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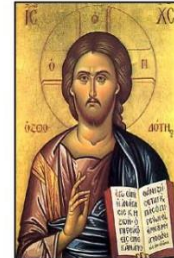
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Pastoral Message from Fr. George for 7.28.23

Sharing



Summer Thoughts

In addition to reading this summer, I have been looking at ways to engage with family and friends when opportunities arise. This past Monday, Presbyteria Marinda and I joined Faye Georgeo with two of our grandchildren to visit a peach farm in northeast Georgia. *What was special about this?* Faye invited us to join her... a simple and kind act that involved her giving some of her personal time up to share with others. We are not related by blood, but as brothers and sisters in Christ, I reflected on the Christian virtues of her gifts of time and presence to facilitate an unexpected fun family outing. During our road trip we sang, played games in the car, and shared coffee fellowship at her home before and after the *field trip* (as my grandson called it). At the peach farm, we ate together, shopped and exchanged ideas for canning fruits and vegetables, and taught our grandchildren the importance of farms and raising fresh food. In short we lifted each other up in unexpected and pleasing ways. *These thoughts may confuse some to reply, "So what!"* Well, like you, I enjoy being "included"; Faye's sacrificing her day off to be available to us and create a summer memory reflects how the light of Christ and His love for all of us can be shared simply and easily. We thank Faye for including us in her schedule and may it be a reminder of how thankful we are for our parish family and those like her, for offering their best!



When someone treats you with love and kindness, it's hard not to want to share it with others. Thus, I share another inspiring witness of our Lord's love and mercy. On Wednesday, July 26th, our cathedral chantor, Nicodemos Economos celebrated his 90th birthday with his wife MaryAnn and all those gathered at Archangel Michael Chapel. Their friends offered a lovely reception in their honor and in thanksgiving for their service to Annunciation Cathedral. For me, I couldn't have been prouder for this faithful servant of God who for decades has gotten up early for all the church services (like this morning) and chanted Orthros and the Divine Liturgy. Rather than a field trip, today's gift from God was sharing with our "church family" and thanking God and them for always including us in their ministry. Nicodemos' chanting and MaryAnn's quiet support offer the light of Christ to all; they inspire us to praise and worship Him. May we all be so blessed and may God grant Nicodemos and MaryAnn many more years of good health, joy, and Spirit-filled life.



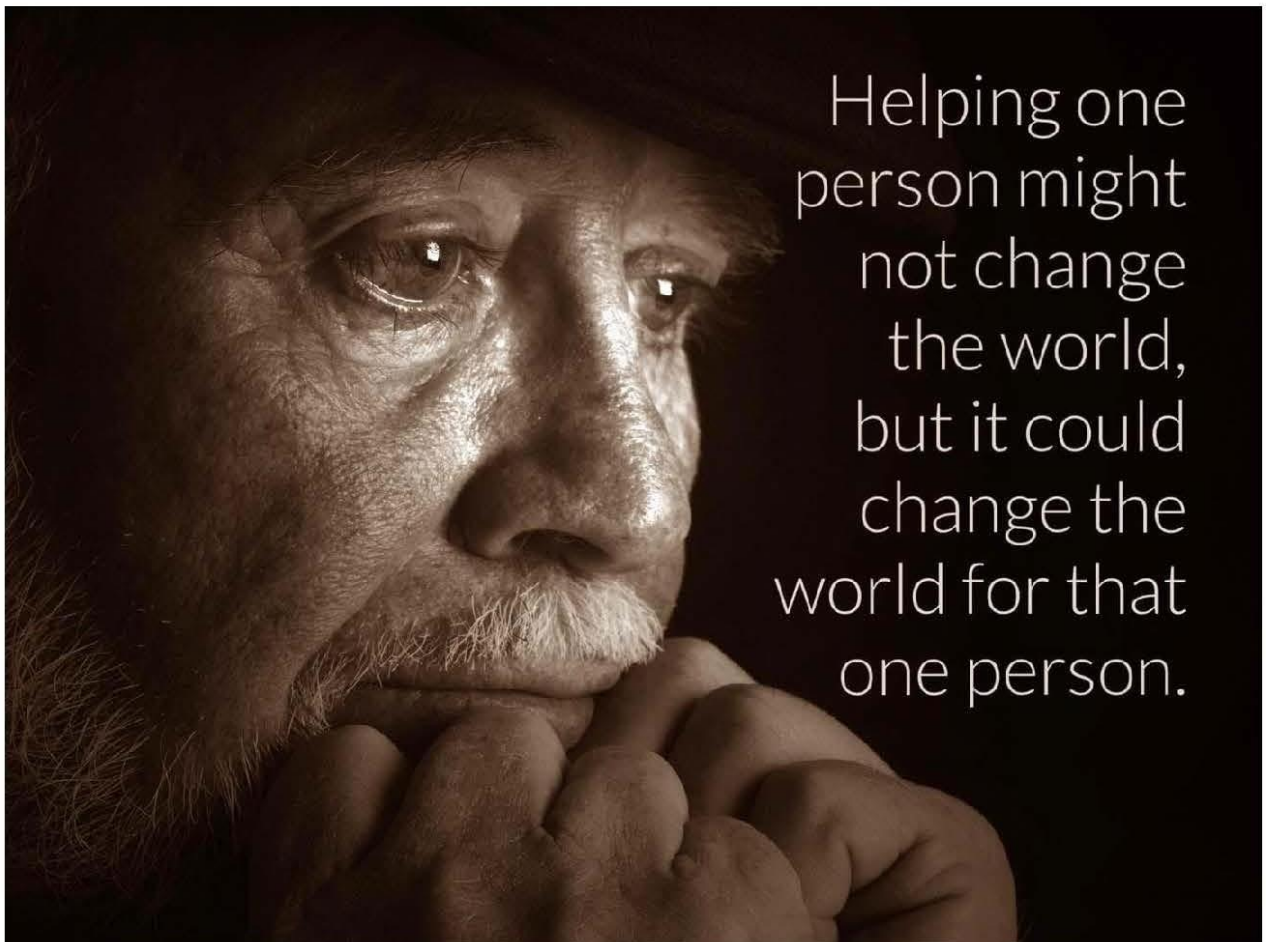
Fr. Paul, Dean of the Annunciation Cathedral shared this tribute about Nicodemos when he received the Archangel Michael Honors Aware for 2013:

