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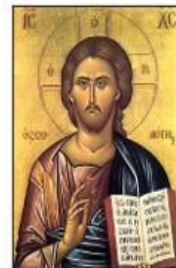
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Message from Fr. George for November 25, 2022

REPORT FROM FR. GEORGE TSAHAKIS

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GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

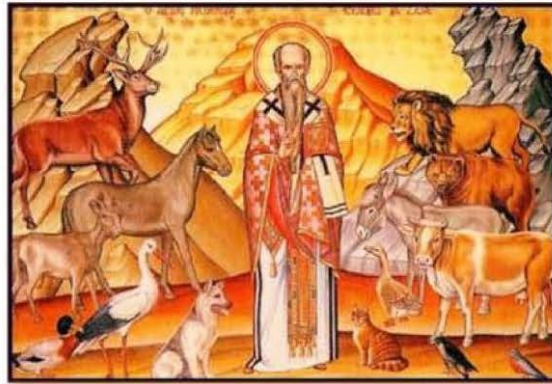
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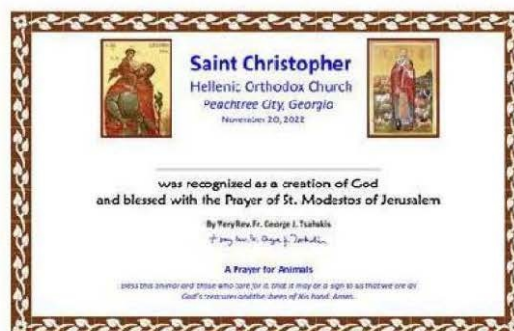
[Click here to read Fr. George's Report](#)

Join Fr. George at Archangel Michael Chapel on Thanksgiving Thursday
at 8:00 a.m. for Orthros Service, followed by Divine Liturgy.

*The address for our Metropolis Chapel is
2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329*



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Dear Saint Christopher faithful,

Jackie and I missed everyone Sunday as we were traveling home. After learning of the large attendance number at Sunday's Parish General Assembly, I wanted to follow up with a note of gratitude not only for our meeting chair and our presenters but also to you for your steadfast faith in and dedication to our Parish initiatives. The number in attendance demonstrates that we are ready for the next phase of growth and willing to engage in the forthcoming steps in 2023.

To recap from the General Assembly meeting:

Our project plans have changed! We are in close communication with Jefferson Browne Architects to provide ideas and a rendering for a permanent church building that is future expandable and will be scaled to our needs and what we can afford to expedite the transition to our new church home. It was decided by our Building Committee with guidance from multiple advisors based on rapidly changing external circumstances, that we focus on our church building first using a multi-level (basement) 5000 square foot per level concept to maximize space while also cutting cost. Concern was expressed by several of you in the past that we might get comfortable in a multi-purpose building and delay church construction, so this decision should alleviate those concerns. More details to come, but isn't this exciting news? Our goal is to have a conceptual overview to present at the next Parish General Assembly. Please communicate any thoughts or ideas you'd like to share with our Building Committee.

We are wrapping up our current building fundraising campaign. This was a 3 and 5 year flexible campaign based on how you chose to participate.

December 2022 marks the end of the fifth year. The Parish Council will be reporting on this campaign in early 2023 after completion. Yes, the million dollar goal for the campaign was attained so congratulate yourself and your fellow parishioners on a job well done! The Parish Council will be working on the details of the next building fundraising campaign to share in early 2023. Your continued support is needed at any level to continue our momentum and forge forward to our ultimate goal, a fully furnished new church home.

There have been many challenges in 2022, but you've found a way to continue to generously give to support our operational budget. Thank you. If you've been giving and haven't been pledging, please consider a pledge in 2023. As with your personal budget at home, the same applies with our church budget; it's a whole lot easier to plan when you know what's coming in.

