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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

November 3, 2023



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### Pastoral Message from Fr. George for 11.3.23



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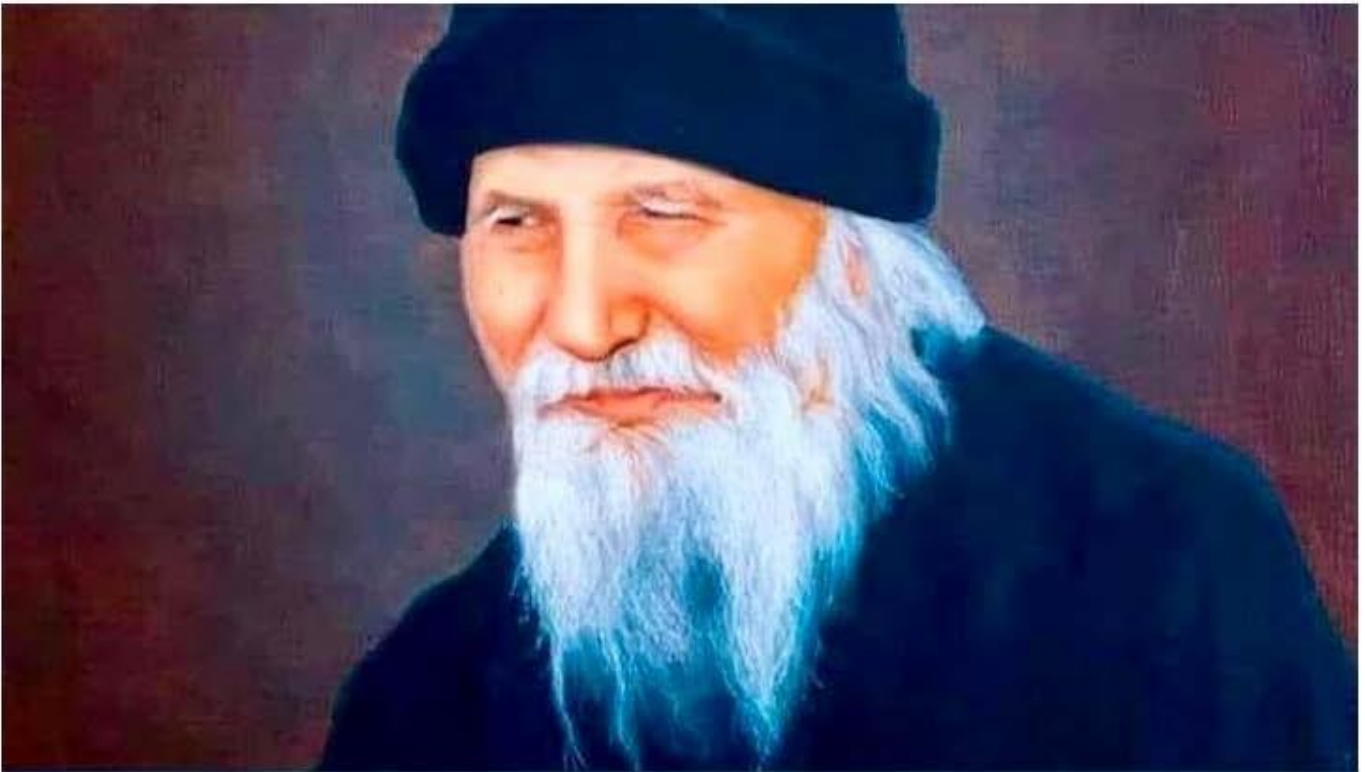
**"THIS IS GREAT!  
LOVE THIS!"  
- FROM**

**A GRATEFUL PET OWNER**



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Animals at St. Christopher Church





**Evil begins from bad thoughts. When you are bitter and indignant, even just with your thoughts, you spoil a spiritual atmosphere. You prevent the Holy Spirit from acting and allow the devil to increase the evil.**

**You should always pray, love and forgive, driving out of yourself every evil thought.**

**Saint Porfyrios Kavsoikalyvitis**





**St. John Chrysostom:**

**The invitation of Christ to Human Beings!**

"I am Father, said Christ; I am brother, I am bridegroom, I am dwelling place, I am food, I



am clothing, I am root, I am foundation, all whatever you will, I am. If you are in need of nothing, I will be even a servant, for I came to minister, not to be ministered to; I am friend, and member, and head, and brother, and sister, and mother; I am all; only cling closely to me. I was poor for you, and a wanderer for you, on the cross for you, in the tomb for you, above I intercede for you to the Father; on earth, I have come for your sake, I am the ambassador from my Father. You are all things to me: brother, and joint heir, and friend, and member. What more do you want?"