"Nicodemos has been blessed with the gift of an outstanding voice and has offered it for decades for the uplifting of hearts and souls through the Divine Services of our church. His humble and faithful service is an example for all."

metanoia

[meh-ta-noy-ah] • μετάνοια (Greek)

1. (n.) the journey of changing one's mind, heart, self, or way of life.
2. (v.) the act of reforming; becoming new



Helping one
person might
not change
the world,
but it could
change the
world for that
one person.

Life offers many choices to serve God, His Holy Church, and those He places in our path. As we enjoy the fresh harvests from this summer, may we seek His will to help us offer His light, love, and mercy. Amen.



St. Christopher Church's

BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

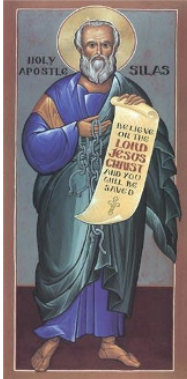
Sunday, July 30
after Divine Liturgy



Don't forget to bring your
backpacks to church on Sunday, July 30!



Orthodox Christian PRISON MINISTRY



Prison Awareness Sunday July 30, 2023

Mission

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

What is OCPM?

For Orthodox Christians who have been arrested for crimes, OCPM helps them return to the Faith, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with Christ. For both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike, OCPM provides spiritual care, enabling prisoners to find hope and purpose in their lives.

What does OCPM Do?

- They correspond with prisoners to provide personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses.
- Provide spiritual guidance to families of those incarcerated.
- They catechize prisoners in the Orthodox faith through a series of correspondence study courses.
- They train Orthodox priests and laypersons to visit and counsel those in prison and to provide the Sacraments.
- Provide ongoing guidance to those released from prison.
- OCPM advocates for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith so that priests can enter prisons and administer the Sacraments and the services.



Orthodox Christian PRISON MINISTRY

JOIN THE MOVEMENT **Matthew 25:36 Fellowship**

“I was naked, and you clothed Me, I was sick, and you visited Me, I was in prison, and you came to Me.” (Matthew 25:36)

The Matthew 25:36 Fellowship is a faithful group of monthly donors following Christ's commandment to visit those in prison. By committing to a monthly donation of \$25.36, people from all walks of life make this life-changing ministry a part of their daily lives.

How is Your Parish Called to Serve?

Level 1

- Become an OCPM Advocate and raise awareness of the need for prison ministry.
- Donate to OCPM and support local prison ministries across the country.

Level 2

- Send a postcard or holiday card to someone in prison.
- Become a Certified Parish Reentry Partner for ongoing support of freed prisoners.

Level 3

- Become a Certified Prison Correspondence Pen pal
- Support families of the incarcerated by bringing Storybook Connections to your local prison.
- Teach a Church History class in your local prison.

All information taken from OCPM website – the ocpm.org

South Atlanta Golf Classic is Less Than a Month Away
Sponsorships and Volunteers Needed!



Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry's fifth annual Golf Tournament, the South Atlanta Golf Classic will be held on Monday, August 21st at EaglesLanding Country Club in Stockbridge (100 Eagles Landing Way, Stockbridge, GA 30281). The planning team has been working hard to organize the tournament and we are now ready to ask for help from our entire parish and community. Please click on the signup to review all the different roles that are needed to make this event a success.

There are 60 volunteer slots that need to be filled. We can accomplish this with 30 volunteers for 2 shifts. So, get a friend and sign up. Please feel free to sign-up for more than one time or slot. Volunteering for the event is easy and fun (no hard work)! We are blessed to partner with Folds of Honor and The Joseph Sam's School; and we are excited to connect with other people in our community who support us!