Based on all of the above, there's much work for the Parish Council in the next few months. The blessing of approval of another year with our current Parish Council team helps us to preserve and build on recent momentum gained as we continue this work. We are looking at 2023 as a year of action and progress toward our Parish's long held goals and continue to need your support, ideas and prayers.

Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving,

Steve Sarantis

Parish Council President

Thank you to Faye Georgeo, for sharing these very nice pictures from our Parish General Assembly!



STEWARDSHIP 2023

It will soon be time to renew our financial support to our beloved Church of St. Christopher. I hope all parishioners will consider making a pledge to our stewardship/operating funds of our church. These funds pay for rent, utilities, salaries, cleaning services, bookkeeping, and many other aspects of maintaining a place to worship God in our beautiful "temple".

Our Biblical direction for stewardship is the tithe, i.e: 10 % of the first fruits of our labor. I know this is not always possible for everyone. I do know that God will honor ANY gift you are able to provide. I ask everyone to try very diligently to give on a REGULAR basis, no matter the amount, even if you do not make a pledge. Our yearly budget is based on our expected income and the best way to know what is needed to meet the budget is by having pledges from as many people as possible.

I ask God to bless all of us at St. Christopher and to help us all grow up in His Ways and in His Love. May we come to know Him more and more each new day.

In His Love,
Lydia McGee, Stewardship Chairman

Affirming Christian Love

Most of us will never experience a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner where a wrong word or slight culinary misstep could unleash a torrent of verbal abuse or, worse, physical abuse. However, this was the reality for many of those now being helped by Promise Place. Gathering the mental and physical strength to escape an abusive relationship is not easy. In almost every case, "love" has been used as a weapon to control.

Christian love and affirmation can help rebuild an individual who took the monumental steps to leave an abusive relationship. This is part of what Promise Place tries to do. By partnering with them once again this Christmas, our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be providing mental and physical hugs through our shawls, the outreach of Christian love, and affirming their hope for a better future.

Our Advent Prayer Shawl Blessing will be Sunday, December 11th, when Fr. George will bless the shawls that have been made and prayed over by our Prayer Shawl Ministry participants. We look forward to having Promise Place Executive Director Ashley Williams with us for the blessing. For more information about Promise Place, visit their website at <https://promiseplace.org/>.



Please contact Susan Kleto at (678) 877-9115 or sbkleto@gmail.com to either become a participant in this ministry, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sign up for a Personalized Virtual Call from Santa for your children

Don't miss this opportunity to share the
Spirit of Christmas with your Family!

December 6th – December 24th, 2022.



Sign up by QR code OR Visit
our website :
www.stnicholas-tele-santa.com





Calling All Parishioners!

*Please join us in wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
It's time to sign up for the Parish Nativity Card!*

<http://stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site/>



(Your generous gift will benefit Philoptochos' Local & National charities.)

Thank You!



All Sundays in November:

**Support 'Loaves and Fishes' Program at
'St. John the Wonderworker' Orthodox Church**



Loaves and Fishes at St. John the Wonderworker is a joint ministry of the Atlanta area Orthodox Churches. Together, the churches provide

- A hot meal Monday through Friday.
- Food pantry for those with access to a kitchen.

Loaves and Fishes accepts non-perishable food items, cash donations and the help of volunteers for their meal service ministry.

"Hands of Love" – a ministry of our Philoptochos Society will be accepting monetary and in-kind donations during the month of November.

Please bring your non-perishable food item donations and monetary gifts to the Narthex of St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church or to donate online, click here: StChristopherPhiloptochos.square.site

**Faithfully, Anna Andreeva-Maydenova,
"Hands of Love" Ministry Chair**



St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

2022 Essay Contest

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In an essay of 950-1,050 words, compare and contrast the immigrant story of the Greek Colonists of 1768 with the immigrant story of a family member or of a personal friend.



Essay Contest Theme

Most Americans treasure an immigrant story as it is a precious thread in the legacy of most families. There is a curiosity as to why the immigrant left their homeland. We wonder what opportunity presented itself for a change. We want to know what was met upon arrival in the New World and what course their life took.