[St. John Chrysostom's Homily 76 on Matthew 24,16-31]

**That man that you want to confront because he has a hat on in church, might be taking chemo and is trying to cover his head. That woman who you want to rebuke for wearing pants in church, might be a struggling single mother who just got off work and is doing her best to keep her kids in church. That crying baby that disturbed the service, may be hungry because his family can't afford food but they're trusting God for a miracle. That man who came in with long hair and a bad smell might be on the verge of suicide, but in an attempt to get help, walks in the House of God. Be careful who you criticize. Lay aside your man-made laws and legalism. We are to bring people in, not kick them out.**

To love others in practical,  
concrete ways, when done out  
of a heart filled with the love of  
God, unites us with Him.

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This past Sunday's Gospel lesson from Luke 8:41-56 presented the woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years and the daughter of Jairus. The passage presents two daughters, two sicknesses, and two resurrections. All is made well by the unwavering faith resulting in new life. Faith is the opposite of fear. "Do not fear," Jesus said. The Lord said that many times in the Gospels to His beloved ones.

Such as, when the disciples were in a storm, afraid they were going to sink, they saw Jesus walking on water toward them in the middle of the night and thought it was a ghost. Immediately, Jesus spoke to them and told them not to be afraid because He was with them.

Also, when Jesus was transfigured before His disciples, they fell on the floor with their faces down. Jesus came and touched them, telling them not to be afraid. When Jesus appeared to his disciples, risen from the dead, they took hold of His feet and worshiped him, and He told them not to be



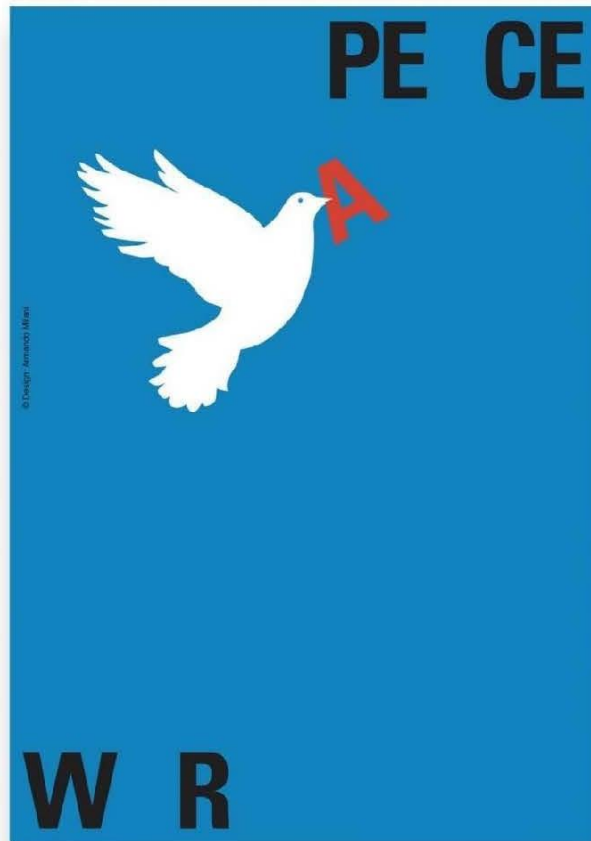
afraid. The presence of the Lord takes away fear, because He is the Son of God who loves us, and who can do all things.

Out of faith, the woman with the flow of blood had overcome her fear and touched His garment. Jesus healed her. Now Jesus tells Jairus not to fear. Therefore, with faith, Jairus accompanied Jesus to the house, and the Lord came to the child. In Christ, death is defeated, because He destroyed death by death. In Christ, death is like momentary sleeping. As the woman had touched Jesus, now Jesus touches the child, takes her by the hand, and says, “Child, arise!” When the Son of God, speaks, life defeats death. Immediately, the child’s spirit returned, and she rose from the dead.

The child became a type of Christ, risen from the dead, as the woman with the flow of blood also became a type of humanity, wounded after the Fall and restored by Jesus. Both daughters were saved by faith – one, by her own faith, the other, by the prayers and faith of another, that is, her father. We are also the sons and daughters of Christ, who, by our faith, and by the faith and prayers of the Saints in heaven and the prayers of the Church on earth, are touched by the Lord and restored unto life.

Let us trust Christ without fear, even in the darkest moments of life. He calls us sons and daughters. Let us pray for one another as well. All it takes is for us not to be afraid but only believe in Him, Who rose from the dead. The Lord loves us and always responds to our cries for help, even when we face the darkest of situations. *[Archdiocese Department of Religious Education]*

# War/Peace



**Armando Milani** is an internationally acclaimed Italian graphic designer who in 1976, moved to New York City to work with the famed Massimo Vignelli. At Vignelli Associates, he created numerous corporate graphics for prestigious clients including the United Nations. In 2003 he created the poster above, “Translating War into Peace” for the United Nations which saw worldwide distribution and thus began Milani’s dedication to humanitarian design.



