Cross has persevered through the pandemic is a lesson in ministry, in how the Church continues to serve in the face of adversity,”** he said. In his concluding Archpastoral Exhortatory, His Eminence urged the graduates **“to dream bigger, expand your vision of what the Church can be...Above all, go forth to build God’s kingdom of love in this world.”**

Faithfully yours,
Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, “Hands of Love” Philoptochos Ministry Chair



“For as rain comes down, or snow from heaven, and does not return until it saturates the earth, and it brings forth and produces, and gives seed to the sower and bread for food, so shall My word be, whatever proceeds from My mouth. It shall not return until it accomplishes whatever I willed, and I shall prosper your ways and My commandments.”

Isaiah 55:10-11

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

Parishioners and visitors who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. We strongly encourage all parishioners who visit to resume wearing masks to slow the spread of the Delta variant in response to [His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios' request to our Clergy and Parish Councils](#) to do so.

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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