If you have any questions about volunteering at this year's Golf Tournament fundraiser, please contact [Maria Cahill](#).

GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER SIGNUP



Again, the link to the golf website is: [SouthAtlantaGolfClassic](#)

Thank you to Faye George for sharing these lovely pictures from last Sunday.





"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." ~Galatians 6:9



Baking Dates Greek Fest and Bake Sale

We are warming up the mixers and ovens for our Greek Fest and Bake Sale! We need everyone to volunteer this year!

Spanakopita and Tiropita are up first:

Please sign up [here](#)

Great Opportunities Coming Up~
Mark your Calendars!

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

September 9-

Making Koulourakia

Look for the Sign-Up Genius

September 23-

Making Kourambiedes

Look for the Sign-Up Genius

October 7-

Making Baklava for Festival

Look for the Sign-Up Genius

More Baking Dates TBA



In July 2023 "Hands of Love"
will be accepting monetary
donations to benefit
Soldiers' Angels



In 2022 Soldiers' Angels served
877,224 active-duty military, veterans
and their families. Soldiers' Angels is
approved to work in the Atlanta and
Dublin VA hospitals.

You may Place your monetary donation in
the red box in the narthex or donate

online at : stchristopherphiloptochos.square.site

\$ 35 - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent

\$ 50 - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at
VA hospitals

\$100 - can help a veteran put food on the table

\$500 - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with injuries,
paralysis, loss of sight or voice to help them be independent and
connect with family, friends, and battle buddies. For more

opportunities to volunteer virtually and in person, visit
www.SoldiersAngels.org

*May No Soldier Go Unloved,
May No Soldier Walk Alone,
May No Soldier Be Forgotten,
Until They All Come Home. 571*

Faithfully,

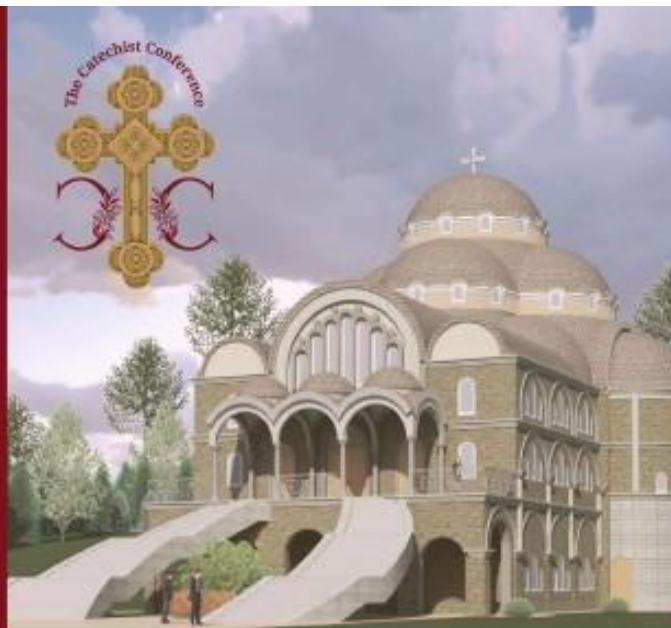
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Philoptochos Ministry Chair

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
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The Catechist Conference

September 1-3, 2023

**AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST, BUILDING
TEMPLES TO GOD**

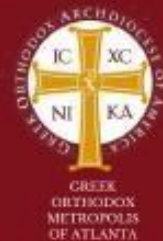


*This conference is open to all,
including teachers of Sunday
Catechism, Adult Religious educators,
parents and grandparents of
catechism students, Parish Team
Ministry leaders, and Clergy*

**REGISTRATION
OPENS JUNE 19!**

AGENDA COMING SOON!

Metropolis of Atlanta
Diakonia Center, Salem SC



The Speakers are underwritten by the St. Photios Foundation, Inc. in Memory of Mary Roman.

Featured Speakers



Dr. Eve Tibbs

PhD in Systematic Theology minoring in Theological Seminary. Currently serving as Ministry Lead for Christian Education; Author of "A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology"



V. Rev. Fr. Anton Vrame, PhD

Professor of Religious Education
Hellenic College-Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox School of Theology; Author of
"The Educating Icon: Teaching Wisdom
and Holiness in the Orthodox Way"



Dr. Ann Bezzerides

Executive Director of
the CrossRoads Institute



Jenny Haddad Mosher

Director of the Telos Project
at CrossRoad Institute



Gerry Clonaris

Chairman of Metropolis of Atlanta
Religious Education Committee; Senator
for Orthodoxy and Hellenism

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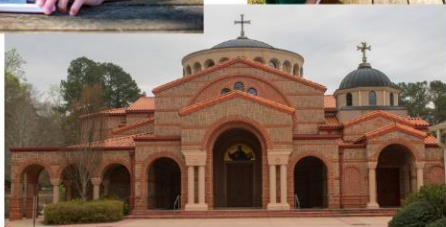
(Applications will to be accepted on a rolling basis until classes are filled.)

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you to join us
in person to
encounter our
Lord and
Savior!

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