As Orthodox Christians, we have the opportunity daily to pray for God's peace to prevail in the world, for His healing of those who have been injured, for restoration for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, and for reconciliation for peoples of every race, creed, and culture. Armando Milani, the internationally acclaimed Italian graphic designer whose amazing poster is above, shared in an interview with Designculture.it that *"We don't have the power of politicians to change things, but we can stimulate people through images and push them to reflect."* In response, I share the following images for our use:

Let us Pray for Peace

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict, and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness, and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect, and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease, and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise. Amen





*Daily, may we remember the power of stimulating people through the image of God that we each possess. Through the Holy Spirit, may our words and actions inspire those we encounter to reflect upon and seek God's will for agape, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. And I pray God give you the strength to carry your cross in His behalf. Amen.*

Wisdom from "The Proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel... The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."  
(Proverbs 1:1,7)



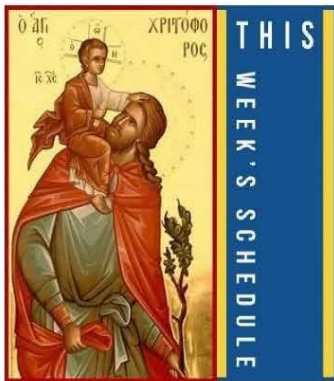
**"The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him." (Proverbs 18:17)**





**REMEMBER TO START**  
*your day sunny side up!*

Share a thought that comes to mind with Fr. George



### **November 3, Deadline for Pastry Sale Orders**

### **November 4, Philoptochos Ministry**

9:00 am – Making Kourambiethes

5:00 pm – Early Reminder – DST ends 2am  
Sunday.

### **November 5, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

2:00 Daylight Savings Times Ends at 2am (turn clocks back)

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:15 Blessing of Five Loaves & November Commemorations

11:00 Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

### **November 8**

9:00 Philoptochos Ministry – Making Baklava

### **November 11**

5:00 Great Vespers (Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta)

6:00 Archangel Michael Honors Banquet (Cathedral)

### **November 12, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

8:00 Orthros at Annunciation Cathedral

9:30 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Annunciation Cathedral

2500 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329





**IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!!**  
**PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT**  
**OUR FALL PASTRY SALE!!**

**Last day to order is Friday November 3rd.**



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**Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale**

*"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 17th 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address  
 Saturday, November 18th 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

<b>Order Deadline: November 3, 2023</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost/Dozen</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Baklava:</b> layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 20.00	\$
<b>Kourambiedes:</b> sugar dusted butter cookie 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookie 		\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Paximadia :</b> Greek Biscotti with Pecans and Cinnamon 		\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Sampler Dozen:</b> Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Paximadia and Koulourakia		\$ 25.00	\$
<b>Pastitsio:</b> luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection 		\$60.00 12"x9" pan	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$

**REMINDER : YOU CAN ONLY PLACE ORDERS ONLINE**  
 BY VISITING ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW

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For Questions Pls Contact Dedee Panayis Tel: 817-690 6610



## **Philoptochos Final Baking Dates**

**Saturday, Nov 4, Kourambiethes, 9-3**

**Wednesday, Nov 8, Baklava, 9-3**

**Monday, Nov 13, Boxing, 4pm**



**Pick up Days:  
Friday, Nov 17, 3-6  
Saturday, 9-12**



## **Philoptochos General Meeting Monday, Nov 13 6:30pm**



**Christmas Cards  
for Shut-Ins**



**Boxing Pastry  
Begins at 4pm**



**Stuff Stockings  
for Shut-Ins**



## All Sundays in November: Ecumenical Patriarchate Charities

Hands of Love, a ministry of our Philoptochos Society will be accepting monetary donations to support the charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to benefit children from all faiths.



"Faith alone will not overcome the problems of our time, but the challenges of our time will certainly not be overcome without faith. Research and medicine are gifts from God. They supply answers to the question: How? Faith and theology are also gifts from God.



They supply answers to the question: Why?

...

We, faith leaders are called humbly and patiently to cooperate with leaders in the scientific and academic worlds as well as the corporate and political domains.

...

The earth unites us beyond any doctrinal, social or cultural differences."

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the University of Notre Dame.

October 28, 2021

The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey is the seat of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I,

*primus inter pares* or "first among equals" with other leaders of the various Orthodox Churches. As the 270<sup>th</sup> Bishop of one of the Five Apostolic Sees of the Pentarchy, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is considered a successor of Andrew The Apostle.

