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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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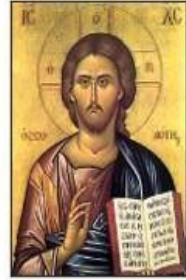
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### Message from Fr. George for Friday, June 2, 2023

"When you don't live with Christ,  
you live in melancholy, in  
sadness, in stress, in grief...The  
greatest of all medicine is to offer  
oneself in devotion to Christ.  
Everything gets healed.  
Everything functions properly.  
God's love transforms all;  
it alters, it sanctifies, it corrects, it  
changes, it modifies everything."



St. Porphyrios

### A Reflection on Prayer

1. Time is sacred. It is God's gift to us. We are called to devote time to daily prayer daily. Praise the Holy Trinity and ask for help from our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Prayer is dialogue and communication with our living God. We should seek in body and spirit to be deeply conscious of what we read and say to our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Prayer requires focus and devotion, but often, we become distracted as we pray. Thus, read a Holy Father's words or a New Testament text to enable your mind to transition into a spiritual search with your prayers. With deliberate focus, read the spiritual text to warm your heart and spirit to offer prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ and be attentive to His response.
4. We should ensure that our spirit is in our prayer. We should read with expectation and not mechanically. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your soul to Christ no matter how tired or persecuted you feel. If we don't feel like participating in the prayer, we can repeat it.
5. It is important that we use and interpret the sign of the cross correctly. This is the symbol of the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. Prayer is to be done daily to praise and worship God. It is not only offered when we need the help of our Lord Jesus Christ. We can sing the Trisagion Hymn every day in honor of the indivisible Holy Trinity. We can thank Christ for mercy and seek the love and unity of the Holy Trinity, the one true God.
7. When we pray, we must be present in spirit and humility. Let us pray knowing that our sins harden our conscience. Let us ask the Lord to have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Let us seek His help to avoid temptation from them. Let us repent and seek to change the way we live to avoid further sins. Let us not drift aimlessly in our feelings, nor complain or criticize others as we seek God's will through our prayers.
8. Let us pray fervently because we desire to become closer to God. Prayer is not a chore; it is not done out of duty. We should not rush. Prayer is

done with love in our spirit because we are thirsty and want to talk to Christ and give thanks to Him and to ask for His help.

9. We must set aside the right space and time for prayer. Seek to find enough time to avoid rushing through your prayers. Find a quiet place where you can be uninterrupted and use sacred icons, a burning candle, and incense to help you be reminded that you are in your “little church at home” but still part of the Body of Christ, surrounded by God’s angels.
10. Prayer is practiced as an art that is constantly evolving. We should not neglect to pray. We should not delay our prayer with excuses. Seek to schedule daily time for prayer and make it a habit. Never forget that when we want to pray, evil puts obstacles in our way. We need to resist evil and keep praying. The devil is engaged in spiritual warfare to keep us from praying. Resist evil until your last breath.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Holy Spirit for Pentecost** (This Sunday)

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come; take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Good one.

## May Their Memory Be Eternal!



The 40-Day Memorial for Patricia and Mary will be on Sunday, July 9, with a Memorial Brunch afterwards.







**Great Opportunities Coming Up~ Mark your Calendars!**

**July 15-**

**Dress A Girl                      9am-Noon**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A9A72CA3FD0-dress>

Bring a sewing machine and an iron and ironingboard if you have one! We will be creating sundresses for young girls to help support this program.

**Check them out here!**

<https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/>

**July 16-**

**Lunch and Meeting at the Psihountas' Home**

(106 Kimmer Road) This will be an informative meeting for new and veteran members! Bring your families!

**August 10, 17-**

**Batter Prep for Pita Rolling 9am**

This year we are rolling for both our Greek Fest and Fall Fundraiser! We need everyone!  
Look for the Sign-Up Genius

**August 12, 19-**

**Let's Roll!!! Spanakopita and Tiropita!**

Look for the Sign-Up Genius

**October 7-**

**Making Baklava for Festival**

**More Baking Dates TBA**

Philoptochos '**Hands of Love**' organized a hands-on-volunteer evening on June 1 at The Midwest Food Bank Georgia location in south Peachtree City. In two hours, participants were able to package 1200 bags of dry pasta which will serve 4800 people in need throughout the area and around the country. For more information about this worthy project: <https://www.midwestfoodbank.org/locations/peachtree-city-ga>



From left to right: Cynthia Cromartie, Anna Sliwinski, Alexander Sliwinski, Jim Sliwinski, AnnaNaydenova, Gregory Williams, Juni Patrick, Jamie Patrick, Jasmin Patrick, Claudia Sliwinski and Gail Ericcson.