Evaluation of Essays

Judges take into consideration the following:

- The essay is interesting and inspirational; focused and engaging
- Clarity of the essay introduction and whether or not the thesis presentation draws the reader into the essay
- Developed paragraphs with relevant points and examples
- Use of proper grammar and flow of ideas
- Artistic use of language
- Source documentation and bibliography

Judges

Dianna Christakos, M.Ed.
High School English Teacher (retired)

The Honorable Eleni Ella, J.D.
Circuit Court Judge

Timothy Johnson, Ph.D.
History Chair, Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL

Additional Details

- Essay submission deadline:
December 2, 2022
- PDF Format
- Emailed to info@stphotios.com
- Minimum 950 words
Maximum 1,050 words
- Submission must include on separate page:
 - Author's name
 - Date of birth
 - U.S. mailing address
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Home parish name, city & state
- Winners will be chosen from the following categories:
 - 13-15 year old participants
 - 16-19 year old participants

Winners of each category will receive an award of \$1,000

All will receive a Certificate of Participation from The Archbishop of America

All essays become property of St. Photios National Shrine and may be shared publicly.

**St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine
41 St. George Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084**

Opportunity for the Building Fund

Did you know that you can earn money for the Building Fund by doing nothing more than your normal shopping on Amazon? That's right! If you have St. Christopher selected as your charity organization on Amazon Smile, we receive a percentage of all sales made. All monies received from Amazon are earmarked for the Building Fund to help us get to our target goal that much faster. It is very easy to activate, just use the link below. smile.amazon.com.

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Benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Tue, Nov 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2022

Your support has the power to make a difference.

Each year, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta treats hundreds of thousands of kids. As a not-for-profit, generous contributions from fundraisers help to ensure that CHOA can continue to provide the best possible care to kids now and in the future.

By fundraising through [Click for Kids](#), you can make a greater impact than ever before. It's simple and fast and gives you the chance to help CHOA by contributing via our [existing AIOPA campaign](#).

Please share [the link](#) with your parishioners or use it to directly to donate as a parish.



Youth, Education and Hellenic Culture

2022 Winter Youth Rally

December 27-30, 2022 - Atlanta, GA

Important Dates:

Individual Registration Early Bird Price ends 11/13

Team Registration Deadline is 11/14

Individual Registration ends 12/04



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2023 Hellenic Dance Festival

January 13-16, 2023 - Atlanta, GA

Important Dates:

Individual Registration early bird price ends 12/15

Individual Registration ends 01/07/2023



[Read More!](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT!



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2022-2023



\$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

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based on academic achievement, financial
need, & Hellenic values

*\$20,000 allocated to music or arts majors

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based on academic achievement &
Hellenic values

In order to apply students must:

- Be U.S. Citizens/U.S. Permanent Residents and living in the U.S
- Be of Hellenic descent
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Be enrolled at an accredited university/college in the U.S. as of Fall 2022
- Be full-time students who are pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree

Applications are due

January 31, 2023

The application, criteria, requirements,
and guidelines are available at

www.panhellenicsf.org

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*We welcome you to join us in person
to encounter Our Lord & Savior.*

"For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)
We welcome you to join us at St. Christopher Church for worship, fellowship, service, and witness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we encounter Him together, may our collective intercessions help to bring a spirit of healing and peace to our world. We encourage you to bring your family and friends and grow ever closer to God together with our parish family.

During your visit, please be aware according to CDC guidelines, indoor mask mandates are relaxed for those areas of the US where hospitals are not greatly impacted by COVID-19 cases. In response, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios on March 2nd wrote to the Metropolis of Atlanta faithful offering His guidance. [Please read it by clicking here.](#)

As before, those who continue to wear masks have every right to do so, whether or not our parish falls into a low or medium risk area. Whether others continue to wear masks for the sake of their friends or family, or even out of caution for their own health, their decisions should be respected as demonstrations of Christ-like love.

Note: 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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