His All Holiness is the direct administrative superior of dioceses and archdioceses serving believers in modern day Turkey, South and North America, West Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Far East, as well as Mount Athos.

“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



For more information please visit :

<https://www.patriarchate.org/>

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Faithfully,

Anna Andreeva Naydenova, **Hands of Love** Chair



## The Practice of the Jesus Prayer

EXPLORING THE IMPORTANCE & RELEVANCE TO  
ORTHODOX AND CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS

JOIN US FOR DINNER, WINE, AND CONVERSATION AS  
WE ENJOY MEANINGFUL ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE  
SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC-ORTHODOX INITIATIVE.

The Jesus Prayer has a long history in Eastern Christian spirituality. We'll explore its history and the important role it has played in the practice of prayer for laypeople, clergy, and religious. We'll also examine its continued relevance for both Orthodox and Catholic Christians today.

Gregory Hillis, Ph.D. is a Catholic theologian and the Executive Director of the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University. His recent book, *Man of Dialogue: Thomas Merton's Catholic Vision* was awarded the "Louie" award for best new book by the International Thomas Merton Society.



Thursday, November 9, 2023, 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Happy Hour 6:30 pm | Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Location: Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation  
2500 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329  
Thalia N. Carlos Hellenic Community Center Ballroom

Register here: <https://bit.ly/aquinas-co-11-09-2023>



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Philoptochos Presents

## "Comedy Night"

Starring New York's

Ellen Karis



"The Greek Goddess of Comedy"

Friday, November 10, 2023

7:00 pm ~ Atrium Reception

~ Cash Bar ~

Krasaki + Mezethakia + Parea = Kefi

Wine + Appetizers + Friends = Fun

8:00 pm ~ Kartos Ballroom

"Showtime"

Followed by Live Greek Music

Proceeds will support Philoptochos

Philanthropy & Outreach

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

2500 Clairmont Road Atlanta, GA 30329



Tickets \$50 pp  
includes Mezethakia

Purchase on  
Cathedral Website:  
[atlgoc.org](http://atlgoc.org)  
on Comedy Link

Purchase Deadline:  
November 5, 2023

No Tickets will be  
Sold at the Door

## Save the Date

### **"Individual and Group Crisis Intervention Training" (GRIN)**

*Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Thursday, November 16, 2023  
Atlanta, GA*

IOCC was awarded a grant from the American Red Cross to provide psychosocial support to survivors of Hurricane Ian. In preparation for field deployments for this grant program, IOCC is hosting a training in partnership with Crisis Response Care on the topic of Assisting Individual & Group Crisis Intervention (GRIN). This training will develop intervention skills that address diffusing different types of psychological and/or emotional crisis among both individuals and groups.

IOCC would like to offer spots, free of charge, to the Orthodox Clergy in the Atlanta area, or any clinicians or mental health workers that they may identify in their parishes, who would feel this training would be beneficial, and in the hopes that they would potentially consider becoming involved with the IOCC Frontline program.

#### LOGISTICS:

- Location: Atlanta, GA
- Training sessions are Tuesday – Thursday 8:30am – 5pm.
- IOCC will cover the costs of the training, meals, and relevant materials.



More information to follow. For questions, please  
contact Krista Hamann at [usprograms@iocc.org](mailto:usprograms@iocc.org)

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES





# WALK IN THE LIGHT

COLLEGE CONFERENCE 2023



## Registration & Travel Scholarships Are Available

All registrants must pay a non-refundable \$100 deposit to secure their spot at College Conference 2023. The remaining balance of \$285 may be fully or partially covered by a scholarship. Scholarship applications will be open from September 9-October 31, 2023 and will be awarded based on need on a rolling basis.

Additionally, students may apply for up to \$300 in travel scholarship to cover the cost of a flight. Once a travel scholarship amount is approved, the recipient must submit their flight receipt to be reimbursed the full amount of the scholarship or the full amount of the flight, whichever is less. Travel reimbursements will be distributed after the conference in January.

**December 27 - 30, 2023**

College Conference Midwest

St. Iakovos Retreat Center

Kansasville, WI

College Conference East

Antiochian Village

Bolivar, PA

**Registration is now open! →**



**See the details, meet the speakers, & register now. →**



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT!



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2023-2024



## \$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

### 20 Awards of \$10,000 each

based on academic achievement, financial  
need, & Hellenic values

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

### 20 Awards of \$2,500 each

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 2023
- Be full-time students who are pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree

#### Applications are due

**January 31, 2024**

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

**[www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org)**

For inquiries please email  
**[scholarships@panhellenicsf.org](mailto:scholarships@panhellenicsf.org)** or  
call our office at **(312) 357-6432**



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