During the Month of June "Hands of Love" will be accepting monetary donations for I-58 Mission in Senoia  
"Serving physical needs & showing the love of Christ" to people in Coweta, Fayette, Spalding and Meriwether Counties

Isaiah 58:6-12 is the blueprint for this mission:

"...says the Lord; "...cancel the debts of the oppressed; and tear apart every unjust contract. Break your bread for the hungry, and bring the homeless into your house. If you see a naked man, clothe him, nor shall you disregard your offspring in your own household...Your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of God shall cover you"

I-58 Mission in Senoia supports a food pantry, clothes closet, household goods room and a baby room.



You may place your donations in the red box for "Hands of Love" in the narthex or donate online: <https://stchristpherphiloptochos.square.site>

Faithfully, AnnaAndreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Ministry Chair





# Pentecost Picnic

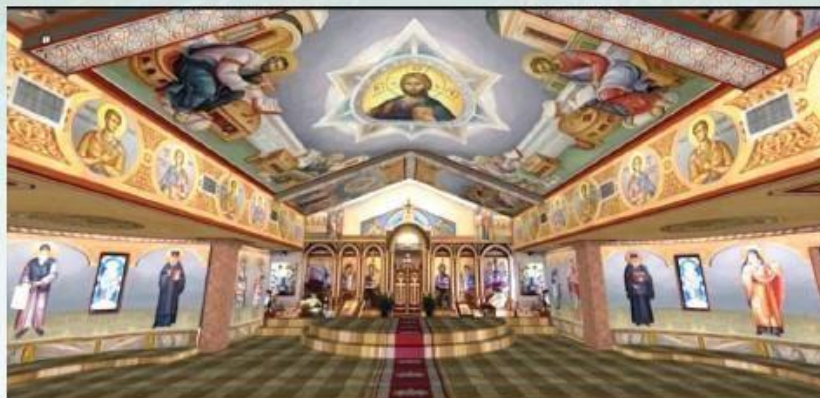
JUNE 3, 2023

VESPERS AT 3:00 PM

PICNIC TO FOLLOW

*S.S. Constantine and Helen  
Romanian Orthodox Church*

*664 Dickens Rd. NW, Lilburn, GA*



*Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made  
fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them  
the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all  
the world into Your net.*

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
AND TO RSVP



This is a Pan-Orthodox AIOPA event  
Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their families.





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FOR CLERGY-LAITY**



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Tarpon Springs is one of Florida's gems! Come and enjoy the sun, Innisbrook resort, has world class golfing and the amazing Lockers pool for some great relaxation and fun for the family!



### *Enjoy the History and Culture*

Take a stroll at the Historic Sponge Docks and eat some great food! Take a boat ride and visit the heritage museum. There is plenty to do.



### *Connect*

We have planned an amazing conference with inspiring speakers, workshops and social events to connect us as ONE! Registration is open.

### **BOOK NOW**



Innisbrook Resort



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### **Registration**

<https://stnicholastarpon.org/cl2023>





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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



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## FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2023

This merit-based scholarship program is available to the best and brightest graduating high school seniors of Hellenic descent and/or Greek Orthodox faith who are enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis with applicants given the option to be considered for additional financial need-based allocations.

For full application details and to apply now, visit [thefaihendowment.org/scholarships](https://thefaihendowment.org/scholarships) or scan:



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## CYBER SECURITY WATCH

Provided by the Departments of Internet Ministries and Information Technology



**EDUCATE** yourselves and others about the dangers of emails and phone scams.

**YOUR PARISH PRIEST should never** reach out via personal email to request immediate financial assistance. Be vigilant if you do receive an email that fits this description! Here are some *do's* and *do not's* to guide you:

### DO NOT...

- ❌ reply to the message
- ❌ click on any links
- ❌ download any attachments
- ❌ use the contact information provided in the email
- ❌ share personal or financial data via email or phone

### DO...FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- ✅ **VIGILANCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- ✅ **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
- ✅ **VERY OFTEN** change your passwords

**REPORT CYBERCRIME IMMEDIATELY** to the following Federal agencies and to the Archdiocese:

- **Federal Trade Commission:** [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)
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- **Archdiocese Technical Support:** [techsupport.goarch.org](https://techsupport.goarch.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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